

Call To Order:

Director Song called the meeting to order at 12:41 pm

Position	Name	Status	Notes
Milgard Senator	Evan Campbell	Absent Excused	
Milgard Senator 2	Cesia Amaya	Absent Excused	
Education Senator	Santino Wong	Present	
Healthcare Leadership Senator	Kalea Velasco-Cosare	Present	
IAS Senator 2	Kate Allred	Present	
IAS Senator 3	Jason Tran	Absent Excused	
SET Senator 1	Jon Angell	Absent Excused	
SET Senator 2	Buruk Yimesgen	Absent Excused	
Urban Studies Senator	Ryan Wicklund	Present	
Pre-Major Senator	Enmanuel Mujica	Present	
Pre-Major Senator	Eamon Challinor	Present	
Social Work and Criminal Justice Senator	Isaiah Garcia	Present	
Graduate Senator	Raghvi Baloni	Present	

Amend the Agenda to include discussion and voting of the Standardized Testing Statement

Motioned by Senator Wicklund and seconded by Senator Mujica 8-0-0

Approval of the Agenda:

Motioned by Senator Allred and seconded by Senator Velasco-Cosare 8-0-0

Approval of the Minutes:

Motioned by Senator Allred and seconded by Senator Challinor 8-0-0

Open Public Forum:

No members of the public were present

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Senator Allred stated some research that she has read regarding the Standardized Testing Statement. New York Times article that states “research has shown that standardized testing scores contain real information helping to predict college grades, chances of graduation, and post college success. Test scores are more reliant than high school grades because of grade inflation.” The point Senator Allred stated was that test scores help indicate if someone will be successful in passing their classes and graduating. Her concern with that is that if there is no standardized testing someone could be admitted into college when they are not ready and would lose a lot of money. The article also stated, “if selective colleges made admission decision solely based off test scores racial and economic diversity would plummet” and it would be unethical to have admission only off test scores. Research in favor of tests states that other parts of the admission process are larger economical and racial biases. Right now, she does not know enough to be against standardized testing. She would like to do more research before ASUWT to make a statement.

Senator Wicklund heard testimonies and data that indicate the direction that this should be a concern that ASUWT has and doesn't need comprehensive research. Washington state doesn't require students to take standardized tests and that inflates the grades of the standardized test. States that this would be due by the end of term on ASUWT. He talked to students, as there was not enough time for a survey, and they were against the idea of standardized testing. States that some majors do not really do that much test taking as some majors are more focused on project and essay based, while others are designed based and not related to test taking.

Senator Mujica states that SAT is focusing on back and English, and not so much on the other subjects, and science, social studies, history, many other fields. He says that the structure of the SAT is not a good indicator of college success. He also mentions that a lot of Latinos do not speak English making the testing a language barrier.

Senator Velasco-Cosare says that ASUWT should push back voting and should use the wellness week events to gather data from students about their thoughts about standardized testing. Additionally, they can also do more supplemental research and take another week to discuss it further. She also stated that they should probably also look at research from covid, in terms of how that has impacted people's ability to take standardized testing.

Senator Garcia says that bringing back standardized testing would be a detrimental factor especially in regard to military people that want to go to college but have not taken school in a while. He knows a lot of people that stayed in the military because they didn't want to go through the whole process to get back into college.

Senate Updates:

None

Advisor Updates:

None

Chair Updates:

Director Song let us know there are a couple of health and wellness fliers in the CSI room. She wants the senators to pick up the fliers either today or tomorrow because the event is next week and wants the fliers to be passed out as much as possible.

Adjournment:

Director Song adjourned the meeting.