



ASCWU Executive Board Public Meeting Minutes

November 15th ,2024 | SURC Pit

President Cantu calls the meeting to order at 9:07pm in the SURC Pit.

Roll Call

President

Executive Vice President

Senate Speaker

Director of Equity & Multicultural Affairs

~~Director of Governmental Affairs~~

~~Director of Student Life & Facilities~~

~~ASCWU Advisor~~

I. Land Acknowledgement -

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.

Reading and Approval of Minutes



Director Garcia-Sanchez motions to approve meeting minutes 10/07/24 seconded by **Senate Speaker Hondo**. Motion passes unanimously

Director Garcia-Sanchez motions to approve meeting minutes 10/21/24 second by **Senate Speaker Hondo**. Motion passes unanimously

Reading and Approval of Agenda

Senate Speaker Hondo motions to approve Agenda Seconded by **Director Garcia-Sanchez**. Motion passes unanimously.

Reports

President Cantu, Finished Rocky!! Shout out to anyone who attended! Still busy with John Proctor and looking at collaboration with John and ASCU, health Promotion and other collabs that are relevant to their department. Looking to coordinate the majors preview which is a viewing of the show before the actual show. Next Thursday. Exploring collaborations for John Proctor is the Villain. Finishing up the End of the Year report for 2023-2024. Reaching out to other BOD members to create the reports that are due today. Discussed proactive approaches to campus safety & wellbeing in a new political climate. With VP Ortega, the discussion was the overall feeling of uncertainty and looking for ways to ease students' worries. Director of ESC wants in on this conversation and Senate speaker working on creating safe spaces for students that are worried about the political climate President suggests that we start a conversation with VP Ortega and VP Shelton WSA BOD Meeting Nov. 18th @ 6pm Anyone is welcome to attend

Vice President Villa, Reports on Overnight Retreat, the team bonding event went well and was a fun event to have. We discussed the events planning for next quarter and had a conversation on professionalism and office culture. They also had a few teams bonding activities. Thank you to everyone that attended!!! Unexpected expense \$250. For the building manager hours. Also reports please use the event planning form so we can structure what support is needed for each event. As well as create a calendar with all winter events. Reminds Quadrennium Request Meeting Next Week. **Vice President Villa** Working on two events for next quarter. Warm Up with Wellington, First day of classes event. January 7th, 9-12pm. Stir the Pot with Committees January 22nd, 9-12pm

Senate Speaker Hondo, reports on Sweezy Day, they say there's been a lot of confusion with Sweezy day, it is not going away, and the only difference is that Senate speaker will not only one planning the event but have partners such as campus activities. Working with Grace to work on



this event, creating a committee with different campus partners. Master Hood Ceremony may not happen this year, the reasoning so far has not been clear. Investigation is be done right now with senator of graduates, and the current process of the ceremony would be with the undergraduate, this change has had lots of push back from professors, students and partners. Working on providing clarification on this decision. Survey, mostly completed, working with faculty on the survey and finalized data will be done in spring will only be sent to Ellensburg campus. Holmes Dining Conversation temporarily finished. Wrapped up dining conversation put list together of concern to give to **Director Castillo** and **President Cantu**. University 101, continuing to visit classes. Visited 6-7 classes and have 4-5 more planed for the month, been having decent conversation on these classes. They also said Thanks to **President Cantu** for helping with a few of the Uni 101. Students have been failing, looking to move classes to be taught by advisors. They also reported Senator events. Senator Campbell is doing a Cozy Crocheting and Crafts event. February 5th from 3:00 to 6:00pm in the SURC Pit. As well as a Supply drive from January 27th to February 4th, working with Grace on this event and working on supply drive instead of buying supplies. Senator Holwege is working on a Meet Your Senators event, January 15th from 4:00 to 7:00, location TBD. Waiting on scheduling on location requested all ASCWU to be present and is waiting for respond on senator of college of business.

Unfinished Business

President Cantu Presents ASCWU General Assembly Structure, this is to make sure that we are all on the same page for General Assembly and okay with the process of submitting reports before General Assembly (GA). **Senate Speaker Hondo asked** do BOD have to submit our reports to be on GA. **President Cantu** replied yes. **President Cantu** also brought up discussion on membership or RHA and what that looks like. **Senate Speaker Hondo** mentioned in the past RHA has been attended by Director of Student life and has been working with RHA to build building connections with RHA. They also mentioned that RHA has a Vice President that acts as the liaison between ASCWU and RHA. They also mention that they have been at several RHA meetings. **President Cantu** mentioned to touch based with **Director Castillo** to see if he is willing to be part of that conversation. Senate Speaker Hondo brought GA structure to the senate, received positive feedback with senator votes going to 15 to 12 and are on board with this structure. Talked to 2/3 of the Senator at Large and both are on board and are returning members and do remember the structure. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** added to the conversation that the ESC understood that the votes won't be exactly even, but the structure is good. **President Cantu** mentioned how does the senate carries the additional voting power in relation to other ASCWU departments and how we hold that into our culture of ASCWU. **Senate Speaker Hondo** added to the conversation just because we are the largest body does not mean we should not flaunt the



additional voting power, and this should not be an issue as it has been established early on in training. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** added to the conversation now that we have ESC senator, we have more of an equity in voting structure. **Senate Speaker Hondo** exclaimed they would not vote on the senate's behalf but would only intervene when there is a tie on the 3 senators at large, but this would cause a double vote and looking to solve this issue by having the Vice President (VP) Senate Speaker break the vote. They are also working with VP Senate Speaker Cordon to solve this issue Senate Speaker VP Cordon would break a tie between the Senators at large but not have a vote. **Vice President Villa** asked what will the physical structure be? **President Cantu** exclaimed they would be reaching out with scheduling to review what will change and if everyone is okay with have GA once a quarter and within the first few weeks. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** exclaimed Esc orgs worried about the about the frequency of Ga and the waiting period between GA. **President Cantu** and **Senate Speaker Hondo** replied that the frequency can change based on need. Emergency meetings may not work with everyone's schedule. **President Cantu** exclaimed the GA to is still being defined and in **Presidents Cantu's** mind the main purpose would be for presentation and gain information, mostly be for info sharing. **Senator Speaker Hondo** asked for **Vice President Villa** thoughts, **Vice President** answered that ASCWU can plan ahead based on need of the last meeting and increase frequency.

- i.
- ii. Senate keeps in mind when meeting with Physical structure and last year's negative experience
- iii. Pres would create new physical structure and based on its success or not it can be changed
- iv. Joel working on a survey for student input and working towards where the student position is on this decision.
- v. Speaker Reaching out to thiffernet department

Vice President Villa Presents the Overnight Office retreat Expenses a blanket of \$300 for building manager hours. The expense was unexpected as the fee was not recognized until the day before the event with the building managers hours being roughly \$250.

Senate Speaker Hondo motions approve to approve the blanket expense of \$300 seconded by **Director Garcia-Sanchez**. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Vice President Villa presents Wildcat Shop Bookstore Discussion. In January a decision must be made about what to do with the bookstore. The following are options to choose how to proceed with the bookstore



1. Outsourcing the bookstore to a third-party vendor (Ex Barnes & Noble)
2. Transitioning completely to online textbooks and getting rid of the bookstore within the Wildcat Shop.
3. Moving forward with course material access program that would cost students \$200-225 a quarter for the course materials.
- 4.

Senate Speaker Hondo does agree with the first option or the second option as the university is moving towards free resources. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** What will happen to the bookstore employees? **Vice President Villa** answered they would likely not implement any of the solutions till the end of the year. **President Cantu** mentioned we should involve **Director Castillo** into the loop, will be a key player in this discussion **Senate Speaker Hondo** wants clarifying to art supplies and supplies to classes would be included in option 3. **Vice President Villa** the space could still have art supplies but is unsure at the moment. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** motioned to Table the discussion seconded by Senate Speaker Hondo.

Present Cantu Presented Tickets for John Proctor is the Villain. 35 Tickets for \$420. \$12 Per ticket. The show is about a group in the deep south that is wanting to start a feminist club, and the questions ask to revolve important social conversation and youth empowerment and advocacy. This would provide more access for student and support 35 students. They also mentioned if this is something that we think fits in the priority of the ASCWU, President Cantu recommends approving this event, but ask the question and priority of ASCWU. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** replied this is important to have especially with minority communities and the topics in this play should be addressed and ideas that should be expressed. **Senate Speaker Hondo** agrees that it could help students with creating that safe space, only concern with not having the chance to talk to with senate for the tickets. **Senate Speaker Hondo** recommended lowering the number of tickets, to reduce cost and meet in the middle. Additionally ask who the tickets will be distributed. **President Cantu** answers the way we did it last year was a sign-up link on social media, and the esc and senate are followed closely to social media. **President Cantu** asked do we want to have this specifically for senate and esc. Senate Speaker Hondo recommended that we should keep it open to all students and make ASCWU folks aware. **Senate Speaker Hondo** Motion for a blanket expense of \$250 for 20 John Proctor tickets seconded by **Director Garcia-Sanchez**. Motion passes unanimously.



Announcements

Senate Speaker Hondo will not be in town after Thursday/Friday VP Senate Speaker Cordon will be here for anything, Will also be reachable by online messaging. **President Cantu** will be busy with John Proctor Play and still be reachable but will be very busy these next few weeks

Public Comment

N/A

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.