ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 17 • 7:00 p.m. • Ford 102

1. Call to Order
   Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

2. Roll Call (Clerk Carstens)

3. Approval of the Agenda
   Motion to move up the Collegian update
   Chen/Lund
   Approved

   Motion to add Clay to Senate Reports
   Clay/Lund
   Approved

   Motion to approve the agenda
   Landoni/Uphoff
   Approved

4. Collegian Update
   Merideath Marshburn: So our budget is very similar to what we presented last year. We have categories like printing, website, licenses, supplies, and this year we are paying people for training out of payroll. We are efficiently training people so that they are more efficient in the long run. We have two exec members, writers, photography. This number for staff payroll is what people have been recording throughout the semester. $9.75 is the pay rate.

5. Approval of the Minutes
   Motion to approve the minutes
   Troesken/Landoni
   Approved

6. External Programs Reports (President Gill)
   P. Gill: So this week in EP we held off doing anything until we see how this bill plays out. We want to see how this resolves before we proceed. We are trying to do a better job of creating procedures and documenting what we are doing.

7. Officer Reports
   President Gill
P. Gill: I have been having meetings just about campus climate and things that admins can be doing to help us and promote better community. I’m in the middle of those types of talks this week. This has been a crazy week for all of us, but that is mostly what I’ve been up to.

Treasurer Morita
T. Morita: I don’t have anything new this week. Last week I worked with Kyle Flowers to clarify ASWU’s role with Student organizations. Club advisors don’t really understand what ASWU’s role is so I wanted to clarify that.

VP Kittelson
VP Kittelson: If you won’t be coming back to Senate next semester for any reason please let me or another exec member know. Also, now that all of us have registered I will send a survey to figure out the best time for Senate to meet next semester. Please be honest and actually answer for what you have available, and not what you want. I’m going to have Lisa make the call on how many senators equals me so that it is not biased. Try to get that filled out over break. Any questions?

8. Judicial Report (Chief Justice Henderson)
Judicial Report: Myself and Josie are up for reconfirmation for next semester, and we will have to reopen that next spring since ⅘ spots will be open. This bill that we have coming up looks good and I am excited about it. Its a big change but if you have questions let me know.

9. Senate Reports
Clay: I’ve been working with Goudy to make the food safer for food restrictions. I was going to meet with Chris Lynn to talk about options, but there has been a lot of talk on the 2020 facebook page about the food in general not being healthy. I think I’m going to try to get just healthier food at Goudy. I’ve been working with Melissa to talk to Chris. The best way for the chefs to hear the message is to gather more comments on what students want to see. They are trying to get an organic section at dinner, and most of the changes will occur after we get back from break.
Chen: I’ve been having several conversations about the lack of good food.
Clay: Cool.

10. Old Business

11. New Business
Wellman: Is there a reason that the Collegian isn’t in here?
T. Morita: I don't have the updated version of their budget yet, that's why it's not on there.

Move to close speakers list
Wellman/Carlin
Approved

EPC Bill
VP Kittelson: This is the first reading of Senator Pekich's bill. Any questions
Pekich: So this was long and complicated, but the bulk of it is getting rid of redundancies and making things make sense. The main thing that we have to decide on is how EP requests funding is that they get an itemized list on the last funding for the next semester. The problem is that things come up throughout the semester and they have to ask for more funding, and the next semester has already started. There is currently a procedure for the EPC to present to Senate to receive more funding, but that very much conflicts with what the bylaws say is the role of Finance Committee. This bill represents one way that we can fix that. This just consolidates that. Finance and Club committee will present to Senate and we need 2/3s of forum to approve. External programs are outlined here. They are expected to present their budget to the Senate during Fall Round 3. If an external program wishes to request additional funds then they may do so only during the regular funding allocations designated by the ASWU Treasurer. Currently there is no way for EPC to request funding on their behalf. One thing we need to decide is if there needs to be a way for EPC to request additional funds. We are trying to clear up the inconsistencies. I think the big upside to EPC presenting their budgets at the beginning of the semester is that they are the biggest allocations, so we are better able to plan our budget around them.

These few things you guys can read, but it is just getting rid of some redundancies that are in there. The main other part is section VI. The EPC is to briefly summarize these oversight meetings to the rest of the Senate, and help to present and defend any budget requests made by an External Program during a funding allocation. We would need to add in any changes to the EPC procedure there if we wanted to.

Most of the rest of this bill is housekeeping, and getting rid of redundancies. Danielle wanted to move the order of the Articles around so that it's cleaner and easier to understand. We changed WEB Advisory Committee to EPC. Most of this is just rephrasing to be clearer. Any other questions?

VP Kittelson: We'll be voting on this when we get back.

Uphoff: Is it a line by line item list or...?

T. Morita: We could. It's not a line by line item list, because WEB has been requesting by event. It's too difficult for them to figure out what they need all at once. If that's something that we need to clarify in the Bylaws then we can talk about that.

CJ Henderson: Yeah, I clarified what the difference is between EP and a club.
Wellman: Is it a percentage base or is it not?

T. Morita: It is now.

CJ Henderson: Article XI, makes it clear that this is a contradiction with the bylaws.

VP Kittelson: Other questions?

Wellman: What purpose does EPC have?

Pekich: If this one goes through how it is? Then it is an advisory committee for all those programs. It’s so that they have consistency and are using their money well. Right now there are procedures sort of outlined for the EPC to directly present budget requests to Senate, so this bill gets rid of that, and we can talk about that. It still says in Article II that they can present and defend.

CJ Henderson: That means that EPC may defend their decision, but if they don’t agree Senate still has final approval on that decision. The way it was working was that they would request funds to the EPC, and that makes it so that it goes to Finance Board and then goes to Senate. We are just trying to clarify the language.

Pekich: Before this bill the EPC had more power, but if this bill passes there is no power for EPC to come in and talk about something without an approval of Finance Board.

Wellman: making it align with any other club on campus?

Pekich: Yes, but like it would be very easy for us to define circumstances for the EPC to come in. We just tried to loop the Finance Board back in on the conversation.

P. Gill: I was trying to create this committee from the ground up. I’m completely fine with wherever we take this. We were thinking a group would come in and request money, their liaison would meet with them and talk with Dana to make sure that is realistic for our budget. I take responsibility that that did not happen this week. It doesn’t matter to our committee what happens. We just want really clear procedures going forward that will make sense for people that come after me.

Clay: I don’t think I’m really understanding, does the EPC have a certain amount of the budget?

P. Gill: That’s like what we were trying to avoid. The clubs used to be allocated a percent of the budget. We would go through and audit their budgets. We don’t want to go around Finance Board that way. We want to make sure that their requests fit in with the rest of our budgeting.
VP Kittelson: Talk to Senator Pekich if you have questions and CC Liz and Dana on those emails.

12. For the Good of the Order

Chen: Good job to Akera and Nate. That was great for the marginalized groups to speak up. It was great to see the community so united.

P. Gill: I just wanted to say thank you to you all and that I hope you have great Thanksgivings. Thanks for your work and your willingness to roll with the punches.

Mackey: During Finals week do we have Senate?
VP Kittelson: Unless something blows up, no.

Motion to adjourn
Landoni/Troesken
Approved

13. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm