



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
**STUDENT**  
ACADEMIC SENATE

General SAS  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*Call to Order*

**Ryan** calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM

*Attendance*

Present: **Aerospace Studies, Aviation, Economics, Computer Science, Psychology, Law & Justice, Biology, Finance and Supply Chain**

Absent:

*Additions or Correction to the Agenda*

No additions or corrections

*Approval of the Agenda*

**Ryan** entertains a motion to approve the agenda

**Biology** so moves

**Finance and Supply Chain** seconds

Motion **PASSED** 5-0-0

*Approval of the Previous Minutes*

**Ryan** entertains a motion to approve the minutes from May 31<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Aviation** so moves

**Aerospace** seconds

Motion **PASSED** 4-0-1

*Communications*

No communications.

*Announcements*

**Ryan:** Scholarship Night October 3<sup>rd</sup> in SURC 137 from 3-6pm.

Vacancies: publicity packet submitted, table tents in café, sandwich boards, info on what we do.

Advertise for meetings, then those interested hopefully will become senators.

*Chair Reports*

**Ryan:**

**Scholarship Night(s):** Series of nights, 3 evenings, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nov 28, Jan 13. Complements the dates of the General Scholarship Application on CWU. Information on understanding loans, US Bank, Financial Aid, essay help, writing tutors help fill out app will be present. Question: will there be info for paying for grad school? Answer: Financial aid would be best source for advice. Event is free, will be from 3-6pm SURC 137, food drinks provided. All three days should look similar, advertised in HYPE. Ryan may not be able to attend every night, but Taylor will be there in his place if needed.

**SAS T-shirts:** SAS logo, one color. Wear for advertising, gets the name out there for marketing. Previous tee-shirts former years and want to bring that back. Will be free for senators.

**Insurance:** Insure senators for events senators attend, to help provide responsibility of students. Not expensive for coverage

**Requesting money:** reimbursement policy, combine fund packets, fill out one packet, help streamline process and keep consistency.

**CAPS+ report:** New scheduling tool. Use with advisors, help with timeline and tracking of graduation date. Problematic since one must monitor prerequisites on their own. Other universities use for timely graduation tool. Has large committee, is endorsed by school. No date yet on availability.

#### *Advisor Report*

**Carolyn:** Absent

#### *New Business*

**Ryan:** All programs have exec board, weekly meeting at 6pm, must attend. Meetings provide SAS info, what to do, what it includes. Must be publicly appointed in order to be on executive board. Must have three senators from your college, can be appointed for you if needed. Committee gets to choose the committee they want to be on.

**Duties of a senator:** Meet with chair and faculty senate. If need info on who are your chair and faculty senate, email Ryan. Meeting with them will bring in more discussion for our meetings from their perspectives and opinions. Biology: (discussion: during previous faculty senate, president of college encouraged to have housing for faculty here, not sure if profit driven. Development would be costly. Would encourage community engagement. President house included in university owned housing.) Question: Is faculty senate open to students? Answer: Possibly, located in Barge, multiple senators estimated 50 people, very full, Ryan will check and report back next Wed.

#### *Committee Reports*

##### **Student Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee**

**COTS:**

**SEOI's**

**CAH:**

*Funds Requests*

No funds requests

*Report Backs*

No report backs

#### *Old Business*

**Funding Graduate Studies Travel:** Possible separation of undergraduate/graduate student funding for travel. If a mixed roster of grad/undergrad, the money comes out of parent fund. How do we achieve funding separation or does it stay? Nothing in bylaws to specify. Need common policy. Biology: (discussion: wants grad to get funding to go to events. In better interest of everyone to have larger voice/representation). Special programs got voice in SAS, and are open to request funding. Special programs not degree granting, so deciding funding would allow most beneficial entity it can, must be in favor of student body benefit. Mix of grad/undergrad is good for university population when traveling to conferences and such.

#### *Issues, Concerns, and General Comment*

**Span 341:** Too large at estimated 25 students. Optimal level is 15-ish students. Student voiced concern, wants smaller class size. Biology: (discussion: classes are generally growing, typical of many colleges.) Students agree most classes are increased in size, reasons such as larger freshman class.

**General Education decision:** new approach as stated by provost frank. General Education requirements to be reformed, previously voted down. Proposed class changes. Classes streamlined, needed teacher's majority, did not have that. This year's proposal would be effective 2018. Need student input? Because of fast timeline students only have two-week window for input, then decisions made, therefore no committee, may need special meeting.

**Funding requests:** changes to packet, updated online.

*Adjourn*

**Ryan** entertains a motion to adjourn

**Economics** moves

**Biology** seconds

Motion **PASSED** 5-0-0