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ASCWU-BOD Public Meeting
May 13, 2014
7:00 PM BOD Conference Room

Call to Order 7:04

Introduction

Bryan Elliott - President
Jacob Wittman – Executive Vice President
Mary Orthmann – VP for Clubs and Organizations
Cassie DuBore – VP for Legislative Affairs
Scott Kazmi – VP for Student Life and Facilities
Spencer Flores – VP for Equity and Community Affairs
Kelsie Miller – VP for Academic Affairs
Arturo Arellano – Public Relations Director
Dean Sarah Swagger – Dean of Student Success
Bob Ford – Director of Campus Life
Christopher Boone – Student

Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Jacob add central transit letter under new business
Spencer strike ESC
Jacob strike committee and SAS application
Mary strike clubs

Approval of Agenda Bryan entertains a motion to approve the agenda with the said corrections. Scott so moves and Cassie seconds. No discussion. 6-0-1 motion passes.

Communications: Communications may be submitted to Bryan Elliott in person or via email BODPresident@cwu.edu.

Club Recognition

Committee Appointments

SAS Appointments

ESC Recognition

Unfinished Business

• Athletic Fee Increase

- **Bryan** – this was discussed last night, discussing the entirety of the \$14 increase: \$9 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and \$5 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. As a board we can try and narrow them down and decide what we want to do with them.
- **Spencer** – did the BOD last year talk about the fee?
- **Bryan** – They did, Dean Swagger informed us about this and other fees increased. It was informational never a vote was taken. The discussion last year was on the late fees.
- **Scott** – is there a letter drafted if we don't pass the fee?



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- **Bryan** – no this is a letter drafted if we do pass the fee, if we didn't we can choose to draft a letter. Reason for drafting this letter is based on the discussion from last night, it reflected what the board was thinking last night.
- **Christopher Boone** – what is the increase paying for?
- **Bryan** – its paying for maintaining the cost of athletic programs.
- **Dean Swagger** – prices are increasing, so we had to increase the fee.
- **Bryan** – last year, it didn't come to a vote. To be in compliance with the fee policy, we need to ratify the \$9.00 component and they want to gather the \$5 component and in order for it to be legal under Washington State law, we need to vote on it.
- **Spencer** – for the \$5 increase the same reason for prices going up?
- **Dean Swagger** – the intent was to phase it in over two years so there wasn't this huge increase all at once.
- **Bryan** – an informal proposal to the board, focus specifically on the \$9 fee and hold off on the \$5 fee for the rest of the discussion.
- **Jacob** – it needs to be discussed
- **Bryan** – we can still discuss it, but focus on one thing at a time.
- **Kelsie** – thinks that we should attach the actual proposed changes. Thinks it should say as attached, its formal and clear.
- **Mary** – why are you splitting up the \$9 fee and the \$5 fee?
- **Bryan** – essentially the way its been drafted, if we pass the \$9 fee tonight, it takes the university out of hot water with the state auditor's office. We can still hold onto the \$5 fee for whatever reason, the policy didn't pass we would still have that as leverage.
- **Jacob** – worried bout passing any of this without the policy being approved and understands using the policy as a contingency part, but the policy worked on all year. Respects Dean Swagger and we worked on this all year and if something goes wrong with it, its an entire year of work gone.
- **Spencer** – what is the connection between the two fees?
- **Bryan** – its more of a bargaining tactic. the policy we are trying to pass is a direct reflection of the athletic fee, having a process in place so that self-imposed fees have to go through a vote of the students before they can be increased or created.
- **Jacob** – BFC approved the policy because it will prevent this from happening in the future.
- **Dean Swagger** – the policy revision enumerates what are the voluntary fees. What does this policy apply to? That was the piece this was missing before and it fell through the cracks before because it hadn't been listed before of what are voluntary fees.
- **Jacob** – Wellness Center is being moved to advisory vote because they were originally one of the same.
- **Dean Swagger** – the Learning Commons fee was approved by BFC and will be placed on the list of voluntary fees.
- **Jacob** – concern is that this year, we tackled controversial issues. Retroactively approve a fee is of concern. Knows that this affects the administration, but it wasn't our mistake.
- **Kelsie** – disagrees with Jacob and the intent of the board last year was not to disprove this fee, there wasn't enough clarity and the intent should be honored of the previous board.
- **Cassie** – if we retroactively approve this and for some reason the policy doesn't pass, are we allowed to revisit and amend our motion.
- **Bryan** – we certainly would as a board? Bob are we legally able to revisit our motion?
- **Bob** – confused by the conversation, his understanding was with the approval of the fee policy, then you would support that direction.



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- **Bryan** – concern is if we go ahead and pass this tonight even if we have the language about the policy, it might not be legally binding. Make it go into effect at a certain time.
- **Dean Swagger** – Supports in saying, all bets are off then. It was contingent on the policy going through. Supports the ASCWU Board of Directors in voiding the approval of the fee if the policy fee isn't approved.
- **Cassie** – wanted to make sure that we can revisit this.
- **Dean Swagger** – we are people of good faith and we are representing you taking this forwarded. Your wishes are for the policy to be enforced and you would retroactively approve the fee.

Bryan would like to entertain a motion to approve the \$9 athletic fee for the fiscal year 2013-2014 on the condition that the President of Central Washington University approves the proposed changes to CWU policy, 580020. Titled: Criteria for Fee Changes. Mary so moves and Spencer seconds.

- **Discussion:**
 - **Kelsie** – recommends that we should read the letter into the minutes.
 - **Bryan** – can we do it as a separate motion
 - **Scott** – feels uncomfortable in the situation, understands were all parties are coming from, just doesn't know which one is right. Agrees with the Board that this will help our policy get approved by approving this fee, but also see this was a mistake by all parties and doesn't think this should get approved because it didn't go through the proper channels.
 - **Spencer** – Kelsie put it well, the intent wasn't an issue with the policy, although it didn't go through the proper procedures that it was implemented and we should respect their decision because it wouldn't be our decision, it would be their decision. Agrees with the intent.
 - **Bryan** – there wasn't any real discussion on the athletic fee last year.
 - **Scott** – it's a harder decision because doesn't know full intent of the board's decision. Doesn't know where to go
 - **Kelsie**- if there wasn't a discussion about it, then it wasn't an issue
 - **Scott**- sees where Kelsie is coming from, didn't have an issue because they didn't know there was an issue. Can't represent the intent of last year's board has to represent the intent of this year's board.
 - **Jacob** – stay on topic with the motion talking about the intent of last year's board has nothing to do with it.
 - **Cassie** – not necessary to think of the intent of last year's board. Think on your intent of how this fee can help.
- **Jacob** – call to question
- **Bryan** – is there any dissent? See none.
- 4-0-3. Motion passes
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Jacob moves to approve the communication from Bryan to Central Washington University Administration regarding our approval of the 2013-2014 athletic fee as read by Bryan: Starting with To Whom It May Concern and ending with Voluntary Student Fees. Kelsie seconds.

- **Discussion:**
 - **Dean Swagger** – you reference the Board several times in letter, might want to clarify the ASCWU Board of Directors.

6-0-1. motion passes



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New Business

Central Transit Letter

- **Bryan** – The Northern Pacific Rail Depo is a rundown railroad depo that Steve Hayden has placed money into to repairing and has a board that contributes and working on for several years. This project has several components: a museum, an events but long-term goal is to get passenger rail trains going through it. Hayden has requested from the Board is we put it in a long-term plans for the student transit, it doesn't need to happen right now, just down the road if there are passenger service going through Ellensburg. It would allow Hayden to declare as a transit hub to have the ability to seek grants to complete the project.
- **Scott** – how many years down the road?
- **Bryan** – whenever he receives enough funding to complete the project. It's a long-term plan. Timeline is unknown.
- **Spencer** – it sounds like it would be beneficial
- **Kelsie** – is this a passenger train?
- **Bryan** – it will be a passenger train. That's the purpose behind this letter so that we can approve this communication as a whole.

Jacob moves to approve communication written to the Public Transportation Advisory committee in regards to future plans to add a Central Transit bus stop at the Northern Pacific Train Depo. Scott seconds.

- **Discussion: none**

6-0-1. motion passes

Issues/Concerns/Announcements

Public Comments: Public Comments may be submitted Bryan Elliott in person or via email BODPresident@cwu.edu. Public comments may also be presented at the time of the meeting

Adjournment Scott moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Jacob seconds.

- Discussion:
 - **Dean Swagger – Thank you all for being such thoughtful compatriots**

6-0-1. Motion passes