

**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 10, 2026

**PURPOSE:** Information Item

**SUBJECT:** Associated Students Report

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**Purpose of Submittal:**

AS President Aspen Cates-Doglio will brief the Board of Trustees on recent activities of the Associated Students.



## **Associated Student of Western Washington University Report to WWU Board of Trustees**

**April 10th, 2026**

**Presented by Aspen Cates-Doglio, AS President**

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Dear Trustees,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share a few updates from the Associated Student Government. As we start the 2026 Spring quarter, the AS Executive Board and AS Senate are continuing to accurately and fairly represent the needs of our student body. Due to this report being required at the beginning of Spring Quarter, many details may change before the April Board of Trustees meeting and that will be reflected in my verbal report.

### **Recent Updates:**

1. **S&A Fee Committee:** On February 11<sup>th</sup> the S&A Fee Committee received a letter from President Randhawa requesting that \$66,251 of S&A Fee funds be relocated from the Centers to the Tribal Relations Office. To our knowledge, this request represents an unprecedented reallocation of S&A Fee funds. Allowing this action to proceed without Committee input has set a concerning precedent for future reallocations of student fee funds outside of the established shared governance process. While, the S&A Fee Committee may still be deliberating the letter, the Associated Students have discussed it in depth over multiple meetings. We firmly believe that the S&A Fee Committee should have been consulted on the decision to eliminate an S&A Fee Funded position. This position reflects not only our commitment to fair and collaborative shared governance at Western, but also our respect for the careful, deliberate, and well-reasoned funding decisions made by last year's student members of the S&A Fee Committee.
2. **Spring 2026 Election:** It's hard to believe that we are already preparing for the 2026 Spring Election. However, Candidate filing opened on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and we are currently in the middle of our push to find candidates. This year our goal is simple, have competitive races for each position, meaning a minimum total of 14 candidates for the Executive Board and 31 candidates for the AS Senate.

Additionally, we are currently in the midst of determining which referenda/constitutional amendments will be on the ballot. I will have a verbal update on this during the meeting on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

3. **Refining our Governance Structure:** During the October Board of Trustees meeting, my report stated that one of our long-term goals this year would be to refine our governance



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structure, including creating a mission statement to guide our work moving forward. After months of work, we have passed a mission statement through both bodies that reads as follows: "The mission of Associated Students of Western Washington University is to represent student interests and promote student welfare through shared governance of the University, including advocating to university administration, local and state governments, and the WWU community. Focusing on empowering students to thrive socially and academically both on campus and beyond."

Furthermore, the AS Senate is currently discussing potentially restructuring their body in order to better represent student interests and the work of the body. This discussion has included a few different proposals with a few shared elements. The first is the creation of a permanent Vice Chair position to better support the Senate President, the second shared element is that each proposal makes the AS Senate at least a slightly smaller body. It is likely there will be an update on this item before the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of the ASWWU Student Government.

Sincerely,  
Aspen Cates-Doglio  
President, ASWWU Student Government