

Services & Activities Fee Annual Program Review

Program Name: ASCWU Academic Senate
Program Manager: Amber Hoefler, Director, SLICE with ASCWU Senate Speaker
Fiscal Year: FY22

1. In what ways does your program support CWU students? Please be specific, yet concise.

ASCWU Board of Directors consists of six elected student officers work to represent all CWU students equally and fairly and to ensure that their voices are heard. The Senate Speaker is considered the liaison between the ASCWU Academic Senate and the ASCWU Board of Directors. The ASCWU Student Senate is a group of student leaders committed to the engagement of all matters affecting university life by creating an inclusive environment for all students, as well as representing and empowering student voices, improving the school as a whole, and increasing student involvement in the choices that affect them.

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

The mission of the ASCWU Board of Directors is to support, represent, and empower all CWU students in their journey within higher education. The ASCWU Student Senate is a group of student leaders committed to the engagement of all matters affecting university life by creating an inclusive environment for all students, as well as representing and empowering student voices, improving the school as a whole, and increasing student involvement in the choices that affect them. ASCWU currently leads informal assessments throughout the year and evaluates effectiveness based on engagement with the student body. Each board member works to evaluate effectiveness based on their scope of responsibilities and duties.

3. What is the overall purpose of your program and what service(s) does your program provide?
 - a. Are there overlaps or intersections with other university programs who have a similar purpose or service?

The ASCWU Board of Directors represent student issues to the university administration, work to create positive and inclusive student environments, and offer insight as elected officials on university policies, programs, and initiatives. The ASCWU Student Senate is a collective of student leaders representing various academic colleges, areas, and issues across campus. There is no other student group that offers a similar university program or experience with such a large group of students.

4. How does your program align with the purpose of S&A funding? *“Supporting cocurricular and extracurricular activities and programs participated in by students in the furtherance of their education.”*

We strongly believe that our mission and governance is very much engaged and within the Killians outline of supporting Student Government students serving students. Student Government is a category mentioned in the Killian Outline as allowable funding. Student Government seeks to empower students to throughout campus in both individual developmental positions within Student Government but also through services and activities to the student body.

5. How does your program support CWU's mission and goals? (<https://www.cwu.edu/mission/>)

The ASCWU BOD directly works to support the CWU mission and goals as well as offer critical thought to ensure students are represented in the mission/goals. ASCWU prioritizes student development across campus to help ensure each student's experience prepares them for their individual future. The ASCWU Student Senate collectively works to move the university mission forward by meeting with various deans, university administration, and events to support students on campus.

6. Please provide detailed information regarding who utilizes your program? (*Students, faculty, staff, community? Specific demographic information? Class standing, gender, ethnicity, transfer, campus location, etc.*)

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1. Elected Student Senators from each of the following areas:

- Two (2) Senators from the College of Business
- Three (3) Senators from the College of Arts and Humanities
- Three (3) Senators from the College of the Sciences
- Two (2) Senators from the College of Education and Professional Studies
- One (1) Senator from the Graduate School
- Two (2) Undergraduate Transfer Student Senators
- Three (3) Senators at large

2. Appointed members

- One (1) Senator for Disability Services
- One (1) Senator for the Veterans Center
- One (1) Senator for International Students
- One (1) Senator for Athletics
- One (1) Senator for Sustainability

3. Unique Electoral Circumstances

- Two (2) Senators from ESC

7. How many unique CWU students utilize your program or services?
 - a. How do you gather these metrics?
 - b. If you do not, what is preventing you from getting that data and how are you determining usage by CWU students?

The scope of students that participate is vast but ASCWU is working on developing a system to gather specific metrics and data.

8. Are there any current vacant positions in your program?

There are currently no vacancies.

9. Given the budget reductions taking place and continuing for the remainder of the funding cycle, please tell us what specific impacts those reductions have had on your program compared to what was originally planned and including in your initial base funding request.

The ASCWU BOD has strategized, benefited, and continue to serve as a responsible steward of the funds bestowed from our student's investment. We will look for further collaboration, efficiencies, and prioritize our student employees above all as they create the experience and embody the voice of the student community. With any reductions, we will consider the student voice in each conversation. The Student Senate is prepared to reduce the number of student Senators from 23 to 15 to accommodate budget reductions.

10. Are there any circumstances or challenges that are currently impacting your ability to use your base funding allocation this year?

The COVIC-19 Pandemic continues to offer challenges to inspiring engagement, student concerns for their safety, and large scale programming.

11. What growth or increases would you like to see in your program in the future?

ASCWU Senate would love to increase the future collaboration with individual academic colleges to develop meaningful relationships with the leadership in academic colleges (deans, chairs, etc.). Additionally, the Senate is hoping to expand processes to serve as a high functioning branch of student government.