

**Services and Activities Fee Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**March 31, 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, Terry Wilson, Yunus Timurtas, Zoe Brown

Excused: Sean Dahlin

Unexcused: Masina Ieremia

**Agenda:**

**MOTION: Yunus Timurtas 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 March 13, 2021. Brandon Wear-Grimm seconded. Motion carried.**

**Reports:**

Chair – Great work so far. We are in the home stretch of the last quarter. Keep asking great questions and doing great work. I believe in you guys.

ASCWU – Stay safe. That is the big thing we are talking about university-wide right now. I know we won't meet in person soon. Be vigilant, stay safe, mask up even if you are vaccinated.

Advisors – We presented your recommendations to PBAC last week. Thank you to the members that did attend. PBAC did not vote last week. This is pretty standard. At the April 13 meeting, they will process or vote on the recommendation up to the President. They wanted to understand the process, training, and rationale behind the recommendations. This is a public meeting on April 13, so feel free to attend.

Questions: They can reverse the decision, right? Regardless of what PBAC says, it will go up to the President. He will review the recommendations and will either approve the recommendation to the Board of Trustees or recommend changes that will be sent back to the committee. You can adopt the changes or go through a dispute resolution process. There seemed to be a lot of concerns about the format of the deliberations meeting and the public comment. How would we go about changing that? Certain things are university policy, and some are internal to the

committee that we don't have to run up the chain to change. This year was unique for deliberations. We normally only have one day, but we split it into two this year. They are also normally in person. Deliberation is normally at capacity and people have to wait in the staging area. There are normally no comments during deliberation, just at the beginning and the end - and is limited. We can only have up to 100 people in a meeting if we don't do a webinar. We had over 500 public comments, which it would not have been feasible to share all of them. Next year we will likely be back in person and have the ability to stream it. The RCWs say that this student money is guided by student voice. Our process is internal to the university. Can we discuss this more in a future meeting? Yes. We will go through and do a self-assessment about the process and recommend changes for the next quadrennial cycle. That will come up later this quarter.

There are three presentations tonight. You will have 10 minutes, and we will give you a two-minute and one-minute warning in the chat.

I am on call tonight. If I have to step away, that is why.

We have two chances for public comment. Please raise your hand electronically and we will call on you. You have two minutes for public comment. Anything disruptive or inappropriate will be muted.

We are coming up on the end of the last base funding cycle. Base funded units are able to carry forward funds through the cycle, but at the end they are swept back. It is in the policy that they can request to keep the funding with good faith shown. We have three requests tonight and more coming up through the quarter. These requests will be similar to supplemental requests, where we will deliberate and vote at the next meeting. The request to keep the funds does not go up for additional approvals. Make sure that the intent of the funding is the same as the intent of the initial request.

#### **Other Business: Communications Received**

We have had a number of emails that you have received ahead of time. For the sake of time, we will not read them. We did receive four communications. Most are related to base funding and some are related to PBAC.

#### **Public Comment:**

Please keep involved. The International Office is having a lot of events. There is an International Café on April 15. We are working on an Asian Violence statement with the University of Washington. Asian Americans continue to be targets of violence. Please pray for these victims of violence. Please remember we are all brothers/sisters. Please contact me for the statement at [Yunus.timurtas@cwu.edu](mailto:Yunus.timurtas@cwu.edu). If you see violence, please report it.

I am a graduate student in Music Performance and a graduate assistant. Music has always been a part of my life. The impact of S&A funding for Music has a widespread impact beyond the university. The university's original goal was to train students in education. Ensemble outreach

is more than just outreach; it betters the education of students. These funds play a key role in educational outreach. Students receive benefits from programs and workshops. S&A funding for music is important beyond the university and impacts K-12 students throughout the state of Washington.

I am the culture chair of FASA. Music is an expensive pursuit. Music is gate-kept from marginalized communities that can't afford workshops and private lessons. You are keeping people from learning and growing. Many did not have access to music growing up. I implore the S&A committee to do your part in helping us go to these clinics. It is important to help everyone, regardless of their backgrounds.

**New Business:**

**A. Request for S&A Carry Forward Funds**

**i. Wellness Center: PATH Advocate - \$82,343**

Our office is a resource for any student that has experienced power based personal violence. I thank you for the time you spent in deliberations and your support of the program. I am requesting to reclaim the funding for the PATH Advocate as a stopgap to continue providing these resources for students. I have already started conversations with the university to request state funds for a full time dedicated position. Not only is it required, but it is an invaluable resource for our students on campus, at the centers, and online. We have been in negotiations to hire a full time person for the position and would like to use these funds to fund this position until we have state funds. I am dedicated to finding state funding for this position and we are working with state legislators. The use of the funds would be identical to the initial allocation. This would be to hire someone and keep the important work going while we work on finding permanent funding.

Presented by: Marissa Howat

Questions: How long has the position been vacant and you have been taking on those duties? It will be a year in May. This has been a third of my job and I don't want to drop the ball. The number of cases have dropped nation-wide during COVID. The acuity has been concerning while people are forced to be in the same house and don't have the escape of work. Some of the most serious and concerning cases have come in during COVID. We want someone dedicated to this. I went to the open forum, is that the same position? Yes. If we say no, then would you not be able to hire the person? Correct, we don't currently have the funding to hire for that position. How long would the roll over fund the position for? A little over a year.

- ii.** Music Department: CWU Symphony Orchestra - \$105,628.15  
These funds were earmarked to attend a clinic in December. This clinic is the pinnacle of recognition. We have received invitations for state, regional, national, and international conferences. This was due to be in December and was canceled due to COVID. This was a rigorous application process. Most programs submit multiple applications before they are accepted. We got in on the first application. We are the 7<sup>th</sup> orchestra ever invited to perform. There are 75-85 ensemble members with 10-15% non-majors. This is one of the most diverse ensembles on campus with different class-standings, races, genders, orientations, and instruments represented. We serve our community through concerts and serve as a recruiting force for CWU. Travel is unusual for this large of a group and we have large instruments to transport. We often need to pay for extra seats for the instruments. This clinic has been rescheduled for December 2021 and they have re-invited us.

Presented by: Nikolas Caoile

Questions: This was a supplemental request? No. This was from the base funding. This conference is going to happen? Yes, it has been announced and it will happen in December 2021.

- iii.** Community Garden at the Wildcat Farm – up to \$24,000  
We are requesting up to \$24,000 to be able to expand the services we offer. We would expand the seed library, startups, and respond to the access needs of the participants. Something we did not account for is the need for a restroom facility. Carrying over these funds would allow us to respond to that need, build out our seed library, and put in perennial plants. Our best estimate is about \$2,000 for the restroom. That came up today so I don't have a detailed estimate for the cost of that.

Presented by: Kate Doughty

Questions: A lot of the money you had left is due to the transition of the program, is that right? Yes. The original request in FY17 did not end up being fully spent. Right at the end of that cycle the garden came to be managed by the farm. A lot of the rollover is from the transition, and then we did not spend a lot last year due to the pandemic. This would allow us to build out the program beyond the bare minimum, which is where we tend to operate. Is there an option for a more permanent restroom to be built? I was looking at that today. UW has a composting toilet which would be cool. I would be happy to come back with a more detailed presentation on this. That cost would likely need a supplemental request or another funding source. For environmental reasons, a pre-fab unit would be better which would be about \$30,000. What would be the upkeep

costs of this? I don't know. From what I understand, with a pre-fab unit, the system takes care of itself and someone comes to empty it. I put in requests for more information. I think it needs to happen once or twice a year. If an area wants to carry forward funding and we approve it, it becomes base funding and they can use it however they want, correct? For carryover funds, I advise the committee to have a deadline of a fiscal year, some scenarios would take 2 years. We could track that on the budget and accounting side. This gives the program manager the opportunity to plan. This would allow some cushioning for our student employees as well, in case they need to work some additional hours. What would be a good window of time to get these things set up for the garden? We would like the restroom set up as soon as possible, and that was not included in our base funding request. We would need to carry the cost over the 4 years unless we find a more permanent solution. How do you know if it is used or not? We would keep it locked with the key in a place where only the participants have access.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Public Comment**

I am a CWU orchestra senator. The Midwest Clinic is an honor and would represent the school at an international level. It would be a crime to deprive us of this experience. The experience would expand beyond Central.

We are one of only seven collegiate level orchestras invited to perform. Many high school orchestras get invited year after year. This is a fantastic outreach tool. Our school of music is a hidden gem. This is an incredible opportunity to have an international audience and recruit students beyond the PNW region. This is a great opportunity to bring more diversity from across the country. There are benefits for the students and our school.

I have done a lot of camps outside of Washington. Central music is a lot more rigorous. This is what people are looking for. Going here can help people find this is what they want. I had a friend that never heard of Central and almost didn't come here and is so much happier that he did.

The Midwest Clinic is a clinic where there are presentations and we get to see high-level performances. We will all be better educators. This will have lasting effects on music education in the state of Washington.

I have seen some comments about our deliberation decisions. Some people are happy and some are sad. I didn't know about this process until this year. We try to spend the money the best we can for all of the students. I base my decisions on what is best. I see comments, and it is your right to say them, but we are not trying to take your money. We are trying to spend all the money

the right way. You can join the committee next year and help decide where the funding goes. If you would like to join, you can email Joey, Lacy, or Brandon for next year. This is the best way to connect and see where the money goes. I love you all.

I want to emphasize how cool it is to see people showing up and speaking out in a constructive and respectful manner. I want to honor that by making myself available for any questions or concerns that you have.

The reason this money went unspent was due to the date of the clinic being moved. That is beyond our control. We are not asking for anything extra. It feels like we are trying to take this from someone else, but we are just asking to hold it a little longer.

Please vote for student government elections. That is coming up this month. This month will be the public debates. Voting will not be open for a little bit. It is on the elections tab of the ASCWU page. Debates are Wednesdays at 5pm this month. Then we will move into voting. This is through Presence so you will need your MyCWU credentials to vote online. I encourage you to view the debates and tune into social media to understand the platforms. The debates are April 14th at 6pm and then April 21st at 6pm. <http://www.cwu.edu/ascwu/elections>

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: Yunus Timurtas made a motion to adjourn. Björn Pellmyr seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.**

**Schedule for Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2021, online starting at 5:30 p.m.