

Western Washington University - Native American Student Union

Charge and Charter

January 2008

I. Purpose

1. The Native American Student Union (NASU) is on campus to create social awareness about Native American issues and culture to the campus community as well as to off-campus community members. The club is an active member of the Ethnic Student Center (ESC) whose mission reads:

The Ethnic Student Center is a safe and supportive environment for historically underrepresented ethnic groups and allies while providing cultural and educational programs.

2. NASU serves as a resource for any and all students, and is a collective voice of Native American issues. No individual shall be held accountable for NASU actions, values, or statements. Also, unless otherwise stated by the members of the Native American Student Union, no individual shall claim to represent the collective whole of NASU or the Ethnic Student Center.
3. NASU serves as a distribution for information, concerns and issues amongst the community.

II. Membership

1. NASU shall consist of the following:
 - a. Club President – acting yearly president who shall be responsible for facilitating meeting and coordinating all the current events and activities for NASU.
 - b. Budget Authority – this person shall be aware of the Associated Students (AS) policy and procedure of financial transactions and processes, and be recognized by the AS after taking budget authority training.
 - c. Steering Representative – should act as a liaison between NASU and the ESC Steering Committee and attend all the scheduled meetings. Then at the next NASU meeting after the Steering Committee meetings, the person should report back to the rest of the club what happened regarding, changes, financial reports, voting and such. The representative should also attend the required steering training.
2. To become a member one must participate in the majority of club activities and attend a significant number of scheduled meetings.

III. Voting

- 1.** Nominations should be determined in the middle of spring quarter. All nominations must be seconded by at least one other club member to be considered. Elections will be held one week after nominations are completed.
- 2.** Members of NASU will vote by paper ballot to elect specific positions. The ballots will be tallied by someone who was not nominated for a position or on the ballot. Speeches are not required, but are encouraged if there are multiple applicants for a position.
- 3.** Resignation can be requested by a simple majority vote of the club, for any reason. The resigned party may participate in club activities and enjoy the full privileges of being a NASU member.
If somebody is required to step down, a replacement will be chosen within the following two weeks of their departure by using the processes stated above in the above statement, number two.
- 4.** General decisions will be decided by a simple majority vote of hands by members.

IV. Meetings

- 1.** Meeting times will be determined after the first few meetings of the quarter. These meetings will attempt accommodate the schedules of the majority of the NASU members.
- 2.** Appropriate positions shall be doled out according to the needs of the club.

V. Amendments

- 1.** This charter shall be amended by a two thirds vote of the members of NASU.