ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 10 • 6:40 p.m. • Ford 102

1. Roll Call (Clerk Gangstad)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to add the Club buy in bill to the agenda
Saiki/Ekstrom
Approved (12/5/0)

Motion to move Campus safety to number 3 on the Agenda
Ekstrom/Saiki
Approved

Motion to Approve Agenda
Saiki/Gill
Approved

3. Campus Safety

Ross Stout: Thank you all for having me here. I want to leave a majority of this time for you to ask questions so I have a short agenda here. I guess I'll start. Some of you may not know me but in June I'll have been the director of Campus Safety for 29 years. I was also a student and I love this place! I do what I can to take care of you all and I know there's some controversy but… I do care.

So to talk about some of the safety improvements from last summer and fall. Just to show you, we spent about 160,000 on various improvements last year. We added light posts, card locks on the UC for lock downs. Several lighting projects. Outdoor cameras on bike racks, all though that problem seems to be diminishing. Probably not the cameras but maybe the U shaped bike clocks we’re giving out. The initiative to do this was based on last years ASWU senate and Senators making proposals. So based on your recommendations we took a more serious look at that.

Next is hiring an additionally campus safety officer post June 1st. There were several incidents, but one in particular made us think that we don’t have as much coverage during the day on the weekends. Rich and I are usually here monday through friday but on weekends we only had one officer on duty. In some ways that makes sense because activities are somewhat reduced but the incident that was troubling was a student working in the library who observed some sexual activity and called because she wanted support but the officer was taking someone to the hospital. So she had to wait for 45 minutes in distress. And that could obviously happen any time but it was clear that we have this gap for 12 hours on Saturday or Sunday where we aren't there. They'll
work those two days but we haven’t finalized the schedule yet but we’ve got a couple month left for that. And the last item, even if you haven’t heard of this, if that our new office is being remodeled. And we are moving because that space is moving to student housing over the summer but we are moving now because the contractor needs more time than just post commencement. So we’ll be over there and that’ll be significant to us. So the other thing is that we’ll be combining our operations with Event services with our event our services and facilities so that any sort of calls, like dripping water, can come into the service center. And we’ll have better communication with all of those people to provide better service. Questions?

Ekstrom: Does campus safety oversee Willamette Watch?
Ross: Yes.
Ekstrom: What is the earliest shift?
Ross: I don’t know. But there isn’t enough funding to have it 24 hours a day. We let those students pick their own shifts and the randomness of that scheduling is actually somewhat beneficial.

Ekstrom: Well I was thinking that Willamette watch could take the saved hours from mid-day where there is more coverage and then post a student outside the library to have them walk students home?
Ross: Well, we sort of have a student who does that. But I’m not opposed, I would just need to think through it more. Willamette Watch was an ASWU program funded by increasing parking fees as a way to watch for car break ins. I’d entertain it but it’s a longer discussion.

Steffy: Does Willamette have a plan for a campus wide lockdown and will students know about that?
Ross: We do have a lock down plan that students don’t know about. It’s one of the reasons that we put locks on the UC and the bistro this summer. If there were a need to do a campus lock down, we would be able to easily do it electronically. And then we would use the emergency notification system to avoid an area, evacuate, don’t evacuate. But we haven’t done a good job making sure people are updated on what those plans are. The information is on the website but people don’t go surf that in the spare time. It would be helpful for me to know from you what an effective way to talk about a lockdown and provide people with that information. Is it facebook? Is it the activities fair? We just want to know which ones don’t work and which are more effective.

Saiki: I was having a conversation with Dean Douglass a couple months back and we were having a conversation about concerns with CM and Campus safety officers. One thing that got brought up was the different departments and the different trainings. I was wondering if there was anything being done about that.

Ross: Well…. Yes. Certainly there has been improved communication. But more specifically, Dean Douglass and I had a meeting with Liz Trainor when she was here about incorporating more safety training into student initiation… that wasn’t the right word… arrival. And then we also met with Lisa Holliday about including that training into Opening Days. That way when students were moving into residence halls they are getting some sort of initiation into safety on campus.
Parekh: Could you speak to the relationship between the Salem PD and Campus Safety. I was thinking specifically about the man who entered the sorority houses last week and then was released on parole. How much of that is an internal issue or something with the police?

Ross: We try to handle any situation that we are capable of handling. That said, we don’t try to be heros and let things go beyond the scope of what we can handle. The situation you referred to from last week, we located this man, called salem police, they responded. I don’t know where the communication broke down about him having warrants but then they determined they had those and then they went out and arrested him. It turned out okay but it might not have. I am a member of a threat assessment committee and there are several agencies that are there. The leader of that is a Willamette grad, he was a Beta. I talk to him weekly and he’s a public communication officer so I can funnel information back to him. I think our relationship is good but it isn’t perfect. That obviously wasn’t systemic.

Leder: I want to know about the process about notifying students. What is the standard of what you decide to communicate to students but, like, the relevant areas of campus.

Ross: So let's take that situation a different way. If they had not found him after discovering that he had warrants, we would have notified people. We would have waited to the next morning unless it posed an immediate threat. The government requires our criteria to be ongoing and dangerous. I think it was in 2015 or 2014, that The Groper was on campus. That was serious, that was ongoing. But we tend to be a little conservative about send out notifications. We don’t want to have fatigue where we send them out all the time and people start to ignore them. I know it’s frustrating to want to know more about things but.

P. Cervantes: I remember back around September, you sent out an email regarding training for campus safety officers. What ended up being determined? The other thing was I’ve been hearing loose rumors about changes to entering rooms and I wanted to know more about this.

Ross: So to that last question, Dominique Thomas learned that we had a rather inappropriate rule about how we would follow up when smoke was smelled in a residence hall. Generally we would just have an officer try to figure it out and if they couldn’t we would just let it go. But Dominque just wanted us to continue to look since smoke in a building would indicate that there was a danger. If someone is smoking then great, but we need to determine where it is coming from. What we’re search for is the source of the smoke. Other question was about he email. I don’t know if there was a follow up but in this room we had a required training. A woman from Lewis and Clark came down and provided us training in cultural sensitivity. There was an allegation that I think was grounded in truth. She worked well with us and we were enlightened by doing that. We’ll do some form of that annually. When a new officer comes if, depending on the cycle, we’ll make sure they at least get the general outline of what they told us.

P. Cervantes: What you said makes sense about the rule changes but what happens if you walk into a room and find other things?
Ross: Well, were in there looking for the smoke. But once you see something you can’t unsee it. So if there’s a bong there, you can’t pretend a bongs not there. If you see the bong sitting on a table, which they often are, you’ve got to report it.
Hartman: I want to go back to tori’s question about when someone becomes a threat. There was a man chasing women on campus with a level of intent. It’s kind of the same to me so where do you draw the line.
Ross: That incident was serious enough for us to report an incident. But by the time we would have done that he was arrested and taken to jail. Our plan, although not developed, stopped when he was arrested.
Hartman: It’s because of the long period of time that he was at large…
Ross: Well, it was within the scope of the evening. Hours at most. It was in close proximity with the time that officers located him and he was arrested.
Steffy: Do you see anything or have any suggestions for Senate to bridge those gaps through the student body?
Ross: Sometimes students don’t think they have the power to have an effect. They expect me to whine but when you all come together and demand things, you get $160,000! There are more issues out there so, making the pitch from senate that we appreciate what you did but there’s more to be done will have more weight than me.
Saiki: How have the crime trends of the WU specific area have looked like over the last 10 years?
Ross: I think overall, largely, stable. Not much better and not much worse. We have had, in the last 12 months, we have had more creepy people and transients hanging around. We’ve had this guy at the sororities. We’ve had the man in front of the law school chase senator steffy. Those are unusual and concerning. There has been, i think and increase in those. But I don’t think it’s been dramatic. I don’t see huge changes. We’ve seen a downturn in bike theft but what we see is a cycle. We’ve taken lots of step but I don’t see huge changes. That’s both good and bad. You know, in a city in the United States of a quarter million people, there are certainly many neighborhoods in salem that are much worse of than we are.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve
Durham/Hartman
Approved

5. External Programs (President Cervantes)
P. Cervantes: Lots of things happened today. Nothing. We’ll meet tomorrow.

6. Officer Reports
6.1. President Cervantes
P. Cervantes: I want to take this time to invite you all to an event happening on Sunday at 4pm in Cone Chapel. There will be a night of testimonies being put on for Students in
charge of WA. Since the meeting for parents that was shut down, they want to make this a space for families and they wanted me to invite the senate.

Ekstrom: There was an email sent out today with some updates. It sounded like it might have been good but could you summarize?

P. Cervantes: It was mixed. On one hand, it signified a willingness to compromise. But also, that was the same thing that Jacqueline Rushing told me after our meeting. And it sound like they are making it sound like a great program but it’s hard to think it will have the same positive effects. It sound like it will be an AVID like program but that isn’t that great. Basically they aren’t putting anything new on the table.

Ekstrom: So at this point, the goal isn’t to get a bridge but to get the old academy back?

P. Cervantes: So kind of. They at first just wanted to keep the families that the program helps at the same level. But in lieu of that, they’ve started to push more for grandfathering in the kids. There’s still no guarantee that the kids underperforming will get to stay where as in the existing program they get put on a plan of action and time to recover. Even if these kids are, on paper, part of Willamette Academy, they won’t have the resources.

Leder: For those of you who don’t know, AVID and INSPIRE are programs that have similar goals but don’t meet them as well as the academy. I think a huge part of why we start in the 7th grade in that those years are formative. And a lot of what they’re looking for now if to get those kids the support that they need. The new program asks a lot of students who can’t meet those needs. The academy cuts off the most at risk students.

6.2. Treasurer Brinster

T. Brinster: Finally the pre-spring budget spring round one and the amendment has all been updated on webadvisor so our current balance is negative. So we have bills working on moving money from the CRP to the unallocated fund account. I got through about 30 or 40 reimbursements. Students just came running. In terms of CRP money, there is some sort of administrative process to go through. I have to get Jennifer Lawrence's signature on it because she works in campus life. When I told patty and Jan in accounting, I’m just trying to explain to jennifer lawrence that we have the money. We have a bunch of clubs come in and present on Friday. If every club presented like San-Shin club, i would be so happy. I would be a peach.

Tonight we’re having someone come in to present at 8:05. The Mill, or Chrysalis if you’re old, has given us a budget and it’s large but I think it’s legitimate. If we don’t have Senate next week, are you all good with me doing an electronic vote?

6.3. VP Brownlee

Elections are right now for exec. I’m emailing the student body tomorrow about it since I’ve had a lot of questions. We’ll most likely have a forum on Monday for candidates that want to participate. I’ve been working a lot with Sarah Shin regarding our ASP senator. She’ll be here next week and then we’ll also be working on rebuilding “Building Bridges” to united the
student body and also the ASP senators. I’m just working with Sarah to see when she’s available.

So next week, a lot of you have emailed me about not having Senate. I’m going to work with Judicial to make sure that we can do online voting. Expect an email from me no later than Wednesday so that we can talk about that.

Also, the reason we’re doing first readings tonight is because we need to talk about them at our next meeting where we’re together so they can be ready for pre-fall.

7. Judicial Report
Cruz-Cruz: We didn’t meet this week so we don’t really have anything.

8. New Business
Motion to place senator Saiki’s bill in the 2 minute frame

Saiki: The things that happened 2 weeks ago was a desire for us to generate new precedents so that is what this bill is. Two of the things we talked a lot about what mechanizing buy in to have clubs look for other sources of financing. Also, student impact which is just of promoting clubs to be thinking about how many students it will effect. It will be a brief reading. I want you to reach out to me.

Gordon/Gill

Motion to strike the two minute policy and continue discussion over email
Ekstrom/Saiki
Approved

8.1. Saiki’s Bill
Saiki: So the first two things are the most important to me. It has to do with that buy in and student impact. This is what finance board has been doing for years but it just puts it into a bill form. This forms is a best practice that other RHA’s across the campus has been doing.

T. Brinster: We do have a question about other forms of funding.
Ekstrom: I think that this bill is good it makes it systematic. In the ideal year, we won’t have to use it but I like it.

8.2. Finance Reform Bills (15 minutes total)
Morita: This bill says that because so far we’ve been allocating over a balance, this bill will make it so that we cannot allocate more than what we have in any case.
Ekstrom: It say this clause will be added ot the bylaws but can we edit it to say where?
Morita: Yes.
Parekh: Is this bill going to take into account the CRP money that will now be feeding into student fees? Because I think that could change the impact of this bill.
Saiki: My biggest concern is that this bill might be unnecessarily restrictive especially when we fund large ticket items like WULA. So yeah, that’s my concern.

Morita: So currently how it stands, WEB and Collegian will be funded next semester, Finance Board thinks that it would be good to give them their wages from a different fund.

Ekstrom: So is this in response to the change? Because I think it may be good to repeal that change. I think that those two orgs are important enough to leave them as they are until we can do a good job with them.

T. Brinster: I think it was just a thinking ahead thing because that is where everyone else’s wages are, because the operating budget isn’t public.

Wellman: So Basically we have an issue where the CRP fund is at 86,000 and the money doesn’t need to be there. First step would be an idea open for debate but it’s reducing the proportion of fees that go into the fund. THose numbers we can discuss but then the extra money would go into unallocated funds. The third point would be that if there’s more money that 10,000 in the CRP, the treasurer would be in charge of rolling that money over. We should discuss that though.

VP Brownlee: I think we could just switch the fee to our unallocated fund account instead of just cutting the fee. Oh, just kidding. Misread that.

T. Brinster: Just a suggestion if we stick with thee, having ¼ of the roll over go to the endowment.

8.3. Spring Round 2 Budget

8.3.1. Over $1,500

8.3.1.1. The Mill (Gabriella Vogt) 8:05 p.m.
Gabriella: This is our publication that comes out every year that gives the art community a space to show their art on campus. We’re asking for $4,000 this year because we’ve had the budget on had from the last 5 years and that’s about how much they’ve asked for. We don’t have specifics amount, but we do know about how much it should be based on the price of goods.
We just sort of based it off of old journals.
Landoni: How is it distributed?
Gabriella: It’s free like to Collegian. We also have a release party that has music and is tied into SSRD.
Parekh: How do you decide what is in color?
Gabriella: Well everything other than artwork is published in black and white. It’ll also depend on what the cover and back cover look like.
Ekstrom: How many people submit?
Gabi: We got over 100 pages of poetry, 30 pages of prose, and a ton of art.
Ekstrom: Nice. Why the name change?
Well people didn’t recognize it but also, we didn’t have any guys in the club until we’ve changed it.
Also, it’s more specific to Willamette!

8.3.2. Whole Budget
Motion to approve the Mill in full
Parekh/Saiki
Approved


Motion to approved Spring Round 2

Amendment to fund the budget in full through the CRP
Gill/Leder
Approved

9. Senate Reports
9.1. Senator Gordon
Saiki: *Interrupts Maya* Good Job Finance Board!
Gordon: I work with Cynthia and she would really like to see students do a, “It’s not on us” sort of video and I just wanted to see if we had people that were interested in that. A lot of campuses have done things like this. The U of O one encompassed a lot of different issues but I know if we did it I wouldn’t just want it to be focused on women.
Ekstrom: I know a dude who likes doing videos so…
Leder: How would you like people to go about talking to you.
Maya: Email would be good.
P. Cervantes: I was contacted by a few representatives from the White House at the beginning of the year. I could give them their information.
Gordon: I looked at the white house bit.

9.2. Senator Sloper
Sloper: So based off of things I hear, I’m on the food committee, people who are lactose intolerant and don’t eat meat don’t feel like there are enough options. I’ve been working with Chris Linn to look into bringing Tofurky to campus. They also are working to bring more dairy free cheese and other goods to campus. So if any of you have feedback let me know.
Parekh: I would just suggest looking into local restaurants that use meatless and dairy free options to see how the financial structure works.
Saiki: One of my senate projects from last semester is coming to fruition. The writing center will be using writing to release stress and talk about their emotions. We have our writing tree set up and it’s in the corner. The topic is not anything related to mental health. Secondly, please look over the bill that I shared. I almost made a motion to look it over again but I didn’t.

Gill: I just think that we should echo Saiki’s plea. Next year will be very, very hard if we don’t set these things up now. Look over bill and give good input.

10. For the Good of the Order
   Leder: Pow Wow is on Sunday. It’s really cool and you should all go experience things like that. Night of testimonies overlaps but you can go to that and then make your way to Pow Wow.
   T. Brinster: if you’ll be in Salem the last weekend of Spring Break. If you have a car and can drink, I’ll be working my vodka stand.
   Saiki: Shoutout to finance task force.

11. Adjournment (VP Brownlee)

   Motion to Adjourn
   Leder/Steffy
   Approved