

S&A Annual Financial Report Questionnaire

ASCWU Legislative Affairs

1. Please provide an explanation of how the program plans to spend the budget in each line item of the Annual Financial Report. Items that are vague, such as "contract services" should be clearly explained. Please include an explanation of increases or decreases from the previous year's expenses.

Legislative affairs allocation is dedicated to support the student voice and state wide student legislative agenda at the Capital. This includes, but not limited to voter registration programming, support of an on site student legislative liaison who lobbies on behalf of the student voice and execution of a Lobby Day program offering students the opportunity to meet legislators. Additional programming support is through Freedom of Speech Week support.

2. What was your fund balance at the end of the year? If positive or negative, please provide a detail explanation.

Approximately \$702. Positive funding is related to conservative financial planning to aid in a strong carry forward for incoming board members to this position each year.

3. Have alternative (non-S&A Fee) funding sources been pursued to the fullest possible extent? If yes, please elaborate. Please list all funding received for this program and the source(s) of the funding.

No. ASCWU is a historically funded SA program and is not eligible for state funding. Without a specific fee to support ASCWU it would not exist.

4. Are there any long-term obligations or contracts associated with this funding request?

Not in the foreseen future.

5. Does your program provide employment opportunities for students? Please explain the nature of student employment within your unit, including total FTE and number of students employed.

This budget supports student assistant wages and benefits for students only. No FTE are paid for out of this budget. Typically, this position will hire 1-3 student positions annually. The VP for Legislative Affairs is not paid out of this budget.

6. How many students utilize the services and activities provided by your program? Describe how statistics are obtained and provide demographics as applicable.

Arguably this budget supports all students at CWU due to the nature of their support of the legislative agenda at the Capital.

- CWU students saw a ROI of about \$4,100 per \$1.00 with support of this funding
- Calculation based on passage of

- HB 1726, Interdisciplinary Training of Healthcare Prof. Students
- HB 2158, Expansion of the Washington College Grant
- HB 1178, Veteran Tuition Waivers
- \$1.23 billion direct student aid dollars

7. How do you assess the effectiveness of the services and activities you provide to students? Is student input collected and used in this process?

This particular allocation has a long-standing history of student support. Effectiveness has not been measured adequately in the past, however, thanks to the integration of the Presence Club Management Software we anticipate being able to provide more detailed data in future years.

8. Does your program have an advisory committee? If so, in what capacity is it involved in your budgeting process?

The Student Legislative Action Committee assists the Office of Legislative Affairs in creating a legislative agenda and policy making. The committee, made up of 10 students, advises the student lobbyist, provides oversight of the student lobbyist and assists with matters relating to the legislature in general.

9. What would be the impact to students if this program's funding were increased by 15-20%?

There would be a significant positive impact to the programs funded by this account. An increase in funding would provide opportunities for greater programming efforts, specifically around mobilizing larger voter registration programs and shifting the culture of voter registration on campus.

10. What would be the impact to students if this program's funding were decreased by 15-20%?

Some fundamental programming would be impacted as it revolves around voter registration, but this ASCWU position also has access to the Student Lobby Fee funding that can be used to support in other ways, if needed.

11. What are your program goals or learning/operational objectives? How are you assessing the effectiveness of your program in achieving those targets?

There are no specific learning outcomes for this funded area at this time. Because of annual leadership change consistent and regular learning outcomes are difficult to manage and track. However, ASCWU officers do produce goals annually to support their specifically funded areas.