Meeting Called to Order at 7pm

1. Roll Call (Clerk Gangstad)

2. Approval of the Agenda

   Motion to approve the agenda
   Gill/Kittelson

   Motion to move Operating Budget Up
   Gill/Leder
   Approved

3. Approval of the Minutes

   Motion to approve the minutes
   Landoni/Uphoff

4. Operating Budget (Senators Gill, Kittelson, Morita)
   Morita: So just like Caroline did last year we split it into two budgets. We took the total that they need for the year and split it into two halves.
   Gill: The only changes we made were to ASWU Sounds because as Caroline pointed out last meeting that have a lot of money left in their account.
   Morita: So basically right now they have $10,000 in their account. After all the money is taken out they’ll have about $7,500 left in the account. And we doubt that they will spend that amount. I’ve talked to Ninon and the upcoming general manager for next year and we’ve decided to lower it to $8,000.

   Motion to move the Collegian presentation up on the schedule as well as the judicial nomination and the Collegian bill.
   Saiki/Gill
   Approved

5. Budget Presentations
   5.1. Collegian
   Saiki: So this is the same budget we presented on last time. Everything is pretty much the same. One thing we did change is the addition of the staff training. We’ve decided to
cover all the wages and food with the ad revenue budget. As well as… For the most part all of the staff payroll is the same as well. Does anyone have questions?

VP Brownlee: So it that a cap in terms of wages?

Saiki: So that’s the difficult thing about this budget. Next year’s exec will be making changes and new things. If we go over this amount then we are going to be taking over time amounts from our ad revenue. We expect all of these numbers or most of them to be different next semester.

Elize: Just to elaborate they are thresholds rather than caps.

Kittleson: I just noticed that some of them are kind of wonky. Have you thought about doing leadership awards for those?

Elize: I’m not sure about the specifics of those awards but we’re just trying to be flexible.

Ekstrom: I have some questions about the leadership awards. It’s more like a cash paycheck and have it put into your account.

Elize: Yeah Emily has told us that!

Saiki: We found out that the Collegian staff was being paid about ⅔ or half of what they were actually working. After we got metrics we would be more open to applying for leadership awards.

Gill: Most of my questions were about wages but, especially like… Other groups on campus are paid in leadership stipends and I’m just wondering what percentage you think you would lose if you think it would affect your staffing?

Elize: It’s hard to remember what people were making before but I think when I did it I was making $3 an hour.

Saiki: We employ a lot of people. Hopefully by pursuing internship credit, since Willamette has so little internship experience available for journalism, is something that we are doing.

Ekstrom: Would you prefer to get a chunk of change or apply to ASWU?

Saiki: I think that’s a bill question…

5.2. WEB

Maddie: We give leadership awards to all of our chairs and then exec makes an hourly wage at a cap. We help fund the toilet paper. We are part of a national organization called NACA so we pay an annual fee. This gets us access to a lot of performers and acts. As well as a conference that helps get us access to new acts. We have a retreat in the fall that is one night. We try to keep it as low cost as possible. We have golden name tags that are important for populated events. Printing costs are important and then a budget cushion for unanticipated events. We have a contract with a movie rights organization to plan a certain amount of movie events every year. We know we’ll be having a couple more events this semester. We booked a van for some of our event. WEB funds for the family weekend comedian and then more movies. Because we don’t have our chairs hired yet, these budgets look a lot like they have in the past. This is what we typically allocate for our chair positions. The ones that are more detailed are for Black Tie and Midnight Breakfast. These can go up with inflation but this should cover it. Our ASP Chair, Dialogue, all of these get small budgets to work toward the purpose of the
Motion to amend the budget to move up the judicial nominee
Ekstrom/Leder
Approved

5.3. Judicial Nominations
CJ Dabit: We will be recommending two people. I won’t be there but I would highly recommend them.
P. Cervantes: I will nominate Quinlan and Madison for the two nominee positions for ASWU Justices.
VP Brownlee: All those in favor of approving the nomination? Approved.

5.4. WEB/Collegian Bill (Senators Ekstrom, Gill, Saiki)
Saiki: So I’ve been working on this bill for quite a while. CJ Dabit pointed out that this needs to be formatted differently. That will be done for next week when it’s being voted on. In 2015 Spring we passed a bill that this bill would repeal. That bill was passed with leadership that is no longer here to implement it. So that was confusing for ASWU and the Collegian. The EPC must meet with a student in charge of finances to go over the budget. Guidance. In the oversight meetings, the EPC will provide guidance to the external programs committee. These meetings are open to all leadership but this is intentionally vague in terms of who is leading EPC meetings. Then the EPC will provide a review of these meetings. WEB, The Collegian, and ASWU Sound will be expected to present a tentative budget during one of the last 4 meetings. If an External Program does not respond to emails, they can have their account frozen for the following semester.
Ekstrom: I think we should figure out a date for the implementation and overhaul that this bill provides.
Saiki: I think that WEB and Collegian did their presentations today and that those would allow them to receive their money.
Maddie: I just think that for both our orgs we provide weekly programming and publishing for every student on campus.
Gill: Can both of you speak to your thoughts on this bill?
Maddie: I think it’s important to have a closer relationship between ASWU and external programs. I like the idea and fully intend on being transparent.
Elise: I absolutely agree. We’ve had a lot of discussion internally this year and it has made us a lot stronger.
Gill: So if we go back to percentage allocations, we want to make sure that those funds would be available for other clubs.
Saiki: Neither option would put us back to the percentage. Number 6 is what outlines that.
Wellman: So we approve a tentative budget and then in the Fall, if they want to make changes, they present to the committee and they present to ASWU.
Saiki: Yes. And it will be defended in the same way club approval happens.
Wellman: It's like they have opportunities to amend their budget.
Ekstrom: There are two things I wanted to say. Point one repeals the repeal of the percentage program. So that will go back to the percentage program.
Saiki: And then 6 takes away the percentage…
Ekstrom: So the other thing is that in the bylaws there is a section on the external programs. It may be helpful to change the bylaws to include that WEB and the Collegian are explicitly external programs.
T. Brinster: I don't care which method you go forth with. I do like the idea of this bill for external programs. WEB in the fall you had $48,000. Then in the Spring you got $43,000. Now you're asking for $53,000. I'm glad you can grow and expand the amount you're paying employees.
CJ Dabit: The bylaws actually DO put WEB and Collegian in the External programs category. I do think it should be acknowledged that the EPC Chair is the ASWU President. There's no way they could designate another chair.

6. External Programs
Peter: Hey guys it's been two weeks since we've been here last. We have new events.
Louisa: We had Mario Kart, Tall Heights and Willamette's Got Talent. Those were both about $4 per head. We're also hiring committee and chair positions!
Peter: We have Midnight Breakfast, Open Mic Night, a Spoken Word Artist, and Last Day of Classes coming up!
P. Cervantes: Joe Abraham wants to have the positions he over sees filled by the end of this year so they can start strong next year. Mary Kate is okay staying on as the Senator for the GF. I want to send out the apps for the Sustainability Advisory Board with the Clerk and ASP Mentor. I would need a resolution from you because it violates the bylaws.

Motion to violate the bylaws and send out the Sustainability apps with the Clerk and ASP Mentor
Gill/Kittleson

Saiki: Is there a reason that Shamir is doing this instead of Liz?
VP Brownlee: She isn’t sworn in…

7. Officer Reports
7.1. President Cervantes
P. Cervantes: The issue with Cynthia Stenson has alarmed a lot of people. I went and talked with her and Dominic Thomas. He said that he takes responsibility for it and it was mainly to decentralize the position. He thinks it's the best way to aid in prevention measures. I'm not sure I agree but… I went and talked to Cynthia
and she is not happy. She said that she was not consulted but was told it was not budgetary or performance based. Also, the Board capped Tenure faculty at 80% and faculty were not involved in this decision. They met with Thorsett but they haven’t had a lot of information. They feel like it was made inappropriately.

WULA… I talked to Teddy about this. I think it’s a non-issue. Teddy has worked with Campus Safety and that he has worked to make sure this event goes smoothly. It’s a non-issue really and a lot of it was based on rumor.

As for Willamette Academy, word reached Thorsett. I went to a meeting with him and Becca in the Bistro and he believes that our answer would have been no. He thinks that Jacqueline will be hired without a board. Everything will stay pretty much the same. I told the student organizers because they saw me meeting with Thorsett and when I saw them next, they had planned a protest. I told them maybe not to do it on Bearcat Days but they disagreed and will move forward. I talked to the naked run organizers and the two events will support each other… *laughter* I don’t know. Everyone seemed good with it. To me this all signals that things aren’t really going this well on our campus. The faculty, higher administrators, and students are upset. I think we should consider activism as a way to address this. There has been a really interesting study done where activism has led to the most progress on racial issues. Again, this is up to you. For my part that strikes me well. I’ll support the student protest even though I disagree. My concerns are these. It seems a lot of decisions are being made without consultation. The other thing is that when people are talked to they are then ignored. That’s what happened with the WA task force. Sometimes when we challenge decisions, we get shut down. And sometimes we get lied to. I made that deal with Dean Moore and she never fulfilled that. I feel lied to. Straight up. I don’t know. It seems like a governance issue and like an issue of basic decency. I’ve tried everything I can and I’ve gotten much done but at the very least we’ve shown that there are issues.

**Motion to violate the bylaws and send out the Sustainability apps with the Clerk and ASP Mentor**

Gill/Kittleson

Approve

7.2. Treasurer Brinster

T. Brinster: So tonight we are going to look over this budget and then next Thursday, like Becca said, we are voting on every budget next week. Also, later, we are going to talk about Montag. My committee is supporting funding it so we’ll go over that later. Also, my Spring Round 2 budget has finally posted. That’s it!

7.3. VP Brownlee

VP Brownlee: We are in the middle of elections and we’ll know more about that next Wednesday. As I’ve been reflecting, I’m a lot more hurt than I originally was.
I’m going to urge him to release this information that he share with us to the whole student body. It’ll be a quick turn around but if you have concerns, let me know. I went to the opportunity fair…

Ekstrom: I would say in response to the honesty thing… It could be used for us to pass a vote. Look we are concerned with a lack for transparency. Everyone is feeling this. Whatever your feeling on the academy, we just want to have information shared with students.

VP Brownlee: The commencement speaker has been picked but the information is not public. I’m very excited but we’re still in the process of picking student performers because we’re hoping to have multiple!

8. Judicial Report
CJ Dabit: We’ve been working with Senator Saiki to figure out what has been going on with these advisory committees. There are no people on these committees and I’m not sure if there is just a lack of interest or a lack of us doing stuff… We also met with the Chief Justice from Lewis and Clark and he was looking to see how we deal with diversity in our Senate.

9. New Business
9.1. Spring Round 3
9.1.1. Budget Presentations
9.1.1.1. Kappa Sigma

Leder: Why is Michael Chen shirtless? Of course…
Wellman: I’m not a Ksig but I live with him and he walks around without a shirt all the time.
Saiki: Hi I’m Jake… I made a bit more extensive of a presentation of a than usual. So this is some background on the Tracy Hofman run. This year we had over 400 event participants and 315 people registered to run. It ranged from children to elder… older people… It can be a competitive run or a walk and fun run. Then you have these pictures of people joyfully running through the lovely Bush Park. You see the Chem club doing experiments. We have fusion come out. They’re a Thai fusion food truck. This is the third consecutive year that the THoff Run has happened. We get more support every year. We have WEMS there to help with risk management. In the top left we have a Statesman Journal reporter. Taiko was out there. The bottom right we have Myriah. As the run gets bigger we are looking for more volunteers. This year we were able to cover it but we were in contact with Eric for volunteers. The total cost was close to $4,000. That’s about $9.89 per participant. We have 9 business sponsors there and then we had 9 WU orgs out there too. We had 6 student bands. And so far we’ve raised about $16,000.
Durham: From my experience being in a Greek Organization, I was wondering if you used the fees from your dues to cover a portion of this
Saiki: Yes we do but we have comprobable numbers to a WEB event.
Durham: Is that $375 from pre collected dues or contributions?
Saiki: Dues.
Ekstrom: Greek Orgs used to apply for funding all the time. If the event is not just for the org and for the larger community you can apply.
Leder: I guess my concern is that Greek Orgs have a large Alumni base. Kappa Sigma have great alumni and I know that you have a lot of involvement. As much as it is… I have a problem with talking about it like any other student org because those groups only have ASWU. The level of fundraising that you can achieve is so much larger than another club would be able to get.
T. Brinster: Shamir was just talking to me… We don’t want to sent a precedent…
P. Cervantes: I was a member of KSig. And I don’t want to set a precedent that Greek orgs can ask for money after events.
Leder: Yeah. I just think that there are a lot of other ways to get funding.
Saiki: In our mind we did do a lot of that equalization… That speaks to a bill that I was presenting later… Aside from these routine areas, the university doesn’t want to encourage orgs to be doing too much fundraising outside that base. I think that we should be looking at the merits of this and combine those with… What other club in the last two years has come in here having secured RHA funding? As far as funding things after the fact.. Uhm. I don’t. I can have more conversations with Lisa but the point of ASWU is to get things to happen on this campus. I think we can get caught up in tangles of, “Oh this event happened…”
P. Cervantes: I would think about this in two separate terms. Funding and precedents.
CJ Dabit: We have set precedents that Orgs, especially Greek Orgs, should fund things themselves.
Ekstrom: It seems to me that the thing to think about is do we treat Greek Orgs different than other ones. And also, the precedents.
Mitch: This is my first Senate Meeting so thank you for having me! I don’t know, I just think this event is so different. We’re hoping this event grows and becomes a Willamette and Salem tradition.

9.1.2. Whole Budget
VP Brownlee: Okay, this is a first viewing. I don’t know if anyone wants to yeild time.
T. Brinster: Finance Board has gone over these requests. We aren’t done on the OMA budget...Certain things have been tentatively allocated for… My computer just died but only Dana and I have access. If we want. Can you go over? Yeah. That. $2,384 is how much he is requesting.
Saiki: I think we should table this.
Leder: Do we fund Relay for Life? Can we get that info?
Uphoff: I think from talking to finance board, the sooner we make a decision as a Senate the better.

9.2. Finance Board Recommendation – Montag $20,000 from CRP
T. Brinster: Okay. Again, finance board wants to recommend $20,000 for this project. I think it should come from the CRP rather than the endowment since we’ve already pulled so much from there. We think it is of value to the students to do it. The remaining balance they need is $40,000 so we thought we could just do half of that.
Ekstrom: I apologize, can you restate why we are pulling from CRP rather than endowment?
T. Brinster: Because we can only pull 15,000 to 16,000 from the endowment. So basically our only option is the CRP. We thought it would be the best.
VP Brownlee: You who are here are not the problem but next week will be hellacious because we can’t even talk about anything right now. So talk to your peers because this is unacceptable.
CJ Dabit: We shouldn’t even be meeting without quorum because we cannot look over this bill.

10. Adjournment (VP Brownlee)

Motion to adjourn
Saiki/Ekstrom
Approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm