



Warren College Student Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday November 25th, 2024 | Meeting #12 | Fall Quarter | Week 8

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Aries Cole, President, presiding with Daniel Sitanggang as Secretary.

II. Preliminary Business

A. Opening Activities

Icebreaker question by the VP Internal: Favorite thing to eat for Thanksgiving/What kind of bird do you like to eat?

Nam Anh NGUYEN, International Student At-Large, named Council Member of the Week

B. Initial Roll Call

The quorum was met with 20 Member Present and 9 Members Absent

C. Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

DSO (Director of Student Organizations) motion to approve agenda, seconded by Senator SIMPSON - Approved without objection.

Member OPPENHEIM moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes, seconded by Senator SIMPSON

D. Public Input

3rd Year Jewish Student: speaking on PES (movement to boycott Jewish businesses or Jewish-affiliated businesses). Recitation of the issues concerning Jewish persecution; concerns of anti-semitism. BDS and PES pose a threat to safe-haven for Jews and to other students on campus, overlooks Israel's commitment to democracy. Supporting PES undermines and ignores the complexities of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Anti-Jewish hate on campus, rise in antisemitism; makes Jewish students feel isolated and unwelcome. Members of the campus attempting to develop ideas on this topic feel intimidated and are denied the free ability to express themselves and discuss ideas. Boycott will only further divisions. Vote no on PES.



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Senator from Marshall College: Marshall College just passed the PES; it is already standard for AS. It makes sense for Warren College to follow along; other colleges are also doing this too. PES is based on the BDS list and is not made to be anti-semitic. PES applies to things like companies that contribute to climate change, we can add that to PES so we are not implicit to X, Y, Z. Marshall College had concerns about homophobia and companies that had homophobic policies. Do not get peer pressured into doing it, truly think about what we ethically want for this. This is an important decision.

Palestinian Student at UCSD: Feels unwelcome on campus because UCSD is actively contributing to the destruction of his people. This policy will help make other students feel more welcome on campus.

Israeli Jewish Student: Bring attention of the harms of PES to institutions and students. PES does not advocate for peace and co-existence; it hurts students, not the government it is meant to target. Everyone should feel safe and welcome in their community, especially by their Council. PES fuels division on campus. She has seen her friends afraid to speak up on these issues. Support initiatives that bring people together, rather than tear them apart.

4th year Jewish Student: Grandparents were concentration camp survivors; his grandparents fled to Israel. Recitation of the wars going on in 1987 (a time dangerous for Jewish People). Since then, people have tried demonizing their existence. Do we want to create progress or recycle and repeat anti-semitic sentiments. Jewish Students are afraid on campus; girls told to walk with other guys. PES/BDS does not make any sense. Look at the devices we're using; they're all made or developed in Israel in some way. If you have an iPhone right now, you are contributing to the nation of Israel. Desalination plants contributing to the water development and distribution in SD and California were contracted from Israel. Do not agree with BDS because it sanctions the progress of their country and the U.S. itself. Cruelty is perpetuated on both sides, this is not going to help that. We want peace, we know both sides want the same. This doesn't further that goal. It only furthers the divide, furthers hatred and anti-semitism. We don't need more of that.

Warren Student: We have a responsibility to ensure our investments do not contribute to those who violate human rights.

AS President: Speaking as a Warren Student. When AS passed their PES/BDS resolution, it took a lot of work. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the AS Senate voted in favor of it. We recognize that many students come from



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many different perspectives. It is something that has been gone into thoroughly. Passing it brings Warren in line with Associated Students. We support discussion, but we should also realize that we are part of a diverse community and we have to take into consideration all the voices.

New Student from Bay Area: He comes from the Middle East, he has faced anti-semitism. We are all the same species, we all share the same world. BDS has tried to destroy his people's country, his State. It doesn't end at divesting and boycotting. It continues on and on to the point where you are persecuting Jews. All his family is trying to do is survive. If we think that passing a resolution handicapping his family is a good thing, then he doesn't know what to say.

4th Year Warren Student: Wants to give light to all the students who continue to fight. The point about the Macbooks was valid, but we are just trying to get there. We can continue to progress. We are working towards a better future, but we can't achieve that by being stagnant and not working towards progression.

4th Year at UCSD: Very disappointing to have to be at another year yet again. Her whole college experience has been defined by fighting anti-semitism on campus. BDS is designed to hurt the Israeli economy. Not only hurts the people living in Israel (which does also consist of many other ethnicities and cultures). The issues are not what we can solve easily, but we can facilitate discussion. By passing something like this, we would be isolating a part of our community on campus. Please consider our Jewish Students; we see the news of anti-semitism in the media which comes closer and closer to home. Been here at UCSD since she got here.

3rd Year Transfer Asian American: Not wanting to speak on behalf of any particular side, but from what he understands looking at the news and media stories, he notices a lot of representation favoring the Jewish community and Jewish side, but he's had to dig deeper to familiarize himself with the other side. We need better education to be able to move forward with this policy.

Palestinian American First Year: Talking about statistics. Tens of thousands are dead, even more are injured, many are missing. Thousands of those are children and that is where the money is going towards.

UCSD Student: In the past year, he feels his mental health is getting derailed after seeing what happens to his brothers in sisters in Gaza and across the rest of the world. He sees kids being



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bombed, losing their homes. They spent years working on their lives, only to see them gone. They wanted their children to survive, and the fact that we are here in 2024 with so much advanced technology to create education, yet we still see children dying, still seeing children struggling to eat food is just sad to see. We have much potential as students across the world; especially at an institution like UCSD. This proposal before us today is a step towards making a better world. We don't want to dehumanize anyone or put anyone down. Looking back at MLK's "I have a dream", there are similarities. We see these videos of bloody images, bodies flying around; in his dreams he's had nightmares reflecting the things he's seen in the media. Taking these small, small steps helps make the world a better place. We should continue to have dialogue, that's why we are here today. Think from the emotional side, the families that have been harmed.

[There was applause]

Half Moroccan, Half German: Her grandfather that moved to Israel got so much from the State because they wanted to best for their people. This is the same thing as happened in Germany in the 1930s. It started on a small scale and grew. This movement is all of that on a miniscule scale. Think about if you were there in Germany; what would you do?

First Time Attendee: Thanks for gathering today. BDS is not just a strategy. It is a powerful act of solidarity. Millions in Gaza live under a brutal blockade, deprived of basic needs and dignity. These violate international law and basic morality and we have a duty to act. BDS punishes companies that support oppressive systems. BDS is not a stance against a people or religion. It is a stance against injustice. Boycott against apartheid South Africa demonstrates such things can work. Determine to amplify the voices of the oppressed and demand justice. Build a world where freedom and equality have no borders.

Student: Thanks to everyone for being here. Everyone here agrees with peace, no one wants discrimination or mistreatment. As an Arab, he condemns all acts of anti-semitism, he stands with those who have faced it. He also opposes Islamophobia and all discrimination. This proposal is not asking for anti-semitism or any discrimination or opposition to a Jewish State. It's calling for some of the money to stop going towards companies, individuals, or groups that have an association with very bad actions in Gaza and other places. Even if you believe in the Jewish State, it's a proposal about whether or not we support the actions of the people presently in power, not about whether or not we support a Jewish State. International figures have come out and said that the



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things Benjamin Netanyahu (Israeli PM) are wrong and against international law. The proposal is about action against people and groups that have perpetuated these bad actions. People in Gaza, Israel, and Lebanon are devastated. He believes that the hostages should be returned. He believes that we just need to take some action.

Student: As a student and human, he came to speak as a French American whose grandfather lived through WW2 and was imprisoned by the Nazis and taught him to stand against oppression and discrimination. He came to support the proposal. The proposal is about taking action about the bombings of hospitals and children, and civilians. Those people and their relatives never know when they will still be alive. These are the people that come home to no more children or no more home. We are paying for the bombs; the research institutions; These are our colleagues and classmates who don't know if they will be able to go home to a home or a family. It's about preventing genocide; something the ICC (International Criminal Court) and other international institutions have called genocide. It's about preventing genocide and war crimes. Don't send the money to bombs.

2nd Year Greek Jewish Student at UCSD: When she first arrived at campus she encountered an overwhelming sense of alienation and hostility towards the Jewish community on campus. BDS spreads misinformation and further isolates Jewish students on campus. Political pretexts for targeting Jewish Students is far too common. Meaningful and productive conversations with students have taken place, encouraging dialogue helps. Your vote today will impact the Jewish students on campus. Your duty is to protect all our students. PES is just BDS under another name. We have the power to take action against further marginalization of the Jewish Community.

4th Year at UCSD: When he opens his Instagram feed, he sees children dying every day in bomb blasts. It may be a step in the right direction to try to stop children looking up in the sky and being in fear. This proposal can maybe help stop just one person dying. It's the right step in the right direction.

Palestinian-Muslim Student: Both parents are immigrants who were displaced. Increase in Islamophobia has taken place. As a Palestinian-Muslim Student who goes to a school that supports her family being wiped out is not good. This is the least we can do to help things. She has family who have been killed by bombs, been displaced, etc. These things are funded in part by the



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University. The lack of aid and humanitarianism in Gaza is partly funded by the University.

E. Member Reports

1. Advisors - James Smith, Saniesa Thomas, David Nunez

Saniesa Thomas: FYI: Quarter is coming to a close, so if you have any requests, make sure to make them before it's too late. Before end of December. Programs for Black History Month can be submitted to the adviser by the end of January. She's been our Interim Assistant Dean, but will now transition it over to Meghan. She will assist with purchasing until the end of the year, so do let her know ASAP.

Meghan Fox: Very happy to serve as our new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Thanks to Saniesa for supporting and working with the Council. She's been on campus for the last two years and at other places on campus. Thanks to those who came to speak.

2. President - Aries Cole

For LCC, Ghazal has been sent in his place. Ryan's Office will release hiring soon. AS Budget has been approved. Other Councils have done a community meeting with Council Members. Probably will plan it for a Council day. More info soon. Welcome to Meghan. Make sure to reach your program requirements for the Quarter. Sent out on Slack about Student [something] Committee. Thanks to the members of the public. HAGTV

3. Vice President Internal - Ghazal Saedi

Had an internal meeting, had rules. Still two people who have not reached out to her for one-on-ones. Will just do check-ins for finals.

4. Vice President External - Julianna Ybarra

Also just doing check-ins for finals week.

5. Secretary - Daniel Sitanggang

The Secretary expressed his gratitude and appreciation for all those who provided Public Input at the meeting, saying that their courage and passion was inspiring. He said that he was unable to attend the Executive Board and Rules Committee due to a Model UN Conference

6. Finance Director - Mariah Arteaga

Written report submitted.

7. Events Board Chair - Tatiana Valdovinos

Thanked everyone for coming out to speak. Planning with COWS for Winter Warrenland.



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We'll be having an event with hot chocolate and decorating as well. If you want to volunteer, that would be appreciated. E-Board will be working on a Lunar New Year event to make sure all aspects of Asian culture are included. Semi-Formal typically happens towards the end of Winter Quarter. Unfortunately, Winter Court looks like it's all booked. We will see what we can do with the adviser.

8. Director of Student Organizations - Alex Chen

No reports.

9. AS Senator - Nam Nguyen

Thanked those speaking in Public Forum. Looking to expand project for detergent with Lucca and Lucca's Chief of Staff to expand in Winter or Spring Quarter, once we get data from CEO. Many organizations coming to talk about concerns about AS Budget at Student Organizations. U-Pass Referendum Update. Will increase price to \$69. Will expand rides into the later evening. Financial Action Item for Budget passed. Cut some AVP Orgs and AS President's stuff.

10. AS Senator - William Simpson

Couldn't make it to the meeting. Was in England for family reasons. Thanks all those who spoke.

11. Director of Academic Affairs - Jia Aneja

No major reports. Thanks to those who spoke. Planning event for end of Winter Quarter where she gives feedback about Warren GEs.

12. Director of Public Relations - Alexandra Barraza

Sent out Weekly Warren Wisdom form, make sure to fill it out, she will send out reminder.

13. Out-of-State Student At-Large - Ariel Oppenheim

Member NGUYEN and she had their event last night. They met expected attendance of 50 people; surprising for a Sunday.

14. International Student At-Large - Nam Anh Nguyen

No further reports.

15. Commuter Student At-Large - Shiv Puliady

No written report was submitted.

16. Transfer Student At-Large - Caitlin Roeske

Had the event last week, good attendance.

17. Transfer Student At-Large - Anderian Sawa

No reports.



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18. First-Year Student At-Large - Isha Varada

Planning another event for Winter Quarter. Working on a website, feel free to speak.

19. First-Year Student At-Large - Nadia Yellepeddi

No further reports.

20. First Generation Student At-Large - Rana Wiar

No written report.

21. Basic Needs Advocate - Victoria Zisumbo

Written Report submitted.

22. Diversity Advocate - Negin Sanchez

Written Report submitted.

23. Sustainability Advocate - Nicholas Kovalenko

24. Civic Engagement Advocate | Events Board Member- Skyler Britton

Written Report submitted.

25. Health and Well-Being Advocate - Karyme Mariscal

Written Report

26. Director of Concerts and Festivals - Calliope Straeter

Written Report submitted.

27. Director of Spirit - Oviya Senthil

Thanks to those who spoke. Working with COWS for Winter Wonderland. Happening on December 4th. Having a Care Packages event.

28. Director of Transfer and Commuter Affairs - Jasleen Sahota

Friendsgiving Social took place, but had to be downsized because other Colleges didn't participate. Reduced goal attendance amount was achieved. Having a stockings event.

29. SFAC Representative - Sonal Mahajan

Nothing to report.

30. UCAB Representative - Elijah Cheng

Thanked those who spoke. Their voices are heard. Worked with some of them in the past. Talked about Dark Stars (Comic Book Store), one of the oldest clubs on campus. Trying to give them another space.

31. RFAB Representative - Mickel Amaro

Written Report - No major updates; Discussion focused on RIMAC Expansion.

III. Special Presentations

Senator SIMPSON moved for the Council to move into Closed Session, a second was received. The



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Council moved into closed session.

1. “President Cole’s Proposed WCSC CONSTITUTION Revisions” by rules committee
 - i. [Presentation](#)
 - b. Presentation delivered by VP Internal. More administrative/technical changes.
2. “Rules Committee Bylaw and Constitution Revisions” by rules committee
 - i. [Presentation](#)
3. “Policy of Ethical Spending bylaws addition” by Senator Simpson

For all Special Presentations Above: WEEK 8 Bylaws and Constitution Revisions

IV. Open Forum

No Open Forum

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

1. Funding Requests

There were no funding requests.

2. Appointments

There were no appointments to be considered.

3. Legislation

a. Constitutional Revisions for Miscellaneous Amendments by Rules
DSO moved to approve, UCAB Representative seconded. Failed because 3/4 of entire Council did not vote in favor.

b. Bylaws Revisions Amending Title II

DSO moved to approve, seconded - Passed unanimously

c. Amending Title III

DSO moved to approve, E-Board Chair seconded - Passed unanimously.

d. Title VI Amendments

Member ROESKE moved to approve, DSO seconded - Passed unanimously.

e. Bylaws Revision PES

The Council voted to move out of the closed session.



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UCAB Rep: Had to deal with this for a long time. Dealing with Burger King and Starbucks Regardless of how long he studied the topic, he's still on the side he's on. BDS has a good list. Nestle for example has some pretty interesting things that are bad. Coke, Fanta are of concern. Some of the things shouldn't be on there. Burger King shouldn't because it's a franchise. They have a very high degree of independence. Same thing with Hyundai. Big thing during Iraqi war. Toyota being used by terrorists not fair to boycott them because they didn't really have control.

The Secretary: Asked why there's not a line by line reason why we're prohibiting a certain company from receiving our funding, just so our students can be informed through easily accessible information as to why their Council made the choice they did on how to/to not spend their money.

Member OPPENHEIM: Opposing this because it overwhelmingly appears to be an attack on Jewish Students and doesn't properly contribute to the dialogue and discussion. Council should try to remain impartial on such issues. Asked Senator SIMPSON which Teva he was referring to.

Senator NGUYEN: As someone who knows people who are impacted by war, he felt that we should take the right action to make Muslim and Palestinian students feel safe.

Senator SIMPSON: Most of the members of the Senate and Council that vote against the divestment were voted out of office. It is what our students want.

Saniesa (Advisor): Maybe having a conversation about exactly which companies we want to divest from because it will affect WTCC in its current form.

Member SAWA: Thinks this is not the right way to go about it. It's right that we should do our best, but this isn't the best way to do it.

VP External: Doesn't think it's fair for the students paying. It affects their money



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and funds.

E-Board Chair: This impacts individuals, and it shows a strong message about how we feel.

SFAC Rep: Reiterating what Caitlin and Saniesa earlier. It's not just about the Palestine-Israel Conflict, it's about many other things. She hears that Jewish or Israeli students will be isolated. Some of the comments she got from a post that had a cup of Starbucks in the background were harsh. Doesn't think the conflict should be the only focus of this.

VP Internal: If the whole school agrees with it, if we are going to represent the student body, we should do this.

DSO: If we're banning things for ethics, there are so many many many things that are also able to be banned.

Senator SIMPSON: He was so disappointed in the college. Said that it seemed Warren is the Florida of AS. Warren Council is not representative of Warren itself. If every company in a country is unethical, then we can add the companies to it. We can add and take companies off.

UCAB Rep: Disagrees with many companies on there, agrees with DSO's statement that many companies are very unethical. Funding slave labor, death squads, tons of terrible, terrible things. We need a very good selection process. A lot of the BDS list countries shouldn't be there. There's a lack of evidence there. If we put every "unethical" companies on this list, we can't buy anything.

Member OPPENHEIM: A lot of the countries on the list seem targeted. We should establish better proposals. BDS implementation has caused UC to be investigated by Congress.

The Secretary: It seems that most members of the Council like the idea very much,



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but simply want to do it in the most correct way possible. Working on a proper framework to make sure the rules are narrowly tailored can be a good way to proceed so that we are sure we do the right thing. No question that we abhor unethical practices and it is good we are taking steps to act against them.

SFAC Rep: Doesn't see fit putting list of things (company names) together. Ultimately, these funds go to the same people who own all these things. Maybe a workshop on how to buy ethically sourced things is a better approach.

Senator SIMSPON: Maybe pass with an empty list, then establish committee to evaluate.

The Council approved a motion to move into a question time on the PES Proposal.

Motion to add the PES List without any of the companies - by Senator SIMPSON, seconded by Senator NGUYEN. Objected to by DSO.

Motion to add the Charter for a PES Committee proposed by the Secretary was approved unanimously.

Charter as approved:

[WCC || A Proposal to Establish a Standing Committee on PES Affairs](#)

Motion to vote on the Charter for a PES Committee proposed by the Secretary was proposed by the President and seconded by Alex. The Charter was approved unanimously.

Motion by Senator SIMPSON to add Blank PES list compliance to the bylaws. Objected by DSO.

Motion to previous question by Aries was moved, seconded by the DSO. Unanimously rejected.

4. Weekly Activity



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The weekly activity was to smile.

VII. Announcements

1. Resignation of the Sustainability Advocate

VIII. Final Roll Call

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM by the President. A valid second was received by multiple Members. The adjournment motion was PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The Council stood Adjourned at 9:18 PM.