



ASCWU Student Senate Public Meeting

January 12th, 2026, | SURC Pit

I. Opening Ceremonies

a. Roll Call

Senate Speaker

Senator at Large / Vice-Speaker

Senator for College of Business

Senator for College of Education & Professional Studies

Senator for College of the Sciences

Senator for College of Arts & Humanities

~~Senator for Graduate Studies~~

Senator for Undergraduate & Transfer Students

Senator for the Equity & Services Council

Senator at Large

Senator for the Douglass Honors College

~~Senator for Athletics~~

Senator for Disability Services

Senator for Veterans Center

~~Senator for Sustainability~~

Senator for International Studies

b. Land Acknowledgment

Central Washington University acknowledges the people who have been on this land since time immemorial. The Ellensburg campus is on lands ceded by the Pshwanapum and other bands and tribes of the Yakama Nation in the Treaty of 1855. The Yakama people remain committed stewards of this land, cherishing it and protecting it, as instructed by elders through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands, and give thanks to the legacy of the original people, their lives, and their descendants.

We also recognize the histories of land theft, violence, erasure and oppression of Indigenous communities. It is not enough to only make an acknowledgement. We have a responsibility as occupants of these lands to hear the call to action made by Indigenous peoples, and to support their ongoing fight for sovereignty, equity, justice, healing, and the protection of land resources.

This land acknowledgment was provided by the CWU Diversity and Equity Center.

II. Reading and Approval of 12/1/25 Meeting Minutes

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Meeting Guidelines

a. Brave space/Safe space

b. Always use inclusive language

c. One mic, one voice



- d. Use “I” statements
- e. Off the record/on the record
- f. Do not yuck my yum
- V. Reports of Senate Speaker
- VI. Reports of Senators
 - a. Senator of Sustainability
 - i. I met with Charles from the Wildcat Pantry right before Winter Break. We revisited the SNAP benefit conversation, and I asked what I and the Sustainability Department could do to support the Pantry. Charles told me that the Pantry receives under \$100,000 in funding each year. That budget needs to cover student staff, programming, administrative, and product costs. This academic year, Charles has already spent \$30,000 on food and hygiene. The pantry has seen a ~50% increase in usage since last fall. Because of their limited funding, the Pantry is meant to be supplemental recourse for students rather than their sole source of necessities. Charles would encourage students to use FISH and APOYO if they need additional support. The Pantry is a shared resource, and they are trying to make sure they can help as many students as possible. Ways we can support the Pantry include spreading the message about being a supplemental resource, bringing bags, donating leftover food, volunteering, and supporting a potential fee increase for next year. Charles has offered to come to one of our meetings if anyone has additional questions.
 - ii. Pack the Pantry starts TODAY and goes through January 31st! Week 1 is non-perishable with an emphasis on cultural foods and other high-priority items. This is a competition, so please tell your constituents about it!
 - iii. The Sustainability Department has been working hard on an industrial symbiosis grant proposal through the Department of Commerce. If we acquire this funding, we will get an industrial composter for the Wildcat Farm to introduce large-scale composting to CWU.
 - iv. Please consider filling out the reusable container survey that the department is running; we need student feedback on whether they would like to see reusable containers on campus, and if so, what kind.
 - b. Senator for the Douglas Honors College
 - i. There have been some staffing changes within the Honors college and the McNair Program! We welcome Molly Kelly into Administrative and Student Services Manager for the DHC, who once worked as the Program Coordinator for the McNair Scholars Program. On the same page, Yahir Calderon Sotelo, a former DHC student stepping in as the Program Assistant, has become the McNair Scholars Program, Coordinator.
- VII. Presentations
 - a. Provost
 - i. Scheduling
 - ii. 3-year degree
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business



- a. Senator at Large / Vice-Speaker
 - i. I would like to add an agenda item for a show of hands on which senators wish to join me in the ESC Lip Sync Battle. Anyone who does not indicate that during the meeting will be included in future communications about it.
 - b. Senator for College of Arts & Humanities
 - i. I want to create a Google form for Lobby Day where students can submit their testimonies about how the issues to be discussed on Lobby Day are important to them. I want to discuss with the other Senators and see if they would want to collaborate and post this on their social media and share it to get as many students' voices as possible.
- X. Reports of Advisors
- XI. Announcements
- a. Lobby Day Feb 3rd-5th
- XII. Public Comment