

ASWWU Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Associated Students of Western Washington University and the Students 4 Western Foundation we are submitting the following language for the student initiative process regarding a new board of director position:

Title: Western for Environmental and Sustainable Trust (The WEST Initiative)

Option 1 Language

“Shall the Associated Students of Western Washington University add a Vice President for Environmental and Sustainable Development to the Board of Directors by amending the Associated Student bylaws including; Article III Section 1, Article III Section 2, and Article V Section IV: yes or no?”

“Please see attached document for exact wording”

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~~“Please see attached document for exact wording”~~

This initiative will be filed under Section 2: Article 4: Subsection 1 of the AS Election Code. The following amendments will be made if the students vote 50% + 1 in the affirmative.

Amends Article III Section 1:

“The general management of the funds, affairs and property of the ASWWU shall be vested in a Board of Directors, who shall be elected and shall serve as provided in these Bylaws. The number of directors shall be **eight (8)**, selected as set forth in Article V. of these Bylaws.”

Previous Language

“The general management of the funds, affairs and property of the ASWWU shall be vested in a Board of Directors, who shall be elected and shall serve as provided in these Bylaws. The number of directors shall be seven **(7)**, selected as set forth in Article V. of these Bylaws.”

Amends Article III Section 2:

“The officers of the ASWWU shall consist of a President, Vice President for Business & Operations, **Vice President for Environmental and Sustainable Development**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Vice President for Activities, Vice President for Diversity and a Vice President for Student Life, who shall be elected to these positions concurrently as Directors as provided in Article V., Section 4. of these Bylaws.”

Previous Language

“The officers of the ASWWU shall consist of a President, Vice President for Business & Operations, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Vice President for Activities, Vice President for Diversity and a Vice President for Student Life, who shall be elected to these positions concurrently as Directors as provided in Article V., Section 4. of these Bylaws.”

Amends Article V Section IV:

“The **eight (8)** members of the Board of Directors of the ASWWU shall be elected to the following designated titles and shall concurrently serve in the following official capacities:

- President of the Associated Students; Chair of the Board of Directors, **non-voting except in case of a tie**
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Business & Operations; Vice Chair of the Board of Directors
- **Vice President of the Associated Students for Environmental and Sustainable Development**
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Academic Affairs
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Governmental Affairs
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Activities
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Diversity
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Student Life”

Previous Language

“The seven **(7)** members of the Board of Directors of the ASWWU shall be elected to the following designated titles and shall concurrently serve in the following official capacities:

- President of the Associated Students; Chair of the Board of Directors
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Business & Operations; Vice Chair of the Board of Directors
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Academic Affairs
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Governmental Affairs

- Vice President of the Associated Students for Activities
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Diversity
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Student Life”

Amends Article V Section VI

“Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy in the position of President, the Vice President for Business & Operations shall assume that position. In the event a vacancy exists in both the President and the Vice President for Business & Operations, the **Vice President for Environmental and Sustainable Development** shall assume the President’s position. If a vacancy exists in the Vice President for Business & Operations, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy exists in the **Vice President for Environmental and Sustainable Development**, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. If other vacancies exist, the President shall hold a filing period of at least ten (10) days for potential applicants and, with advice of the Vice President for Business & Operations and the Personnel Director, present at least two (2) names to the Board for selection and ratification. Notice of such vacancies shall be advertised widely on campus and the President shall wait at least five (5) working days after such notice before making such appointments. The AS Board of Directors, at its discretion, may decide to hold a special election for a vacant Director Position by majority vote of the AS Board.

Previous Language

Section 6. Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy in the position of President, the Vice President for Business & Operations shall assume that position. In the event a vacancy exists in both the President and the Vice President for Business & Operations, the Vice President for Diversity shall assume the President’s position. If a vacancy exists in the Vice President for Business & Operations, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy exists in the Vice President for Diversity, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. If other vacancies exist, the President shall hold a filing period of at least ten (10) days for potential applicants and, with advice of the Vice President for Business & Operations and the Personnel Director, present at least two (2) names to the Board for selection and ratification. Notice of such vacancies shall be advertised widely on campus and the President shall wait at least five (5) working days after such notice before making such appointments. The AS Board of Directors, at its discretion, may decide to hold a special election for a vacant Director Position by majority vote of the AS Board.

Option 2

~~“Shall the Associated Students of Western Washington University add a Vice President for Environmental and Sustainable Development to the Board of Directors by amending the Associated Student bylaws including; Article III Section 1, Article III Section 2, Article V Section IV, and Article V Section VI: yes or no?”~~

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Wording of Previous Bylaws Amendment Referendum (April 15, 2009):

Shall the students of Western Washington University amend the ASWWU bylaws as recommended by the AS Board of Directors, to include changes to standing committees, director vacancies, and terms of directors?

The official wording was attached

ASWWU Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Associated Students of Western Washington University and the Students 4 Western Foundation we are submitting the following language for the student initiative process regarding the Initiative process:

Title: ~~Student Voice~~ Amending the Initiative Process

Language:

“Shall the Associated Students of Western Washington University amend the ASWWU bylaws under Article VI section 4 ~~to preserve and protect student voice~~ by giving students the direct ability to create, change, or amend Associated Student policies through the initiative process: yes or no?”

“Please see attached document for exact wording”

This initiative will be filed under Section 2: Article 4: Subsection 1 of the AS Election Code. The following amendments will be made if the students vote 50% + 1 in the affirmative.

Amends Article VI Section 4:

Section 4. Initiative: An initiative measure shall be referred to the membership of the ASWWU upon receipt of a petition containing the verified signatures of no less than five percent (5%) of the membership of the ASWWU. The provisions set forth in the ASWWU Election Code shall apply with reference to process and deadlines not enumerated below.

An initiative may

- **Amend the AS bylaws. To Amend the AS bylaws an initiative must address the Article and Section in question by proposing new or amending current language. When new or amended language is introduced that effects multiple Articles in the AS bylaws the initiative may also address the additional Articles in question. Due to length**
- **Instruct the Board of Directors to oversee the implementation of an AS policy created, changed, amended, or terminated by an initiative. These initiatives are binding for a period of at least two (2) years. After two years the Board of Directors may with a 2/3 vote overturn the decision of the general membership.**
- **An initiative may instruct the Board of Directors to pursue or not pursue some action.**
- **Make a declarative statement on behalf of the AS.**

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