

Services and Activities Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025

Called to order:

Eli called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Attendance:

Erin Sargent, Robbi Goninan, Mia Young, Yahir Calderon Sotelo, Ian Seymour, Nick Moreno, Marisol Torres Alcantar, Eli Alvarado, Nicholas Villa

Absent: Oscar Martinez, Arik Spring

Guests: Ruben Cardenas, Nicholas Evans

Agenda:

MOTION: Ian made a motion to approve the agenda from 5/20/25. Marisol seconded.

Motion Carried. 4 (yes), 0 (no), 3 (abstentions)

Minutes:

MOTION: Ian made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/13/2025. Marisol seconded.

Motion Carried. 5 (yes), 0 (no), 2 (abstentions)

Reports

I. Chair:

a. Public comment:

- i. Length: Reminder 3 minutes maximum for speaker.
- ii. Decorum: Model courtesy and respect for each other.
- iii. Please speak into the microphone.

II. Advisors:

a. BOT Next Steps

- i. Links of BOT recordings provided on the Agenda.
- ii. They are intending on having a conversation with Joel (CFO) to figure out the process for this.
- iii. BOT approved the budget for this year with the option to do Base Funding submissions for 2027, 2028, and 2029. They would have to do everything they did over Winter quarter again.
 1. Is everyone resubmitting that received S&A funding or are they just going to allow those areas that were underfunded, defunded, or reduced funding to submit again to prove to us that they've made adjustments, and that S&A would want to support them again?
 2. Does this allow us to go into reserves for that?
- iv. They will have answers by the last meeting and more direction by then.

b. BOT Comments

- i. It was an intense atmosphere. This was a compromise between students and the S&A Committee, which gives both programs time to adjust their structures while also respecting the S&A's decision.

III. ASCWU:

- a. Any students that are wanting to continue to be on S&A, they recommend emailing them at ascwuevp@cwu.edu so next year's VP can take a look at those and see those students that want to join the Committee. It will be up to them and the Senate to approve those nominees. If you are interested, please email them.

Communications Received

None.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Public Comment – Second Call

Marisol

- Were we going to have a discussion about the Observer? Were we ever going to talk to them about why we made our decision?

Erin

- We've spoken with their advisor, the meetings have been public, we've done a lot of Public Comment, Robbi and I and you went to the office to talk to them all about the decision. What's tricky is that some of the communications I've read were not reflective of what the committee had actually discussed. If we want to, we can add that to the agenda for next week. I don't know what the right process is off the top of my head - if it's doing some type of letter or if there's anything else to add at this point. I think that the issue that the committee identified is that they have students enrolled in the class and pay tuition. The time that they spend in that class is being paid for by S&A funding, which seems like it's not allowable. The guidance from the board is not that you have to refund all of these but it's an opportunity for the areas to rethink how they're using that funding and work to articulate how it's not tied to course credit so that the Committee can reconsider those requests that would be for next year. That's not verbatim what the board said but that's how I took it. It wasn't saying that the decision was wrong, it was giving these areas almost an opportunity to appeal. If someone comes back presenting the same information, then they might expect the same result.

Robbi

- We just need to work out the process. What's the process going to look like next year? Is it just for those areas or are we going to open it up to everybody again? Those are things

that Erin and I are working on. Hopefully they will be able to start Fall quarter to say that last year's behind us and this is how this year is going to work. The process wouldn't take place until winter 2026 again for funding in July of 2026.

Eli

- I know Verónica (Interim VP for SES) was working to make a new S&A policy. Is that something that the S&A committee will also collaborate on?

Robbi

- That's something that they are going to bring to the committee next week. The policy that is on the webpage is incorrect. Last year's board voted on some policy changes which were also some changes in the committee structure. Unfortunately, it went up to the VP but never to the official policy change maker and so it wasn't published on our website. The question is since technically last year's committee already approved those changes but Erin and I are going to bring them you next week, have you all vote whether you agree that those changes are still the correct ways S&A should be structured.

Nick V

- Would we be reviewing the S&A documents?

Robbi

- It's worth looking at because this is our time. If we are going to make any changes, we might as well make them now. For example, if we want to change the amount of time that public comment is allowed, if we want to structure our public comment more like BOT where no more than one person can talk on one topic. That is something that we can look at changing now for future committee policy. After the Committee reviews them, Erin and I will push the policy changes through over the summer to be implemented in Fall.

Erin

- Should we send them out ahead of time since Monday's holiday? Don't come to school Monday because it's a holiday.
- I would like to publicly thank you all again for your time. This has been a very interesting last couple of months and I think that you've all handled yourself very professionally. There's been misunderstandings about what the Committee decided, and I think that you all have really taken a very professional approach. For the better or worse I hope that you've all gained some skills from this and taken something away from it and know that I'm just super proud of how you all conducted yourselves. You should be proud of yourself.

Eli

- I appreciate all the committee members as well.
- If there's anybody watching this video, or reading the meeting minutes, I hope that people are inspired to join the S&A Committee next year as well. It would be nice to see this whole table filled with different voices and perspectives. This is really the only way that students have direct influence to the money that they pay. If there's anybody watching, reading, or behind the door please join the S&A Committee, it's very important and more important than you think.

Mia

- If you are interested in joining the S&A Committee, I highly encourage you to reach out to the ASCWU EVP via email (ascwuevp@cwu.edu) regarding your interest that way that process can begin in the Fall quarter.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Ian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24PM. Nick V seconded the motion. 5 (yes), 0 (no), 2 (abstentions)

Our next meeting will be May 27, 2025 (SURC 301) at 5:00pm.

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