

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
ITEM SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: President Sabah Randhawa on behalf of the Associated Students
DATE: April 22, 2022
SUBJECT: **Associated Students**
PURPOSE: Associated Students Report

Purpose of Submittal:

AS President Glory Busic will brief the Board of Trustees on recent activities of the Associated Students.

Associated Students Executive Board Written Report

TO: Board of Trustees, Western Washington University

FROM: WWU Associated Students Executive Board

DATE: April 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Associated Students Executive Board Written Report

Dear Members of the Board,

The Associated Students Executive Board has been working diligently these first few weeks of Spring Quarter to push for student needs at Western Washington University. Some of the topics that the Executive Board have been working on are listed in this report. If you have any questions about any topics or are interested in discussing them more, please contact Glory Basic, the Associated Students President.

1. Family Workspaces

Jasmine Fast, AS VP for Student Services, in collaboration with Dr. Sislana Ledbetter, Associate Director of Counseling, Health, and Wellness; Space Administration; Facilities Management, and a team of passionate caregivers and parents. Haggard Hall 350 has been officially designated as Western's first Family Workspace. Funding for this space is to be determined. Design of this space is in process and there are many members of the community interested and willing to donate furniture to the space. A Children's Art Show with art created by children in the Child Development Center's program will occur in the beginning of May to celebrate the designation of this valuable and welcoming space.

2. Lactation Rooms

The current lactation rooms, which are not meeting the needs of parent identified community members, are getting new chairs, lighting, greenery, phone chargers, and mini refrigerators. These spaces are for students, staff, and faculty to use and must be accessible for all who are looking for a private space for pumping or nursing. Proper updated signage is in process with the help of Human Resources.

3. Water Accessibility

The AS VP for Sustainability, Laura Wagner, began discussions about increasing water accessibility on campus for individuals who may have left their reusable water bottles at home or who are cautious about the levels of lead in the water on campus. The AS Executive Board does not support the reintroduction of plastic water bottle sales on campus. We do acknowledge there is a need that needs to be met. The AS President and AS VP for Student Services met with Walton Beverage and we have begun a trial period of including aluminum screw-top reusable water bottles in vending machines around campus. We are excited to collaborate with the Sustainability Engagement Institute to follow up on student response to this new introduction.

4. Earth Week

There will be a variety of events happening for Earth Week from April 16 to April 23. Some highlights include: a keynote about Indigenous identity and the environment, a sustainable campus tour, movie screenings and discussions, an Earth Day festival and

night market, as well as a Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association Community work party. Many students and staff within the Associated Students Environmental and Sustainability Programs office, AS Productions, and the Sustainability Engagement Institute, have been working hard on these events, including the AS VP for Sustainability and AS VP for Diversity.

5. Local Lobby Day

The Office of Civic Engagement is in the process of planning Local Lobby Day, which will be on Friday, May 6th. Western Washington University - Bellingham campus students will meet with local elected officials and advocate for student needs at both the city and county level.

6. Administration Lobby Day

The Office of Civic Engagement, in collaboration with student government, is in the process of planning Administration Lobby Day and a town hall. The specific dates of this event are still being solidified. The goal of this town hall and individual lobby sessions is to provide a productive and collaborative space for students to communicate with administration at Western Washington University in a variety of areas. Training and expectations will be provided to students about participating in town halls, and asking productive critical questions.

7. Associated Students Vice President of Governmental Affairs

The Associated Students Executive Board briefly had a vacancy of the VP of Governmental Affairs position at the beginning of March, due to that individual stepping down. The Board appointed Eli Stanciu to fill the position.

Sincerely,

The Associated Students Executive Board