

**Services and Activities Fee Committee
Minutes
January 15, 2020**

Called to order:

Edgar Carreno called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Attendance:

Alejandro Alcantar, Eric Bennett, Joseph Bryant, Edgar Carreno, Monica Carreno, Dane Gillin, Aubrey Heim, Josh Hibbard, Lacy Lampkins, Chicena Mortimer, Gregg Schlanger, Jessica Thomas, Brandon Wear-Grimm,

Excused: Alex Harrington, Martin Kennedy

Agenda:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve the agenda. Dane Gillin seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes:

MOTION: Dane Gillin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020. Monica Carreno seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.

Reports:

Chair – None.

Advisors – We do have a new student member. Great work Alejandro. Would you like to introduce yourself?

I'm Chicena, or Cici. I am a Bio major with a Spanish minor.

It is great to have you. We will reach out soon for some training.

We are looking for someone to replace Tonya. However, as faculty workloads have been set for the year, it may not be until next year that we fill the vacancy.

Public Comment:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A. Supplemental Funding Requests – Presentations

- i. #2023: Port Townsend Writers Conference - \$1,915

Two students are asking for funding to attend the Port Townsend Writers Conference in July. This Conference is a week of small, intimate classes with

professional writers. In the afternoons there are workshops which give the students the chance to get feedback and develop as writers. There are also readings by published authors and a chance for the students to share their work at an open mic. Once returning to campus, the students would like to set up open mic nights and workshop events using the skills they learned at the conference.

Presented by: Jennifer and Gabby

Questions: Have CWU students attended this event in years past? I think there are a few every year. We are trying to cultivate interest in the event. Is there a problem since the date of travel is in the next fiscal year? If the committee votes to fund this, we can carry the funds over. The students are also aware they must be current students at the time of travel. Is the request now for \$1,915? Yes. I like that you have an idea of how you are going to bring back what you learn to Ellensburg. Helping to develop the writing center beyond the academic and create a new event. It is important to bring it back to the students.

- ii. #2024: Washington Music Educators' Association Conference (NAfME) - \$6,273.20
The WMEA Conference is the state section of the National Organization. NAfME is asking for funding for 148 students to attend the conference in Yakima on February 14-16. CWU is the largest chapter in the state, and also has the largest attendance at the conference. At the conference, the students would attend clinics, network, and watch or perform in ensembles. They would share what they learned at a NAfME meeting once they return. Students are covering the cost of food and membership dues, which is about 40% of the overall cost.

Presented by: Amanda, Tommy, Kaitlyn, Lexi, McKayla

Questions: What is the overall attendance of the conference, and what is the cap enrollment for the clinics? With this many students going, it seems like CWU will occupy the whole thing. We do! Some popular clinics are held in larger rooms. Attendance is in the thousands. There are current, future and past music educators in attendance. Most are current, but colligate attendance is a significant part. What is the criteria for limiting participation – 148 seems like a lot? 148 is less than 50% of the music majors on campus. These 148 are the top. We support music majors that want to go above and beyond. We do come back and present what we have learned. Networking is a big part of this conference, and you need that one on one interaction to establish personal relationships. How many have gone in the past? It changes every year. About 130 or 140. I see you are carpooling, were there other alternatives explored? We looked at bussing. There are students who are performing, so with the time conflicts it was more expensive for some to bus and some to drive. Anyone in the club can attend if they would like?

They have to pay their dues and contribute their 40%. A lot of the NAFME club are not members of WMEA. What is your plan if the request is not fully funded? What will be your criteria for determining who would get to go? We would need to determine how many students there is funding for, and we would likely prioritize by who signed up first. We may also consider partial funding, which may deter some from going. How would this benefit students outside of music? We take our education classes with all of the education majors and would share with them. The music department has a great environment for learning from others. It becomes a breeding ground for knowledge. Do you encourage this? Yes. We have a debrief meeting to share the information we learned. We also take notes to share. We can also bring the clinicians back to Central. You have \$1,389 in your club account. Are you using any of this, or have you asked the department for help? The department does not have the funds available. The club account is reserved to bring clinicians to campus. We have an event planned this spring.

iii. #2025: Phi Alpha Theta Conference (History Club) - \$4,250

The History Club is asking for funding for 20 students to attend the Phi Alpha Theta conference in Bellingham on April 17-19. Phi Alpha Theta is the national history honor society and they promote original research. The attendees would all write a paper to present at the conference, and then receive feedback. The students would also get the chance to network and participate at Q&A sessions. They are hoping to not make personal finances be a factor. Since meals are such a large expense, they are asking for funding for these along with the other travel expenses. There are awards presented at the conference, and CWU students have won these awards in the past.

Presented by: Henry Jennings

Questions: How will participants bring this back to campus – even beyond the History department? When you come back from a trip, you naturally talk about it. Hearing someone talk about this trip may inspire others to do the same. What are the criteria for students to attend? They submit paper abstracts to be vetted, and their papers will be vetted as well. Historically, has the club seen 20 students go? Right around there, yes. Are the awards monetary? You get a book and are funded to attend the next National Conference. Do any papers get shared on campus? Yes, we all present at SOURCE. If this is not fully funded, is there any criteria to determine who gets to go? We would need to address that as it comes up. We would likely select the highest quality papers. Could you do 4 per hotel room, rather than 2? If need be. Have you done any fundraising? We do a book sale and a bake sale.

iv. #2026: Showtime at Central (BSU) - \$6,379.85

BSU is requesting funding for the annual Showtime at Central event, which is based on Showtime at the Apollo. This is for the whole Ellensburg community, last year the SURC Ballroom was full. This gives students a chance to perform

in front of a large audience, and also learn about Black Studies history and the history of Showtime at the Apollo. All students are welcome to audition. Showtime at Central began in 1987. It is the largest event for BSU and it is a Traditions Keeper event.

Presented by: Nathaniel, Tiffany, Tierra, Melena, Shailyn, Aaron

Questions: Are you networking with the Centers to let them know they can perform? We have links on our social media. A lot of students come over from the Westside to perform, and they can send in a video as their audition. Since the BSU is an organization, do you have ESC funds? We were allocated \$3,500 but we are saving that for Black Grad. Have you tried partnering with the DEC? The DEC is stretched thin on funds right now. Showtime is more expensive because it gets bigger and better every year. Do you know how it was funded in the past? It was a lot smaller. We had help from the ABS department and the DEC. Since it is growing, we are in need of more funding. Since this is a traditions keeper event, would Student Involvement have a place in this? Student Involvement has agreed to front us the funds to be reimbursed if this gets approved. If I want to perform, I have to audition? I am not just guaranteed a spot? Yes. What is your criteria for judging? There are a lot of interesting talents. They have to be able to fit in the 3 to 5 minutes they are given. We are up front with the students and let them know they are not guaranteed to perform. We give them up to a month to tweak their routines.

MOTION: Jessica Thomas made a motion for a five minute recess. Dane Gillin seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 6:35 p.m.

- v. #2027: National SHAPE America Conference (PESH) - \$24,999

Since there are no representatives here, we will reach out to the group and move them to next week.

- vi. #2028: American Association of Geographers Conference - \$2,250
Three students are requesting funding to attend the AAG Conference in Denver, Colorado on April 6-10. This will give them the opportunity to share their research, network with professionals, and raise awareness of CWU. They are presenting on two projects: human ecology mapping, and a new recycling program.

Presented by: Axel, Matthew, Tonya

Questions: What was the criteria for you to attend this? We were the three that wanted to attend. We were approached by a professor about it. I am unaware of any other Central students that have gone in the past. This is a good opportunity for us to showcase CWU.

Have you done any fundraising? No, but we did get some funding from the department.
Will you present at SOURCE? Yes. I appreciate that you received department funding.

Other Business: Communications Received

None.

Public Comment

I am glad we are seeing new groups coming in to make requests. The word is getting out. This being the first time students are going to this geography convention - that is an exciting prospect. As a reminder, S&A fees are going to be presented to PBAC on January 28. Are they changing? No, this is just the next step in the budget approval process. It will next go to the President and the Board of Trustees. We are the first group on the docket. This is an open meeting, in Barge 412. If you have any questions, feel free to grab me after the meeting. They review these at a very high level.

With the increase in minimum wage, have there been any departments saying they cannot do this? There were a few that needed adjustments. The others had funding available and dipped into their reserves. They are all in a good spot now.

We don't expect any departments to be asking ASCWU for increased fees either.

Have there been any request returns? A couple, we expect more in the next couple of months. Travel can take longer to reconcile.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Jessica Thomas seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Schedule for Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22 in SURC 301 starting at 5:30 p.m.