



ASCWU-BOD Public Meeting

November 1st, 2011

“What would you attempt to do today if you knew you could not fail?” - Dr. Robert H. Schuller

Call To Order Steven Ross calls the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Introductions Paul Stayback, James Rae, Maylin Sevilla, Allyson Mundy, Mike Merz, KJ Stilling, Steven Ross

Approval Of Minutes Motioned by Paul. Allyson seconds. All in favor, approved

Additions Or Corrections To Agenda

- **KJ motions to add ESC recognition under club appointments. Mike seconds. All in favor, approved.**
- **Mike motions to approve the agenda with adjustments. Paul seconds. All in favor, approved.**

Officer Reports:

- Executive Vice President: Paul Stayback
 - Next S&A Meeting is tomorrow night
 - 5:30 in SURC 301
 - ADMIN Fee
 - Received a response from the state auditor’s office
 - The BOD continues to work this issue
 - Is looking to work with the administration
 - Will be discussed more later in the agenda
 - Boo Central
 - I want to thank those that took time and put work in on this event
 - I briefly attended and it looked to me like a big success
 - All the children seemed to be having a lot of fun and there were lots of smiles
 - Again, congratulations and well done and thank you for your effort
- Vice President for Clubs and Organizations: Maylin Sevilla
 - Found out the access to the Facebook page but we’re trying to get access to the group page
 - Started typing up the club descriptions
- Vice President for Academic Affairs: Allyson Mundy
 - Mediation process/advising/helping student appeal a grade
 - Did not have University 101 this last Monday
 - Had SAS Executive Board meeting on Thursday
 - We had several funding requests
 - Went through suggestions/recommendations I feel should be implemented to make SAS successful
 - Double our meetings with Executive board to accomplish those goals.
 - Met with Jesse Nelson and Carolyn Thurston

- BOD website- more student centered/user friendly/resource list etc.
- SAS is scheduled for Nov. 3 (this Thursday) at 8pm in Black 142
 - English
 - Foreign Languages
 - History
 - Theatre Arts
 - Finance & Supply chain
 - Economics
 - Management
 - AFROTC
 - Aviation
 - Advanced Programs
 - Educational Foundations & Curriculum
 - Teaching Elementary, Adolescent & Young Children
 - ITAM
 - Physical Ed., (School & Public Health)
 - ROTC
 - Anthropology & Museum Studies
 - Computer Science
 - Geography & Land Studies
 - Geology
 - Sociology
 - Interdisciplinary studies
 - Douglass Honors college
- Vice President for Equity and Community Affairs: KJ Stilling
 - Wednesday I met with the City Council Ad Hoc committee. My goal is to represent the students and the fee that we pay to that program.
 - November 20th ESC will be having a retreat. Want to open the retreat to anyone interested and not just ESC members and organizations.
- Vice President for Student Life and Facilities: James Rae
 - Banner is up on West Patio entrance. Would like to thank the partners of this building for helping us get that up.
 - Wear your Wildcat gear on Fridays
 - Went to meeting regarding the merging of the public affairs office and the publicity center.
 - SURC was open on Saturday for alternative Halloween events. Thank you everyone who came and those who helped put that on.
 - Retention incentive protest is tomorrow at 2:00. If you would like to participate
- Vice president for Legislative Affairs: Mike Merz
 - The rally tomorrow. We have also be having a petition signing against the retention incentive. If you're interested in signing, we will be tabling in the SURC this Thursday and Friday as well as next Thursday from 12-3. We have over 500 signatures currently and would like to get more students to participate.
 - WSA is working on our agenda. I'm currently proposing that we clarify the Services and Activities Fee.
 - The WSA meeting will be every Thursday in the SURC Pit at 6:00. If you have any issues on campus, please come and talk to us.

- The Washington Budget for Special Session is a 15% cut to higher education. That is the preferred solution but there is also solutions for a 10% and 20% cut on the table as well.
- President: Steven Ross
 - If you need clarity on the petition, please come to the BOD office and we can go into detail on it.
 - Met with Pres. Guadino.
 - Talked about letter that I sent. I was very open and told him exactly what I would be writing about and he was understanding about our concerns.
 - Also looking working on the Admin Fee regarding S&A

Special Guests: None

Public Comments:

- David Douglas – Would like to thank the board to getting behind the opposition for the retention incentive. We are having another rally tomorrow at 2 p.m. right outside the SURC on the East Patio. If you come, please be respectful. Thank you, board for standing behind this issue.
- Devin Beach – If you are not in agreement, these budget cuts are proposed, they aren't final. If you aren't in agreement, let the governor know.
 - Mike – We want to make sure that students know about WSA meetings and know they have the opportunity to discuss matters such as this

Communications:

- Mike – This section is for any communication that has been sent to the BOD in terms of mail from students, BOT, governor, state auditor's office, etc.
- Steve – This is also for the public, if you would not like to step up to the microphone, you can send us a letter with your concerns.

Committee Appointments: (Paul)

- **Paul motions to appoint:**
 - **Nicae Nobis – Student Union and Art Committee**
 - **Nicae Nobis and Hannah O'Donnell – Dining Advisory**
 - **Kaycee Coakley – Recreation Board**
 - **Macauley Ugland – Human Subjects Review Board, Campus Site and Development, and Board of Academic Appeals.**
- **Mike seconds.**
- **James – Would like to make a friendly amendment, there isn't a Human Subjects Review Board so I would like to strike that form the motion.**
- Mike – I would suggest to not strike it but to move it to its own motion.
- **Paul – I would like to amend my motion and move to strike the Human Subjects Review Board and follow up with Macauley**
- **All in favor, approved.**

SAS Appointments: (Allyson)

- Would like to appoint Benjamin Wagar to the Foreign Language department.

SAS Executive Board Appointments: (Allyson)

Club Appointments: (Maylin)

- Counseling Club – Meet Mondays in Psychology Building 220.
 - **Maylin motions to approve, Paul seconds. All in favor, approved.**
- Harry Potter – No rep
- Sociology Club – No rep
- **Paul – Would like to motion to table Harry Potter Club and Sociology Club from the agenda since they haven't shown up. No second, motion fails.**

ESC Recognition:

- **KJ would like to encourage a motion to recognize First in the Family Club. Maylin seconds.**
- Paul – so this is the first time this org is being recognized
- Mike – I trust that the paperwork has gone through.
- KJ – Yes all the paperwork has been completed.
- Paul – Please repeat the description of the club. The description doesn't sound like it fits into ESC or is different from other organizations on campus.
- Public - This club is created to provide students who are first in the family and first generation to attend college. We hope that the students will feel welcome and comfortable in our club and that we can help them to make friends.
- KJ – The ESC has recognized First in the Family and this is simply a check the box so to speak. **I would like to call to question.**
- Paul – Even though ESC has approved it, the BOD has not approved it yet. I did move to table this so we could discuss this in the executive brief.
- **James seconds the call to question. 5 in favor, Paul opposed. Call to Question passes.**
- **Steve – Now we will vote to recognize First in the Family. 5 in favor, Paul opposed. Approved.**
- **KJ – The council voted to recognize Student Veterans of Central.**
- **Mike motions to approve Student Veterans of Central, James seconds. 5 in favor, KJ abstains.**

New Business:

- Admin. Fee (Letter on the following page)
 - Paul - I sent a letter to the state auditor's office to review the issue regarding S&A and asked that make sure that it is in line with the law. Requested to have a meeting with George Clark to discuss alternative solutions to this problem.
 - Came up with having a separate stand-alone transparent fee. Because either way students will be paying for this but this way they can see where their money is going.
 - This is still being investigated further
 - We are making progress and the BOD has taken a stand in opposition to this.
 - Jason – I am on S&A committee. My question is that so we get this letter from the auditor that says that the allocation of that money if specifically for students. What I'm worried about is that this is going to get lost under a pile of paperwork. The opportunity is that the S&A should nullify as is.

- Paul – We will talk about this tomorrow night at S&A but whatever we decide has to be approved by the BOT. The lights still have to stay on, we can't turn it off today because then things stop working tomorrow.



**Washington State Auditor
Brian Sonntag**

October 17, 2011

Mr. Paul Stayback
Executive Vice President
ASCWU-BOD
Central Washington University
400 East University Way, Mailstop 7448
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Mr. Stayback:

Thank you for contacting our Office with concerns regarding possible unallowable administrative costs charged to student activity funds. We examined your concerns and would like to share the results with you.

We reviewed the "S&A Fee Fund – Necessary Services Cost Allocation ("Admin fee") Proposal" dated June 1, 2011 allocating \$790,832 of administrative fees to the student activity fund. The cost allocation included indirect administrative charges for 15 categories such as expenses for the President, Faculty Senate, Public Relations, Information Technology policies and management, software licensing, public safety and faculty relations. State law (RCW 28B.15.041) says "services and activities fees shall be used...for the express purpose of funding student activities and programs of their particular institution." Administrative costs such as these do not appear to be for the express purpose of funding student activities and programs. We are unaware of any other statute allowing the University to allocate indirect costs to the student activity funds. Further, we found some of the allocations may not be equitably distributing the costs.

Unless the University can provide us with specific legal authority allowing the allocation of indirect costs to the student activity funds, we recommend the University re-evaluate the cost allocation proposal and ensure charges to restricted student activity funds are for the express purpose of funding student activities and programs.

Thank you for your assistance in this process. If you have any questions, please contact Higher Education Coordinator Ann Strand at (509) 454-7848.

Sincerely,

Steve Wendling
Audit Manager

- Governor Letter



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Date: October 27th, 2011

To: Governor Christine Gregoire

Through: Trustee Sid Morrison
Trustee Keith Thompson
Trustee Annette Sandberg
Trustee Dan Dixon
Trustee Ron Erickson
Trustee Kate Reardon
Trustee Ivana Trottman

And: President James Gaudino

And: Faculty Senate

From: Steven Ross (Associated Students of Central Washington University President)

Subject: Concern and proposed resolution

It is as the President of the Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU) that I write this letter to bring you a prevailing and grave concern, as well as a resolution.

On October 7th, 2011 CWU Board of Trustees approved to renew President James Gaudino's contract. The renewal will allow President Gaudino to hold his office for an additional five years, until 2016, at which time he will be awarded a \$500,000 retention incentive. The retention incentive is where our concern lies.

With Washington State in one of the toughest fiscal situations it has ever faced, the large budget cuts have hit higher education particularly hard. The result is that Washington State cannot support our public universities, thereby placing nearly all of the financial burden on our students. CWU is being forced to make severe budgetary changes, moving into a pseudo "privatized model". The students have supported our university during these trying times, through exponential tuition increases, the raising of student fees, loss of university-provided student jobs, and coping with a high attrition rate of experienced and quality staff.

It is in this context that we, the ASCWU, find this retention incentive to be inappropriate and appalling. This promise (referred to as "Golden Handcuffs" by the CWU Board of Trustees) of a half million dollars was made without identifying the funding source. The inadequate evaluation process, of where the funding source is coming from as well as allocating such a large sum of money, has proven to be an unethical and disrespectful business decision to the student body, as well as the faculty and staff.



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The morale on campus is dismal. Faculty and staff, who are strong student advocates and are working closely with students everyday, have not seen a pay increase of any sort, or reasonable acknowledgement for their hard work and time. We, the students, have seen our quality faculty and staff members leave for other out of state employment opportunities, where they are recognized and rewarded for their efforts. As positions become vacant at CWU they are not being filled. Students who lose quality educators, strong advocates, and reliable resources are not just losing physical employees, but an attempt at a quality, efficient, and effective educational experience at this university.

Ultimately, students are going to bear the burden of this \$500,000 promise. The students did not have a say in this action, but we should have a say in the outcome. Governor Gregoire we ask that you, with the support of the student body of CWU, reject the motioned and approved decision by CWU's Board of Trustees to provide a \$500,000 retention incentive to the president of our university. This request is not about the performance of our president; rather it is about the decision to pay out \$500,000, we do not have, in five years. With this decision you may be able to provide a glimmer of hope, for the students, from the Washington State Legislature. It is with this decision that you can restore some of the faith the students once had in their legislature.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your student advocacy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Ross', written over a horizontal line.

Steven Ross
ASCWU-BOD President

- If you would like to talk to hear the details of this or read it again, please come visit me in my office in the BOD.
- **Paul would like to motion that we reaffirm the letter, Mike seconds. All in favor, approved.**

Issues/Concerns/Announcements

- Paul motions to adjourn, Mike seconds. All in favor, adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Adjournment

Steven Ross
ASCWU-BOD President