ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 7 • 6:40 p.m. • Ford 102

Meeting Called to Order at 7:18pm

1. Roll Call (Clerk Gangstad)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve the Agenda
Hartman/Kittleson

Uphoff: Get email from Becca

Motion to Table the Student Impact and Club Buy In bill
Uphoff/Steffy
Approval
15/2/1

Saiki: I introduced this a month ago and for various reasons it’s been pushed back. I’ve met with Lisa and I’ve made a couple updates to the Bill to make it more in line with what Lisa thinks is more in line with what is appropriate for Historical Memory. I think to table it would not make anything more efficient or comprehensible
Ekstrom: So it looks like Student Impact and Club Buy in is the last thing we discuss so I think it would make sense to wait until we get to it.

Motion to have speakers be moved up on the list
Steffy/Lyons
Approved

2.1. Club Approval
2.1.1. Students for Divestment
Jake: Hi everyone, I’m here to get Students for Divestment past. It is when you invest your money in something that is socially conscious and remove it from place of injustice. Right now, I’m a huge climate change activist and I think that the first thing we need to do is make sure that the 6 million dollar endowment we have needs to not be invested in fossil fuels. Freshman year I was part of Ecos. That same year I was part of 3 divestment efforts but it was too scattered. I’m trying to make a really committed group of students to keep this going over the next 12 years.
I’m working with Monica Ramei and 12 professors who are working with me and other students to keep this going.
Landoni: Just a quick note, this was going to be my Senate plan or project but basically Monica told me I could do a credit class to take it on. I think this is a good place to spearhead this movement.

Motion to Approve Divestment Club
Ekstrom/Saiki
Approved

2.1.2. Advocates for Disability and Accessibility (ADAA)

Diana: So we want to increase resources and advocacy for students with disabilities on Willamette’s campus. When students initially arrive here, it is very difficult to see this campus as a home because there is no group of people here that they can easily identify with. We want to make this a group that is safe and welcoming to new students.
Dude: With all of the old buildings and the way they are set up, they don’t need to be retrofitted to be accessible to people with disabilities. By having a group represented then it will be beneficial so that students can feel represented and want to come to campus.
Diana: We want to increase visibility and start conversations about the larger issue of disability on campus.

Motion to approve
Leder/Landoni
Approved

3. External Programs
3.1. ASWU Sound

Ninon: So I was asked for clarification on how many events we are doing and how many hours that is and why we haven’t used that money. I guess that isn’t a bad things though. We have barely been spending anything this semester. There’s a general trend in Willamette right now so that we wait until March and April to have all of our events. January was 2.5 hours. February was 16.5. March was 47. Right now it is 55. That isn’t even accounting for set up, that is just how long the event is. So what we’re seeing is that in January nobody wanted to do anything but now we’re seeing a pickup. I also think that Lu’au is having an extra rehearsal.
I was also asked if we should reduce the amount of funding from $10,000. I’m not the best financial estimator but it does get pretty costly. I think for this semester, we’ll end around 2,000. I guess my main concern with saying anything right now is that I won’t be the manager next year so I don’t call the shots for what will happen. For the current year,
can you take back money?
T Brinster: So next week we'll be approving the office budget and ASWU Sound comes out of that. It is on the table to be discussed right now to change what that is. So new and old exec is thinking about what we can do to make that budget efficient. Right now, the ASWU Sound account is done on an hourly basis and right now there is still about 9,000 out of 10,000 in the account. So Ninon just came in tonight to show that in a few weeks, a lot of those tech wages will be used. But we do need an estimate so that we don't reduce your budget too much.
Ninon: This month is just the month of events where we have the most events. But I do see that there is a lot of leftover money. I would just say that the only thing to think about is how young our team is and to remember that next year their wages will get bumped if they stay on.
T Brinster: Yeah we brought Ninon in tonight just so you all get a precursor of what is up on the table for office budget.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes
Parekh/Leder
Approved

5. Officer Reports
5.1. President Cervantes
P Cervantes: We just had our student forum and the notes can be pulled up. So we begin and had around 52 at our highest point. We started talking about the diversity officer position and nearly everyone agreed that it was a good idea, even if it came at the cost to some faculty. We agreed that without it, administrators couldn't be trusted to work in the interests of students of color. It's been proposed that the officer would have VP power which would let them oversee that people.
We talked about how athletes don't feel like they are actively being reached out to because they are busy and their schedules are not conducive to everything.
Finally, Willamette Academy. So essentially, the conversation went how I thought it would. There was a unified consensus that ASWU should take a more active stance in addressing the issue. Again, it was only 50 students but... There were several summaries of events and then we had a conversation about what activism would look like. People thought that it should be around Bearcat Days and maybe be the form of an occupied space like Jackson Plaza.
Gill: I think we just need to gauge if Senate would be okay with this. There was a consensus that the room wanted us to do something but what shamir shared with me was that students who were involved don't feel safe anymore. If individuals didn't want to participate, they wouldn't need to, but we should decide if we can be a face.
P Cervantes: My ideal plan would be forming an Ad Hoc Committee.
Leder: I’m just confused to what the role we’re taking on is. Are we facilitating the protest are we doing outreach? It’s very unclear what form this is taking.
Wellman: We talked about a clear majority of people in the room that said that they wanted a protest to be done. And Bearcat day was the target. And then the majority of people said they wanted ASWU to organize that on Bearcat Days.
Parekh: I have a gigantic problem with doing this protest on Bearcat Days for a couple of reasons. A) New students are coming to campus and when that is happening, some may be interested in issues of social justice and doing this may remove the positionality of it. Also, I think it’s a little sacrilegious since we also do the naked run.
Brownlee: My concern is, I want to make sure that there are students that administrators are willing to talk to. I don’t want Liz to go into this and have administrators think that she planned a protest.
Parekh: My last thing is, who is your target audience? Most administrators are caught up all day.
Proxy Ward: I think Bearcat day is a neccesity because of the audience. People are going to invest money into Willamette and despite all the things we’ve done, nothing has happened. At the point were in where they are failing to uphold this issue, I don’t think that the reform should be that ASWU pushed the protest but that ASWU back the protest. That would bring some ananimity.
Landoni: I just… Uh…. This would have been a great conversation to be having with the 50 students who came to talk to us today. 5 senators today were at the meeting. People were passionate and trying to have this conversation and it’s hard to try and reconceive these ideas. I don’t know how we can support something when 5 senators came to this. I wish those 50 students were here so we could have a holistic debate.
Leder: I agree with you. I wish I could have been there and this is something that I have been working on so I’m a little offended by your comment. I am someone who is very passionate about Willamette Academy and things for students of color. But the issue for me is that Bearcat Days… I don’t know what form this would take and that concerns me. We do want people to listen and we want people to have conversations in the future. In respect of proxy ward, I do want to be respectful of the progress has been made. And Senate has been incline to put their name to this in the past and I don’t see why people would hesitate to do that in the future. I think we need to plan the protest more but I do really think the idea of an Ad Hoc will be very beneficial.
P. Cervantes: I think that if we do choose to attach our names to this, it does give us some choice in this. If we do attach our name to this then I think that we have some choice about where and when things happen.
Wellman: Just to talk to why they wanted it to be on bearcat Days. I do agree that we should choose when it is but the target audience is the prospective students. What the University cares about is this group of students that are coming in and
giving them money. So giving those students who are coming an honest view of what the administration is saying...

Brownlee: My question is... who has the power? Do prospective student have that? I think if we are talking about leveraging power then I think that is where we need to go. I think that if we put our name on this then I think we need to be weary of Bearcat days because what will this mean 6 months from now if we are closing doors that don’t have to be closed.

P. Cervantes: Someone else did bring up the idea that we threaten to do something on Bearcat Days and then just plan it or another day. I think that we are not necessarily constrained by ethical moves here. If we do choose to take this on, there will be people who choose to act against it.

Kittleson: Well, one of the things that came up was that people didn’t want to do that sort of double take. One thing that came up was doing it in Waller Hall because it was a little more removed.

Steffy: I just want to point out that administrators aren’t really in that building that day.

P. Cervantes: I would suggest that maybe Senate make a motion to create an Ad Hoc committee.

Parekh: I was just going to say that if we do form this committee, then time is of the essence. Just from a purely organizational standpoint, can we do this effectively and as artfully as the last protest? I just don’t think this is enough time.

P. Cervantes: Just to be clear, we decided to promote purely through social media about 2 days.

Brownlee: I thought that was powerful because it had no governing body attached to it.

Steffy: Is the Ad Hoc going to have sole jurisdiction over if ASWU’s name is on the protest or not?

P. Cervantes: I would say yes because then we wouldn’t have to wait to get things done and voted on in Senate.

Saiki: Okay. So. Uhm. I think that with the email that Shamir sent out, it seems pretty clear that our ASWU President is being disregarded. I think that Shamir needs to craft an ultimatum that will be sent to the Senate. And then send that to Marlene Moore and Thorsett. If that is truly what is happening and people are getting shut out of conversations, then I think that some sort of ultimatum has to happen now. If that doesn’t happen then I would be interested in us having an ASWU sponsored event. Because it’s the President who is being shut out and talked around. Theoretically, this isn’t even about WA. It’s about student voices being ignored.

Motion that President Cervantes draft a letter tonight to be sent through Google Docs to be sent off on Friday, tomorrow, by 5pm. ASWU could provide feedback and sign their names if they want. It will be sent on Monday to Marlene Moore and President Thorsett with a deadline for the
ultimatum by Wednesday. If they do not respond by Wednesday, the letter would be sent to campus as a whole.
Saiki/Leder
Approved

Steffy: So this is coming from ASWU?
Brownlee: It would be open for Senators to sign.

5.2. Treasurer Brinster
T. Brinster: On a different note. The current exec and outgoing exec review the office budget. We'll present that next week to ASWU. Today the Spring Round 3 allocation was due. Next week only one club will be presenting to us and Jake will be presenting about Ksig. Also today, Dean Douglass came and talked to us about Montag being renovated. And we came to a consensus that finance committee wants to put in some money but we don’t know where it is from. Jlaw signed our papers but they haven’t been processed by accounting. Again, I’m transitioning Dana. And I'll be meeting with here to talk about the operating budget for the coming week.

5.3. VP Brownlee
VP Brownlee: We’re doing elections right now and a lto fo you haven’t met with me. So do that. We are also trying to hire a new ASP mentor. We are also trying to choose who we want for commencement but that hasn’t quite happened yet. Kristen and I have finally gotten things done and met to transition in a very casual way.

6. Judicial Report
Danielle: We went through the 4 versions of the bylaws. The most recent one is November 2014. Some of the things we talked about is listed above and we wondered if you would like to discuss what is different.
Brownlee: So basically, I met with Nina before she left and this is our first view for which bylaws from these we want to adopt. We are not voting but we will be voting next week. Danielle: We’ll send out and email next week so that you can just decide which options you like/want. We talked about Article 2. Article III Section 1 is about official meeting and the discrepancy was about informing before. This next one lets you choose your attendance policy. This one talks about withdrawals to the endowment. Then This is the important one. This is the endowment.
T. Brinster: Two years ago we used 25,000 for the Card Swipe. But also we did clubs when Brad and Greg were here. So it seems like we might be doing every year but we need to make sure that we are giving the endowment time to grow.
Danielle: We also talked about how you’ll have the right to choose these bylaws. We also talked about the bills you sent us. The OAC bill needs some clear percentages. The wages bill needs a formatting change. CRP bill needs a bylaw statement. We wanted to
talk about having extenuating circumstances. Finally this bill. We had a problem because we kind of already do that. We want more details about the clubs and how they are spending their money. We want to know if it refers specifically to the WEB and Collegian specifically.
Wellman: For the bills you just listed, are you going to let us know when we discuss them?
Danielle: We made comments and if they weren’t changed, they weren’t changed.
Uphoff: Clarification, I made those changes. Those were my bills.

7. New Business

7.1. Finance Reform Bills

7.1.1. Requirement and Exception Bill (5 minutes maximum)

Uphoff: These two bills address some of the key elements that are in Jake’s bill to kind of refine things. The first portion is that budget requests include specific line item breakdowns. For example they ask for a food precedent and they don’t explain what the food they are buying is or what it is for. Next is that cost per head items are only for things that fall outside precedents. That’s all for that bill.
Saiki: Sooooo. The main concern that I have, which is why I wish we were discussing my bill, is that I’ve had multiple conversations with Lisa and she recommended that the student impact bill not be for things that surpass precedents. And clubs don’t know. So she suggested writing it in so that there is a cap.
Leder: I would strongly encourage… We are leaving. But I do think that Jake has done a lot of work so I encourage you two to have a conversation.

7.1.2. Cap Bill (5 minutes maximum)

Uphoff: So this says that the line item requests are clarified.

7.1.3. Pre-Semester Allocation Bill (5 minutes maximum)

Saiki: So I made a lot of changes thanks to the work of Senator… Maya what is your last name? Senator Gordon and Lisa Holliday. Pre-Allocation requests are very important because months would go by before clubs could do anything once breaks end. Lisa and I noticed that the clubs who make these requests are also larger and have more institutional memory. So essentially another concern that I had was that for clubs to make requests in the semester, the last day you can make a request is March 3rd. So like… Smaller clubs or events, there just aren’t funding opportunities. And when there are funding opportunities, they have to wait four months to get that money. So it basically says that if clubs need it they can get the money and it will keep the semester budgets in line.
T. Brinster: My only hesitancy is that, what if a club doesn’t have an event until the end of a semester. Can they reserve funds?
Saiki: No, they can totally do that.
Wellman: So it's Spring Round 3 and I'm a club who wants to get my budget for the fall. But this would come from Spring?
Saiki: Spring request would come from Spring. Fall request s would come from Fall. This allows clubs to make a 3rd request.

8. Old Business
8.1. Finance Reform Bills
8.1.1. WEB/Collegian Bill
Saiki: Uh. So. This bill. The biggest thing. I've talked to the advisor. I've also talked to Liz and Keaton. What it comes down to is that the Collegian was not contacted in a serious way of getting this bill implemented. What we are really trying to do is put things... passing this would allow things to stay the way they are now and let next year's ASWU figure out a plan that really works.
Brownlee: The Collegian and WEB were invited to come in. I talked to Maddie who had a medical emergency but she said that WEB is prepared to go whatever way. I don't know why the Collegian is not here.
Saiki: Like Lisa was saying, the Collegian has never had a budget and they haven't for hundreds of years. The Collegian isn't ready to take this on.
Parekh: I was on this committee last year and we met with the Collegian. Also, I'm a leadership consultant and I worked with Emily to get this done for both of them. I just have different information than you.
Saiki: I have a weekly meeting with Emily and I know that she didn't like this bill. She was glad I was a Senator so I could change a crappy bill.
P. Cervantes: I don't want to take a full stance on this bill but I do think that percentages make sense. I would like to have an amount to budget for if I was a club rather than just trying to put something together.
Saiki: I just want to set the foundation again for this. I am SO behind oversight. With the way this institution and graduation works, starting with Fall semester.... Liz has already reached out to Keaton who is taking over as Editor and Cheif so they can figure something out. I am reluctant to get involved with this since I'm leaving. I want a new bill so that we can give this to underclassmen.
Saiki: I am against adding on these things before we have talked to these groups.

Motion to Approve
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Motion Fails

8.1.2. CRP
Wellman: So this is like my first time talking about it. Also no one told me I needed to make changes...

Motion to approve
Parekh/Gill
Something we talked about earlier in club approval is that if we have all this money in unallocated fund, we need to be careful because it could encourage poor financial decisions.

Motion to amend the bill to put the extra $10,000 into the endowment rather than into unallocated funds.
Gordon/Uphoff
Approved

Saiki: I talked to Lisa about this and she encouraged us to look at student fees. They currently increase by about $1 every year and she thinks we should take into account how schools around us and how they fund programs.
Gordon: When we discussed using this extra money for Montag, maybe we should not move this bill at this time.
T. Brinster: We would withdraw money from the CRP Balance before the end of the semester so then we would have Montag before that.

Motion to amend the bill to enact the bill at the close of the 2016 Spring Semester.
Gill/Kittleson
Approved

Motion to approve the bill
Leder/Carlan
Approved

8.1.3. Remaining Budget Bill
Morita: I added an explanation of what the specific semester allocations are and I added the parts to make it like the bylaws.

Motion to approve
Parekh/Gill
15/0/1
Approved

9. Senate Reports
Gill: Facilities is going to buy green bins for our paper towel program. I am going to make real signs and then if it goes well, I'll apply for funding through the green fund next year.

10. For the Good of the Order
Uphoff: I had a question for Treasurer Brinster. Did you want to discuss further the funding for Montag?
Hartman: Can we take money out of the CRP?

T. Brinster: Dean Douglass didn't specify an amount but I think he only needs about 40,000 more. If it's every 2 years then we can't spend money this year. But if it's every year then we could spend about 16,000 out of the endowment. But I was thinking we could take money from the CRP and that would need judicial approval. But it is a student center and a student space. I am just recommending that we don't give more than 16,000. I think it might be easier to pull from the CRP now and then take what is left, after Jack's bill, and put it into the endowment. I don't think you need a bill necessarily but I think you need a motion to say that yes that is something that ASWU wants to do. But I think that CRP is something that Judicial would be fine with and... I don't really know what that mission is.

P. Cervantes: I just want to thank you all for taking the position that you all did on Willamette Academy. I am really proud of this body for making that decision and I think taking more of an advocacy position is a really big step for us. At Whitman, they have initiated the protest movements within student government and they have had a lot more success. They are in the middle of a divestment push which they attribute to their activism. I just... Thank you again.

Kittleson: Mu Phi is dancing at Serenades this weekend! Go watch them!

Leder: Tracy Hoffman is on Sunday. If you have questions, talk to Jake.

11. Adjournment (VP Brownlee)

   Motion to adjourn
   Kittleson/Leder
   Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59pm