



RSO Council Meeting

2/27/2023 @ 5pm

Meeting held online via Zoom

Agenda

- Club Announcements
- Upcoming events & updates
- Looking ahead - Spring Quarter & Renewal
- Wildcat Pantry Presentation
- Breakout Session
- Survey

Club Announcements

- Raise your hand in Zoom if you want to share an announcement or upcoming event hosted by your club.
- All club events are posted at cwu.presence.io/events.

Upcoming Events

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| 2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantry Visit | March 1st 12pm Music Building Lawn | Volunteers still needed or grab some free groceries! |
| Deadline for Funding Requests to be reviewed this quarter | March 2nd 5pm | cwu.presence.io/forms |
| Blood Drive | March 6 | Volunteers & Donors Needed |
| Do not stress, SMASH | March 10 11am SURC West Patio | Smash your stress away! |
| Study Break w/ Supply Chain Management Association | March 13 5pm Shaw Smyser 115 | Free Hot Chocolate & Cider Bar |
| Spring Involvement Fair | March 30 12pm-3pm SURC Hallway + 137 | Sign-ups open March 1 40 tables available |

Updates

- RSO COUNCIL Meetings & the future
 - Feedback indicated students wanted a Zoom option and shorter meetings earlier in the evening.
 - Attempt to lighten your load for the quarter and promote events.
- Going forward:
 - 1 in-person meeting for Spring 2023 quarter: April 12th @ 6pm.
 - Assess needs and collect student feedback to determine 2023-2024 structure.
- NEW FUNDS COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED to serve the remainder of the academic year.
 - Application on cwu.presence.io/forms
 - Drop questions in the chat or email slice@cwu.edu
- Funding still available!
- Funds Council minutes available at cwu.edu/clubs > Club Resources > Club Financials > Funds Council Meetings.
- RSO Funding awarded YTD 2022-2023: \$50,977
- RSO Funding balance for 2022-2023: Approx. \$42,300
- Deadline for funding requests to be reviewed this quarter is this Thursday, March 2nd @ 5:00pm.
- Requests submitted after this time will be reviewed when Funds Council meets in Spring quarter. Spring Funds Council dates will be announced at the end of the quarter.

Presentation from Wildcat Pantry

- How \$6 gets you over \$200 worth of groceries:
- The Wildcat Pantry fee referendum is a new proposed mandatory fee for CWU Ellensburg undergraduate and graduate students.
- Students will vote to add a quarterly charge of
 - \$6= minimal operational costs
 - \$10= further food assistance and essential services
 - Ex: eligible student receive \$/month
 - No Wildcat Pantry fee
- Why mandatory?
 - Financial aid and loans cover mandatory fees. Ensures pantry service remains available to any student.
- Why the fee?
 - The pantry can focus their time on building new services and directly supporting the student body.
 - Grants, scholarships, and Federal/State funding are precarious and very time consuming.
 - Guaranteed funding every year.
 - Can start next fall rather than waiting 2-3+ years on campus/state funding.
 - Campus funding is impacted by enrollment and administrative priorities.
 - Putting the pantry at risk to potential budget cuts.

- The pantry can focus their time on building new services and directly supporting the student body.
- Student voice & agency.
- It is not permanent. Students can decide to reduce, increase, or remove the fee if other funding sources become annual and reliable.
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- Serves all students.
- Students will always have the safety net to use the pantry if something arises.
- What will the fee pay for?
 - Paid student positions
 - (Restock and maintenance of the Wildcat Pantry)
 - Creation and expansion of basic need programs
- How \$6 serves every student.
 - Available to any CWU student!
 - No qualification besides your connection card.
 - By visiting the pantry (minimum) once a quarter, you have already made your money back with a return on investment!
 - AVG shopper takes 8 items
 - Cost per unit is \$1.5
 - One trip is valued at \$12
 - We expect ROI to increase as we receive more produce, dairy, and meat options in the next year.
- Numbers: Since reopening the Wildcat Pantry this academic year (~100 days)...
 - 66% increase in number of visits (1200)
 - 71% increase in items distributed (9300)
- Public Health Concern
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 - 47% of CWU students experience food insecurity (WSAC, 2023).
 - 34% is the state average.
 - If left unaddressed, these challenges may have lasting implications on college students' health and degree completion (Stebleton, 2020).
- How is the pantry currently funded?
 - Donations to the PUSH foundation account, Amazon Wishlist, or physical items (covers restock & program costs)
 - Campus pays for staff positions.
 - Most established pantries receive their funding from a student fee:
 - Portland Community College: All recognized PCC students pay the fee of \$3.40 per credit. Student Activity Fee supports their food pantries, emergency resources, event/activities, and more.
 - UW: Receives funding through the student activity and sustainability fund.
 - WSU: Food Pantry fee \$5/semester to fund a full-time position and 4 student positions dedicated to the pantry and promoting food security initiatives starting 2021-2022
- SURC PIT DISPLAY

- March 7 & 8 12pm-2pm
- Ask questions, learn more, we want to hear from you.
- USE YOUR VOICE
 - Make sure to vote on this year's spring ballot!
 - ASCWU ELECTIONS
 - WILDCAT PANTRY REFERENDUM

Looking Ahead & Renewal

- **Renewal/Re-Registration:** The process of renewal is to re-register the organization from year to year. Renewal is defined as the yearly re-registration and update for all RSOs. Renewal includes updating an RSO's roster, officer positions, constitution amendments, and any other changes that were made the previous year.
- Requirements to Maintain Active RSO Status: *Complete the Renewal process each Spring as announced by SLICE. * (RSO Handbook 2023)
- This is how our office knows which & how many clubs are active each year. :)

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Spring Involvement Fair | March 30 (Thursday) 12pm-3pm SURC Hallway + 137 | Sign-ups open March 1 40 tables available |
| Spring RSO Council Meeting | April 12 (Wednesday) 6pm SURC Ballrooms | Fully in-person |
| Info Sessions: Renewal | May 15 & May 22 (Mondays) 5pm SURC 201 | Come with questions! |
| Last day to update org page & register events for this year* | May 30 (Tuesday) | *All events occurring 5/31-6/9 must be registered by 5/30 at 3pm* |

RENEWAL TIMELINE

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| All RSOs* moved into "in-transition" status in Presence AKA, it's time to renew! You must have ALL remaining events registered by this day. | May 30 @ 5pm (Tuesday) |
| Renewal Submissions Accepted AKA, you must submit renewal for your club within this timeframe. | May 30-July 28 2023 |
| All RSOs* MUST submit a transition into Presence by this day to maintain active status for 2022-2023. | July 28 @ 5pm |
| All RSOs* MUST ALSO COMPLETE*** their transition within Presence by this day to maintain active status for 2022-2023. | October 4 2023 @ 5pm (two weeks into Fall 2023 quarter) |

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| ***Renewal is considered complete when SLICE fully approves the RSO's constitution and Presence submission. | |
| Renewal Workshops: Drop-in & get 1:1 assistance with your club's renewal. | May 31 3pm-5pm SURC 250 6/1 5pm-7pm SURC 250 6/6 5pm-7pm via Zoom |

Breakout Session

1. Should there be an additional requirement or eligibility point for RSOs to be able to request funding? Why or why not? If so, what should that additional requirement or eligibility point be? (i.e., completion of services hours, evidence of active recruitment of new members, record of meetings/events, etc.?)

2. Put yourself in the shoes of a Funds Council member. What kind of opportunities, projects, and efforts would you prioritize? What kind of opportunities, projects, and efforts would you NOT see as a priority? Why or why not?

3. What questions do you have about funding and what it can be used for?