ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 26 • 8:30 p.m. • Ford 102

1. **Call to Order**  
   Meeting called to order at 8:32pm

2. **Roll Call (Clerk Carstens)**

3. **Approval of the Agenda**  
   Motion to approve the agenda  
   Carlin/Pham  
   Approved

4. **Approval of the Minutes**  
   Motion to approve the minutes  
   Troesken/Clay  
   Approved

5. **Oath of Office**  
   VP Kittelson: I, Senator Symonds and Senator Gordon hereby affirm that I will faithfully serve the ASWU, act in accordance with the ASWU Constitution and Bylaws, and to the best of my ability, strive to fulfill all duties and responsibilities required of me as an ASWU Senator.
   
   Symonds and Gordon: I do.

6. **External Programs Reports (President Gill)**  
   P. Gill: WEB presented to us about an extra budget allocation request. We are filling out the paperwork. They gave us a good presentation, and I wanted to update you that EPC will be meeting every other week because we had such short meetings.

7. **Officer Reports**  
   7.1. **President Gill**  
      7.1.1. **Capital Project Presentation**  
      P. Gill: I’ve been working on this since last semester. I want to run it by you to see if this is something you think the university should be doing. I was testing the feasibility last semester. To preface this, this means a multicultural center, and a space for the EE. $62,000 is being requested through the Green Fund, and they are remodeling York and Lee to be a space that could have all of the multicultural programs WU has and the E&E. The reason that this needs done is it should have been done ten years ago, and doing it with the Lee-York remodel is something that makes this far more feasible. I have worked to get people on board, but ultimately no decisions have been made. If senate isn’t behind this I will drop it. The leaders of the E&E are down. I have spoken with all the stakeholders in the administration. I have been anticipating conflict, anticipating barriers, to get those done
with before they are an issue. I’ve also been drafting the grant. The part that I think is quite important to this project is that I’ve worked with Dr. Whipple to make sure there is a student advisory group, from the E&E and some faculty that they have picked out, with Gordy to be able to have input in what they want this to look like. I got them to draw up floor plans, and it would cost about $200,000. How I envisioned funding this project was through the Green Fund, ASWU, PHC, and Class Councils. We have a meeting with Class Councils, and PHC, already. I’m hoping to ask ASWU for money as well. I remember at our very first meeting Daniel brought this up, why aren’t we funding things we really care about? So that is what led me to this. So Lee-York is being paid for through refinancing debt. Working with Shelby Radcliffe, she is confident that she can fill whatever gap we have with Alumni Donations. Depending on what our needs are, I think we should put money into this. Moving forward the advisory group would form in the next few weeks, and I really want to make sure that it doesn’t affect any regular budgets. This program draws on no regular budgets, this won’t affect people’s jobs or anything like that. I’m hoping that ASWU can be a sounding board. From the very beginning, it has not been my role to say what this space needs to be, but rather to encourage conversation, and make sure that conversation is being taken seriously when decisions get made.

Pekich: It’s such a good idea. 100% behind this. I want to make one thing clear, what we need to be careful about is that there is a difference between making a space for certain groups to be safe, versus making a space for everyone.

P. Gill: I’ve tried to make it clear to Ed that there need to be two different spaces. And he has told me that he will listen to what feedback he gets from the student advisory committee.

Clay: Two things. First, I was speaking to someone the other day about safe spaces, and to be cautious about how we frame this, so that it doesn’t become a target for those targeting safe spaces. We should look at RHA for funding.

Dausman: I think this is a phenomenal idea. Do you have a rough time line?

P. Gill: This summer, and done this fall. As soon as I get the plans I will show them to you all.

Mackey: In terms of fundraising, are you looking at other options? Like actually fund raising?

P. Gill: Yeah, I’ve talked to Gordy a lot about this. I wanted to make sure he thought this was a good idea, and that moving forward I could support him. We talked about what would happen if I don’t get the Green Fund grant, doing more fundraising through the Alumni Grant. Shelby told me she thought she could get $100,000 from alumni. I have a decent amount of faith that I will get the green fund grant.
Upoff: Isn’t the green fund description under our jurisdiction we could change the name? Is that our job?

P. Gill: I think technically yes, but that’s at their discretion. Like yeah Joe, coming in hot. I just wanted to share this with you, please come talk to me if you have concerns.

Pham: This is a really lit idea. I go to the E&E every single day. I am part of ACE too, and we are in such a rough time right now, and this space is so amazing.

P. Gill: They are reorienting all of York and Lee to Brown field. There will be sidewalks all up and down that field, so this will be a much more central part of campus now. This is a cool opportunity, because WU is a finite square mile, there aren’t many opportunities. I’ve bothered people a lot about this, and I’ve been given verbal commitment from Jim Bower, Dr. Whipple, and Dr. Long. I’ve gotten yeses from all of these people. I wanted to get all of those things in place before I talked to you guys. Nothing has really been done besides me bothering people.

Reyna: How can ASWU support you? I know you’re applying for a grant, but what’s the timeline like? I think it would be smart to talk to constituents about this.

P. Gill: The grant is due Feb. 24th. The grant is me saying I need this money for this project, and it’s a little ambiguous what the project will look like, but I would be happy to do student outreach to work that into the grant itself. I would host a round table with Senate outside of this context too. Thanks for listening to me.

7.2. Treasurer Morita
T. Morita: Nothing much to report for this week. Finance Board meets on Sunday, about $4500 worth of requests. I’m also working on getting student fees.

7.3. VP Kittelson
VP Kittelson: The 2020 senator gets elected next week. The exec elections timeline has been set up. Last week before spring break is when that will be happening. I want to encourage you to come talk to us if you are interested in running for those, and so that we kind of know who is interested. We would love to have some people run, but very few people have talked to us yet. Info sessions are great, but Liz and Dana can tell you more about their positions than I can.

8. Senate Reports
Clay: I sent ya’ll an email the other night. If any of you are interested, I’m switching my senate project to working with Undocumented and Doca-mented Students. I want to see how WU can support these students. I’m meeting tomorrow with some other senators to discuss it, but talk to me if you are interested.
Pham: So ASP students are coming in next week. I want to encourage everyone to come show your support. We are welcoming them, and want to have fun, but if you want to come to the dinner, or work as a volunteer! You’re job would be to mingle, and if you don’t have a meal plan, she is able to provide you with one for that night. Please come and show that you’re lit.

Upoff: Those facebook events are made, and posted on the class page.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. For the Good of the Order
   Motion to adjourn
   Clay/Troesken
   Approved

12. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm