



Associated Students of  
Central Washington University  
**Student Senate**

13<sup>th</sup>, November 2023 | Microsoft Teams

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Speaker Johnson** calls the meeting to order at 4:03PM at SURC Ballroom.

**ROLL CALL**

ASCWU

Charles Johnson, Senate Speaker

Matthew Worrall, Senator at Large

Hondo, Senator for the College of Education &  
Professional Studies

~~Spencer Winters, Senator for Sustainability~~

Angela Kyle, Senator for Graduate Studies

Sean Gordon, Senator of Athletics

Angela Rose Eustaquio, Senator for the Equity & Services  
Council

Malcolm Jasmin, Senator for Disability Services

Charis Jones, Senator at Large

Emily Blundred, Senator for Undergraduate Transfer Students

Alex Cordon, Senator for the Veterans Center

Camden Delano, Senator for the College of Arts &  
Humanities

Public Attn.

Brady Smith, Nick Villa, Malik Cantu, Cesca Gossing, Gabe  
Genzel

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Senator Gordon** motions to approve the minutes, seconded by **Senator Hondo**.  
Minutes approved.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Senator Hondo** motions to approve the agenda, seconded by **Senator Cordon**.  
Agenda approved.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

**Speaker Johnson** reports that they have finished the hiring process, hopefully we will be seeing some new faces soon. The plan is for all joining us to start Winter quarter. He reports several items addressed at the Faculty Senate meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>; faculty is still very frustrated with the website, they miss having their faculty pages and would prefer to go back to the old website until the new one has met their demands; the academic calendar for next year was endorsed; they discussed the Academic Forgiveness policy, there was a proposed change to the academic forgiveness program that would allow students to return to CWU after 5 years and replace all grades below a C- with an AF, which would essentially erase their grades and boost their GPA, students would then be able to retake those courses and attain their degree; they will be changing the structure of the University 101 course next year, possibly reducing the number of required events and including more regular meetings; major declarations recently changed so that students declare their major at time of enrollment, this does not limit students as they still have about a year and a half to complete gen eds before starting classes for their major, this was done to allow students access to the resources they need to that degree sooner; finally, the Textbook Affordability Program is supposed to be beneficial to roughly half of the student body, concerns were brought up about students being able to access their textbooks and whether or not the Wildcat Shop would be serving all students affectively. He reports that he and Malik attended downtown gathering to learn how to better collab with CWU and ASCWU; they shared that students believe businesses close too early, that businesses should have a student night, as well as have a very diverse student body so challenge them to create and encourage more diversity. Finally, he reports that the Latino Studies program here is underfunded; he talked to Kurt about this to gain more information regarding this issue.

### REPORTS OF SENATORS

**Senator Worrall** reports the ADAPT Committee meeting report. During the most recent ADAPT Committee meeting, there was a suggestion for an external consultant who would make sure that the new buildings are ADA compliant – the argument is that this would be cheaper than having to retrospectively fix buildings. There was a discussion on blue light accessibility, and they created ADAPT subcommittees for creating a web-based accessibility training for faculty, building accessibility, graduation ceremony accessibility, and technology. They stated that there is a new sign language interpreter on campus. Finally, there was a suggestion for an ADAPT event on World Accessibility Day in May; last year there were events on this day including watching the film *Crip Camp*.

**Senator Hondo** reports that he has not yet heard from his counterpart. He went to Black Hall to find more information; spoke to several students in the College of Education and Professional Studies who state that they are not getting any responses from their advisors in order to get into the college, get enrollment holds lifted, get answers to questions, etc. Additionally, he spoke to student worker and will meet with Anthony Ramos to try and get in contact with counterpart.

**Senator Kyle** reports that she is currently working on an online event for the graduate student association. She wanted to check in to discuss possibly having online office hours. Finally, the Dean of Graduate Students wondered if there could possibly be a grad student on Faculty Senate.

**Senator Gordon** reports that the football and volleyball teams made their playoff teams.

**Senator Eustaquio** reports that she has been meeting with counterpart every week. Their goals are ensuring our student orgs have everything they need to be successful and have access to resources and support. She gives an overview on the Dia De Los Muertos events; overall, 670 people attended all the events held. The Filipino Student Association event held last week was also very successful last year. There has been talk about the Israel-Palestine conflict, METCHA will be holding a peaceful demonstration in support for Palestine tomorrow. Finally, the Hispanic Leadership Conference was held over Halloween weekend; she got to speak with staff to discuss how to best become a Hispanic serving institution. They are currently advocating for a student forum, possibly for LatinX students or the whole student body.

**Senator Cordon** reports that the Red Week events held all throughout last week were very successful.

**PRESENTATIONS**

N/A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Speaker Johnson** presents “Approval of Committee Recommendations Cont.”. He states that **Vice President Villa** has provided new committee assignments to approve. **Senator Gordon** motions to approve the committee recommendations provided, seconded by **Senator Worrall**.

**Roll Call**

*“Approve Committee Recommendations”*

	Yes: 10	No: 0	Abstain: 1	Absent: 1
<b>Board Member</b> <i>Alphabetical Order</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Blundred, Emily	✓			
Cordon, Alex	✓			
Delano, Camden	✓			
Eustaquio, Angela Rose	✓			
Gordon, Sean	✓			
Hondo	✓			
Jasmin, Malcolm	✓			
Jones, Charis	✓			

Kyle, Angela	✓
Winters, Spencer	✓
Worrall, Matthew	✓

The motion “*Approve Committee Recommendations*” passes with 10 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention due to absence by roll call vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Senator Worrall** presents “Discussion on Israel-Palestine Conflict”. An open discussion is held regarding the Israel-Palestine presentation given at last week’s General Assembly. Any statement put out by ASCWU must be as unbiased as possible, as well as be pertinent to the student experiences at CWU. The University has already created an announcement which addressed this issue in a supportive manner for students experiencing distress related to both sides of the conflict.

- **Senator Hondo** states that he spoke to **President Cantu** after the General Assembly; he gives a strong suggestion to create a statement that is as clear and unbiased as possible
- **Senator Eustaquio** states that this is a lot to hold as we are not necessarily the most knowledgeable regarding this situation; they should offer the student counselling services available, can call out the actions of a government without condemning students that identify as Israeli or Palestinian, some sort of plan of action followed up by a statement
- **Senator Blundred** states that she agrees with what **Senator Worrall** said, the University already put out a statement, at a certain level doesn’t see why we need to put out a statement
- **Senator Jones** asks how the statement would be put out. **Speaker Johnson** states that the Board would release a letter and on social media, sometimes are able to send out a campus wide email, however this probably wouldn’t apply to this situation
- **Senator Eustaquio** asks if there are students advocating for something specific from ASCWU; not currently from what **Speaker Johnson** understands
- **Senator Worrall** and **Senator Hondo** believe that the best thing to include in the statement is asking for a ceasefire; this statement doesn’t have to be from the Senate but from ASCWU as a whole
- **Senator Gordon** believes we shouldn’t put out anything besides something focusing wholly on students, doesn’t believe we should educate, advocate, ask for a ceasefire, anything of the sort
- **Senator Eustaquio** wonders if this requires us to do more research regarding this issue before putting out a statement
- **Senator Hondo** wonders if we could possibly form a subcommittee to allow people creating the statement
- **Senator Cordon** agrees with **Senator Gordon’s** statement
- **Senator Jasmin** suggests we form a committee, doesn’t think calling for a ceasefire will do anything, rather thinks we should address how this affects students here, look for possible past alumni and those within the cultures affected and ask what they need/want
- **Senator Worrall** states that we need to create a statement that isn’t just a copy and paste of the university’s which essentially listed all resources available
- **Senator Cordon** motions to table this issue until next meeting, seconded by **Senator Hondo**

- **Senator Eustaquio** states that, according to what she knows, **President Cantu** wants to release a statement very soon, as he is hoping to get it approved this Thursday
- **Speaker Johnson** states that tabling this issue is kind of pointless, unless we are creating our own statement from the Senate, which he doesn't deem necessary
  - If approved this Thursday, the only power the Senate has is to ask the Board to postpone releasing the statement

**Roll Call**

*“Table this Discussion Until the Next Meeting”*

Yes:                      No: 10                      Abstain: Absent: 1

<b>Board Member</b> <i>Alphabetical Order</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Blundred, Emily		✓		
Cordon, Alex		✓		
Delano, Camden		✓		
Eustaquio, Angela Rose		✓		
Gordon, Sean		✓		
Hondo		✓		
Jasmin, Malcolm		✓		
Jones, Charis		✓		
Kyle, Angela		✓		
Winters, Spencer				✓
Worrall, Matthew		✓		

The motion *“Table this Discussion Until the Next Meeting”* does not pass with 10 votes in the negative and 1 abstention due to absence by roll call vote.

- **Senator Gordon** motions to move the previous question, seconded by **Senator Worrall**. Motion fails.
- **Senator Jasmin** motions to put together a committee to plan an event surrounding peace, seconded by **Senator Worrall**
  - **Senator Eustaquio** states that we should keep in mind what our goals and motivations are within the Senate; need to consider

what would be the most impactful and helpful for students right now

- o **Senator Hondo** motions that the former motion be amended; instead of trying to put together event, create a subcommittee to take the resources listed in University’s statement and provide those to students
  - **Speaker Johnson** asks if this is a good use of our time given that other organizations on campus are already doing this
  - **Senator Jasmin** strikes his motion
- **Senator Cordon** moves that the debate be limited to five more minutes, considered a point of privilege
- **Senator Cordon** moves that the motion be suspended indefinitely
  - o **Speaker Johnson** states that he must motion to suspend the discussion indefinitely
  - o **Senator Cordon** moves that the motion be postponed indefinitely, seconded by **Senator Worrall**

**Roll Call**

*“Suspend this Discussion Indefinitely”*

Yes:                                  No: 9                                  Abstain: 2                                  Absent: 1

<b>Board Member</b> <i>Alphabetical Order</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Blundred, Emily			✓	
Cordon, Alex		✓		
Delano, Camden		✓		
Eustaquio, Angela Rose		✓		
Gordon, Sean		✓		
Hondo		✓		
Jasmin, Malcolm		✓		
Jones, Charis		✓		
Kyle, Angela		✓		
Winters, Spencer				✓
Worrall, Matthew		✓		

The motion “*Suspend this Discussion Indefinitely*” does not pass with 9 votes in the negative and 2 abstentions, 1 due to absence by roll call vote.

- Discussion ends due to lack of time left to continue

**Speaker Johnson** reports “What does everyone think of the new website?” This conversation is constantly present during Faculty Senate. He is curious as to what students think of the new website. There is some discussion regarding this issue.

## **REPORT OF ADVISORS**

N/A

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“Fiesta Latina”

- Fundraiser hosted by APOYO
- November 4<sup>th</sup>

“ASCWU Brunch”

- November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 12:30am downstairs by the Pit
- Recommendations on the menu are being taken

“Fee Fair”

- Tuesday, November 17
- SURC 137
- 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Students can see where their money is going when charged fees by the school

“Event Planning Session”

- This Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**President Cantu** states that there will be a letter that will be released regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict. If anyone has any comments or concerns with the contents of the letter, please reach out to him or even attend the Executive Board meeting this coming Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, during which the letter will be reviewed and approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.