



BOARD BILL 4.05

An Act to Repeal the Internal Policy

A.S.U.W.

125th Session

Sponsored by Erick Jacobsen, *Speaker of the ASUW Senate.*

Co-sponsored by Ashwin Anand, *Director of Internal Policy.*

WHEREAS the "Internal Policy" of the ASUW was established on May 23rd, 2024, by Board Bill 1.04 An Act to Establish and Amend Documents Concerning the Management and Control of the ASUW, as "the bureaucratic handbook of the Director of Internal Policy and ASUW as a whole" [1]; and

WHEREAS the 2024 Internal Policy consists of eight sections - Purpose & Scope, Amendments & Reviews, Authority & Enforcement, Records, Organization, & Management, Responsibilities & Duties, Standardization, Ceremonial Procedures, and Documents [2]; and

WHEREAS Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 merely restate information present in the Constitution or Bylaws, such as the supremacy of the Constitution or job description or the role of the Director of Internal Policy as parliamentarian and recordkeeper [2]; and

WHEREAS Section 4 holds links, dates, and advice for the Director of Internal Policy in the organization of their role [2], items best suited for transition documents rather than binding governing documents which require Board of Directors approval to amend; and

WHEREAS Section 6 indicates a stylistic preference for capitalized Article titles, vertical bars in between Section numbers and titles, and alternating clause designations of numeric, alphabetic, roman numeric, and alphabetic again [2], which are arbitrary decisions that do not affect the readability or effectiveness of any document nor does it hinder the ability to cite or find any particular clause, needlessly bureaucratizing the formatting process; and

WHEREAS Section 7 serves to 'mandate' without binding effect that the Speaker of the Senate call a Special Meeting after ASUW Elections to invite faculty, administrators, and students to a "State of the Association" event with assigned seating [2]; and

WHEREAS this clause holds no place in a document governing the Internal Policy position and hides away a potential requirement of the President and Speaker position, with dubious standing validity; and

WHEREAS Section 8 merely links and describes documents and forms that already exist but might be of use to the Director of Internal Policy [2]; and

WHEREAS there is not a single provision of the Internal Policy which could not be better enacted through advice and assistance in annual transition documents; and

WHEREAS the ASUW hosts 12+ governing documents at present, including the Constitution, the ASUW Bylaws, the Board Rules, the Senate Bylaws, the Senate Rules, the Communications Policy, the Personnel Policy, the Financial Policy, the Judicial Jurisprudence, the Elections Policies and Procedures, and the Internal Policy; and

WHEREAS the oversaturation and decentralization of governing documents only serve to minimize accessibility of and therefore compliance with the governing rules and procedures of the ASUW, making it even more difficult for an ASUW outsider to serve in an elected role; and

WHEREAS this oversaturation and decentralization can be at least somewhat abetted with the repeal of the Internal Policy, which would hold no tangible effect on the Association due to the lack of unique, binding provisions;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THAT the Internal Policy be repealed immediately upon the passage of this Act; and

THAT the Director of Internal Policy, Ashwin Anand, be encouraged to include any pertinent elements of the Internal Policy in his Transition Document for his successor.

References :

- [1] Board Bill 1.04 - An Act to Establish and Amend Documents Concerning the Management and Control of the ASUW
- [2] 2024 ASUW Internal Policy

End.