

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 11/15/2021

**Voting Members Present:**

ASWCC President: Carlyn Finerty

ASWCC Vice President: Kaitlyn Cox

ASWCC VP of Clubs: Annika Jonson

**Other Attendees:**

Nghi Nyugen

Mai Nyugen

Vi Nyugen

Sompol Ariyamethee

Ying-Yiu Lau

Gabriel Price

Nakanlaya Tupsamphan

Kunbi Ajiboye

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**Call to Order**

- ASWCC President Carlyn Finerty called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Executive Board Introductions**

**Approval:**

- Agenda
  - Agenda was approved
    - Yes: 2
    - No: 0

**Engagement: Increase student's sense of belonging & engagement on campus.**

- ASWCC Clubs
  - There are currently seven chartered clubs: Christian Campus Fellowship, Dance Club, Indonesian Club, Programming Club, Philosophy Club, Student Nurses of Whatcom, Women in Cybersecurity

- There are five clubs in the process of chartering: Gaming Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Queer-Straight Alliance, Sustainability Club, Vietnamese Student Association
- The next Interclub Council is on Friday, November 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Civic Engagement/Legislative Updates
  - ASWCC student government is in the process of drafting legislative platform with other student leaders across state
  - The four key issues this year are: mental health, textbook costs and tuition affordability, food insecurity, and childcare
  - There are opportunities for students to share their stories and testify in front of representatives this winter
- ASWCC Events
  - The area of study lounges are in progress
  - The arts and communication area of study lounge was successful
  - Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, are the Information Technology and Computer Science and Business area of study lounges
  - The ASWCC continues to host online events for students
  - Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, the ASWCC will host an event for Trans Day of Remembrance via Zoom in partnership with the Intercultural Center (IC)
- ASWCC Visibility Plan
  - The ASWCC Executive Vice President Kaitlyn Cox presented a proposal for the ASWCC Executive Board to host a weekly information table in front of the Learning Commons in order to increase the visibility of the student government and interact with students

**Collaboration: Maintain and expand upon active on and off campus collaboration.**

- College Governance Committee Reports
  - Campus Diversity
    - The Campus Diversity Committee has met twice to discuss equity, diversity and inclusion work
    - During their last meeting, the committee discussed possible collaboration with other departments on campus and split into multiple work groups
    - The committee has drafted a land acknowledgement for use by various groups across campus, as well as an acknowledgement of non-binary students (Honors Our Pronouns), and an acknowledgement of racial justice (Black Lives Matter), which are available on the Whatcom website under Intercultural Services
- There are many open spots on governance committees that students are encouraged to fill as soon as possible

**Accessibility: Ensure & advocate that all campus activities, facilities, classes and resources be equitably accessible to all students.**

- Orca Food Pantry

- Last week there was another food pantry refresh, with the first load of donations totalling 42 pounds
- Director for Student Life and Development Heidi Faranii in the process of acquiring a bigger space and expanding the operations of the food pantry
- Website
  - The Whatcom website is in the process of being remodeled
  - Student feedback will be appreciated and valuable

**Legacy: Creating a system to connect past, present and future ASWCC activities.**

#### **Open Floor**

- There were no comments during open floor

#### **Advisor Report**

- There are many open positions in student government, including Executive Board, Programming and Diversity Board (PDB), and Senate positions
- There are open positions on governance and tenure committees
- Students are encouraged to continue attending virtual events, including the area of study lounges, and Trans Day of Remembrance

#### **Adjournment**

- ASWCC President Carlyn Finerty adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.