



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

**STUDENT**  
ACADEMIC SENATE

I. Call to order

**Kelsie Miller** called SAS to order at 6:00 PM on October 10, 2013

II. Attendance/Pictures

Derek Whittom **Computer Science**

Kevin Choe **Aerospace Studies**

Chandler Foster **Information Technology and Management**

Jonny Nguyen **Political Science**

Josie Wright **Accounting**

Jacob Darley **Biology**

Chelsea Bidwell **Business Management**

Laura Waingrow **Aviation**

David Sturgell **ETSC**

Megan Epperson **English**

Hans Berghoff **Physics**

James Brown **Anthropology**

Debbie Herendeen **Family and Consumer Science**

Phillip Rush **Geology**

Claire Held **Nutrition**

Trevor Scott Marckmann **Communications**

Kyle French **Science Ed**

Robert Moser **History**

Melanie Stankus **Philosophy and Religious Studies**

Terri Pace **Douglas Honors College**

*Kelsie Miller, Jesse Nelsen-SAS Advisor, John Logwood-SURC Accounting, Ryan Fox-report back, Valry Hensel*

III. Additions or corrections to the agenda

**History:** Remove approval of SAS and Bylaws; approval pending council of probity.

Amends: Reaffirm constitution and bylaws.

-**Accounting** seconds.

**PASSED**

March 8, 2013

**Kelsie Miller** entertains a motion to remove Anthropology from report backs.

-**ETSC** motions to table Anthropology's report back.

-**Political Science** seconds.

**PASSED**

IV. Approval of the agenda

**KM** entertains a motion to approve the agenda.

- **Biology motions to approve agenda.**

- **Accounting seconds.**

**PASSED**

V. Approval of the minutes

**KM** entertains motion to table minutes from previous meeting until 10.24.13.

-**Accounting** motions to table approval of minutes.

- **English** seconds.

**PASSED**

VI. Announcements

**KM** reported on behalf of BOD to Faculty Senate: New payment plan for tuition.

-**English**: Under Safari, divide quarterly tuition payments into thirds to be paid on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**KM** Distribution/explanation re: new transit maps

**KM** SAS flyer distribution and Student Rights handbills

VII. New Business

a. Presentations

*i. SURC Accounting*

**John Logwood**: Funds Requests – Travel authorization, expense review. Travel process moving from paper to online.

b. Report Backs

i. Music – Ryan Fox

Funds used for trip to competitive percussion program in New York.

ii. ~~Anthropology~~ – [Tabled until student recovers from injury].

c. Approval of SAS Constitution and By-Laws

**KM** reviews changes: Funding increase, department limits, attendance requirements for membership, nondiscrimination, Douglas Honors College rep included as Exec Board member, Exec Board meeting frequency, removal of office hour requirement.

–**English**: Motion to table until further review.

–**Biology** : Redundant .

**KM** by vote, SAS continues review

**ETSC**: Attendance policy?

–**KM** Reviews attendance rules.

**Accounting**: Updated constitution available online?

–**KM**: Will be available.

**KM**: Training for senators in November

**KM** entertains motion to reaffirm approval of SAS constitution and bylaws.

–**Biology** moves to reaffirm.

- **History** seconds.

**PASSED**

d. Funds Request Packet Revisions

**KM**: Budget/allocation limits, travel authorization system online conversion.

–**Political Science**: What is budget?

– **KM**: approx. \$35k, running spreadsheet will be available with funds pending column.

–**ETSC**: Budget is larger than last year, but funds still limited so be judicious.

e. Quarter to Semester Conversion Study

**KM**: Survey online will be published via CPORT Communication to go through emails of all active students at a future date. Publicity is involved in promoting survey as well.

–**Geology**: Will methods be relevant/helpful?

–**KM**: affirms, reviews methodology.

–**Accounting**: *Senators* themselves are largely responsible for improving publicity for survey/ensuring that students complete survey.

**CS**: Will CWU-Centers be converted as well?

– **KM** affirms.

**Geology**: Timeline?

– **KM**: Research will be presented to BoT at future date, to be decided.

**English**: What are the Board of Trustees meeting times?

- **KM** lists December meeting times for the Board of Trustees.

**Geology**: What recourse is available for students should the Board of Trustees vote against student consensus?

– **KM**: Nothing official.

–**ETSC**: Drive for conversion coming from Faculty Senate. The Board of Directors and President Gaudino will listen to recommendations from students and Faculty Senate. A study conducted by Eastern Washington University illuminates the pros and cons of such a conversion, highlighting that a semester system is less expensive.

– **KM**: Half a dozen further surveys are available in the Academic Affairs Office. Faculty Senate completed similar survey in the 1990s which showed that the City of Ellensburg was pushing against conversion to semesters due to interference with City Rodeo.

–**English**: Documentation (survey) would not be ignored, and would provide foothold for those opposed.

– **History**: Faculty Senate is receptive to student input, and members are eager to encourage increased student involvement.

**Nutrition**: Smoothness of transition re: credit conversion.

–KM recognizes the Gallery

–**Brian Davis (Gallery)**: Should the conversion occur, further studies and policies will ensure smoothness of transition.

**Political Science**: Will survey be ongoing?

– **KM**: Survey closes end of October, but can and will be revisited if necessary.

**History**: Conversion timeline. Summer/Fall 2014 - 2015 task forces. Board of Trustees to decide late fall 2014, with curriculum/faculty development to follow throughout the year. Beginning Fall 2015 (or beginning of academic year), semester pilot system to begin.

f. Committee Ideas

**KM**: Executive Board recommends the development of committees to make impact on student body influence on campus. Faculty Senate has been discussing calendar for 2015-2016 school year, would senators like to be involved?

- **Biology**: Enthusiastically recommends involvement with committees.

**KM**: Dead Day – Currently pilot program, encourages senators to form Dead Day committee to gather student input to influence change in calendaring.

– **Accounting**: Survey before and after event to gather accurate view

**ITAM**: Recruitment committee to fill all SAS seats and alternates

**Geology**: Student Rights and Concerns

**History**: General Education, SAS Constitution and Bylaws Committees.

**English**: Promote/advertise SAS as *academic* entity, not financial: Change student views of SAS

The SAS Recognizes the following committees for consideration:

*Calendar 2015-2016; Dead Day/Faculty Day; Recruitment/Publicity; Quarter to Semester Conversion; Student Rights Issues and Concerns; Gen ED; SAS Constitution and Bylaws*

**History** moves to publish online survey with top five committee choices with an executive member at the head of each.

-**English** seconds.

Discussion: **ITAM**: General Education can be combined with Student Rights;  
Dead Day and Calendar committees can also be combined.

**Douglas Honors College**: How can we increase availability of senators?

– **History**: Office Hours.

-**Geology**: Posters with senator image, contact info.

**Political Science** moves to postpone further discussion until tally.

**PASSED.**

g. Parliamentary Discussion

**KM**: Executive Board recommends the SAS consider appointing or electing a parliamentarian.

– **History**: defines parliamentarian for table; parliamentarian will uphold Robert's Rules and settle disputes or challenges.

-**Accounting**: There *is* a need for an oversight person.

- **English**: How would selection be made?

**KM**: SAS member could be voted for/appointed with senator input.

– **Geology**: Volunteer position.

**Political Science, ETSC** volunteer for position.

**History** moves to appoint ETSC for Parliamentarian.

-**English** seconds.

– Motion Withdrawn.

**Accounting** moves to select parliamentarian by election.

-**Political Sciences** seconds.

**PASSED**

**ETSC**: Parliamentarian not necessarily held by only one person. Senators can follow Robert's Rules.

VIII. Old business

IX. Issues and concerns

**Nutrition**: Length of SAS meetings.

– **English**: meetings can run long.

**KM**: Length varies

X. Adjourn

**Political Science** moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Accounting** seconds.

**PASSED**