ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 11 • 6:45 p.m. • Ford 102

Meeting called to order @ 6:58 pm

1. Roll Call (Clerk Gangstad)

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Motion to approve the Agenda
   Gill/Danielson
   Approved

3. External Programs (President Cervantes)
   3.1. WEB
   Becca: Just to be clear, WEB doesn’t need a vote from us to do this, they just want to share what they’re planning to do!
   Luisa: Hi everyone! So we are proposing to change our Constitution. As it stand right now, our Exec board is us as co-presidents and our board that puts on events. We’re proposing to change our Constitution so that we have a President, Vice President, and a Treasurer. We will have specific board members for publicity, Black Tie, and Midnight Breakfast.
   Peter: We’ve had difficulty with board members not branching out in the past and that’s what we hope to achieve with this.
   L: We have a new hiring timeline for the board coming up in the next few weeks. And then we have a retreat, office hours, exec planning, etc. This bullet shows specific job descriptions and mandatory events. Then we have our chairs and the specific hiring guidelines for our specific positions. Bless You! We also have two ASP representatives.
   Peter: Any questions, comments, or concerns?
   Ekstrom: Thanks for coming in! WEB does a lot on campus and people don’t always recognize that. Thank you!
   Leder: Do you have an accountability process for amount of events or types? I love all the events but what sort of process do you have to make sure that you’re also planning more serious events?
   L: We do have a policy that we have to have an event every week but then we also attend NACAA to choose large scale performers so making sure we get that diversity is done in part by making sure exec board attends that conference and views different acts.

4. Approval of the Minutes
   Motion to approve the Minutes
5. Officer Reports
   1.1. Treasurer Brinster

   **Motion to move Brinster’s report to spot 1**
   Gill/Leder
   Approved

   T. Brinster: I think I’m going to leave after this because I have a migraine but let’s do a quick run down. Becca could you zoom out a little? I already walked finance board through this but I’m going to walk you all through this piece by piece. I have things color coded but hopefully you catch my drift. We’ll have some student fees coming in today or tomorrow and we’ll have about $171,000 student fees. She automatically takes out the 2.5% for the ASWU endowment. Then we have the $166,745.85. This is what we have left to debit our account. WEB and Collegian, they are still running on a percent of student fees but next semester that will change. WEB gets about $35,000 Collegian gets about $40,000. You already passed the budget right before finals and that was $41,815.00, which is a huge expense. These need to be credited immediately. Starting balance is $28,441.72. Our ending balance for fall for unallocated is then -$14,596.78 so subtracting that from the green we have $13,844.94 left. So I’m zeroing out accounts with clubs who requested or didn’t fill out the google form. Those who volunteered or didn’t respond made up $10,059.25 If that rolls over, that number is more than $5,000 which means that 25% of it goes to the endowment. So we add the blue, cyan, and the yellow to the blue then you get the final for the semester. $21,389.41. The roll over, zeroing, and anything in purple is final. Tonight we are looking at requests that exceed what we have in the account. We’ve talked about where to find money, how we can save… Becca would you like to talk?

   VP Brownlee: We kinda have a five step plan which CJ Dab helped us write. Step 1 would be to go back and review to make sure that there isn’t anything in pre-spring we could cut down on.

   T. Brinster: That hasn’t been deposited yet and while it’s final because you’ve approved it, we could go review it.

   B: Next would be go through this budget like any budget and make sure precedents are being followed. Making sure it’s all up to the precedents from the document I sent. Third would be to decide if we want to take out of the endowment. What the endowment is technically supposed to be is capital investments that last more than 5 years. The next clause is that we can use the endowment for whatever we want so long as the treasurer and finance board recommend it. So we could technically just buy a bunch of Ben and Jerrys. Like,
$300.00 worth of ice cream. But we shouldn’t tap into the endowment for funding clubs though.

T. Brinster: Last year we were in this same position. I was doing some research and trying to read through and if we hadn’t tapped into the endowment, that $33,000.00, if we hadn’t done that we would have been sitting at a negative balance of $16,000.00. So what they did was take the $33,000.00 out of the endowment which gave us a positive of $16,000.00 for the semester. But what was requested was way less than $51,000.00. It was like $31,000.00. And last year during spring we had like $15.00 dollars left over. I don’t think it’s sustainable to take $33,000.00 out of the endowment every year. I’ve just been disappointed that we’re in this situation where we want to get out of ASWU budget meetings so we pass the budget without actually reading through it.

VP Brownlee: Step 4, and this is where there is more debate, says we’re shot x dollars. What percent of the budget is that? Then we would cut every club’s budget by that percentage. So it’s fair and equitable. Every club faces it in the same way. The last thing is talk to external programs and see if they run a surplus in the Spring and ask if we can perhaps reallocate that to the student fees. Those are some of the things we talked about this morning but I know finance board talked more. I don’t know if finance board wants to have the floor while I go talk to the presenters. Anyone?

Gill: It’s gonna be really tough choice to go back and take funds from that pre-allocated money. I’m not saying we shouldn’t but that’s gonna cut some big programs but maybe we can subsidize it through the collegiate readership program. And maybe we can make a plan for financial responsibility next year.

Gordon: I can talk about the Finance Board recommendation. We thought we should go back and trim pre-spring as much as we can, making sure precedents being followed.

Durham: But we weren’t thinking about collegiate readership at the time.

Saiki: So we’ve been alluding to this for years about how the precedents are formed to keep up with the demands of student orgs. And as those orgs get stronger and smarter, we would get to this point were we have allocations that we should be funding. So we need to have a bigger conversation about the precedents. Like the intrinsic precedent. For example in this budget we rejected
gifts for 6 speakers for pre-health club but we approved a van for team bonding or $300.00 worth of food along with close to $500.00 for other expenses for those events. We will need to increase how much we scrutinize them since that demand is there now.

VP Brownlee: And this is just to preface before we have our guests speak. Isobel and Brian. I'll pull up your budget.

5.1. Spring Budget Round 1 – Over $1,500

5.1.1. Sport Club Council – Kara Merrill and Isobel Ruebin (7:15)

Brain: Am I commoner brian?
Isobel: I'm isabel and I'm the Sport Club Council Coordinator. All of these budget requests are essential to our club. They're transport and hotels. 20% of our budget is requested to be fundraised by students involved. Also sport clubs are integral to college campuses. It gets people involved and adapted!
Brian: I'm here for historical reference. For instance, Dance Team has requested a stereo that they got 6 years ago but now it’s not working. So I can help clarify what is truly needed. Catching the back end of that last convo, if your scrutiny needs you to remove team bonding, take it off! Sport Clubs need to fundraiser 20%. If you give Sport Clubs $15,000.00, they're going to raise that much because they’re required to do that. It’s important that you recognize that.
VP Brownlee: Questions? Ask now.
Saiki: What are… How… Uhm… How difficult would it be to have the other items on the budgets that are being paid for? I’m just thinking in terms of defending our choices to other clubs, that would be a good asset for us. This is what they’re doing…
Brian: We couldn’t project it in because they’re paying dues, but we can show you from previous semesters what they fundraise from the previous semester.
T. Brinster: Yeah can you send me that because I send those out and I can attach them.
Brian: We hold ourselves more accountable. We believe that ASWU shouldn’t fundraise Sport Clubs 100%. Or any club in my opinion. Like if ASWU funds something 100% then doesn't it just become ASWU? We have high aspiration but no investment without that.
Gill: I have a question about Wellness club. They're requesting a lot of money and I’m wondering about interest with the races… I know it’s a new club it’s just a large chunk of money and I see the merit but I'm just wondering about interest.
B: This is one of those clubs that looks more like Outdoor Program in how it functions. We sponsored our Couch to 5k program last semester and in doing that, SO many people were asking about doing races. So this was to reaching out to that demand. There’s two races in total to meet that demand. 12 participants wouldn't meet that but it’s a good start.
Saiki: Out of the 20% they raised themselves, what percent of that would fall under what ASWU would generally fund? If you remove food or, what type of items are being paid for?

B: To give an example, in something like women's soccer club which I know well as I am their coach, we'll do an over night as a team bonding thing. Food or going into additional tournaments is something we do but not something we have funds for from ASWU. Rugby has more gear than other sports so they buy it out of their funds and the spend that money and participants get to keep it.

5.1.2. Outdoor Council – Anelise Zimmer (7:25)

Anelise: Hi everyone! I’m the president of Outdoor Association Council and we run out of our four clubs, over 100 trips per year. More than any other program in the North West. So far we’ve run about 20 trips and each one has about a 20 person waitlist. Last school year we served over 1,000 students. As you can see, we have quite a bit we’re requesting but it’s all transport, lodging, 50% of trip guides. We can’t climb without a guide or kayak without one so the bigger costs address the liability fees. Our location is a big draw for students and for the new ASP students. We do charge a cost to participants but our goal is to make access to the outdoors available to anyone. Last weekend we went indoor skydiving and that was $35.00, our most expensive trip.

Brian: Access is the philosophy of these clubs. We’ve had students ask us to raise the cost but we could also undercut many people who can’t afford it.

Anelise: ASWU funding is very important. It helps us pay for our vans which is the biggest cost we’re asking.

Ekstrom: As a freshman, one of the first things I saw was advertising for the Outdoor Program. It makes us stick out and keeps us expanding. I think we should fully fund this. However, I was looking at some old budgets and you keep asking for more from us every year. I think it’s all being put to good use but I don’t know if we can sustainably fund this.

Anelise: So why has it gone up so much in the past years? It would be awesome to increase our institutional funding, but that’s why we rely so heavily on ASWU. When I came here, demand and trip number was low. So we’re down to increase outside funding but to meet those needs and provide access, we need these ASWU funds.

Brian: The trend of it going up, this is our max. We can’t do more even if we wanted to. Whether it’s because of access or wilderness, this is about the max. This trend won’t continue.

Uphoff: Can you tell us more about this funding for the spring break Florida trip?

Anelise: What we’re trying to do is increase long distance trips. Every year we’ve done spring break trips to the Redwoods. Last year we went to the Grand Canyon. We partnered with Lewis and Clark to use their gear for super cheap. We wanted to take this opportunity to take students who can’t see that side of the country over there. We can only take 8 but with the cost of lodging, we can’t take
more than 8 students. We’re only requesting 25% for plane tickets, rentals, etc. It’s a crazy good deal for those who sign up.
Durham: Can I ask about Sport Clubs? Can you talk about the national registration fees. In rugby there are team dues. Can you explain that?
Brian: NCAA is a national organization. They get benefits of risk management and they work through those sorts of orgs to play games in the conference. That individual player for rugby is supported through USA rugby insurance and Willamette. Does that make sense?
Durham: Are individual dues the same as national registration fees?
B: So you’re talking about… there’s sipping. Some players are sipped from fall semester and then the others have to be sipped to play for the University. To be able to play, it’s the national one. Same thing for ultimate frisbee. It would be like us not being part of the NCAA in athletics. You gotta be part of it to play it.

5.1.3. Best Buddies – Ellie Portnoy (7:35)
Ellie: Okay so we meet twice a month and do different activities.
PJ: So basically we meet every two weeks and do different activities. It was 30 for our valentine’s day one. We go bowling, we may go to a trampoline park soon.
Ellie: To be a Best Buddies chapter, the nationals have the president go to a conference and I will be going to that in Illinois. And we also have our largest activity, “spread the word to end the word”. And we were thinking about getting a dunk tank this semester. Also, we have snacks.

Motion to continue discussion on the budget
Saiki/Durham
Approved

Motion to discuss the whole budget
Leder/Parekh
Approved

5.2. Whole Budget
Ekstrom: Okay. So. Uhm. Alright. Buckle your seat belts. It’s gunna be a night. Okay, so the first thing we have to confront, even if we cut 100% from every club and most of Outdoor Activity Council, we would maybe break even. So I think the thing that we’re confronting is the unexpected growth for ODAC and SCC. Right now I’m a little bamboozled.
VP Brownlee: Again, this is a first reading. I just want to remind you we are not voting on the budget this week.
Brinster: The finance committee and I decided that we will take on whatever plan Senate agrees on and try to implement it. It’s open to all senate when we meet on monday. If we can’t figure it out tonight, there’s another meeting we can deal with it at.
Gill: I think that yeah, I agree with Teo. I think there are some places in the ODAC, considering the place we’re in, that we might not fund a trip to Mount Hood every weekend. So, each of those trips cost $500.00 and 50% of the trip fee for 12 participants. I don’t know if anyone else thinks that is a lot but… I am a full proponent of this. But I didn’t realize what Teo said about the budget increasing that much.

VP Brownlee: Right now we’re just in discussion but I don’t know if you want to move to do something more productive...

Saiki: I kinda think that a possible solution would be look… rounding about return on investment for students participating. Senator Uphoff, that was a great point about the Keys trip. That’s about $800.00 a person. Let’s do a cost benefit return on analysis.

Leder: So one thing I want to keep in mind with the ODP is that we can look over it line by line but as Anelise said, there is demand. There’s 30 people on that Key’s waitlist. In the future, if we’re upset with funding the ODP then someone needs to take on a Senate project for finding that money. If there is such an increase then we need to talk to administration. Also, Natasha was just looking at prices for flights for Best Buddies and her flight isn’t $800.00.

T. Brinster: Not that this should affect how you vote but ODAC gets a $5,000.00 budget annually from our ASWU operating budget but again, that amount has been consistent for the last 5 years.

Leder: Yeah, and my last point would be that I know it’s expensive but these trips have been planned.

Parkeh: I think that while these clubs are asking for more money, they are more tightly planned than those under $1,500.00. I think we should start there rather than cutting things that students show the most interest in.

Motion to discuss and amend budgets beginning with those under $1,500.00
Parekh/Leder
Approved 18/1/0

VP Brownlee: Okay, starting with Best Buddies.

Motion to amend the line item for flights on Best Buddies from $800.00 to $500.00 based on the discovered information of flight price
Parekh/Saiki
Approved

Gill: The Spread the Word Week swag. So we’re funding the event but if we’re gunna make cuts I feel like keeping the event...

Carlan: I think an inventory to figure out their need would be helpful. Do they need those magnets?

Durham: As for the precedents sheet we don’t fund swag or giveaways...

Motion to strike “Spread the Word” week swag from Best Buddies budget
Saiki: I initially supported that we do this item by item but I think that we need to talk about how we are approaching this as a whole. That flight is pennies compared to other things because we'll just need to backtrack without inconsistencies.

Motion to discuss wholistically the plan for the budget
Saiki/Gill
Approved

VP Brownlee: How would you like me to moderate? Do you want to Caucus?
Ekstrom: Okay so ODAC is growing because of demand but just because there is demand doesn’t mean that ASWU has to fund it. If we funded a trip to Whistler then there would be demand. Of course people want that. It’s hard to say that we should cut it because it’s successful but at the same I don’t think that we as a student government in charge of student money… we have to do what is best for all students. The general student body doesn’t want to have an $800.00 trip to Florida.
Danielson: Okay so if we’re going to cut ODA then we shouldn’t do it this semester. They've been planned and advertised. If we took that back it would make us look bad. And I think that most students would think that these programs are popular and where they want their money to go to.
T. Brinster: These clubs also do a great job of advertising and lots of other clubs don’t. Increased advertising makes it accessible to everyone.
Durham: While I think it’s great to talk about Outdoor Club, we voted to talk wholistically. I think we need to revisit the plan from the start of this meeting.
Brownlee: Step 1 would be to go back and review to make sure that there isn’t anything in pre-spring we could cut down on. Next would be go through this budget like any budget and make sure precedents are being followed. Making sure it’s all up to the precedents from the document I sent. Third would be to decide if we want to take out of the endowment. What the endowment is technically supposed to be for is capital investments that last more than 5 years. The next clause is that we can use the endowment for whatever we want so long as the treasurer and finance board recommend it. Step 4, and this is where there is more debate, says we’re shot x dollars. What percent of the budget is that? Then we would cut every club’s budget by that percentage. So it’s fair and equitable. Every club faces it in the same way. The last thing is talk to external programs and see if they run a surplus in the Spring and ask if we can perhaps reallocate that to the student fees. The endowment probably has $130,000.00 roughly and the collegiate readership has about $87,000.00. Obviously that discussion would happen with Treasurer Brinster. That’s the big picture discussion.
Gill: I have a couple ideas. I think a combo of what we talked about but I also think it would be beneficial for this to all be put down on paper and put into a form where we are seeing it as a final thing. Not that anyone wants to do three weeks of budget meetings
but we have another meeting next week. Finance board and whoever else wants to go
put it together on Monday and then we come together next week and apply it to the
budget. Is it constitutional to have more than 1 budget meeting?
Brinster: Instead of voting on the program next week we could push it off and take
another week and vote on it on the 25. Although the next round would have started, you
wouldn’t have seen anything.
Gill: Are you okay with that?
T. Brinster: Yeah I’m fine with whatever you all want to do.
Gill: Okay. I think that would be really beneficial. I think we should get a sense of if we
want to do a direct cut, the endowment, or the collegiate readership.

Motion to extend the budget process an extra week.
Gill/Landoni

Ekstrom: I just think that we can get out of here tonight rather than push it off.
Gill: I don’t want to just get us out of here. I just want it to be efficient and well thought
through. That was my methodology.
Ekstrom: Yeah I know you would stay. But I think that we do the gist of the plan and then
we come back on Thursday.

Approved

Saiki: I think the lens we need to give to finance board is to look through budgets with an
eye on return on investment. Looking for buy in from student and club members. I think
we need to push a bit more whether it’s 10 or 20 percent. Demanding $20.00 for a 12
seater van, that’s less than $2.00 a person. Whether it’s hotels or large food items.
However they raise the money. There are a host of ways.
Ekstrom: I think as best we can we should avoid doing a percentage cut. It would be
hard to say that we have to cut 10% of Best Buddies going bowling because we have to
subsidies a $700.00 trip to Florida.
VP Brownlee: I think it would actually give clubs more agency. Can you please write the
speaker list? I’m taking personal privilege.
Saiki: I’m opposed to just cutting budgets. I think we need to look at the buy in. Based on
return on investment and buy in from students, a lot of these clubs are more important.
Gill: So Jake… What do you think we should do? Take it from the readership
program…?
Saiki: I think we should have finance board go through and color code the budget based
on return on investment and also compile a list for what returns we might get. I just think
we need to be playing with the precedents first.
Gill: I think there are some inherent problems in doing it in that utilitarian of a manner. If
you just did it in a line manner then you would have the same clubs at the top and the
same clubs at the bottom.
Parekh: I think this allocation we can do all of those things but just for the last one… From a student perspective, I would take it the wrong way if one club got cut over the other. While I don’t like taking money from clubs, we’re going to get lots of backlash Danielson: With that, I feel like with a lots of clubs, I don’t know if that’s reasonable to be like, 8 students will be mad but 200 students won’t be sad. We should cut smaller clubs but leave the larger ones. Brinster: Yeah, but it would be favoring some clubs over others which could end bad for us. P. Cervantes: As this will probably come as a surprise for a lot of clubs, maybe you should ask them? Gill: How would you suggest we do that in a timely manner? I agree they should have input but I think Becca’s solution would give them agency in how they use the funds we take away. I realize we’ve funded more and we’re in a tough spot. P. Cervantes: I would say have three ways of funding and then having the most popular options. Morita: I think the thing with an overall percentage cut would be good so they could choose what they want to get funded. T. Brinster: I know we’ve asked clubs in the past which things they want to keep when we needed to make cuts. Like, pick your top two video games. Gill: I’m not trying to monopolize the conversation, I swear. I think we should do a small percentage cut and then use the Collegiate Readership Fund for the rest. I don’t think we should pull from the endowment since the readership fund is there. Durham: The way this is working in my mind is for finance board to go over the budget again and then number 2, go back to pre-spring and have club member feedback. Tell them the situation and that we’re going to be cutting and then ask for a prioritized list by a certain time. And then from there we could describe a percentage based on that. Saiki: Point of information. What clubs are on the pre-spring allocation? VP Brownlee: Oh, brother. Let me pull that up. Pre-spring…. Under $1,500… I stand corrected. There are $2,700.00 in the under $1,500.00 requests. A lot of it was OMA. We have ACE, Alianza… Durham: So there are 18 clubs there and I think we should do that.

Motion that 1) finance board revisits the budget in the 8pm Monday meeting, 2) ASWU returns to pre-spring budget and notifies clubs of this, then deciding what percentage should be taken off, 3) fund the rest through collegiate readership.

Uphoff: I just wanted to remind everyone that finance board is willing to review pre-spring with line by line. Saiki: When we take a percentage, is it equal or not? Durham: I think it needs to be. VP Brownlee: Let’s read the minutes. “Motion that 1) finance board revisits the budget in Monday meeting, 2) ASWU returns to pre-spring budget and notifies clubs of this, then
deciding what percentage should be taken off, 3) fund the rest through collegiate readership." Discussion?
Ekstrom: Okay so I like this but I think we should pick the percent before we tell clubs. Second, we ask clubs to respond and then we use that to value things. And then maybe make a percentage cut. I think it makes it easier on finance board and the treasurer. Asking them to cut and then doing it themselves just punish them for working with us.
Saiki: What do you mean get cut?
Ekstrom: I think that we set the percentage and not email clubs because we’re just going to have to do 10% cut.

Motion to amend point 2 of the plan so that it reads that finance board notifies clubs that we are cutting the budget by a percentage rather than asking them to prioritize.

Gill: I think maybe we have a shamir, are you? Okay.
CJ Dabit: Okay, some background since Caroline isn't saying it. If you cut 10% of their budget it won’t work as well as you’re imagining because reimbursements are line by line.
T. Brinster: When I see a reimbursement i need to see a line item so if we could do the percentage line by line.

Motion to amend point 2 of the plan so that it reads that finance board notifies clubs that we are cutting the budget by a percentage rather than asking them to prioritize.
Ekstrom/Saiki
Approved
16/1/3

VP Brownlee: Okay, so we are still on Senator Durham’s motion.
T Brinster: Okay, so this is my work but when would I email clubs? Tonight? OK.
Gill: My idea was that instead… having a meeting, tell them how it would work, we’d like their input, we ask that each club.

Motion to host a meeting for clubs before the meeting on Monday
Gill/
Failed

Morita: I like the idea but I just don’t think it's feasible.
Uphoff: I mean, I don’t know why we need a forum. If we’re going to do a 10% cut then why do we need a forum?
Saiki: I just want to say that this is coming to light because we have weak systems. Doing a 10% cut is not us doing what is good for the student body. Us asking clubs is us deferring responsibility. Why I was so intent on understand how the cuts were going to
happen is because a line percentage cut just cuts clubs off at their needs. Instead of saying, we’ll take off one event and then fully fund the others. The line by line is just so unhelpful.

T. Brinster: We can always ask where they want the 10% to be taken off from. Also 10% is an arbitrary number if we only did 10% it wouldn’t solve this.

**Motion to amend that a percentage of club’s budgets are cut from a place of their choosing and reported it to treasurer brinster.**
**Leder/Gill**

T. Brinster: Going off this plan, if we decide on a percentage I would email the club and tell them how much money they need to cut. I would ask that they return their budget to me with the cuts applied. I think that would be easiest to me and the clubs.

VP Brownlee: My understanding is that the percent would be determined once step one has been completed. In that sense, we can’t determine that percentage now because we haven’t reviewed the budget.

Durham: If we were to make a percentage now we wouldn’t be familiarized with the budget and we wouldn’t make an informed decision.

Ekstrom: Would this happen next week?

VP Brownlee: I think Monday’s group would make a recommendation.

Danielsson: So we are making that amendment happen?

VP Brownlee: This is just an amendment to the motion above.

Danielson: Okay so we are amending to cut for every single club.

Gill: Yeah, It’s if we decide to cut a certain percent then this is how we will do it.

Ekstrom: As I understand it part one is finance board meets. Part two that we’re discussing is for club input…

VP Brownlee: No, we’re just giving them the option and we’re telling them they’re doing it.

Ekstrom: Part two is should we include input and how we should do it. And part 3 is just maybe we will fund it. And then hammer out the details next week.

**Approved**

Becca: Here is our current motion. “Motion that 1) finance board revisits the budget in their 8pm Monday meeting, 2) ASWU notifies clubs of percentage cut and allows them to choose where the cuts are applied, 3) fund the rest through collegiate readership.”

Wellman: Since we have this cussion and we don’t know how much we’re cutting, I don’t know that it’s good to raise alarm prematurely.

Saiki: I thought we were doing it next week after we have a percent.

Gill: I think we need to keep clubs in the loop from the beginning.

Becca: I was going to email clubs and say “Hi Clubs: We have less money in our budget and we might review the pre-spring allocation on Monday. If you’d like to talk, please let
us know. I'm not gunna say, “You're gunna get cut! Watch out!” That's how I understood it.

Uphoff: What are we doing Monday at 8?

Becca: My understanding is that the group will look at this budget and pre-spring line by line to see if it meets precedent. And then with that info they will fill out this tentatively allocated fund and, I don't know that's probably not realistic. And then make recommendations about how much to cut from clubs and how much to take out of the fund. Is that everyone's understanding?

Motion that 1) finance board revisits the budget in their 8pm Monday meeting, 2) ASWU notifies clubs of percentage cut and allows them to choose where the cuts are applied, 3) fund the rest through collegiate readership.

Landoni/Gill

Approved

Officer Reports

5.3. President Cervantes

P. Cervantes: Okay. Corbin visit. Cecily emailed me and it's canceled. Okay so we can't do that anymore. Do we want to schedule another date, have she and i meet, or do it next year. Yeah. I'll take that knock as a sign. Board of Trustees is coming up. Does anyone have thoughts on what to bring up? I'm meeting with the on Thursday.

Hartman: What do you have planned to talk to them about?

Shamir: I think Willamette Academy, retention, and space. I think that I may put a student center on their mind. If you want to send me stuff then you can email but… people don't usually email me.

I also got an email from Beseda about a voter board about social media and the president. It'll be me, Beseda, Felker, etc. I also didn't get to meet with Beseda but that happened. Also I think Willamette Academy is a shit show right now. And there are some students, who I can't name but are very rational and who are planning a letter that they want to write. I think that they will ask that task force recommendations be followed with some minor changes. And not that we follow through on cutting down the size by 200 and not let it be a pipeline to the University. We won't have the letter done before the Board of Trustees meeting but can we get a show of support for this? And I can also send out a copy of the letter.

VP Brownlee: I can also send out a yes or no letter and we can just do a name by name.

P. Cervantes: I would say that someone move that a if a 50% majority says yes to the letter then we sign it as the entire senate name.

Motion that if 51% majority says yes to the letter then we sign it as the entire senate name.
P. Cervantes: I think that it’s true that CJ Dabit noted that it may be good to sign individual names rather than the Senate Majority. I just think it reduces senate majority if we don’t sign it that way.
Leder: We want a lot of people to be able to sign this because president cervantes and i met with those people and some of them are at risk of losing their jobs.

Motion that if senators respond yes then they will be signed as a Senator

Shamir: Just as an added context, we’re probably going to be sending this out through a number of groups and they want to basically agree with whatever gets sent out. So if you want, we could also just sign as senators and not be included with the general student signature.

Motion that if senators respond yes then they will be signed as a Senator
Leder/Landoni
Approved

5.4. VP Brownlee
VP Brownlee: I’ll just email you. It’s mostly just a presentation report for Senate projects. Sorry if I missed you.

CJ Dabit: I’ll go over my main things. This week I went to see Caroline a lot and worked on the budget and that was interesting. We worked with the WA post on facebook and Shamir has very graciously signed his name on the bottom of it rather than all of senate supporting it. One of the thing you can do is pass resolutions is say we support this, which is technically how you pass things in a government. Also, there is a real lack of bill writing in this senate. I can’t do my job at all because it’s never been passed. If there’s not legislation at all then nothing can get done. I would encourage you to do that. Also, I want to remind you all that we are all a confidential resource and we won’t get you in trouble. Everything else we’ve done this week is very confidential. The thing I was going to do tonight was go over Robert’s Rules but I don’t think any of you want to today here. I won’t be here next week so do you want me to do it now or in two weeks? I also have these sheets.

7. Senate Reports
P. Cervantes: We worked on the task force so if those senators could speak
Landoni: Jake and myself will be taking on step two. We’ll get that step two up.
VP Brownlee: I’ll put this on the agenda for next week too. Anyone else?
Gill: We’re keeping Robert’s Rules but we’re doing a Robert’s Rules thing. We talked a lot about how emailing isn’t effective so we’re trying to do more work in senate. And then that issues raised on campus, that senators will be tasked with a bill when issues are raised to senate.
P. Cervantes: Just so I don’t have to email you, I would like it if you all consulted on the bills if you have questions.
Gill: And exec is going to handle forums.
Ekstrom: I scheduled a meeting with a librarian to change the Fish Bowl bathroom to gender neutral. We met this morning and we did it team! Okay if your last name is Leder, Carlan, or Sloper, we’re meeting after this meeting.
Leder: I’ve been working with President Cervantes on this Willamette Academy stuff and if you don’t feel informed please message us so that you feel informed. It’s important you know about it because you are a senator. I know the letter is coming out but there may be a conversation about it. Just be aware I posted something on facebook and a lot of people read it.

8. For the Good of the Order
P. Cervantes: I just wanted to apologize for posting on the ASWU Facebook without signing my name on it. I have no defense, it was just an oversight on my part.
Leder: In President Cervantes defense, he did come to me and ask. I did tell him that I had preliminary support on the letter.
Saiki: After a hard working session I invite any “of age” Senators to join me at Pint Night across the street!

9. Adjournment (VP Brownlee)

Motion to adjourn
Gil/Landoni
Approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm