My Fellow Students,

I encourage you to read the following report regarding the activities of your student government during the past semester and plans for the rest of the academic year. Additionally, I have attached a presentation featuring my plan to increase the effectiveness of ASWU in addressing student concerns, which I created over the break after numerous conversations with students, alumni, and a local civil rights activist whom I was mentored by. The development of this plan was motivated by your calls for greater representation in and impact on campus politics—two of the main promises I made to you when I ran for office. It consists of proposed changes to ASWU Senate meetings, a codification of ASWU’s capabilities, and the creation of some powers for students-at-large (see step 6). Please be aware that I do not have the authority to implement most of these changes, therefore I am working with the ASWU Senate so they may refine and implement the elements of the plan they approve of; several improvements have already been made based on their feedback. I am confident that your senators, whom are more experienced in ASWU than I am, and just as dedicated to your representation, will soon arrive at a consensus over a more developed version of the current plan so we may better meet your expectations. I am choosing to show you a preliminary version now in the interest of transparency, so that you are prepared and not surprised by any upcoming changes.

President Cervantes

This past semester I have:
- Created a reporting system for student reps. serving on committees, managed by the external programs committee. In order to increase transparency about committee proceedings, all reports are available to students upon request (contact: Liz Hartman <ehartman>).
- Worked with the Collegian to feature report summaries in their paper through the Campus Development Report, in order to increase awareness of potential and upcoming changes to campus.
- Co-hosted a successful student forum with the Philomathean Society President.
- Appointed student representatives to various university committees.
- Re-appointed an justices to the ASWU Judicial Branch.
- Delivered a report of student concerns to the Board of Trustees CLA Committee and represented students in the general BOT session.
- Voiced student dissatisfaction with the processes of university policy creation and space allocation.

This semester I'll be:
- Working with the ASWU Senate to increase student-at-large interaction with ASWU by advocating for the integration of student forums with Senate meetings and providing students-at-large direct access to ASWU powers.
- Working with student reps and the Senate to increase support for student reps and the effectiveness of the ASWU Senate in representing student interests.
- Creating a plan to increase CLA and ASP students through funded recruitment events hosted by various clubs.
- Supporting any initiatives arising during student forums.

I welcome feedback or questions regarding any of these items, and I encourage you to visit me during my office hours to discuss this report or anything else you want to talk about. My office hours are M,F: 3-4pm; T,W,TH: 12:30-1:30pm. If you cannot visit me during my office hours, you can schedule a meeting with me through my calendar, which is linked to in my email signature.

Vice President Brownlee

Oversees the Senate, comprised of five representatives from each CLA class and one from the American Studies Program. Additionally, she chairs the Elections Commission, which oversees all ASWU elections. Becca also serves on the Greek
Housing Board, the Capital Projects Advisory Committee, and the Search Committee for the Vice President of Campus Life. Please contact her with your thoughts on these matters.

Last semester, Senate accomplished the following projects:
- Refined club funding request procedures and precedents
- Discussed the state of mental health resources on campus and began working with Bishop Wellness Center to improve awareness and access to services
- Partnered with the Outdoor Program to provide trips and programming rooted in sustainability
- Added security cameras to bike racks
- Began discussing the feasibility of divestment
- Promoted workshops and events provided by Native American Programs to discuss Willamette's institutional origins

This semester, Senate is continuing work on these issues:
- Host a Mental Health Matters week promoting mental health awareness and broadcasting campus resources
- Provide an Opportunity Fair for students to network with potential employers
- Improve lighting and safety resources
- Install condom/dental dam boxes
- Add additional security cameras to parking lots
- Foster further discussion and programming about Willamette's institutional roots

Senate is eager to hear your ideas for improvements you want made around campus!

Treasurer Brinster

In past years, ASWU has collected roughly $180,000 per semester in student fees and this semester looks to continue that trend. For the upcoming semester we should see slightly less than $14,500 available to allocate to student organizations because ASWU Senate funded clubs above and beyond the amount that was available to use this past fall semester. This is a slightly smaller amount than has been available for allocation in the past, and thus there is a greater chance that requests may not be fully funded, however that should not prevent organizations from requesting funds that they would like and see a use for. For more information regarding how much money was allocated, please refer to the ASWU Finance page. On the Finance page you will find links to the different budgets (Google spreadsheets) that were approved and allocated by ASWU this past fall.

In other news, ASWU and ASWU Finance Board passed two new bills this Fall Semester 2015 that affect club/organization funding. The first bill that was passed was the “Bill to Update ASWU Funding Requirements and Precedents.” This bill was passed in order to help clarify some of the existing precedents, and also to allow funding for things that have historically not been funded by ASWU such as travel and lodging for speakers. The second bill that was passed was the “Role of the ASWU Treasurer Bill.” This bill was passed because the ASWU Treasurer and Finance Board wanted to provide more explicit guidelines for the Treasurer’s position. Moreover, the current Treasurer Caroline Brinster, saw a need for more transparency in this position and wanted judicial oversight of the funding/reimbursement process. Both of these bills can be found on the ASWU Resolutions and Bills webpage.

Thank you for your continued efforts and courtesies,
Caroline Brinster

Chief Justice Dabit

This semester, Judicial has worked primarily on streamlining the workings of Senate by improving oversight of the Treasurer in carrying out budget allocations through direct presence and approval of reimbursements and initial allocations as to secure financial stability in the present and future. We’ve also worked to make improvements in the way that Senate
is run by creating more specific deadlines within the Constitution and Bylaws for higher levels of efficiency and effectiveness.

Much of Judicial’s activity remains confidential as we are largely involved in mediation and hearing proceedings for accountability of on-campus officers, most specifically those elected into ASWU. Should you find issue with club leadership, Judicial can offer you mediation in order to air concerns and may also hear direct complaints for the proceedings and officials of ASWU through the Judicial Complaint form present on the ASWU section of the Willamette Website or in a direct email to myself (<ndabit>).

We are always looking to expand the services we can provide to students. Feel free to either directly let us know your suggestions or apply to be a part of Judicial when Justice positions open up.

Thanks,
Nina Dabit