Meeting called to order at 7:02

1. Roll Call (Clerk Gangstad)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve
Hartman/Kittleson
Approved 19/0/1

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve
Leder/Landoni
Approved

4. External Programs (President Cervantes)

P Cervantes: I don’t have much to report right now. We’ve sorted out our committee so we’ll be meeting soon. We have a bunch of reports up on the drive so you can look over that if you’d like.

5. Officer Reports

5.1. President Cervantes

P. Cervantes: I’ve been very busy this week with I think you all know what. But I just had the CLA meeting with the Board of Trustees. Here are my notes. Dean Moore gave a very brief update about Willamette Academy that said it was being updated to “encourage college success.” There was also a closed session where they did address Willamette Academy but I was not allowed in with other voting members. Baseda gave his report about the Admission Office activity. There was a recent article from Stanford that quoted a Willamette student who was also accepted to Stanford. Moving forward the school is thinking about being test blind or at least that there will be an option for students to apply that way. More tentatively, the University may ask students to write a short essay on the motto.
There was also a discussion panel about integrating data about alumni’s lives and sources of meaning. We decided that students needed to hear those stories better. To have stories about people who started from the bottom but rose to success. We also received a report from Dominic Thomas. I forget his title but he manages Lori Johnson and others. He’s concerned about student personal health. He wants to increase in person contact with admin as well as having parental notification regarding student concerns and issues. Not a lot of detail was given but it sounded pretty cool. He also talked about incorporating curriculum learning, so he wants to have more in class experiences that make us value our learning after we leave.

So, then the conversation got weird here. They started talking about how we integrate students into administrative conversations. I said no, but then got interrupted by Dean Douglass who said yes. And Dean Moore said we also have Compass. And the Board of Trustees basically bought that. We couldn’t interrupt but… We got the point across that those programs are there but that we can improve integrating students into conversations so it feels like their input is being heard. Uhm… There will be more surveys being sent to alumni. Faculty are concerned with retention for underrepresented faculty. Bethany’s report focused on the student wellness forum and she highlighted what was most important to the student body. I highlighted what I had said before and that we would like more input. We didn’t get any reaction.

Gill: Did they mention getting rid of Compass?
P Cervantes: Yes.
Parekh: In terms of voting dynamic, do you think that people are just listening and then going into a secret room and voting? Do you think you’ve been influential?
P Cervantes: It’s hard to say because they work in committees but... presumably all the things that happen are a result of those decisions.
Parekh: Are they just goal setting and then the admin to implementation?
P. Cervantes: The committees forms goals and admin picks the implementation method. Also, we didn’t say it outright but we felt very shut out of this specific meeting. The private meeting ended at 4 but we weren’t allowed in until 4:30. In general we feel like we were there as a way to let them say they get the representation. Although it does feel like we’re valued.

5.2. Treasurer Brinster
T Brinster: I've deposited journal entries and the WEB and Collegian committees. I've zeroed accounts and put the 25% in the endowment. It'll take about a week to show up. In regards to finance, this Monday most of finance board was present. We met from 8-11 to discuss pre-spring and spring round 1 budgets. I'll let you know that we did not take a percentage off either round of budgets for clubs. Tonight we'll stick to my plan by voting on the spring round one. If you want to nit pick at numbers tonight come talk to me but that was what Monday was for. Our committee has reviewed club forms this month but no one has sent us a complete form. Emily has been working hard and Kyle will be coming in to work with us on that. If you get questions, direct them to one of us.

5.3. VP Brownlee
VP Brownlee: I've been working with you all on the budget as well as judicial for what we can use the budget for. I've also been talking to you about Senate projects which are all exciting, but some of you haven't responded to my email so please, please do that. With the budget, I haven't sent out reporting schedules but I wanted to wait and not overwhelm you because you are doing good work. I just want to make sure we get this done before jumping into bills.

Matt: Couple things we've been talking about. We're going to work with Caroline to approve journal entries. A couple recommendations, we want you to write more bills so that we have precedents and have a stronger framework of accountability. We are a confidential resource that can aid in cooperation. Nina also wrote something so Danielle.
Danielle: Nina isn't here she's at debate but she asked me to read a little something. Take it as you will. So as you know, the CRP, it was not indexed so know that we have this lump sum we want to use that money. Nina has some concerns about us using it in a certain way. The bylaws are kind of vague but it's basically to be used to support the CRP. “We've noticed that there was actually very little cut from this round of budgeting. Among these things, something that I've discussed with multiple senators is the Florida Keys Trip that the Outdoor Program was asking for that was clearly not cut Monday night. We'd like to express our concern over this, particularly using money from the Collegiate Readership Program to fund it. The CRP money should not be being used carelessly, this is still money that has gone into this fund under a pretense of supporting the Program's mission when it was charged. This trip clearly doesn't support that mission and we're disappointed to see the decision on allowing CRP money to be used to be used in this manner. The point of ASWU is to represent the student body, and spending
this much money on something that clearly doesn’t support the whole student body is something that ASWU would never have approved before. Large scale events and costs have always been reserved for funding things that support the entire campus. This is a precedent and ASWU certainly should not be overrepresenting the people on this trip by paying $350 a head versus $150 paid each in student fees.”

So the CRP money is used to support readership and things like speakers which is not the outdoor program. So we were thinking about a reorganization of the budget to show that the CRP isn’t being used for the ODP. We’re just concerned over that one specific program. As Nina says, “Kayaking is not related to readership.” She thinks that as the Florida trip is only representative of 8 students and not the whole student body. Yeah? Yeah.

Landoni: So this is not just Nina, this is all of you?
Danielle: Yeah this is us.

VP Brownlee: I called Nina and we talked about this. We can frame a lot of things as similar to the goal of improving the student engagement. I have some recommendations on how you can act. Option 1, I don’t think the bylaws are in judicial’s jurisdiction. You all can say, okay everything but the Florida Keys trip we’ll fund. We can overturn the bylaws on that provision. Or we could, as I thought we were going to do, just apply the CRP to all of this. The bylaws go on to say that we were supposed to stop collecting money once the fund reaches 10,000 which we didn’t due.

Danielle: I just want to clarify that while we don’t have as much control over this, we’re concerned about the precedent. We want to make sure that you are being representative about the student body. We want to make sure that you’re using their money wisely but we don’t think that is what this trip is doing.

T Brinster: Is the bigger problem that we’re funding the Florida Keys trip or that we’re using student funds?
Danielle: I think the bigger problem is that we’re already spending on the Keys trip but that using the CRP is a misrepresentation.

T Brinster: My only problem is that the money in there is about $87,000 and that money shouldn’t have been there anyway. So my question is, why should we just more that money into unallocated funds and save a little in the CRP? I just don’t understand why, if that money wasn’t supposed to be there anyway, why we can’t use it.

7. Old Business
7.1. Pepper Spray Safety Bill (Senator Steffy)
Steffy: Round 2! Anyone have any questions? I changed one clause to clarify that after I talked to Ross that the students who want to pick them up should see Rich Dennis or watch a video. This is because Ross isn’t always in the office. Any questions?
Hartman: So they will be required to have someone show them?
Steffy: Yes. We all agreed on that.

Motion to approve
Gill/Landoni

Motion to amend “we” to “ASWU”
Ekstrom/Saiki
Approved 19/0/1

Motion to amend “Therefore be it enacted that students receive basic basic training before obtaining the pepper spray.”
Hartman/Ward
Approved 19/1/0

Gill: I think we should just support Senator Steffy in what she’s done here. Let’s respect the research and negotiations that she’s done unless you have issues.
Saiki: So I completely agree with the core of a vote. I would recommend taking out the cost of $6.00 each. And also, I want us to know that this is a bandaid. We need Campus Safety to come in because we need students to feel safe off institutional

Motion to strike “at a cost of $6.00 each”
Saiki/Gill
Approved 19/1/0

Uphoff: Would the last line keep us from expanding it?
VP Brownlee: No. Sorry.

Motion to Approve
Gill/Landoni
Approved
7.2. Whole **Budget** discussions

T. Brinster: I hope we can pass the budget like we passed that bill! Okay so I’m gonna be using the word “balance” a lot but that is going to change. So our start balance this spring was negative. The red number. Our student fees came in and that’s black. Combined is green. That is the starting balance. Like I said earlier I deposited the Journal Entries. That’s red. New balance is green. Then, that’s not it though, I zeroed out the accounts and that is the top green number. 25% goes into the endowment. Then we get to keep this big green number from this other green number. The third one, that’s from fall. We have $63,000 left to fund these three allocations. If you want to know what we cut from the budget, please go look at the yellow lines I highlighted. Some of the big numbers I want to mention. Gordie emailed me and wanted to take off some money from the account. So, okay. Pre-Spring was here in the top. After amendments it’s this big black number. So today we’re going to vote on spring round 1. So the amount that was requested was 51,000. So after monday and club approval, we waited and today we allocated them more money. Feeling generous. So next. So remember all those green numbers? This is everything we had left for Spring. We’re at a negative of -25,000. Okay. Tired of saying numbers.

Here is the plan. Okay tapping into the CRP. It’s currently $87,000. Every month they take out about $1,000. So this is the balance and it will change but not by much. If we were to fully fund the spring round 1 budget and fall round 3 pre spring we would want to zero it out by transferring money from CRP to Unallocated. But we also want to do Spring round 2. So we were thinking that, based on last year, had only had a little to spend at $4,000. So I say call it even at $5,000. I’m just saying I would like to know if we can use this money from CRP and let them know that we only have $5,000 left. That would give clubs a number to think about as we move forward. Normally clubs don’t request much during Spring round 2 but let’s do what we did last year again but not with the endowment. The big black number with this, it would still be healthy. About 20-25,000 gets deposited into the account every semester. The CRP grows every semester because we’re putting more money in there than we’re spending. The account should stop collecting fees around 10,000 so they should have stopped going into the account a long time ago. From my perspective, we should have just moved them to the Unallocated. Since the money shouldn’t be there then maybe we should leave 21,000 in there. But that's just my idea.
Ekstrom: You said 6-7,000 is spent on USA Today? What about other sources?
T Brinster: All included.

Saiki: I was wondering about putting money back into the endowment?
T Brinster: I don’t know what percent we could do but I would say let’s put ¼ of it back into there since that’s what we generally do anyway. That was a suggestion, sorry. I’m thinking really far ahead but I think it’s a waste to just keep it there. Are we gunna buy a bunch of newspapers?
Ward: Could we use it to start paying for the collegian?
T Brinster: We use student fees anyway to pay for that.

Ward: I mean, we have a newspaper so why don’t we fund it with readership.
VP Brownlee: I agree but I think for right now we should try to pass this budget so we can have those broader discussions in the future.
T Brinster: So this is what I am proposing. Can we move this around so I can do my job?
VP Brownlee: I’m going to take us to the budget. As you heard, the group on Monday went over everything for 3 hours. I think you should take this recommendation. Moving forward, we won’t be doing this anymore. So focusing on this allocation is important. We do need to solve problems but clubs applied knowing those precedents so we can’t just take things off of one club. I think we all recommend being equitable.
T Brinster: I think we didn’t do a percentage tax because some of them have already spent money and some of them have already planned for it. It’s one thing to take candy from a baby when it hasn’t seen it but it’s another thing to take away the candy when the baby has seen it.

Motion to approve spring round 1
Durham/Parekh

Motion to add pre-spring to the motion
Gill/Ward
Approved

Ekstrom: I was looking at the bylaws to figure out what to do and it says that non-material goods can be subsidized at the finance board's request. I think that a Florida Keys trip is not an efficient use of student funds. I think most of Senate
disagrees with me but I would seriously ask us to look at this and say “Do we need to pay $800 for dolphin swimming?” This is excessive.

Kittleson: Since I would assume that the ODP has already booked flights, I think that we should just fund it now and then be clear that in the future we can’t fund this.

Parekh: Something that struck me about what anelisa said last week was about providing for students that couldn’t normally afford it. I know that it isn’t a lot of student but I think it’s worth it. Also, if we take back the money it’s just going to sit in the account. As of now, there’s not a better use.

Danielsson: Yeah. Maybe it’s not the best use but it’s already been advertised and people already waited in line.

Gill: Maybe we could come to a compromise about the trip. Yanking the trip could send a bad message but Senator Eckstrom, you’ve showed a lot of distaste for the swimming with dolphins aspect. So maybe we could pitch that to Brian?

Hartman: I just think that spending 5,000 on a trip for 8 people doesn’t cut it for me.

Saiki: I just think this is increased spending on the part of the ODP.

Uphoff: I just want to echo that.

Carlan: I have two vegan friends who emailed Brian about the dolphins and it hasn’t been scheduled.

Landoni: Just echoing, I don’t like being held hostage.

Eckstrom: I don’t know how much good it does just to blame people.

Gill: Does anyone want to reform this budget?? Then why haven't you talked.

Motion to approve spring round 1 and pre-spring
Durham/Parekh

Brinster: If you’re concerned about the dolphins, you can motion to leave that out.

Motion to approve spring round 1 and pre-spring without the Florida Keys trip
Hartman/Saiki
Approved 19/0/1

Motion to allocate the $25,500.00 from the Collegiate Readership Program
Gill/Eckstrom
Approved

VP Brownlee: I will pull up the Spring Break trip for you all. Oh God! How do I…

Motion to consult with Anelise and Brian before passing line items 41-46 of the Spring Round 1 Budget Request.

Danielson: Why are we not talking about the Redwood trip? It’s almost $2,500.00.
T Brinster: I just want to clarify that we’ve funded it every year in the past.
Eckstrom: I think the other thing is that it is closer and it’s cheaper for students. I think we’re all down to fund trips but I think we have to draw the line and figure out what is excessive.
Steffy: I’d just like to remind you all that we funded a trip to the Grand Canyon and Alaska…
P Cervantes: There is also a lot of other opportunities to travel on campus. Like the debate team. It takes a lot of work but you can also do it that way.
Ward: I mean, I don’t know a whole lot about the budget but we don’t fund club trips? Like if WEB wants to go see some Doctors talk...
VP Brownlee: We pay for things intrinsic to the club.
Ward: It seems like not that many people use the Outdoor Program but we’re going into debt so…
Landoni: I mean, I don’t want to fund this but this is intrinsic to this club.
Eckstrom: If we’re talking about intrinsic then we can go start the Florida Beaches club!
Gill: I think you’re right but I think the move at this point is to talk to Anelise and Brian. Us walking in and messing with the ODP is highly inappropriate.
Saiki: This is SUPER unprecedented. It is triple from the last years. Now they buy the tickets instead of students doing that.
VP Brownlee: It’s not my place but I think we need to drive toward more action. My opinion, and I know I’m not supposed to do this, is that we’re targeting a club. We could do this to Best Buddies too. We need to push forward
Saiki: Yield time to the Justice Department.
Danielle: We were talking about the precedent of the Alaska trip where we thought we had the money but then we didn’t. That was under high scrutiny from our branch and we don’t want to keep using non existent money.
Motion to consult with Anelise and Brian before passing line items 41-46 of the Spring Round 1 Budget Request.
Gill/Saiki
Approved 17/2/1

Uphoff: Just a point of information, I don't think they said they were swimming with dolphins in any of the advertisements.

Motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Treasurer Brinster and lead by Senator Saiki to create precedents for budgeting.
Saiki/Leder
Approved

8. New Business

9. Senate Reports
   Leder: So if you all didn't see the email sent out to the student body by Shamir I would recommend reading it. For those of you interested, there is a silent protest tomorrow for WA in front of Montag. We want to be respectful of the Board of Trustees so please keep that in mind. Even 10 minutes would be great if you can take some time.
   P Cervantes: The idea right now is just to have it be from when they leave for lunch to when they get to Montag.
   Hartman: Next Saturday is the Alumni board meeting. I give my classes report about what is going on on campus so if you have other things to add then please let us know.
   Saiki: I think that we can cut the collegian budget. I’ve been working with Emily morris.
   Parekh: I’ll be starting my senate project soon to have student receive bi-monthly paychecks. The university makes money off us when they pay us monthly so I want to change that.
   Leder: There’s a new safety committee meeting time from 4-5 on Thursdays and I can’t go so if any of you are interested then let President Cervantes know.
   VP Brownlee: So I forgot to mention that Anastasia got an email from Ross and Rich about making signs to warn students from playing on the train tracks and I wanted to know if anyone was interested in picking this up.
   Leder: Yeah, that’s great!
   P Cervantes: I think we should just call the student forum next week.
10. For the Good of the Order
Leder: There’s a new theater show and you should all go see it!
Saiki: The Tracy Hoffman run will be the event of the season! There will be new shirts soon.
Ana: If anyone is available on March 1st I want help with my senate project labeling for voter registration.

11. Adjournment (VP Brownlee)

Meeting adjourned at 8:33