ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 25 • 6:45 p.m. • Ford 102

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call (Clerk Gangstad)

2. Approval of the Agenda

   Motion to approve the agenda
   Hartman/Parekh
   Approved

3. Approval of the Minutes

   Motion to approve the minutes
   Leder/Saiki
   Approved

4. External Programs (President Cervantes)
   Cervantes: We haven’t been able to meet yet which is partly my fault but I think that maybe you should just volunteer to fill these positions. It’s in the bylaws that the person has to be from external programs but maybe we could vote to get around that. I do have a couple of student who are here as proxy student representatives who were invited to the Board of Trustees meeting and who are here to present.

   4.1. WEB
   Louisa: We’re Willamette Events Board! Tonight we are here to talk about the reports we submit to improve transparency. So we report to ASWU each week. We also have meetings in the Autzen conference room each week. We have Canvass and Coffee this Friday. Black Tie is next Saturday. Then we have the Open Mic Night for Bearcat Days. It should be fun we’ve done that in the past! We have a movie evening March 15th. Spring Fest April 1st. April 29th we have our last event for this semester.
   Peter: So that is what is coming up. On Monday February 1st we had Shane & Emily. We had 200 students come and it was about $9.49 per head. Valentines Crafting was $2.96 per head. The Student activist was about $13.00 per head. The Good Dinosaur viewing was last night and we will have per head price for that next week!
   Louisa: We are hiring for our new exec positions. According to our bylaws we need an ASWU rep for our hiring meetings. That’s really all we have though.
   Peter: Thanks for having us!
5. Officer Reports

5.1. President Cervantes

P. Cervantes: So I got an email from the student body president from Eckerd College in Florida. She wants to start a relationship which I don’t think was a bad idea but I don’t know that it’s great. If you have ideas for us to discuss please email us.

More interesting, the Board of Trustees meeting happened this weekend. The conversation was focused a lot on Willamette Academy and I’ll have student reps address that in a bit. So we began with an update from the Alumni Board. Linda Kelly told us that they are focusing on encouraging engagement and leadership among alumni. Monica gave a report on the budget. She said there has been trouble in the market so the endowments are growing but not as much as it has been in the past. So things are good... but not as good as expected.

So the FT, which is Fall Term enrollment, is down. Monica says that she thinks this good be good because graduation rates are up but it is still concerning that there was that drop. A trustee, who it was I forget, said they’re reducing the endowment spend rate from 6% to 4.5% over a 5 year period. Monica did confirm this. Someone raised a concern about the large portion of the budget being given to capital endowments but they said it’s mainly for tearing down Haseldorf.

Monica also gave a report on risk management and that the university is going to increase on cracking down on risk. It’s more proactive, since we have good insurance, but they want to focus on serving alcohol on campus, title IX, etc. Trustees raised the issue that sometimes risk can be good so we shouldn’t avoid it unnecessarily. Monica agreed.

After that the conversation was mainly surrounding Willamette Academy. Jackie Rushing gave a report about micro-aggressions and hate speech which she thought should be cut down on within the community. The Board did like the demonstration. They thought it was a sign of the healthy campus. They were pretty split but it was clear that they couldn’t vote to do anything about it. The main concern was the break of an ethical promise with the university. Most did acknowledge that the plan was flawed. I gave a report on the last day about how that plan was good but not what the community wanted. The plan cuts the program from around 250 to 40 and they have very high requirements. This doesn’t help minority students in the same way since those high achievers will probably be able to get into college without this program. It’ll look great on paper but this doesn’t mean it’ll be good for the community.

We also talked about the errors in the report from Dean Moore noticed by students and alums. She said that there were 100 incoming students in the program but it’s actually more like 40 or 30. Basically the data is, I don’t want to say manipulated but, maybe not as well considered as it could be. So I think we have some good students here to talk about why we still shouldn’t support the new plan that the university wants to put in place. Thalia is a graduate and mentor for the Academy and Ana is a mentor and a member for the task force.
Thalia: I’ve been involved with the academy for the last 9 years as a student, volunteer, and mentor. Our main concern is the university breaking the promise that they made to those 250 families. During those interviews, families are asked if they are willing to make a 5 year commitment to the program and for those families who said yes, it heartbreaking to think that the university won’t honor that. I know students on campus are upset about this and it’s been very frustrating for them.

Ana: I think to add to that, we’re cutting down on the bottom ones who are the students who need the most help. There’s also Project Promise for students who couldn’t do the Academy but still want the support and resources. And that was cut, so if you are a winner then we aren’t going to help you. Which defeats the purpose of the academy like Shamir said. Those successful students are also going to go to college like Shamir said. The acceptance to the new academy is based solely on GPA which seems counter intuitive since Willamette is a wholistic institution.

P. Cervantes: I bring this up because there are still groups organizing. I know students on campus as well as students at the Academy have been organizing and I hope as student reps you continue to support us.

Landoni: What can we do to provide support as we go forward?

P. Cervantes: We aren’t sure yet but I think for now supporting efforts would be the biggest thing.

Leder: Just to add onto that I think continuing the conversation will be important. Just because it doesn’t effect your day to day doesn’t mean that it doesn’t affect others. Just so you all know, I’m part of the WASL course and it’s a critical way of looking at service here at Willamette. So on Tuesday the WASL took a vote on if we were going to continue our service to the Academy, because if we did then we were told that we had to openly support the program. So now 18 students are going to back out and also stop giving their four hours a week. So we are standing in solidarity with students who are paid workers who are also stepping back. We also all sent emails to jackie, Dean Moore, Rita, and President Thorsett about our personal decisions about why we stopped working.

Ana: I want to add on that a lot of us were allowed to choose between continuing to work and also supporting the activism.

P. Cervantes: I asked Ms. Rushing about this on Monday and she said that it was “for student protection” and that was all she was going to say.

Landoni: So basically any staffer or volunteer who doesn’t agree is being cut?

Thalia: Basically we were supposed to not question the changes or speak out, and if students asked we were supposed to send them to Rita. So we filed concerns with HR and we told them about the bad environment and the hours being cut. So they told us that we could move departments or we could stay if they could get our hours back. So that combined with the hostile working environment was difficult as students.
Ana: I also stayed after to talk to HR and they told us that if we stayed they have control over what we do and also our hours.

Becca: Just so you all know, Adam Torgerson from Communications emailed me and asked if any of you wanted to talk to him. I think we should be careful not to speak for Willamette Academy or Senate as a whole, but obviously that is an option on the table. If you have any ideas or reservations about that it would be appreciated.

P. Cervantes: I think if you have questions you should ask me and I'll give you my answer. Then you can compare that to what Adam tells you.

Gill: I just wanted to say thank you for coming in and taking the time to address us and inform us.

5.2. Treasurer Brinster

T. Brinster: I just wanted to let you know that a few things have gone through on the GL report. So the office budget, WEB, and Collegian have all gone through. I'm still waiting on the endowment roll over to go through. But I've also done all of the Spring and Pre-Spring. So right now unallocated is between $60,000.00 and $65,000.00. After this it will be at about -$17,000.00 and if we include the keys trip then it will be closed to $23,000.00. That would come out of Collegiate Readership Program.

So I sent out the budget and we'll be scheduling appointments for clubs over and under 1,500. Last monday we met for the finance task force. And that was Jake's idea that we go through and change some budget precedents. Next week we are meeting on Monday and Tuesday to draft some bill ideas from what we brainstormed. We talked about club buy in, return on investment, and other things. We stayed pretty much the whole time.

We also had club approval and we approved one club, Bearcat robotics, and we invited them to come next week. We also have a number of club who are almost ready to go after they make some bitty gritty changes. Also, I've fully transitioned to using Kyle since Emily has finally taken her maternity leave!

5.3. VP Brownlee

VP Brownlee: SO this week I hopefully election commision will finalize the packet for exec elections. I'll email the student body tonight to let them know that we'll be hosting meeting next week. Elections will be that week before spring break. Also my position is tasked with finding a commencement speaker and a student musical group to perform at graduation. I have 10 lovely people who will be helping me so just let me know if you have ideas for what we should all be looking for.

Tomorrow I am selecting an ASP Senator. I'll be the only ASWU Rep. there so if you have any input let me know! We have 9 people applying so it's the largest group ever! Also, Dana has graciously agreed to serve on the SSRD committee. So if anyone wants to join her let me know! I just think it would be
great to always have an ASWU Rep there. Emily? Wonderful! I don't think it'll be too big. Thank you!

6. Judicial Report
CJ Dabit: Okay. Couple things. Most recent thing. Talking about using the CRP for a project that Uphoff, Morita, and Lyons, are talking about putting printers in the UC. But overall we think that readership is linked to doing you reading. Also the Florida Keys trip. I want to clarify that it seems like there’s an oversight but we actually don’t. We aren’t involved in it but... Also I have to do a Robert’s Rules of Order.

Motion to move “Outdoor Program Florida Trip” up on the agenda
Gill/Leder
Approved

7. Old Business
7.1. Outdoor Program Florida Trip
VP Brownlee: Okay so just a reminder that Anelise is here to discuss with us some questions about the Florida trip. I just want to remind you to be consistent. Keep in mind that we have a task force working on this and setting precedents but just to avoid targeting certain groups.
Anelise: Thank you for having me! I’m here to night to clarify any questions you might have about the Florida Keys Spring Break Trip, why we do long trips, and why it’s important for Willamette. I want to preface this with the fact that I am not going on this trip. But I know people who have found them very useful. I know someone who went on our Alaska trip and it changed their view of Willamette as an institution and also about college they didn’t end up transferring because of this. We keep our costs low because, as I’ve said, Accessibility. We are requesting a total of 5,180. That’s only a tiny portion of what we are paying for this trip. We requested it because we didn’t think it went against any precedents. We are paying 800 per participant out of funds we have fund raised. Lodging, correct me if i’m wrong, but there is not precedent against that. Is there anything else I should cover or do you have questions?
Saiki: Two questions. What’s the total cost and how do you fundraise?
Anelise: Trip fees. We rent gear and then we save up that money and spend it on stuff like this. Total cost, I don’t have the number on the top of my head, but if you want to multiply 800 by 8 people and then all those costs. People are paying for their own food. I can whip up that number if you want. Okay. Internet calculators suck. Can someone pull out their phone. So total cost is 11,960. Which is about twice of what we fundraised.
Saiki: I thought the trip fees subsidise trips that they are associated with?
Anelise: Yes, we are charging $300.00 per person.
Gill: Well I’m sorry that I dragged you in here but it was my idea. I wanted you to talk about this budget but I’m hoping that we can have people who are invested
at Willamette be involved in the budgetary process. So the problem we are running into is that we can't keep funding everything the way we have been. We can't keep pulling money out of thin air. So do you have suggestions for things that would be helpful for you when making budgets?

Anelise: So I think the task force is great. It would be helpful to set a precedent for lodging or just trips in general. I know there might be an issue with paying for parts of plane tickets. And what I'm going off it just what I've seen with other clubs. So if you have to make more precedents I would just say that it makes it easier on you and also the clubs. I also think publishing the amount of fund available for clubs at the end of each semester. Like, it would be helpful to know that we get 10% of the funding so we know how to plan for that.

Leder: I know something we run into is when we're making these decisions is that these trips are already planned. But do you think it's feasible to ask the program to have those trips planned earlier so that we could see them.

Anelise: Yes. That would definitely help our planning process since we plan everything during break so if we had that leeway ahead of time that would be helpful.

Gill: Just so you know, we do a spring allocation and that money comes from the fall. just so you know. It wouldn't even be coming from the previous years fund but yeah.

Parekh: So with WEB and Collegian we fund differently, we do a percentage allocation and I wonder if that would be more helpful or more limiting?

Anelise: I think it would be more helpful but I also think it needs to be run Brian Schmidt.

Saiki: One of the things we were talking about at the task force last night is, do you think we could get info on how many unique students participate in outdoor trips? Also, Senator Ekstrom pointed out that the request from this semester is triple the amount of money from last spring. I was wondering if you could talk about that.

Anelise: Yeah, I did. We have over 1,000 students participating which is over half the student body. Every trip has a waitlist, a waitlist big enough to fill a whole other van. I just think the program is important and that it's good for the university.

Motion to approve the budget as presented
Gill/Steffy

CJ Dabit: So, the only reason we are looking at this is because it is from the Collegiate Readership program. We cannot be charging people money for things we don't use it for. If we look at the Alaska trip it was simply fraud. We need to look at how we represent the student body. It's my job to make sure you do that. Judicial doesn't care if you fund the trip but they care that you fund the trip with the Collegiate Readership Money.
Liz: I guess the rest of my question is why does it make a difference with the rest of the ODP stuff we funded? Can you explain to me why this is different than the rest of the outdoor program money.

CJ Dabit: Well the thing is that the none of the Outdoor Program should have been funded with the Collegiate Readership program.

Gill: Well I still don't get it. I just know that the first time you said yes so I went into the whip meeting with that impression.

CJ Dabit: Well I guess I was unclear, so I'm sorry about that. But none of that should have been funded.

Gill: So is it Constitutional to fund the Collegian? Don't we fund through a big pot of money?

Landoni: Yield time to Treasurer Brinster.

T. Brinster: Let me say a couple things. I want to reiterate this because you weren't here, Nina. The CRP was supposed to stop collecting money once it reached $10,000.00. Thing is that it's at $86,000.00 right now, which means that the account has been collecting money for about four more years than it should have been. That money should have been placed in unallocated funds. My second point is that if we just gave them all the unallocated funds it would still cover the cost of the whole...

VP Brownlee: Landoni do you want the floor back?

Landoni: No, this is great!

CJ Dabit: I'm not trying to fight with people. It's my job to enforce your bylaws. They suck. They suck really bad. These bylaws contradict each other. So what Caroline is talking about is the .50 cent surcharge. Is that really getting us to $87,000.00?

T. Brinster: Well it's at $86,000.00 right now because we just had a USA Today charge.

VP Brownlee: Okay so we're funding this only right now so...

Landoni: Well where are we going to get this money if we don't do it?

**Motion to amend the previous motion to say that “This budget be unallocated, funded through the Unallocated funds account, and fund what the unallocated fund doesn’t cover with the CRP.”**

Parekh/Gill

Approved

Sheldon: So I'm just some guy who wandered in from the quad but I think the amendment makes sense. I think it works with the bizarre rules you have to follow. I was not advised on how to vote but I would like to use this platform to say that I am enthusiastic about the reforms being undertaken by Senator Saiki's platform. I really appreciate everything that Anelise said but I also think that if we sent everyone on a trip to Alaska, we would have great retention! But we can't do
that. So I would just go ahead and say that it would be good to move to that percentage.

**Motion to amend the previous motion to pass the budget with the Unallocated funds account, and fund what the unallocated fund doesn’t cover with the CRP.”**

Parekh/Gill
Approved

8. Judicial
CJ Dabit: Okay so basically Robert’s Rules. So how many of you didn’t have experience with Robert’s Rules before Senate? So we do things not necessarily with every facet of Robert’s Rules because we don’t really need it but let’s go through the basic things so you know what Becca does when she does things. First she calls the room to order. Then Clerk Gangstad calls the role to check that we have Quorum which I believe is ¾’s. You can move to debate, moe to amend, Move to suspend the rules, move to a recess, move to end debate. Move to debate is the same things as discuss. You move to approve like Liz and then someone has to motion to previous question so that we can take a vote on whatever is being discussed. To do this you need a super majority which is ⅔. Usually you don’t have problems with that but… You can also move to amend. Move to suspend the rules. Which is why I am here. You can’t suspend them all at once because then you couldn’t adjourn. You move to suspend the rules to “not need floor yielding” or whatever you specifically want. Then you can motion to return to the normal rules. Move to approve is also move to a vote. Doesn’t matter. Move to table, I don’t know if you hear this a lot but what we just discussed was something that we tabled. You give a date and time so that people know when to pick it back up. A recess means that you get a break so maybe when there is a lot of tension. Move to adjourn obviously ends the meeting. Every motion you do needs to be seconded. Most only need a majority but some need a super majority. Point of privilege doesn’t need a second because that’s something wrong with the room or your person. So points of order are when something is procedurally being done wrong. So when there’s a budget precedent that isn’t being followed you could interrupt and do a point of order. Points of information are basically “I need more info on this.” Point of privilege is like, is the room too cold are people yelling at you. It allowed you to go to the bathroom. I do want to say that I won’t be super hard on these rules but I do care when it’s procedural and it helps the minutes. Also, people hate yielding. So Becca automatically has the floor. She can give it to whoever raises their hand or whoever she wants. When someone drops the floor it always returns to Becca. Also, Exec can’t actually have a voice so that’s why we need you to yield to us.

9. Senate Reports
9.1. Senator Gill
Gill: Uhm. I’m not gunna lie. I don’t have a lot to report at this point… I’ve been in contact with a lot of facilities people but Joe Abraham got copied in and now he
wants to meet with me. But the facilities people seem really gung ho about working with me. Also, I know there are other people doing similar projects but I am working on paper towel composting in on campus bathrooms.

VP Brownlee: Could maybe the food recovery network maybe aid in this? Those are at least people committed to this.

Saiki: Was your plan originally to get rid of all paper towel waste? I know Linfield got rid of theirs.

Gill: It was but I just don’t know how feasible it is.

9.2. Senator Carlin

Carlin: I’m doing a voter registration event next Tuesday during Super Tuesday. I need people to help me man those tables. I’ll be sending out a google form later tonight so please let me know if you can help!

9.3. Senator Parekh

Parekh: So my senate project is trying to change the pay structure so we get bi-weekly pay checks. So I think HR is the way to go about this and I know a couple of you emailed me and as soon as I hear back from the HR department I’ll let you know. It probably won’t get done this year but perhaps the next year.

Steffy: So I talked to Ross Stout about this and he was so amped that he ordered 25 sprays that are completely funded by campus safety. Also, when he gets back on March 7th, that’s when we will do it.

VP Brownlee: Ross emailed me and they’re setting a date to meet with us. I’m going to ask for trends, what is and is not working, and also what they would like to do. Sorry, keep going Kate.

Steffy: I just wanted to say that I know that some people are pretty split on this so if you get questions, please send people to me. Marketing will be pretty limited to respect the wants and needs.

Saiki: So the Collegian, like WEB, is also doing hiring for the Exec Team. So if you’re interested in doing the business manager or Editor in chief then let me know. I also need 1 senate rep for the hiring process. ALSO, I made a post in the ASWU Facebook page about the Tracy Hoffman run. And I’m not very naive in thinking that there will be an ASWU team but you are all involved so I figured I would put it out there.

VP Brownlee: Okay, does anyone else have Senate Reports?

Saiki: Ohhh, whoops. I thought this was GtO.

10. For the Good of the Order

Leder: This is the closing weekend of Vincent in Brixton. Everyone put in a lot of effort so please go see it! I’m going on Saturday.

P. Cervantes: Just asking, does anyone have an update on the refocusing plan task force?
Saiki: Yeah. I have a 7 hour Collegian retreat this Sunday and after that I will be working on making this task force.

11. Adjournment (VP Brownlee)

   Motion to adjourn
   Gill/Steffy
   Approved

   Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM