

## Services & Activities Fee Annual Program Review

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1. In what ways does your program support CWU students? Please be specific, yet concise.

Student Leadership, Involvement, & Community Engagement (SLICE) supports CWU students by providing opportunities to foster individual and community involvement thru leadership, civic engagement, and campus club experiences. It is a space for students to feel inclusive while exploring their personal identities, gain leadership experience, and promote positive social change within their individual communities, the university and beyond.

SLICE also strengthened the infrastructure for clubs by streamlining processes and providing leadership training for club leaders. Funding support enabled 60 clubs to travel, host events, and pursue projects, fostering collaboration and representation at national-level competitions. These efforts enriched the student experience and reinforced the value of belonging to a community.

2. What are your specific program goals or learning/operational objectives? How are you assessing the effectiveness of your program in achieving those targets?

ASCWU Clubs Goals:

- **Improve Club Processes:** Streamline procedures for funding and operations, as demonstrated by revising the RSO handbook and developing updated training for club leaders and advisors.
- **Support Student-Led Initiatives:** Allocate funding for club activities, such as travel to national competitions and material resources for impactful projects.
- **Encourage Collaboration Among Clubs:** Facilitate inter-club collaboration and ensure equitable access to funding for RSOs.

3. What is the overall purpose of your program and what service(s) does your program provide?
  - a. Are there overlaps or intersections with other university programs who have a similar purpose or service?

ASCWU Clubs is embedded as part of the SLICE overall mission and values:

### **Mission**

Student leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement (SLICE) actively serves the CWU community by developing opportunities that cultivate individual and collective engagement within leadership, civic engagement, and campus club experiences. Our purpose is to encourage a sense of belonging, identity exploration, and promote positive social change within individual communities, the university and beyond.

### **Vision**

Our vision is to inspire a culture of service, leadership, and engagement contributing to the transformation of CWU into a model community characterized by equity, inclusion, and a profound sense of belonging.

Our Guiding values state that within the Student Leadership, Involvement, & Community Engagement (SLICE) office, our team, programs, experiences, and services strive to uphold and infuse the following values.

**Growth:** Broaden our understanding of self and others, and actively pursue our individual and collective potential.

**Belonging:** Develop and model welcoming spaces and experiences encouraging authenticity in all. Engage with and reflect on our participation and disruption of systems of power and privilege while offering tools to create and sustain an environment of compassion, equity, and community.

**Courage:** Explore new experiences, learn new skills, give/receive feedback, and explore possibilities in ourselves and others. Be brave and strive for excellence in all things. Actively explore vulnerability and its relationship in our journey to success.

**Connection:** Provide intentional involvement opportunities to reflect, explore, and learn from our connections to others, our peers, and our community to make a difference, build strong relationships and succeed in future endeavors.

There are various departments that provide support for student clubs. ASCWU clubs differs in its focus from others. For example, Recreation supports student sport clubs and the Diversity and Equity Center supports the Equity Services Council student organizations.

4. How does your program align with the purpose of S&A funding? *“Supporting cocurricular and extracurricular activities and programs participated in by students in the furtherance of their education.”*

SLICE’s support for student organizations aligns with the S&A mission by fostering meaningful co-curricular experiences that enhance students' academic and personal growth. By streamlining processes, providing training, and allocating funding, SLICE empowers clubs to engage students in enriching activities that build teamwork, leadership, and project management skills while encouraging creativity and collaboration.

In addition, SLICE ensures students have access to essential resources, such as funding for club initiatives and redistributed supplies, enabling them to focus on their education while benefiting from opportunities that complement their classroom learning. ASCWU Clubs are designed to enhance students' academic experiences, promote retention, and equip them with the tools needed to succeed through graduation and beyond. Together, these efforts create a trajectory for student success and provide a strong foundation for lifelong learning and achievement.

5. How does your program support CWU's mission and goals? (<https://www.cwu.edu/mission/>)

ASCWU Clubs support Central Washington University's (CWU) mission and strategic plan goals by creating an inclusive, engaging, and supportive environment where students can thrive both academically and socially. Clubs provide a platform for students to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and build meaningful connections with peers, faculty, and staff.

1. Enhancing Student Engagement

ASCWU Clubs offer opportunities for students to participate in diverse co-curricular activities that complement their academic pursuits. By organizing events, projects, and initiatives, clubs foster active engagement and encourage students to take ownership of their college experience. This aligns with CWU's goal of creating a vibrant and connected campus community.

2. Promoting Inclusion and Belonging

Clubs are spaces where students from diverse backgrounds can find community, share their identities, and celebrate their unique perspectives. Through multicultural events and initiatives, clubs promote equity and belonging, ensuring that every student feels valued and included in the CWU community.

3. Supporting Leadership Development

Clubs serve as a training ground for students to develop critical leadership and teamwork skills. Club leaders manage budgets, plan events, and collaborate with peers, gaining practical experience that prepares them for future academic and professional endeavors. This directly supports CWU's focus on fostering leadership and career readiness.

4. Encouraging Collaboration and Innovation

Clubs encourage cross-disciplinary collaboration and creativity by bringing together students with shared interests and goals. These opportunities enhance problem-solving skills and promote innovation, helping students contribute meaningfully to their communities and the broader campus environment.

5. Strengthening Student Retention and Success

By providing a sense of belonging and purpose, ASCWU Clubs play a crucial role in retaining students and supporting their success. Clubs create opportunities for students to connect with mentors, access resources, and build networks that support their academic and personal growth through graduation and beyond.

Through these efforts, ASCWU Clubs embody CWU's mission to prepare students for lifelong learning and civic engagement while advancing the strategic goals of engagement, belonging, and student success.

6. Please provide detailed information regarding who utilizes your program? (*Students, faculty, staff, community? Specific demographic information? Class standing, gender, ethnicity, transfer, campus location, etc.*)

SLICE's and ASCWU Clubs's purpose is to serve students on the Ellensburg campus by fostering engagement, leadership, and community connections. Partnerships with Student Life staff at various CWU centers ensure programming is inclusive and accessible to all students. Clubs attract diverse student populations with diverse interests to come together to build inclusive communities. Faculty and staff play a vital role in advising clubs, helping to create meaningful opportunities for leadership development, community engagement, and compliment the students' academic experience.

First-year students consistently show the highest levels of participation, followed by second- and third-year students. To enhance data collection and improve engagement tracking, SLICE will implement Suitable, a new platform, in Winter 2025 to replace Presence. This updated tool will enable staff to gather detailed insights on event attendance, including demographic data, helping to identify gaps and student groups that may be underrepresented. As student retention is a top priority at CWU, leveraging effective assessment tools is essential to ensuring all students are supported and engaged.

7. How many unique CWU students utilize your program or services?
  - a. How do you gather these metrics?
  - b. If you do not, what is preventing you from getting that data and how are you determining usage by CWU students?

To capture unique participation in clubs is not easy as clubs track their own attendance to meetings and events. The goal is that Suitable will enable students to use the platform for student engagement. Through training Clubs staff can socialize the use of Suitable and the value of data collection.

8. Are there any current vacant positions in your program?

No.

9. Given the budget reductions taking place and continuing for the remainder of the funding cycle, please tell us what specific impacts those reductions have had on your program compared to what was originally planned and including in your initial base funding request.

Budget cuts can significantly impact clubs' access to resources, limiting their ability to operate effectively and provide meaningful opportunities for student engagement. Reduced funding affects clubs in several key areas:

Decreased Funding for Events and Activities: Clubs rely on financial support to host events, attend competitions, and organize programs that enrich the student experience. Budget cuts mean fewer resources are available for these activities, forcing clubs to scale back or cancel initiatives that foster engagement and community building.

**Restricted Travel Opportunities:** Many clubs participate in regional or national conferences, competitions, and events that enhance learning and networking opportunities. Budget reductions may limit travel funding, depriving students of experiences that connect them with peers and professionals beyond campus.

**Fewer Materials and Supplies:** Clubs often require materials and equipment to execute their projects or activities. With limited budgets, they may struggle to access these essentials, hindering their ability to deliver quality programming or achieve their goals.

**Impact on Equity and Inclusion:** Budget constraints can disproportionately affect clubs serving underrepresented or marginalized student groups, reducing their capacity to provide culturally significant programs and spaces. This diminishes efforts to promote equity and belonging across campus.

**Increased Pressure on Student Leaders:** When resources are scarce, the burden often falls on club leaders to find alternative funding, navigate bureaucratic processes, or compensate for gaps with their own time and energy. This added stress can detract from their academic focus and overall well-being.

Ultimately, budget cuts limit clubs' ability to provide the co-curricular experiences that are essential for fostering leadership, community, and a sense of belonging. This challenges their capacity to support CWU's mission and strategic goals, reducing the overall quality of student life on campus.

10. Are there any circumstances or challenges that are currently impacting your ability to use your base funding allocation this year?

As mentioned above, the Club Coordinator in concert with Funds Council will need to be strategic in providing equitable funding for clubs and encourage clubs to explore other ways of raising funds for travel, activities, and supplies.

11. What growth or increases would you like to see in your program in the future?

The rising level of student engagement on campus is expected to lead to an increase in clubs requesting funds for their activities and travel, as well as the emergence of new clubs. This potential growth in both the number of clubs and student participation directly supports CWU's and SLICE's mission to foster a sense of belonging. Additionally, it plays a vital role in enhancing student recruitment and retention by creating vibrant, inclusive spaces where students feel connected and supported.