



Associated Students of Western Washington University
Board of Directors
University Transparency Initiative

ASWWU Board of Directors,

Student William Campbell has brought forth an initiative regarding Higher One and University transparency. Here is the language submitted by Campbell:

“A group of students, primarily sponsored by senior William A. Campbell, are deeply concerned with the inception of Higher One into the Western financial aid award process. Campbell and his associates are further spurned by what they feel to be, “the Universities’ lack of transparency and communication in making this decision as well as other pronouncements that affect the overwhelming student body on campus.” This group has opted to pursue the imitative process in order to show student support for a transparent and communicative University.

The wording they propose is as follows:

Should the Associated students make the following statement?

We the Associated Students of Western Washington University find the practice of soliciting and utilizing corporate entities such as Higher One, without proper student input, to be a malicious affront to student autonomy **and the underlining values of Western as a whole**. We highly encourage the continued evaluation of Western’s contract with Higher One and the continued move to improve University transparency, University/student communication, and University/student interaction in the decision making process.”

Thank you,
Fabiola Arvizu
ASVP for Academic Affairs

Section 2: Student Initiative Procedure

“I. Filing

a. Any measure may be placed on the ballot by any student eligible to vote in the AS elections (see Section 3, clause VI for eligibility requirements). In order for a proposed measure to be placed on the ballot, its sponsor(s) must:

(1) submit the language of the proposed measure to the AS Board of Directors Program Assistant and obtain the approval of the Board of Directors for that language prior to the collection of signatures.

Ballot initiatives must be in the form of a question presented to the student body that can be answered in the affirmative or the negative. Once the language of the proposed measure is submitted to the AS Board of Directors Program Assistant and added to the Board Meeting agenda, the Board must approve, approve with amendments or reject the language at its next three meetings. The Board of Directors may only reject the proposed measure if its language is deemed misleading, or if there is reasonable concern about the legality of the proposed measure. The Board of Directors may only amend the language of the measure in a way that does not affect its substantive content. Students are advised to submit the language of the measure for review as early as is feasible.”