

Services and Activities Fee Committee
Minutes
January 13, 2021

Called to order:

Christian Castilleja called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Attendance:

Aubrey Heim, Björn Pellmyr, Brandon Wear-Grimm, Christian Castilleja, Deanna Corsilles, Gregg Schlanger, Jessica Thomas, Joseph Bryant, Josh Hibbard, Lacy Lampkins, Masina Ieremia, Terry Wilson, Yunus Timurtas, Zoe Brown

Agenda:

MOTION: Björn Pellmyr made a motion to approve the agenda. Brandon Wear-Grimm seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes:

MOTION: Björn Pellmyr made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2021. Deanna Corsilles seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Chair – None.

ASCWU – WildcatCare365 is now live. This is a 24/7, 365 healthcare service through TimelyMD and Central. www.wildcatcare365.com
ASCWU, myself, and the advisors are here for you if you have any questions about the base funding process.

Advisors – We have \$8.3 million in requests, which is \$1 million more than previously allocated. There are some new requests. ASCWU had their allocation increased in last year, mid-way through the funding cycle. The current request matches their allocation from this year.

Questions: Is this in Teams? Do we need to do the PowerBI trial membership to access it? Yes, sign up for the 60-day trial subscription and we are trying to extend that. I have full access so I can share my screen if needed. This information is great to go through ahead of time and prep questions. I can PDF some of this, but it is less user friendly that way. This data is the allocation, not the expenses per department. Expense info is in the annual report that is in the presentation packet each week.

We have limited time to ask questions. If you think of questions after, please direct them to an advisor. We want to send those questions out so we can report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

New Business:

A. Base Funding Requests – Presentations

The ASCWU presentations will be grouped into two presentations. Mickael asked for extended time to make the first presentation.

MOTION: Björn Pellmyr made a motion to allow a combined presentation with a 30-minute time limit. Masina Ieremia seconded. Motion carried.

i. ASCWU

ASCWU is requesting flat funding for the next quadrium. 57% of their funding goes to student paychecks and 43% goes back to the students in goods and services (programs, events, strategic initiatives, etc.). They serve every student, regardless of location. They appoint students to university committees and search committees, because they want students to have a strong voice. Normally there are 21 student staff, and no professional staff (see Addendum 1). They track attendance metrics through Presence and have implemented internal metrics to evaluate staff experience. They act as the liaison between the student body and administration. They award \$25,000 in scholarships through a US Bank partnership. ASCWU offers a Student Engagement Hub, leadership and development opportunities, voter registration support, involvement/engagement opportunities, and connections from students to the administration. They also lobby in Olympia for the needs of students (virtually this year).

- The Board of Directors budget is mainly wages for student officers and support staff, with some funds for programs and events.
- The Legislative Affairs budget supports staff and goods/services for events like voting and the engagement hub.
- The Academic Senate (now Student Senate) budget supports student senator stipends as well as goods and services for programs.
- Student Life and Facilities has the largest staff team, and is the main source for larger programs and events. They collaborate with Campus Activities a lot. They also supported the Westside this year by getting a new Wellington mascot.
- Club senate funds clubs for travel, programs, and initiatives.

This year, ASCWU was able to shift staff to work from home and had no layoffs. ASCWU members helped be a mouthpiece for the campus COVID plan and acted as influencers modeling safe behaviors. If their budget was reduced by 15% their priority would be to maintain staff. They would look closely at efficiency, goods and services, and try to collaborate with other departments or the community.

Presented by: Mickael Candelaria

Questions: It looks like some of the budgets are under their allocations and some are over, is there a way to even that out? It is up to the committee if they would allow to even those out. Those expenses are estimated. Whoever is in charge of budget will be tasked to balance those out. How much do you pay your officers and staff? Pay varies based on where they work. Officers work for \$16.50 per hour, 19 hours a week. Staff ranges from \$13.50-15. What are the goods and services under the BoD? Last year was different than this year. Last year we had giveaways to encourage involvement, and swag from Public Affairs. Jasmine had “Spill the tea” which had catering and I think mugs. \$100,000 goes to clubs. These clubs also come to S&A for supplemental funding. What does that pay? That money is for clubs to request for events or travel, but there was a \$2,000 limit. So many came to S&A if their request was above the limit. Why are the clubs under you? Should they be under Student Involvement? This is the traditional structure. This can shift, but it can get very complicated to make those transitions. You just started using Presence this year; in past years did you do surveys and focus groups. Can you tell us about surveys or focus groups you have used? We utilized officers hand tracking attendance and Qualtrics. We have lots of turnover so sometimes the info gets lost. We look at engagement from students showing up to vote. This helps us see student awareness and engagement. Because of the turnover, it is hard to have an ongoing systemic process. Presence is an incredible platform for this and seeing how students are showing up and how we can communicate with students. 600 students voted last year, is that typical? Last year was an anomaly – normally the candidates can campaign and we have about 2,000 or more students vote. Virtual elections also have benefits like having a Westside candidate. Of students you are employing, how many are online or from a center? Hard to tell this year. One officer is from a center. Normally staff are coded in Ellensburg. This year we opened applications for everyone, so we can continue to do this in the future. Each office has a different budget, why are they different with no balance between them? We have separate budgets to allow the officers to have autonomy. They are earmarked for specific things. That way we don’t take away funds from one area or another. The ASCWU different budgets are intentional so we can show financial trends by program specific type. With the changes to who can request S&A supplemental funding, is the Club Senate request taking that into consideration? That funding is from our supplemental balance, which is a different conversation. This will likely come through as a supplemental request. Most Club Senate money is being disbursed through the clubs, if Club Senate is no longer doing that, why would we fund that much money? I believe the intent is still to do that. Only not now because of COVID restrictions. It is under a different name now, Funds Council. The clubs are knowledgeable about this new process. Should we shift that money to Funds Council then? We need to have that conversation with students. We don’t want students to lose autonomy to their funding. With the proposed base funding, the Club Senate money would still be intended to support clubs once any shifts are made? The funds are still available to students, just named differently. Clubs are still requesting and receiving funds in smaller amounts in line with the restrictions.

ii. ASCWU Equity & Services Council

The ESC is made up of representatives from organizations for diverse and marginalized identities. There are several recognized orgs in the council (see

addendum 2). They meet weekly to promote community and support each other. The organizations' executive boards meet weekly for an average of 1.5 hours after 5pm, attend ESC meetings weekly, and also fulfil other duties (committees, school, work, event planning, fundraising, etc.) The ESC Executive team works closely with the DEC. There are up to 2 student employees with opportunities for professional development. ESC hosts several events like the ESC block party, cultural graduations, Showtime at Central, and Pride Week.

MOTION: Yunus Timurtas made a motion to approve a two-minute extension of the ESC presentation time. Brandon Wear-Grimm seconded. Motion carried.

Students have been able to attend conferences. ESC allows for leadership development, volunteer/community outreach, educational opportunities, networking, community, civic engagement, and academic support.

Presented by: Jacob Robles

Questions: Do you have funding from the DEC? DEC helps to support student initiatives. DEC and ESC are two separate budgets. Sometimes the DEC supplements, because our mission is aligned. 2021 forecasts an increase in salaries: why? The forecast is if we have 2 staff. We currently only have one. There is an increase in minimum wage as well. Some of the forecasts are pretty outdated by now. There are lots of changes from COVID. How do ESC orgs get recognized? They have to be a recognized club for a year and attend ESC meetings for a year. MSA did both at once last year. Then ESC votes on who is recognized. Once recognized, orgs have additional requirements for community service and supports to other orgs. There are steps for orgs that are previously recognized to be re-recognized. Have you ever rejected a funding request from an organization? Not in my time. We used to receive requests from anyone that wanted to ask for funds. Due to a clause we found, we now only see ESC recognized funding requests. We only actively deny requests when groups meets their quota for funding, and then we support them to find supplemental funding. What is the funding cap limit? \$3,500 per org (in constitution). Anything above that is a formal vote and approval process.

Thank you all. ASCWU Government is here as students to serve you all. We want to continue to be responsible stewards of this money. Thank you for your time.

Old Business:

None.

Other Business: Communications Received

I had to go through a browser to access the PowerBI data. I posted a link in the Teams chat, and you will have to sign up for the 60-day trial. I have also PDFed the info in Teams. Use the "go to website" link on Teams and request access. I will add everyone individually.

Public Comment

If you have free time tomorrow, the International Office is hosting a Karaoke night tomorrow at 6:00.

Join the ESC meeting where they vote on MSA tomorrow.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Brandon Wear-Grimm made a motion to adjourn. Gregg Schlanger seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Schedule for Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021, online starting at 5:30 p.m.



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executive officers

23

senators

\$492,228

ASCWU Student Government
total funding (FY20)



■ S&A (100%)



ASCWU by the Numbers

6 S&A Funded Budgets

6-7 Elected Student Officials

10-18 Paid Student Staff

23 Paid Student Senators

20+ Programs and Events each year

9+ Equity & Service Council Organizations

35+ Committees

130+ Recognized Clubs

Current Members of ESC	AUAP	Asia America University Program
	BSU	Black Student Union
	CASA	Central African Student Association
	FASA	Filipino American Student Association
	LSO	Latinx Student Organization
	FGSO	First Generation Student Organization
	MEChA	Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlan
	EQuAL	Equality through Queers and Allies
	MSA	Muslim Student Association
Previously Recognized Orgs In the Quadrennium	ABLE	Accessibility Belonging Learning and Equality
	SASA	South Asian Student Association
	PolyCentral	