



Western Votes and AS Contract

Proposed Motions: Approve the Western Votes and Associated Students Cooperative Contract

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Attached Document

Revised Western Votes Contract with updated purpose statement.

Background & Context

What is Western Votes?

- Non-partisan student group dedicated to civic engagement and organizing efforts
 - Voter registration
 - Get out the vote
 - Legislative days of action
 - On-campus political rallies
- Chapter of the Washington Student Association
- Part of the Representation and Engagement Programs office
- Operates much like a student club, but receives funding via the AS Operational Budget via the REP

Since Western Votes receives funding from the AS Operational Budget, it is necessary that a contract be established. The last time a Board passed a Western Votes contract was in May 2011. The motion was ASB-11-S-45 "Approve the Western Votes and AS Contract as stated in Doc. 4. with the change 'student citizenship' to 'citizenship by students.'" I could not find a finalized version of the contract that expresses the changes approved in 2011. It was not seen as an action item in 2012. My guess is that they realized the renewal term was changed in 2011 to 2 years instead of 1 year as it was in the 2010 contract. The contract failed in Spring 2013. I have reviewed the February 2013 minutes and tried to incorporate many of the recommended suggestions in addition to adding some of my own ideas and language. Western Votes reviewed the contract at their first officers meeting on August 1, 2013. The revised version also reflects any changes Western Votes discussed. Because the renewal term is two years from the time it was passed, the contract expired May 25, 2013, which means that Western Votes is currently not operating under a contract.

Summary of Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to pass a contract that reflects collaboration and cooperation between the AS and Western Votes. The goal is to ensure that all ideas, perspectives and organization/institutional needs are considered.

Rationale

It is important to have a contract between the AS and Western Votes in order to preserve organizational purpose and accountability in addition to the budgetary and institutional relationship.



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I. PURPOSE

- i. The Associated Students and Western Votes join in partnership to: unite activism and strategic action planning while implementing
 - a. Implement local, state, and federal legislative campaigns to
 - b. Serve and protect the collective student interests through education, organization, and mobilization of students
 - a.c. while encouraging civic engagement and advocacy on campus to enhance student influence on legislative issues issues pertaining to higher education.

II. INTERNAL OPERATION

- i. Western Votes shall maintain the sole authority to adopt and create bylaws and rules governing its operation so long as they are democratic in nature.
- ii. Western Votes is subject to University and AS policies.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- i. All members of the ASWWU Western Students are eligible to be members of Western Votes.
- ii. The membership of Western Votes will select at minimum three (3) members to serve as officers on the an Executive Council Board that will be officially responsible for meeting the expectations laid out in this contract.
- iii. The ASWWU will designate the AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs and Representation & Engagement Programs (REP) Associate Director to attend Western Votes meetings and to provide oversight and strategic advisement to Western Votes.

IV. EXPECTATIONS

- i. Western Votes will work with the AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs and Representation & Engagement Programs to foster effective student citizenship civic engagement on campus through:
 - a. Voter registration and education drives
 - b. Voter education programs Get out the vote efforts
 - e. Organizing legislative advocacy & education program events
- ii. Western Votes will serve Serving as the WWU chapter of the Washington Student Association (WSA) s on-campus chapter at Western.
 - a. Uphold the WSA mission and vision through active contribution
 - b. Have at least one Western Votes member attend WSA Board of Directors and General Assembly meetings
 - c. Collaborate with other institutions and their campus chapters

~~ii.iii.~~ Western Votes shall maintain remains a non-partisan position on all issues.

V. AUTHORITIES

- i. Western Votes may access funds from the Voter Registration & Education Budget, Legislative Affairs Budget, and Legislative Action Fund by going through the normal AS processes as permitted and approved by the AS Budget Authority for those budgets and the Director of Student Activities.



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- ii. Western Votes may use AS resources through the REP.
- iii. Western Votes may use the official AS Logo as necessary.

VI. AMENDMENTS

- i. This contract may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Board of Directors in consultation with the Western Votes Executive ~~Council~~Board.
- ii. This contract may be ended by either Western Votes or the AS Board of Directors with a minimum notice of two (2) weeks.

VII. TERM

- i. This contract will be in effect until an updated contract is approved ~~for one year from the date it is approved at which time it will be reviewed for renewal~~ by the AS Board of Directors and in consultation with the Western Votes Executive ~~Council~~Board.

Approved by the AS Board of Directors on ~~June 2, 2010~~ May 25, 2011 by motion ASB-110-S-5145.