

**Services and Activities Fee Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**April 14, 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, Sean Dahlin, Terry Wilson, Yunus Timurtas, Zoe Brown

Unexcused: Masina Ieremia

**Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

**MOTION: Yunus Timurtas made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021. Jessica Thomas seconded. Motion carried.**

**Reports:**

Chair – None.

ASCWU – The ASCWU debates will be recorded and posted on the website tonight. If you want to ask candidates questions email Mickael or the Election Commission Chair and they will send the questions on to the candidates to answer via email.

Advisors – PBAC has recommended the quadrennial budget on to the President. We should hear back from the President in the next couple of weeks. It is not official until it is approved by the Board of Trustees. PBAC is an open meeting and the link is on the website. We should hear back soon and everything looks to be on target. Pending the President's approval, we will be on the next Board of Trustees meeting agenda.

Thank you all for your hard work this quarter, especially Christian navigating this technology as the Chair.

**Other Business: Communications Received**

None.

**Public Comment:**

Tomorrow there is an International Café at 12:00 and I will send the email out to you all. Friday MSA will have an event with Mohsen Asadalla. CAH is hosting a Webinar with Humaira Abid Tuesday, which is being co-sponsored by the MSA.

**Old Business:**

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

**i. Homecoming - \$60,954**

Discussion: This would be \$60,000 for next year in addition to other support? Since the base allocation for the next quadrennium did not include Homecoming, they will not receive additional funding. This would be to use the \$60,000 for next fall's homecoming. The contracting is all set for next fall. They will have next year to figure out funding for the following year. They could request supplemental funding, correct? Yes. I don't see why we should not approve, since this is in the spirit of the original allocation. I agree and it gives them a grace period for next year and provides Homecoming for the incoming class. There is some concern that they only target freshmen. How do we expand it and target other students? We are already in contract negotiations. Maybe they can focus more on transfer and international students. Transfer students are like freshmen because they don't know about the campus yet. COVID has really brought together our relationships with the International Office and Transfer Center, and I would love to chat with you about how we can be better at intentionally reaching these students. We are tasked with getting back this year's freshmen class to give them the traditional first year experience.

**MOTION: Yunus Timurtas made a motion to approve the carry forward request for Homecoming in the amount of \$60,954. Brandon Wear-Grimm seconded.**

**AMMENDMENT: Brandon Wear-Grimm proposed an amendment to add a one-year timeline. Jessica Thomas seconded the amendment. Amendment carried.**

**Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

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

**i. Intramural Sports - \$100,000**

Intramurals hires over 60 student staff each year and averages over 13,000 participations. They offer a variety of sports in 6-week leagues with regular and post seasons. They are inclusive for a variety of competition and skill levels. 73% of the budget goes to student wages and the rest is benefits, equipment, and travel. They are projecting a \$100,000 carryover due to the pandemic, and the fact that they can't hire as many students. Minimum wage has increased and they expect it will increase more in the near future. They anticipate increased

demand from students returning to campus. Two classes are going to be new to campus and they anticipate high demand for in-person activities. They want to expand their offerings to include inclusive leagues for a variety of abilities. They did not ask for an increase in base funding because they anticipated having this carry forward. They would like to split this over the four-years for about a 25% increase per year. A lot of equipment has been sitting in storage and will likely need to be updated, they want to expand, and offer additional hours for students. Without the carry forward, they will need to reduce their offerings or increase fees to students.

Presented by: Matthew Boyer

Questions: This focuses a lot on Ellensburg students. With COVID we have seen events can be online. I would like to see more focus on the Westside or possibly competitions between center students. This helps students to make a connection and then students will not be alone. E-sports are a big part of the programs and all students can participate in those. We are looking at ways to promote events to the centers. We are reaching out to do those things. Without the carryover, would the hours be like pre-COVID? Would the impact of the carry forward be more hours offered? The carry forward would allow us to offer 1,700 more hours to students. Each game is 60 hours of work between three officials. Without the carry forward, we might only do two officials for 40 hours. This is not best practice, but acceptable. We can also reduce the number of games. We would just manage the budget to make it work. This would go mostly to getting students employed. The more officials on a game, the safer the game is. This is only a small fraction going to new equipment? Correct. It is largely to cover the increase in minimum wage. We believe it will increase more over the next two years. Equipment is a small part of the budget; the largest part is personnel costs. Sounds like you have \$100,000 but need \$125,000 so why not ask for that in base funding? We did not ask for that in base funding because we knew a lot of requests were going to come in, and that funding would be at a premium. We hoped this carry forward would offset those costs. We were trying to be a good team player. If you use these funds, they will have a level of expectations and the level of programming will go down unless funding is increased in the next quadrennium, correct? That could happen. We do anticipate the next base request being larger. This carry forward is what we need to manage this next quadrennial. Is the request \$100,000 or \$25,000? They are requesting to keep \$100,000 with the plan to use \$25,000 each of the years. It would not be for a lump sum; this would be an increase over the next four years. We have other ways to make revenue to cover the costs if needed.

**ii. Sports Clubs - \$220,000**

Sports Clubs employs 12 student staff, averages 2,000 practice hours annually, and had 600 student athletes in 2019. They purchase insurance for athletes, and their biggest expense is travel. They currently have 19 teams that travel and compete. A small component of the budget is student wages, with a good chunk going to insurance, and about 1/3 each going to travel and goods and services. This rollover could also cover hiring athletic trainers, which are increasingly difficult to find. They have not traveled the last four quarters, which is a big part of the budget. There are three main components to this request. The first component is \$120,000 for tennis court renovations. It would be \$100,000 to resurface, \$10,000 for security cameras, \$5,000 for gate installation, and \$5,000 for a windscreen replacement. The tennis courts were built in 2013 and it is recommended to resurface every 4-8 years, so we are in that time frame. The second component is travel for \$80,000, split up as \$20,000 per year. Teams travel with up to 20 players. They have a council that can allocate funds to the teams. In the past they could only allocate \$8,000, which led players to come to S&A. They hope to eliminate the need for teams to come to S&A in the future. They have a travel policy and want them to travel safely. The third component is \$20,000 for a camera system. They want to do an online stream for games. This would create excitement and people would be able to watch from a distance. This may help with recruitment and alumni connections. They are working with the media team to find the best equipment. This carry forward would improve the student experience, but without it, they would still be operable.

Presented by: Matthew Boyer

Questions: Why would we use S&A fees to fix the tennis courts? Also, if we are eliminating the need for students to come to S&A, that does not seem fair to other clubs that need to come to S&A for requests. I know that S&A was used in the past for the tennis facility. This is a student facility. It is a community tennis court, and we hope to improve the facility so that students have a positive experience. For the second question, this money was already in the club budget for travel we could not do. This would allow us to use it and not come in and pull other funding away from other clubs. Do the Sports Club Council and Interclub association interact? No. Sports Club Council determines how the funds are split for big travel expenses. All clubs get \$5,000 for operations. \$80,000 would increase the pot of money for clubs to travel with. It would not stop them from being allowed to come to S&A; it would just stave them off. I know you all have a lot of requests, so we hope to handle these requests internally. It is not only students that use the tennis courts, so why should student fees fix it? What about the Rec fee? The Rec fee manages the whole Rec Center. The sport club funding is only for clubs. Could the Rec fee be used?

Yes, but other needs are more pressing. Did Athletics stop maintaining the tennis courts? Recreation is in charge of maintenance on those facilities. There is no funding set aside for that. Was that in the agreement? That was before my time. The courts were transferred back in 2018. When can the courts be resurfaced if funding is approved, before fall? It can be. Their schedule fills up quickly and they are from Westside, so they need to come over and do the work. The original request did not include maintenance? No, it did not. Since this court is used by the Sport Club team, it seemed an appropriate use of the funds if the council deems it appropriate. Athletics does not have a tennis team, which is why this goes with Sports Clubs and Recreation. The high school team uses this facility. Their reservations for a year are substantial, but we do not charge them as part of the town-gown, which benefits Central.

**Public Comment**

Thank you all for the hard work. I encourage you all to watch the election debates. Happy Ramadan for those celebrating.

Before we graduate, we should have an event to invite all the students to raise awareness for next year. Maybe it would help to appoint people to the committee. I would be happy to help plan the event. We can look at a time to plan something. Great suggestion.

On Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> I wanted to invite you all to an event by the College of Education and Professional Studies. We will be going over *How to be an Antiracist*. I will send out the time to you all. Questions can go to Susana Flores or Grace Blum in Education.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: Yunus Timurtas made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Wear-Grimm seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.**

**Schedule for Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021, online starting at 5:30 p.m.