**Associated Students of Willamette University**

**Senate Meeting**

**Thursday, October 9 • 7 p.m. • Montag Den**

1. Call to Order (VP Smyth)

Meeting Called to order at 7:13pm

1. Roll Call (Clerk Hladick)

1 senior class proxy

1. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion to approve the agenda**

**Whitaker/Sader**

**Approved 21-0-0**

1. Approval of the Minutes

**Motion to approve the minutes**

**Sader/Saiki**

**Approved 21-0-0**

1. Officer Reports
	1. President Oswill

P Oswill: I have the report from LNE. The director experienced low turn-out at last nights event. She spent a lot of time talking to students about why they weren’t attending. Only 91 people showed up, whereas two weeks ago had they had 151 attendees. Only around $300 was made at the event. One of the program director’s ideas was to have LNE every two weeks so that students could afford to go. I thought that any changes would need to come from Senate, considering you have interest in the longevity of the program.

Ekstrom: I don’t think moving it bi-weekly is a necessarily bad idea. My only concern is that people would forget about it.

Kaptanian: I think if we change its frequency, we aren’t remaining true to the trial program.

Brownlee: I think we can revamp some advertising. We need to have some information out in the first place.

P Oswill: ASWU is just paying worker’s wages.

Steffy: I wasn’t home this past week, so I didn’t make a facebook event for the ASWU page. This might have been a little reason for the fall off.

P Oswill: I had a conversation with the new Dean of Campus Life and she had some good ideas about how to make projects more data driven. One or two senators might be interested in helping with the Thanksgiving proposal. External programs has also started meeting.

* 1. Treasurer Ebert

T Ebert: The budget finally got posted this morning on our general ledger so everything seems to be in order. The big thing that Andres, Collen and I have found is that Derek Hansen never gave the fall allocation to the Collegian last year. They aren’t in debt anymore since we gave them this year’s fall allocation. They now have about $3,000 in their account. Derek never got on it, although he was reminded. Every sign points to the fact that it didn’t get paid. I am constructing an ASWU Treasurer guide book so that the next treasurer has a check-list of items.

Sader: It seems inevitable that we are going to go into debt.

T Ebert: We may go into debt. As far as I know its not a big deal. We will be talking about it in depth next week.

* 1. VP Smyth

VP Smyth: I have been working on elections. I still need seniors to run for the senate seat. If you know seniors who are even the slightest bit interested please send me an e-mail so that I may get in contact with them. We are going to be starting Building Bridges again with Sarah Shin over at TIUA. If anyone is interested in being part of the Senate side of this, please talk to me.

1. Judicial Report (Chief Justice Cusick)

 Nothing to report.

1. New Business
	1. Nominations:
		1. Campus Safety Advisory Committee
			1. Becca Brownlee

P Oswill: Meetings scheduled on Wednesdays from 11-12pm. I’m not sure if they are going to fix it or not. Hopefully students will be able to attend this even though its over a time period when a lot of people have class.

**Motion to confirm Brownlee**

**Ekstrom/Saiki**

**Approved 20-0-1**

* + 1. Greek Housing Review Board
			1. Ethan Coffey

P Oswill: Lisa informed me about this a week ago. They review any applications for Greek housing on campus. They just needed to meet the gpa requirement and not be greek affiliated. This student had the most unbiased opinion.

Brownlee: What does the board review?

P Oswill: When the chapter sends in an application to live on campus, it goes to them.

**Motion to approve Coffey**

**Brownlee/Hartman**

**19-0-1**

* + 1. Off-Campus Education Committee
			1. Kayley Abrams
			2. Becca Harper

P Oswill: This committee is to review applications for study abroad program with the office of international education. There were 3 students who were interested. One of the requirements was to do a study abroad program. Kayley plans to go into international education as a career. Becca also had a great study abroad experience, but feels like there is a lot that could be talked about before students go abroad, particularly housing.

**Motion to approve both nominees**

**Steffy/Brinster**

**Approved 20-0-1**

* + 1. Honors and Awards Committee Chair
			1. Logan Vine

P Oswill: Emily sent out a new application and four people applied. We interviewed them and decided on this candidate.

**Motion to approve Logan Vine**

**Landoni/Denning**

**Approved 21-0-0**

* + 1. Commencement Speaker Selection Committee
			1. Emily Cackler

P Oswill: This is one of the few positions that are a little weird. Students serve two year terms. The commencement speaker selection committee select the students that receive honorary degrees from willamette. There is a student that gives a speech and then theres two or three people that get special degrees. The senior class submits suggestions whom they think would be a good speaker and would also be an honorary degree holder. I’m nominating Emily Cackler, she has a lot of involvement on campus, and I think she would bring a unique perspective to the committee.

**Motion to approve nominee**

**Brownlee/Brinster**

**Approved 20-0-1**

* + 1. GIF Committee Senator
			1. Thao Tran

P Oswill: Thao can meet and is willing, and I would like to nominate her.

**Motion to approve nominee**

**Denning/Steffy**

**Approved 21-0-0**

* + 1. Freshman Alumni Board Representative
			1. Liz Hartman

P Oswill: I am nominating Liz Hartman. The alumni board association representative is responsible for bringing their classes perspective. There is one from each class.

**Motion to approve nominee**

**Brownlee/Gill**

**Approved 21-0-0**

* 1. Club Approvals:
		1. Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Andrew Lum: I am the secretary for SAAC. We are a group of sports teams on our campus. We have monthly meetings and go over NCAA legislation. As long as we are a NCAA school, we are mandated to have this committee. I am in charge of student athlete career night. We bring alumni back that have done sports, and it is a great networking opportunity. We also have bearcat days when bush elementary students come here and athletes do events with them. We also do a book drive and read stories to kids.

**Motion to approve**

**Ekstrom/Sader**

**Approved 19-0-2**

 7.2.2 MTNA

Audrey Kaltenbach: I am hoping to start an association to provide support professional researchers for potential music teachers. This club provides professional resources, career planning, and educational events to attend. There’s a national conference, a state conference, and a state chapter. Most music majors want to be teachers, so I have had a lot of students interested. This chapter would be for college students.

**Motion to approve**

**Ekstrom/Saiki**

**approved 21-0-0**

 7.2.3 Food Recovery Network

This is a national non profit organization start chapters that deliver the leftover food from our campus to homeless shelters. We have already surpassed 1600 pounds of food delivered. We give it to union gospel mission. I have over 25 students involved and it is in huge need on campus or else it would go to the landfill.

**Motion to approve**

**Tran/Gill**

**Approved 21-0-0**

1. Senate Reports

Ekstrom: A student talked to me about having compostable bins on campus. I was going to look into the green project fund maybe funding garbage tins that have three bins for garbage, recycling, and compost.

Tran: We would like to do a project to bring your own hand towel to the bathroom and get rid of paper towels. We are looking at apply for grants through the GIF.

Sader: I was talking to someone in accounting about GIF. We were talking about clubs going into debt. He said the reason that happens is because of the method of payment. I’m interested in changing some of our accounting methods. We could potentially change things so that clubs can’t spend money until it has been allocated to them.

Wright: When our caucus met today, we have some concerns. The required living on campus for three years. If anyone knows any more information about this please let me. I also want to look into the smoking ban.

P Oswill: Margaret Trout said that there can be two senators on the committee. There is no set date for going tobacco free at this time. She would like a representative as soon as possible.

1. For the Good of the Order
2. Adjournment (VP Smyth)
	1. Next meeting will be Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Ekstrom/Saiki**

**Approved 21-0-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm