



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
ACADEMIC SENATE

General SAS
November 10th, 2015

Call to Order

Hauke calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Attendance

Present: **Accounting, Aerospace Studies, Biology, Computer Science, DHC, Economics, English, ETSC, Finance & Supply Chain, Geology, History, Law & Justice, LLSE, McNair, Military Science, Music, Nutrition Exercise & Health Science, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Psychology, Science Education, Sociology**

Absent: **Aviation, Family & Consumer Science, Military Science, PESH, Physics**

Additions or Correction to the Agenda

Hauke entertains a motion to add a budget report, the discussion of Psychology's absences, and to add English and Biology funds requests the agenda.

Economics so moves

Music seconds

Motion **PASSED** 21-0-0

Approval of the Agenda

Hauke entertains a motion to approve the agenda

Biology so moves

Economics seconds

Motion **PASSED** 21-0-0

Approval of the Previous Minutes

Hauke entertains a motion to approve the minutes from October 27th, 2015

Music so moves

Economics seconds

Motion **PASSED** 21-0-0

Communications

Bruce Tabb—City of Ellensburg

Central transit has been a partnership using student fees. The City of Ellensburg taxpayer has not been paying for any of these services but has had access to and have been using it. We are at a point to go to central voters to help increase the city tax to help pay for this transit. The state and grants have helped but the students are the ones that have been paying for it. The city of Ellensburg has been not been not taxed on this but has been using the transit. At this point it is extremely difficult to keep the transit running just

off the student fees. Central students can be the key in changing Ellensburg's transportation and can make a lasting and sustainable change for the community. The students could be determination of the outcome of the election in a projection of 300 to 400 students voting. We are hoping to operate more frequently and for longer periods of times.

Discussion:

Computer science: Are you looking at having additional routes if you make this change?

Tabb: Yes, we would add additional routes and more accessible routes for students. There wouldn't be additional fees for students as you would use your connection cards but there would be a fee for general riders. We would like to have the students involved in a vote that will have a direct impact on them.

Biology: How has the city of Ellensburg felt on tax increases in the past?

Tabb: If we show all the funds that go into transit and what the students put forward for the Ellensburg transit then I do think so.

Computer Science: Has the central Washington student size grown proportionally with the size of the county?

Tabb: If there is a large enough vote then we can have a county wide transportation. In this though we are only taking a first step for this.

Law & Justice: I don't think that the city would be supportive of another tax increase for an educational basis. Also the issue with the name of central transit as I only thought it was for central students.

Tabb: We are having an increase in of public riders and we can see that in the increase of funds. The main reason we are decided on the sales tax, we see that those that purchase commodities in the city are living here major and that there has not been a sales tax increase and the other increases have been on property taxes.

ETSC: What is the current tax?

Tabb: 8.1% to 8.3%

ETSC: Is there any information about were that money would go to?

Tabb: We have not pooled that together and cannot give a whole answer to that.

Law & Justice: We have a college of business. Why don't they help market the Central Transit to involve the students?

Tabb: We did come last year on other motions on marketing through the school and have done downtown advertisement.

Announcements

No announcements.

Chair Reports

Hauke

I attended the Provost Search Committee this morning. It is a hefty task to find candidates and bringing them on campus to have them here for interviews. We have a role in that in SAS in what we would like to see in an upcoming provost and our expectations. We have started that in the Executive Board and we will get that into a document form so we can send that out to you so you can have a say what we want to have in a provost.

New Business

Committee Reports

SEOI Education Committee

CAH met with Dr. Sched to get names and current people in faculty senate for those who are involved with SEOI's. Dr. Schedler has been involved with SEOI's for a long time and did the transitions from paper to electronics. My goals for this week is to meet with everyone and continue with gathering information

Hauke: John Huddleson heads the SEOI committee and have some things to pass on to you and were excited for having an infomercial. They would be very involved with the infomercial.

SEOI Advertisement Committee

SEOI's will be coming out very soon so there will not be a video ready. We were thinking about doing a test campaign just with the CoB to see if there is an increase. Also to have a polling station where we provide laptops for people to have access to fill out their SEOI's. There is only 1000 students in the college and would be easy to see improvements if there are any.

Fee Proposal Committee

10% in the past of the student body and then goes to ballot. The point of the fee committee would to find a more efficient way and uniform. There would be six organizations that a fee proposal would have to go through. We will contact the organizations, see what changes they have, and hopefully have some changes

Student Traditions Committee

I am meeting with Eric Scott right after this. There is already a program heading this and will be collaborating with them on this goal.

Funds Requests

English

The Portland Book Festival will enrich our time at CWU by allowing us, as emerging writers, to engage with, hear from, and participate in workshops and readings with esteemed writers who know their craft. The book festival is an all-day event and we will be able to attend many different craft talks and readings in addition to asking writers questions about publishing and rewriting. By listening to their readings, it will benefit us by hearing how the words they pen on paper sound on the stage. In addition to the literary benefits, we, as a club, will grow closer together, which will build the strength of our little writing community here on campus. In a writing work shop, one of the most difficult thing there is, is hearing the critical feed-back we received from each other. By traveling to Portland together, this will allow us to build a tighter community and learn to trust and receive the feedback we generate from each other. We are requesting \$1500.

Music so moves to approve the full amount of \$1500 to **English**.

Finance & Supply Chain seconds

Motion **PASSED** 20-0-1

Biology

I am going to the Annual Biochemical Conference for Minority Students. This conference will enrich my academic experience at CWU because it will give me the opportunity to meet with other underrepresented minority students at colleges and universities around the country. Also I will get the opportunity to make connections with faculty members, advisors, graduate, and undergraduate students, program directors, and administrators who are all interested or involved in the pursuing of careers in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Not only getting the opportunity to make connections but I also will be able to present my research among my peers. I am requesting \$300.

Computer Science so moves to approve the full amount of \$300 to **Biology**.

DHC seconds

Motion **PASSED** 20-0-1

Report Backs

No report backs.

Old Business

No old business.

Issues and Concerns

Psychology Absences

Biology: Is the Psychology Senator here to represent themselves?

Psychology: I am looking at getting an alternative to take my seat when I am unavailable to come to SAS.

Also, I know now how to report my absences and inform the Chair if I am going to miss a meeting. I did not know before meeting with the Chair that I could inform him and be excused for absences.

ETSC moves to put **Psychology** back into good standing.

Geology seconds

Motion **PASSED** 20-0-1

Adjourn

Hauke entertains a motion to adjourn

Economics so moves

Geology seconds

Motion **PASSED** 21-0-0

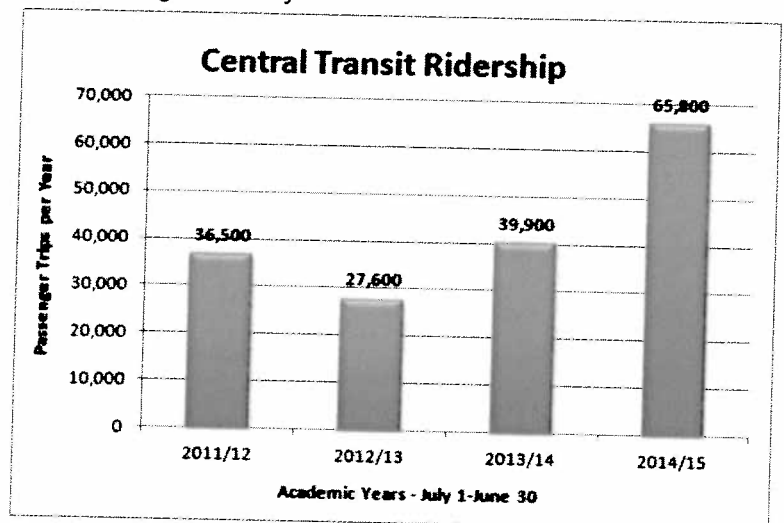
Public Transit in Ellensburg – Fact Sheet

- Central Transit provides daily service to people in Ellensburg funded by the City, the Associated Students of Central Washington University, and the Washington State Department of Transportation.
- The City Council adopted a plan in 2013 that included improved service, organization, funding options and continuity of community partnerships. As a result, Central Transit now operates as a partnership between the City and Central Washington University.



- Parts of the plan, implemented in September, 2013, provided:
 - An improved route with expanded service and increased frequency
 - Service operating every day, Monday through Sunday
 - On-time, predictable service
 - Enhanced public information

- Central Transit ridership has increased (shown July 1 through June 30):
- For several years WSDOT funding has been allocated to support public transportation in Ellensburg. WSDOT funding presently accounts for more than 70% of all costs to operate Central Transit. WSDOT grants are awarded every two years and are based on a state-wide competitive



process. Historically grant funds have fluctuated requiring service levels for Central Transit to be adjusted. Most recently this meant there was no service available in the summer of 2013. An important characteristic of a sustainable public transit system is predictability and consistency. Therefore, the City Council is currently evaluating sustainable funding strategies to maintain, and eventually improve, the quality of Central Transit's service.

- The Associated Students of Central Washington University pay a fee each quarter that is used to support Central Transit operations; in essence, their transit fare. All other Central Transit riders are presently riding without collection of fares.
- Issues to be addressed:
 - Development of local sustainable funds for operation of the public transit system.
 - Additional service improvements to meet the transit needs of people in Ellensburg
 - Review and acceptance of fare structure that is cost-effective and equitable.
- If there are questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's office. The City is excited about moving transit ahead in Ellensburg and wants to be sure you share that enthusiasm.

Central Transit Community Survey

1. Do you live within the city limits of Ellensburg?
 - No
 - Yes
 - Not sure

2. Do you work, own a business, or go to CWU in Ellensburg?
 - No
 - Yes

3. Are you familiar with **Central Transit** service in Ellensburg?
 - No
 - Yes

4. Have you used **Central Transit**?
 - No
 - Yes

5. Have you used public transit in another community?
 - No
 - Yes



6. How important is it to you that there is public transit service available in Ellensburg?

NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	NO OPINION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS	STRONGLY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION
7. Central Transit has improved in quality and value to the community in the past two years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The City of Ellensburg should ensure Central Transit service is sustainable by using locally generated funds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The City of Ellensburg should establish and dedicate a new local tax to support Central Transit .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Voters should be provided an opportunity to vote on a new local tax dedicated to support Central Transit .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The new local tax dedicated to support Central Transit should be subject to periodic re-approval by voters.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Fares should be collected on Central Transit .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Do you have any comments you believe would be helpful to the Ellensburg City Council in reaching a decision on how to improve public transportation and create sustainable funding for Central Transit?