**Associated Students of Willamette University**

**Senate Meeting**

**Thursday, September 18 • 7 p.m. • Montag Den**

1. **Call to Order (VP Smyth)**

 Meeting called to order @ 7: 03pm

1. **Roll Call (Clerk Hladick)**

 Absences: Saul

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to move “approval of nominees” before “large allocation requests”**

 **Sader, Brinster**

 **Approved 21-0-0**

 **Motion to approve the agenda**

 **Ekstrom, Gill**

 **Approved 21-0-0**

1. **Swearing in of Class of 2018 Senators (VP Smyth)**

 Postponed until documents are available.

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Minutes**

 **Steffy, Gill**

 **Approved 21-0-0**

1. **Approval of Nominees (President Oswill)**

 6.1 Nominees

P Oswill: I completed most of the interviews last week. Many administrators and various chairs of the committees responded this week with different meeting times so it has been a struggle to line up students with times that they are available.

 6.2.1 President Pro Temp

VP Smyth: I have decided to nominate Kate Steffy, a sophomore Senator. If you have any questions for Senator Steffy you may ask them.

Ekstrom: Last year there were plans to make water bottles or sweatshirts. Do you know what happened?

 Steffy: I’m gonna get things off the ground and running this year.

 **Motion to approve Steffy as President Pro Temp**

 **Kaptanian, Gill**

 **Approved 18-0-3**

6.2.2 Academic Council

P Oswill: For this committee I have two nominees. First is Taylor Saunders. He was on the committee last year and I think he is qualified to serve on the committee again this year. Jason Pegis is the second candidate I have chosen, as he additionally seems most qualified.

 **Motion to confirm both nominees**

 **Ekstrom, Saiki**

 **Approved 20-0-1**

 6.2.3 Academic programs

P Oswill: This is the committee that looks at curriculum, especially changes to major requirements and academic departments.

For this committee, I would like to nominate Kathleen Hendersen and Jessica Weiss.

 **Motion to confirm both nominees**

 **Ekstrom, Mittendorf**

 **Approved 18-0-3**

 6.2.4 Facilities Committee

P Oswill: We are operating under the assumption that this committee still exists. Colleen worked on the committee last year, and I think she would do a great job again this year.

**Motion to confirm Colleen Smyth**

 **Ekstrom, Saiki**

 **Approved 21-0-0**

 6.2.5 Standards of Conduct Committee

P Oswill: I would like to nominate Darren Fletcher, a sophomore, interested in the committee for resolving conflict, as well as Dana Morita. Additionally, I’d like to nominate senior Hannah Miller.

Durham: I have a question about Hannah Miller and why she would be an appropriate candidate.

P Oswill: When the position opened up after the first round of committee nominations, she re-preferenced this committee. Hannah seems to play an active role on campus and had a very composed and collected interview.

 **Motion to approve candidates Darren and Dana**

 **Saiki, Ekstrom**

 **20-0-1**

**Motion to approve Hanna Miller**

 **Brownlee, Ekstrom**

 **4-8-9**

 **Motion Fails**

 **Motion to deny Miller’s approval to committee**

 **Ekstrom, Brownlee**

 **18-0-3**

 **Candidate denied**

 6.2.6 Admissions Committee

P Oswill: This committee is operated and chaired by a faculty member. The student works with the admissions office to talk about overlap of academics and admissions. There has been a new board of trustees committee created titled the “access and affordability committee.” They expressed interest having the students selected for admissions to serve on the new committee. Lizzy Smith is being nominated.

**Motion to approve Lizzy Smith**

 **Sader, Ekstrom**

 **20-1-0**

 **Approved**

 6.2.7 Safety Committee

P Oswill: This committee discusses safety protocol at Willamette. They will help to reviews incidents, employee injuries, emergency training protocol, etc. Additionally, campus safety has created an advisory board. There are going to be 4 undergraduate students: 1 from ASWU, one from MCA, and then the remaining members, a CLA student living on campus and a CLA student living off campus. At this time I’m simply filling the ASWU appointed student. I would like to appoint Daphne Jacobsen, a freshman looking to get involved on campus.

**Motion to approve Daphne Jacobsen**

 **Gill, Kaptanian**

 **20-0-1**

 **Approved**

**7.0 Large Allocation Requests (Treasurer Ebert)**

T Ebert: I have found a lot of problems with the way budget allocations went last year. Some major funds were not allocated last year to certain accounts, which led to some pretty large discrepancies. Additionally, campus safety will still be sending us a bill for the card swipe bill changes within the next month. Our total anticipated budget was just given to us by accounting today. There is a $39,000 roll over from last year, giving us a total of $92,536 to allocate for this semester. This value is significantly lower than last year, but this is representative entirely of the money that we have.

It is unfortunate that I didn’t realize our accounting discrepancies from the past until this month. I think that’s something we need to address as a Senate, and deal with this issue, so that it doesn’t happen in the future. We could only get the budget out to all of you today, because we had a Student Organization meeting yesterday that students had to attend in order to get funding for this allocation cycle. Each club requesting over $1500 will have about 10 minutes to present tonight, starting with the Taiko Club.

Matt Tom: I am president of Willamette Taiko club. Taiko is the art of Japanese drumming. We perform for the Willamette community, and integrate many student groups, including ASP students to bond through the art of this learning. We have performed for Ted X Salem, Salem hospital, Salem Sunday Streets, and the World Beat Festival. Ware asking for several large items that range from stands to drums themselves. Up until now, the enrollment for Willamette Taiko has been in flux.

This year our enrollment doubled to 31 members. The drums that we have now were purchased and built in 1999 when the club was founded. They are in dire need of repair. That is why we are requesting additional funding for additional drums. We are asking for stands to play the drum in different positions. For each of the positions you need an additional piece of equipment. We have a total of six drums now that do not suffice for 30 members. We don’t want to have everyone sit there for a very long time. Lastly, we’d like to request funds for a banner. Because we are getting out into the community more, we’d like to have a more professional looking signage.

Symonds: We lent a lot of money last year. Are you requesting more money because you have more people interested in membership?

Tom: Yes we have more people, and would like to be able to play in different styles. A lot of our members are more experienced now and have a background in playing with advanced technique.

Steffy: Are you anticipating your level of interest and participation to stay at 31 members for the rest of year?

Tom: Generally I ask for commitment from members for the whole year. We spend a lot of energy on this club.

Hernandez: How long do the drums last? If we were to buy them, what’s their life expectancy?

Tom: Last year we asked for new supplies for maintenance. Every now and then they need to be redone. In a couple weeks we will need to purchase these new supplies. Its not feasible for 30 members to play on 6 drums. With 5 new drums, we can have more people involved in the actual art.

 Outdoor Club Council : Brandon Guyton

Guyton: The Outdoor Program is a very unique resource on campus. It provides opportunities to do things that most other clubs do not. It also is very popular. This past couple weeks we hired 15 new leaders out of 70 that applied. Trip attendance has increased significantly in the past couple of years. We are finding that this really gets students excited about Willamette. We are requesting a variety of different funds for climbing and backpacking. We try to meet ASWU halfway with a lot of these expenses, but we feel that it is important for students to chip in as well.

Schmidt: Any trip that is guided is required to hire a guide by an outside institution. Any time there is a student fee, it is mostly because we have to have a guide on the trip.

 Club Sports: Bryan Schmidt

Schmidt: There is little upfront costs on sport club teams. Just about everything revolves around referees, trainers, etc. Every request will have a 75 dollar built in fee to have trainers. Otherwise its travel costs, referee dues, and other things for the clubs to function. We have enough gear to get by, but we have to share the field and sort a lot of our drills accordingly due to our limited equipment.

Ekstrom: Last year we had the precedent of not paying for travel?

T Ebert: Our outgoing finance board decided they wanted to remove this from the bylaws. The finance board does have the judgement to decide what to do or how they’d like to move forward. In regards to transportation, I will say that usually the vans they need for transportation have always been paid for.

Schmidt: There are two requests for hotels because the tournament is in seattle.

 *Discussion of Taiko, outdoor club, and sports club*

Kaptanian: Last year there was some discrepancies between what we did here and with the finance board hearing.

Sader: I think the other clubs left because the might have left like we asked them to do last year.

 **Motion to allow clubs to sit in on their budget hearings**

 **Ekstrom/Mittendorf**

Kaptanian: Point of Inquiry: Does this include when we vote on their allocation?

Ekstrom: Yes.

 **Approved 20-1-0**

Wright: I really like the idea of funding this club. But they requested over $12,000 and that is a large portion of our budget. I’d like to fund them but perhaps not in that large of an amount.

Sader: Do we have an idea of some of the really big clubs and there big requests? It is important to be thinking about the money we will later be asked to allocate, like for Wula

Ebert: Wula decided to wait and ask for funds at the next allocation period. Last year they asked close to $30,000. More money is being requested than what we have. In the past we haven’t had 2nd and 3rd allocation periods, simply because we don’t have the money. I think its unfair that we run out of funds later in the year for clubs that maybe don’t know they’ll have to ask for it later on.

 Sader: This $90,000 needs to get us through 3 allocation periods.

Ekstrom: Taiko club is asking for 1/10 of our budget -- they always ask for an enormous amount of money. I’m not suggesting they don’t use it well. They have 30 students. I don’t know how we can give 1/10 of our budget to 30 students.

Symonds: I love that they keep things really traditional. I love that they can have a lot of drums. I think they’re doing a great job and they’re a very important club but that is a lot of money.

 Kaptanian: What happens if we allocate more than what we have?

Holiday: All of the money we allocate usually isn’t spent 100% of the time. If you choose to over-spend, you take a risk, but all clubs might not spend their full allocation. However, you don’t have a savings account to cover any deficit.

Kaptanian: I would like to argue that we can justify this in our budget. I think they have been a consistent player. The member that has made it is leaving at the end of this year. The new members need to know that taiko club is legit and want to commit. I will vote for full allocation.

Mittendorf: If we don’t allocate all of their funds now, can they request additional funds later?

Ebert: Yes. Clubs get the money and recognize that they will spend the money throughout the year. Once we give it to them, they have the year to spend it.

Mittendorf: Could we give them half the budget now, and then potentially give more money to them for the 3rd allocation.

 Ebert: Yes.

Ekstrom: I think that if Matt has been running the club and is leaving, maybe we shouldn’t fund the entire budget they have asked for. We don’t have that much money, and this money needs to cover us for the rest of the semester. I would suggest that we fund everything by half.

**Motion to table discussion**

 **Gill, Ekstrom**

 **Approved 21-0-0**

Club Presentation: Burning Bright, Julianne Johnson

Johnson: Burning Bright is a student organization that goes into community to help children in need. We have six different organizations that we are working with. Most of our budget request is for transportation. A lot of our events are in the Portland area. We are also partnering with an organization that works with Salem families that have that are impacted by cancer. We are going into homes and help with day-to-day tasks. We are also trying to reach out to families and let them know we can help. We are asking also for a GPS unit. We have had members of our organization get lost in cities since it is hard to navigate if you don’t have a smart-phone.

 Ekstrom: How many people are involved?

Julianne: We have over 100 members on the list-serve. Regularly, there are 30 people in attendance at meetings.

 Wright: Do the students drive themselves to the Portland and Seattle area?

 Julianne: Yes they have been renting vehicles through withnell rentals.

 Zena Farm Club

Kyle: Zena farm is the 305 acre property Willamette owns. There is a 5 acre homestead we currently farm. Most of the funds that we raise go towards paying our student employees. The rest of the funds go back into the farm, and the main source of providing for things like seeds actually come from our ASWU funds. We have requested some of the things that we need for our Winter season such as cover crop and additional equipment that is needed for labor. We also have things on our request to fund events such as workshops at Zena.

Mittendorf: I see that there is $200 for garlic seed?

Kyle: That’ll cover probably about ⅛ of an acre of garlic. We save a lot of our garlic seed provided for us. The additional seed is expensive to buy but it produces a lot.

 Kaptanian: Irrigation equipment -- is that something you replace every year?

Kyle: We usually have a drip line irrigation system. This is just replacing odds and ends equipment that has broken since last season.

 League of Legends Club: Xaviar Wilkbanks

Wilkbanks: This club primarily supports a competitive LOFL league. Most of this funding is for a tournament in October in Lincoln City. This is our first trip as a team. We have jersey costs, and hotel costs. We are playing on a saturday night, but its also an entire festival. They will be streamed on an event from Korea, and spectators will watch the world finals. The end result would us be leaving at 4am so that is why we are requesting money for the hotel rooms. The second van is for spectators. Lodging for the rest of the spectators is on here as well. A lot of our club members lack funds to participate in this type of event, so I thought it would be cool to offer them resources to be able to come and support everyone.

 Gill: Can you explain the $350 for uniforms?

Wilkbanks: Everyone is up on stage with a jersey on. They are non-essential except to represent university.

 Gill: Is there a reason why you went for such an expensive jersey?

Wilkbanks: I am looking into buying from a company that respects the anti-sweatshop policy. I over budgeted that expense, and I anticipate it will come out cheaper.

Saiki: What is the “rainy day fund?”

Wilkbanks: That was just an idea from leadership conference. That cost is just in case something goes wrong. My goal is not to spend it, and would love to give it back.

Sader: If you have five members attending the competition, why were two vans requested?

Wilkbanks: The second van is for spectators so that we can have viewers come watch the world finals. We have a total constituency of 45 people this year, and we are still recruiting the freshman.

 Wright: What is the teamspeak server?

Wilkbanks: We are opening up this for the whole campus. We have different folders where people can play video games.

Kaptanian: I have a question regarding the lodging for the team’s fans. Sports clubs and competitive clubs typically only bring their competitive roster. Is there any reason why you think your team is different?

Wilkbanks: We have a lot less participation due to the nature of the club. The goal with the extra vans is to further incentivise people to come and make it easier for them to support us if they do not choose to participate.

 Mittendorf: Isn’t it also a unique event since it is also a festival?

 Wilkbanks: Yes, and the world cup game will be streaming.

 Kaptanian: Can you elaborate on the lodging plans?

Wilkbanks: The budgeted cost yous see is 2 people per room, and then hopefully we can bring cots.

 Mittendorf: How many people are you expecting to participate in this event?

Wilkbanks: We can bring a maximum of 24 people. We will be in Ford 102 playing if you’d like to join us.

 Hawaii Club

Murakami: All in all we have had success in the past years with our program and we are excited to continue this tradition in addition with luau second semester. Also last year we worked with JSL and asked for more groups to participate. The Hawaii club is the main one running things so we have taken incentive in the planning.

Ekstrom: Finance board is meeting this Sunday. As of now we don’t have any precedence. We can let finance board meet this Sunday and hash things out, and have everyone vote next meeting.

VP Smyth: You have to do over $1500 club allocations tonight because of our bylaws.

 **Motion to move back to discussing Taiko club**

 **Kaptanian, Brinster**

 **Approved 12-5-4**

 Ekstrom: Which bylaw states this?

Smyth: The bylaws state we have to do the allocations for over 1500 before the finance board meeting.

Mittendorf: Depending on the wording of the bylaws, technically can we table these into next week?

 Sader: Point of information: Who is on the finance board?

 VP Smyth: We will have one by Saturday after our retreat.

 Hartman: What is the finance board?

Ekstrom: Some clubs ask for funding less than $1500. Finance board helps review these. We don’t pay for some weird things so we look through these requests and prepare a recommendation to Senate, in which the Senate can either approve or deny.

 Gill: For everyone’s sake lets move on.

Kaptanian: Since we’ve been tabling clubs over $1500 before, we should do it again. Then the Taiko club president can come back and ask more questions.

 Ekstrom: I think its important to discuss now.

 **Motion to table bylaws discussion and amendments until next meeting**

 **Symonds, Steffy**

 **Approved 15-3-1**

 **Motion to cut Takio club budget in half**

**Amends motion to cut budget in half and round up on the first three allocations**

 **Ekstrom, Steffy**

Brownlee: We should also consider we haven’t heard everyone’s funding requests. Maybe we should start holding off until after we have heard all of the clubs give their presentations.

 **Amendment passes 16-2-3**

**Motion to cut the first 3 items in the Taiko budget in half rounding up to the nearest item**

 **Ekstrom, Steffy**

 **Motion Fails 12-0-9**

Kaptanian: I would like to think about the bylaws again. If we were to break the bylaws, my interpretation is that the senate could over-rule them with a ⅔ vote. We shouldn’t feel constrained.

 Sader: A senator can be removed for not upholding the constitution.

 Symonds: I yield time to Meg.

Justice Cusick: Senator Sader, Senator Kaptanian’s point is that we could remove you, and yes you could overrule with a ⅔ majority. Yet you are proposing to deliberately ignore the bylaws, our governing document.

Symonds: Our job is to allocate funding to clubs. We need to do this. They can always come back and request more funding.

**Motion to cut the Taiko Club’s budget in half and round up the first three items on the budget to the nearest item.**

 **Symonds, Mittendorf**

 **Approved 18-0-3**

Ekstrom: It is our job to distribute money efficiently and effectively. It doesn’t matter if we talk about this now or do it later. We will approve the budget later. I think it would be more intelligent to break the bylaw.

Wright: I feel like I don’t know enough about this and the budget to vote one way or another.

 ASWU Sound Manager: Johnny Saunders

Saunders: We have both problems and massively unfulfilled potential with how we do things on ASWU sound. Individual organizations pay us for their services. We have to charge a lot to upkeep our system, especially repairs. We end up gouging you and student organizations, instead of serving students. We have limited access to sound on campus, so only small organizations are able to hire us. We’d like more people to be able to access us and not pay so much. We are chronically understaffed. This results in us being unable to fully staff gigs as we need to. We can’t do larger or more difficult events. We can’t do the best events because people can’t hire us. The major problem we have with gear is that it is not adequate. It is ridiculously underpowered. We are going to make ASWU sound requests for free. Rather than pass money through organizations to fund their sound at events, you will be giving it directly to us. We charge nothing for events if this happened. We would be stringent in our requirements and guarantee proper space and safety. This system would be entirely equitable since we would be working any event for free. By fronting us $10,000 we will be doing a trial period to see if this works. The second point of operation would make us mobile: having a golf cart which is $1800. We would be able to do off campus events and multiple events more efficiently. Combined with free events, students have unprecedented access to equipment that they bought. I’d like you to approve the allocation, and then come back to you to so that you can approve our spending.

Ultimately, we are hilariously under-geared. Other schools our size and our budget. Whitman has twice the sound power we have, and reed has 4 times. Gear is not prohibitively expensive and we haven’t gotten new sound equipment in 7 years.

$3000 would be for the pair of new speakers that are both more powerful and sound better than our largest speakers now.

Lights are critical for any event. 90 percent of our events need them. them. We would also like lasers, and hazers which don’t set off fire alarms.

I was passed $891 in debt. We need to zero it so I can pay employees. It will be the most popular program you fund all year. This is why its not ridiculous for us to ask $12,000. We will “next level” literally every event in the coming year.

Saiki: Can you talk more about off campus events?

Saunders: If a student is able to prove us that it will be safe, accessible, and that there will be people there, we can do off campus events.

Wright: One of the speakers blew out at the last dance. Was that ASWU sound?

 Saunders: Yes, we don’t have the gear. We turn up the volume and it pops the amps.

 The kind of gear that we have doesn’t allow us to adequately run events.

Sader: You don’t have to be a student organization to ask for ASWU sound with the new proposal. Currently it only serves student organizations.

 Kaptanian: Could you run wulapalooza or the brown starge?

Saunders: No.. Wula spends $10,000 a year just hiring sound. That’s the kind of cash that pro level sound takes. We have been under-funded to no longer do our job.

 Students for Feminism: Courtney Newbauer

Newbauer: As you can see in our budget, we are trying to revamp Women’s Resource Center space. No one knows where it is, what it is for, and what is in there is out of date. Our couches are falling apart and we want this space more usable for more people. Also Dean Douglass has told me that if you give me any money for the space to buy furniture, he will match it. I have talked to multiple people about this and we hope that you will help us out. We would like to bring four speakers to campus. They are hoping to pair with the English, Politics, and WGS departments. I would like your support to make these events if possible. These lecture events have the most amount of students come, and impact students the most. Willamette is always saying they are trying to support students from different backgrounds, so we would like to advocate for this action. We are going to be pairing with multiple student organizations and departments. Other events are annual, we are also trying to bring back the film series, and has been a good experience in the past. Everything else is just to keep us going day to day. Educational resource funds are part of ongoing workshops.

Saiki: Why was the film series stopped?

 Newbauer: The person who did it graduated. People in club are interested in it.

 Hernandez: What exactly are you doing to improve the resource center?

 Newbauer: the space literally has nothing that is empty. Women’s resource center.

Wright: What are you going to do with the funding, to get your events out to the student body?

Newbauer: Regular advertising with posters, Facebook, linked to department websites and other organizations on campus since the larger campus is supportive and looking from department heads to help spread the word.

Sader: Some department heads have supported this? Do they have money to fund speakers?

Newbauer: Professor Hobgood approached the WGS department but money isn’t there.

 Mittendorf: Have you approached WEB?

 New: No we haven’t, ASWU was our first stop.

Kaptanian: Is your budget built with matching funds taken into consideration? Is the money you’re asking for everything you need?

Newbauer: I expected to not get fully funded. Estimation for everything is up there. We are committed to making this happen and have multiple people supporting this cause.

Ekstrom: We have 7 clubs left to discuss.

 **Motion to fund each club for 1$ and discuss them again next week**

 **Motion withdrawn**

Saiki: We can power through and do this. We will have to approve the budget at our next meeting.

VP Smyth: You have option to take a recess.

Brownlee: My concern with voting on this tonight, is not having the retreat, and then realizing at the retreat that we have broken precedence. We haven’t been trained on how to allocate funding.

Ekstrom: Meetings are not normally this long.

Mittendorf: I think that allocating money now is a little bit odd to me. I think it would be a good idea to establish committees and then address these things at a later point.

Hernandez: This budget was sent to us today. We haven’t had time to look at this. I think we need time to make our own notes and come back with solidified questions and ideas.

Kaptanian: We only have to worry about them if we are worried about giving them this money without justification. In the past we have broken precedence on the daily. Two years ago senate didn’t used to hear allocations over $1500 because senate nitpicks on things. Last year was the first year we started handling these requests. We have discussed maybe getting rid of this.

VP Smyth: We have precedents. They serve as guidelines that we need to follow.

**Motion to fund each club $1**

**Ekstrom, brownlee**

**Approved 17-1-3**

**Motion to table the rest of agenda to next week’s meeting**

**Sader, Ekstrom**

**Motion withdrawn**

8.0 Officer Reports

8.1 President Oswill

 Absent during time of officer reports.

8.2 Treasurer Ebert

It’s fine that we tabled this discussion. However, the reason I had this on the agenda this week was because it is almost a month into school and we want to give them money to clubs as fast as possible. I would appreciate if we can bunker down next week so that student organizations can have their money by October.

8.3 VP Smyth

VP Smyth: I am working on the Senate retreat.

9.0 Judicial Report (Chief Justice Cusick)

Cusick: I don’t have anything to report.

10.0 External Programs Reports (President Oswill)

WEB

Collegian

11.0 Senate Reports

Hernandez: I think we should come prepared for next meeting. We should all read over budget and have clear, concise questions.

 Ekstrom: I would like to work on the collegian audit.

Saiki: I would like to work on a passport day for Willamette. A lot of students have traveling issues who are studying abroad, which are a big problem. There are many good standing programs at other Universities, and I think we could make it happen at Willamette.

Kaptanian: I would like to work to make WULA external program to alleviate problems with their funding request. If you have any concerns please talk to me about this. I’d like to see a bylaw proposed to make them as such.

12.0 For the Good of the Order

 Ekstrom: Great job tonight everyone.

13.0 Adjournment (VP Smyth)

VP Smyth: The retreat is tomorrow and is going to be really fun. Please read go to the e-mail i sent last night and tell me if you have any dietary restrictions. Please meet at the chicken fountain at 5:40pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. in Montag Den.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm**