



Executive Board Meeting Official

Meeting Agenda

November 17, 2023

9:00AM – 10:00AM

To be held in-person in TPS 110

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Open Public Forum
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. WSA Discussion with Nancy, Executive Director of WSA
- VIII. Board Updates
- IX. Advisor Updates
- X. Chair Updates
- XI. Adjournment

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Template

Call To Order: 9:06AM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Notes</u>
President	Holly Wetzel	Present	
Director of University Affairs	Roland Heyne	Present	
Director of Internal Affairs and Communications	Jamie Song	Present	
Director of Finance	Alicia Whitten	Late 9:07AM	
Director of Outreach	Yolanda Escibano	Late	
Director of Legislative Affairs	Chrystal Volkova	Present	
Director of Student Technology	Jayana Estacio	Present	

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Director Heyne

Seconded: Director Song

Vote: 5-0-0

Approval of the Minutes

Moved: Director Volkova

Seconded: Director Song

Vote: 5-0-0

Open Public Forum

One members of the public was present.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

a. [DISCUSSION] WSA Fee Waiver

President Wetzel explains what exactly we get from the fee increase. There is also the Board of Directors meeting for WSA the same day tonight so they will be asking the Executive Board what option the team is thinking of choosing. From talking to ASUW Seattle, they have also said the ABTS are also very new. One of the ABTS (The Association of Big Ten Students) an article about them about one of the student government school is leaving. The fee is not going up this year so a lot of money will be freed up anyway per the approval of SAFC.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Template

- Director Heyne asked how involved our school has been in legislative workings in the past couple of years and wondered how much ASUWT has contributed to your efforts.
 - Director Nancy explained that there is a long history with UWT and the longest one is the Washington College Grant which was in 2018-2020 team that was at the end of that race. UWT had 2 lobbyists during that time, one was served for 2 years in a row and the other lobbyist was a colleague of Nancy and was on the 2019 team. 2020 was a virtual session so 2020-2021 no one was at the capital, but we did have a student liaison. UWT has always had a representative for WSA legislative team.
- Director Heyne asked about the advocacy of WSA and financial hardship and how ASUWT is in the process of hiring a liaison, so he was wondering how that looks like and the involvement including the possible change.
 - Director Nancy said it was hard to answer, but some WSA members have left and come back. WSA is not an advocate, but rather a tool for you to advocate and have institutional knowledge and years of experience. WSA is a coalition with every other student government and used as a tool to strategically plan with every other student for anything you want like civic training and coalition building is important. The liaison can have legislative staff training to guide them through sessions although hiring a student with a digital quarter experience is hard to do.
- Director Estacio if there was an example of a successful campus that had left WSA
 - Director Nancy stated there no example, although Evergreen did not leave because they could not recruit student government. Last year they did pay their fees but was unable to recruit a president, vice president, government, even with WSA help with recruitment. Evergreen has still stayed with WSA even though they did not have a liaison so Nancy was able to represent for them.
- Director Volkova talked about trainings and how she met so many people and learned more being a part of it than being on her own and there were questions answered she did not even know to ask. WSA has been helping her out with a bunch of tasks.

President Wetzel motions to let Reece Ramirez speak. Moved by Director Heyne and seconded by Director Estacio

- Member of the public Reece Ramirez speaks about being involved with WSA civics course to get integrated into the process if he did not have the support structure.
 - Director Nancy states that WSA has a active partnership with mi-centro to talk about civics at micentro and is a workshop series on how the legislature works and how students can get involved with the legislature. Micentro opens that up to any Tacoma student and has them every month for civic engagement. Non government students can also benefit from WSA. There is also a workshop at 12pm at micentro. United way of king county is an organization and will be helping out the first week of session to help out the liaison figure out messaging, figure out messaging for lobby days,

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Template

- Director Heyne asked the senators if they felt comfortable with the information they had to make an informed decision about the fee waiver
 - Nancy leaves the meeting

Motion to have an open discussion about WSA

Moved: Director Estacio

Seconded: Director Heyne

Vote: 7-0-0

- President Wetzel asks the directors what she should tell the WSA board of directors.
 - Director Estacio and Director Heyne states that a decision should not be made as there are other parts of campus that are impacted by WSA. The decision is to continue to stay involved with WSA.
- President Wetzel states there is a possibility the WSA board of directors does a fee increase in a later year. So this topic may come up again and the campus may have to pay more.
 - Director Roland says \$5,000 is more than reasonable and asks if Director Volkova says if it is worth that amount of money and that everyone has a lot to learn about WSA
 - Director Volkova it definitely is worth that amount of money. She said we needed to talk to more than just to all of UW and all of the US. She stated that we needed to have WSA relationship.
- President Wetzel says the billing cycle is half a year and states that Nancy said the payment is fairly flexible and is to install it for the first half and the second half of the year. So if the organization gets caught where they learned that WSA was not helpful this year, or that the lobbying was not satisfactory, then they will only be on the hook for half a year
 - Director Volkova says she has the folder about the billing cycles and more information about it, and members can make a more informed decision based on that information. She does state that they are new in understanding the process and still learning.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Template

Board Updates

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Updates</u>
President	Holly Wetzel	On the topic of housing, Yumi and Jacob that the WSA is giving Reese Ramirez housing. President Wetzel has been helping get the surveys out for the Health and Awareness group and that group has also been tabling this week. There is a macbook pro and UWT merch to give away. There are four surveys that are going to be circulated from now until January 31 st . Every survey you complete gives you one entry into the giveaway and the winners will be announced on February 5 th . Safety has been included in that survey, food equity has a survey that deals with student affairs questions. STFC also has a survey going out as well. The chancellor student advisory board there was detailed conversation about the international conflict oversees and what other institutions are doing and she was collecting student input from the board if they felt safe to ensure safety and make sure they feel like they are heard. Chair announcements will be on teams especially about the mock forms.
Director of University Affairs	Roland Heyne	Just did his special allocations, CCE, Director Volkova and Sean has joined the safety group weekly and Director Jay might have joined on some initiative work and would like to help out. Working with different campus administration to establish a shuttlebus at night for students to be taken around when it is dark and they don't want to walk and is working with James and Cindy from transportation on that. Also doing a financial investigation the YMCA fees, the court 17 parking fees, the parking fees, ticket fees and trying to establish a connection on where all that money ends up going and how it is used. Third person is working on a safety resource fair and trying to loop in President Wetzel's group and Director Escribano group to make sure it is a big event and would like to have it in February 21 st around that date. The event would be where different administrators came from different campus safety, hopefully PAWS and other safety campus organizations have tables and maybe a food truck and to have students come up if they want to. This lets the students be aware of exactly what is going on, when it comes to resources on campus. Director Song and Director Heyne has finished all interviews and the only position that is unfilled a Graduate Senator and Election Administration Chair, furthermore about 12 people have been hired. Director Heyne mentioned that every legislative liaison position is in a stipend position and Sean would want to change that to a stipend as well, and it is stipend to 40 hours a week. Director Heyne suggest Alicia when she does her allocation request to the WSA fee money to put a chunk of it into mileage reimbursement because Reese Ramirez will need it.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Template

Director of Internal Affairs and Communications	Jamie Song	
Director of Finance	Alicia Whitten	Director Whitten has worked on special allocations and have essay meetings and CCE.
Director of Outreach	Yolanda Escribano	Finalizing all the components into one, and created a packet of everything that you would expect, what we are expecting of you and any other data. She is currently working with Rachel and Cisco on trivia night which will be happening 2 weeks from now, in addition to getting approved by the CEI to use that space.
Director of Legislative Affairs	Chrystal Volkova	Have a meeting with Nancy to start and finish finalizing the interview with Reese. Talking to some of the dolas about what he needs when he goes out there and everything will start in January. There are meetings on December 4 th about a trial and have a senate for that with all the UW. There is a zoom meeting on the 5 th . She wanted to remind the board that in Hawaii from December 5 th through December 12 th and will try to be there for the zoom meeting. In addition she will also send an email saying when she is out of state. Furthermore, she has been working hard to get Reese stuff ready especially for general assembly and make sure he has everything he needs for his position. She states how her priority is wanting to ensure Reese is able to get housing in Olympia for the entire winter.
Director of Student Technology	Jayana Estacio	SAFC has decided to meet bi-weekly until special allocations have been done and the quoras will be done on Mondays and Wednesdays. Made an excel sheet on the applications of it and made a packet of all the allocation proposals of who is assigned to what along with things for them to think about when going through the proposals.

Advisor Updates:

Looking forward to the meeting with Nancy and finally being able to have our own orientation meeting and is happening today.

Conor wants to advocate for the idea to use WSA for what it is worth and that is what the meeting goal is for the future and figure out what they got and to use it. Mentions about shifting finances to winter quarter for Reese. The office is closed on Thanksgiving and the following day after (Friday) and the YMCA will also be closed only on Thanksgiving day. Wants to know the availability for the Mock forum and is working with President Wetzel on that.

Ryan is welcomed to the ASUWT team as the office manager.

Chair Updates:

None

Adjournment At 9:59AM