



ASCWU Student Government

Public Meeting Minutes for

Friday the 2nd of December, 2016

SURC Pit -1:00pm

400 East University Way Ellensburg, WA 98926

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:01pm by Armando Ortiz on Friday December 2nd, 2016

2. INTRODUCTIONS

President: Armando Ortiz

VP Equity and Community affairs: Andrea Saavedra

VP Clubs and Organization: Alex Horning

VP Academic Affairs: Ryan Zimmerman

VP Student Life and Facilities: Forrest McNealley

VP Legislative Affairs: JR Siperly

Executive VP: Brittany Kinsella

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting on October 14th, 21st, 28th, 2016, and November 4th, and 18th, 2016.

MOVED by Brittany Kinsella

SECONDED by Ryan Zimmerman

Approved 4-2-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

To Approve the ASCWU Student Government Agenda for the meeting January 6th, 2017 with addition of adding Dean Cutright to section 13 of announcement of the library fee.

MOVED by Brittany Kinsella

SECONDED by JR Siperly

Approved 6-0-0



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5. OFFICER REPORTS

Executive VP Brittany Kinsella – Tomorrow we are going to the holiday extravaganza. Yesterday we had a veteran memorial task force meeting, we will be sending out a doodle poll next quarter to get that going.

I also had a meeting with Alex this week about the backspace.

I also sent a letter to Cherie to get more people involved with committees on campus.

I also went to a talk about homelessness in the SURC Theater.

VP Clubs and Organizations Alex Horning – I talked with my employees about what we will be working on next week. I would also like to thank them because this week has been hectic and they have been on their p's and q's with getting everything done.

Michael Green is the man that is providing us with blueprints for the backspace.

VP Academic Affairs Ryan Zimmerman – I met with provost to get the students' needs and problems met. The week after finals there is a meeting and I'll go talk to Dean's and express student concerns.

VP Equity and Community affairs: Andrea Saavedra – We want to make sure that our orgs are meeting the hours, all the orgs have to hit a minimum of 15 hours of community engagement.

I have been working on the awareness of the food pantries on campus. We are trying to make a meeting with hope source, CDSJ, P.U.S.H, etc. to combine our efforts to make sure students are getting access to food on and off campus.

As well as our team working on winter warm up with will be going on through January 9th-18th, there will be boxes on both sides of the SURC and in the Brooks Library and downtown at the D&M Coffee shop.

Student government and I are trying to finish the final backroom project.

VP Student Life and Facilities: Forrest McNealley – These past 2 weeks I have met with Cherie and Rusty to go over updates on what they have done in their committee, because that is my job as the liaison for the students. If you guys have any questions about what was talked about in that meeting, feel free to come and talk to me about it. I caught the tail end of the backspace room meeting.

I attended RHA to act as a liaison for ASCWU and RHA.

I also worked with Scott to see who would be representing RHA on the wildcat committee. Student Union has been revising the constitution. I finished the updates on



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the webpage, over break. I am trying to recover all the minutes because none of the minutes have been uploaded yet.

VP Legislative Affairs: JR Siperly – Two weeks ago we had our General Assembly and we voted on different legislative items, such as college affordability which included 3 different proposals, one with 202 million dollar budget for the Pell Grant, to have tuition frozen, and on top of that decoupling S&A fees from tuition. The likelihood of that passing through the house is slim to none. Central voted no, that bill has passed. Following WSA comes lobbying, which is what we want to lobby for and it will be affordability in core classes for your freshman and sophomore year because those are your most expensive years. We also want to make it a law that all the core classes have eBooks for all the Gen Ed classes and to make it where the books will not cost over 200 dollars. The possibility of that passing is very high. We have representative Stombaugh who is a republican and she is on our side.

President: Armando Ortiz- I have been conducting interviews for the dean of undergraduate advising and I will be going over the interviews with the search committee. We had 3 great candidates and it was a great process because as Ryan was talking about it has been very hectic with class scheduling and advising in the recent quarter. Finding a new Dean of undergrad will be key to having a more successful time in that area in the next few years.

I have conducted a few interviews for the Central transit manager that I as the president sit on the transit committee to talk about initiatives and funding for it. The manager and I will focus on how we will build better transportation and even try to extend some of the routes.

I met with President Gaundino on Wednesday talked about us being a sanctuary campus, talked about the quadranium budget, S&A, and we also talked about student safety and what that looks like no just around the school but in general like the climate, because there are a lot of people who have never drove in the snow, so we are talking about how we can better the school for students that way.

Honestly, I have just been trying to work on bettering the campus for the students so if you have any ideas on how the school can be bettered come talk to me and I will try to get it in the works.

6. CLUB RECOGNITION

THAT this ASCWU Student Government recognize the following clubs:

- Northwest Collegiate Ministries

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- Energy Management Club
- National Society of collegiate Scholars
- CWU Geographical Society
- ASME
- PESH

MOVED by Forrest Mcnealley

SECONDED by JR Siperly

Approved 6-0-0

7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

THAT this ASCWU Student Government appoint the following students to their respective committees:

- Daisy Perez
- Jessica Greenwood
- Phuc Chua

MOVED by Ryan Zimmerman

SECONDED by JR Siperly

Approved 6-0-0

8. SAS APPOINTMENTS

THAT this ASCWU Student government appoint the following senators to the Student Academic Senate:

- Stephan Simes representing World Languages
- Erik Ekberg representing Graduate Studies

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9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean Cutright -The library is proposing and implementing a library fee of \$10 per quarter resulting in \$30 a year. Since coming here to CWU I have spent money less on electronics and other expenses correlating with that and more on books. In the recent years these numbers have switched. More and more the students are requesting either an e-book option or need access to a data base we don't have access to. With this fee we can use the money to improve the computers in the library, access more data bases for the growing STEM programs here on campus, order more e-books for students, and implement software. I will be attending the next few meetings to continue to talk about this with students as well as answer any questions anyone has about the fee.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next ASCWU Student Government Public Meeting to be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 in the SURC Pit.

11. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:30pm.

MOVED by Forrest McNealley

SECONDED by Brittany Kinsella

Approved 6-0-0