

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 29 • 7:00 p.m. • Ford 102

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

2. Roll Call (Clerk Carstens)

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to move the club approval up on the agenda
Chen/Wellman
Approved

Motion to approve the agenda
Carlin/Pham
Approved

4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes
Carlin/Landoni
Approved

5. Club Approval

5.1. Club Approval
5.1.1 S.T.A.G.E.
5.1.2 Nerf Club

VP Kittelson: Is anyone from club approval speaking?

Carlin: There are two clubs. STAGE first

STAGE rep: This is a Student Theater Arts Group E. This is an independent group ran by students. We want a group that can fund any performing art endeavours, from any student. We have a lot of people outside of the theater department that want the opportunity to fund something outside of SSRD. We have been doing this Shakespeare production for the past three years, and we would love to see that get funding for it's fourth year. We want to see more people coming to that.

Move to approve
Pekich/Chen
19/1/0
Approved

Carlin: This is another one that has gone through the process of club approval.

Nerf Club rep: This is about having a small fun activity to destress on Saturday nights. We want people to be safe and get to know one another. It's a fun activity to get to know one another better and we want to expand the amount of students that are involved.

Wellman: Where will they be hosted?

NC Rep: Smullin, 7-11 Saturdays. We are trying to make it more official.

Motion to approve

Wellman/Clay

20/0/0

Approved

6. President Thorsett

P. Thorsett: Start with a few comments, then questions. Thanks for inviting me. I love to come to ASWU anytime there are any concerns or you want to come and talk to me. This is a very different campus environment this year and I want to thank Liz for the hard work she did over the summer to make that happen. We could talk about a number of different things, but I would like to acknowledge the importance of the Joint Agreement that was ratified last spring. A few members of ASWU signed that. It was an important document for a couple of different reasons. The people who were in the room were there because of a real love for Willamette. We respected the fact that everyone had a voice. The eleven detailed items were about a commitment to working together, from a position that started with trust. This is to acknowledge shared enterprise of governance on campus. Students need to know how to communicate, so do faculty, and administrators and staff. That was a really important piece and I know that Liz and others have spent time identifying representatives for various committees to represent the student's interests. Faculty have been working on this. Their governance committee has been working on the organization of academic departments. They expect to finish reorganizing sometime this fall. A couple of big things in that document is the University Council, so that is trying to get all three schools working and talking together. That is supposed to help coordinate conversations between representatives of all three schools. I encourage you guys to talk to your representatives on that body. We will come back and check in with that at the end of the year. That is the first time Willamette has had any governance body that spanned all three schools. Willamette Academy is important, Title IX, are all having rapid changes this year too.

The second thing that I wanted to talk about is the changes in leadership in the undergraduate college. Ed is here, he is VP of Campus Life, class of 74. He was away for a long time, but we got him back. He started on June 1st, so he has spent a lot of time with some of you. Ruth Feingold is the new Dean of the college. She is the Chief Academic Officer. She is an English professor, and I encourage you guys to get to know her. She needs to develop some good ways to connect with the student experience and I know she has been talking with Ed about how to figure that coordination out. We also have Carol Long, Senior

Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs. She oversees lots of things that span the entire university. She is the person who is in charge of resource distribution. She chairs a group that brings all the deans together. So that is the new team. Carol and Monica are really the two day to day people that are leading the university. So issues of what's happening week to week and budget wise are centered there. That has allowed me to spend my time focusing on capital planning over long periods of time, and working with the Board of Trustees. That's a snapshot of where we are administratively. I'm here.

Wellman: Changes to WU Academy?

Thorsett: Willamette Academy now has a director. Professor Drew stepped in in June and is back this month, she is just keeping things moving. Emilio Solano was hired. He is going to take stock and figure out what changes if any need to happen there. I have used my discretionary fund to help him buffer so that he can make real choices without the pressure of money and fundraising. I think that the program will look real similar to last year. He has to decide if he wants to recruit two years worth of students. He has to identify core funding for multiple programs by the end of the calendar year. I think the search committee will serve as an advisory committee for him starting out. I am very optimistic. The CLA Faculty are feeling a sense of ownership of the Academy, because they now are responsible for the academic parts of the program.

Chen: University Council discussed what, exactly? How did it feel?

Thorsett: It might be more useful to talk to Liz. The first meeting was very tightly packed. The big issue is the basic building of a budget for 2018. We have to identify the size for the university, which sets the budget. We went through definitions, and laid out the problem. We ran out of time for the real meat of the conversation. A new HR system is being implemented, so that will affect workflow. Conversation about the law school expanding into Portland is a possibility, so we have to talk about that.

Mackey: how are you personally bridging gaps with students?

Thorsett: The goal is to try to get together with as many groups of students as possible. Part of that is engaging with the entering group of students, and identifying perceived barriers. I invited them all to my office and talked about office hours. I'm trying to make it more accessible, and demystify the President's office. We are having office hours. I've been working with Ed to put together dinner with small groups of students. We are trying to be more deliberate about how to get those events scheduled. There is this balance between formal consulting of shared governance, and the informal relationships that get at what students are concerned about. I think we made good progress on the first, but are working on the second.

Lund: What is the status of Zena?

Thorsett: The last report I got on Zena was that we had an acceptable agreement with Bonneville. A couple of years ago we found out that we did not have a use agreement. There is a restricted covenant, and we need to have a use agreement. Apparently Bonneville did

not ever sign it. So they pointed out that we did not have the ability to build fences, or any of the other improvements that we did. The mitigation that they were doing was to not allow agriculture on the land, in order to prevent wineries. So that started a negotiation on how to get what we wanted from this. We agreed last year to move the homestead exemption to a place that we could farm productively. So as of this fall they had agreed to all of that. They still haven't signed it though. We think that we have that basic agreement that as soon as it is signed we can move forward on our end. Assuming that they are being straight with us, we don't think we have any other remaining legal problems. They were supposed to sign this over ten years ago and they still haven't.

Reyna: So we as senators are supposed to be talking about issues on campus. I am interested in how we can be a resource for the Joint Agreement.

Thorsett: It is a real challenge on any campus to build the traditions and structures that allow for meaningful engagement that outlasts the students. We have to figure out how to transition people while maintaining the institutional memory. The pattern is sometimes that once those who were engaged leave, we have problems getting new people engaged. I know Ed and LIsa are both really committed to this institutional development in ASWU, especially long term. Liz is already experiencing some of the challenges of getting student voices represented on committees. Frankly there are a lot of committees that don't do exciting work a lot of the time, so finding someone who is willing to sit through the boring for the few moments of interest is important.

P. Gill: It is really hard to find people and this year we have more student positions than ever before. I am working with Dean Feingold on breaking down barriers for students who can't participate on a committee. These are great opportunities. I've been talking about getting credit for working on a committee. It is in the beginning stages, but that is one of my main goals for the year.

Chen: I think a lot of work has been done, but it is evident that you have done a lot so far. Ed and I are on a texting basis. I think that this stuff is going in a good direction, and if you need us as a resource we are here.

Thorsett: It is a lot of work. Effective shared governance is a lot of heavy lifting for everyone involved, but it is very important. The university will be stronger if faculty, students, staff, and administration are all working together.

Mackey: I agree with that, but it is really difficult to translate this to students. The student body is feeling stagnation with the administration. They aren't seeing or feeling that change. The Bearcat bulletin is not cutting it. We need to address what happened last year and let them know what changes are happening or else they feel unheard.

Thorsett: Alright, thanks, let me know if you need anything.

7. External Programs Reports (President Gill)

P. Gill: We had WEB come in. They have been doing a great job on clearly showing us where the money is going. Price per head is clear.

Open Mic night: cost zero, attendance 251.

Movie: cost \$1000. Price per head 7.82

Brightside: \$3000. Price per head 9.71

Movie: \$539. 54 people. Price per head 9.99

Open Mic: \$211. Price per head 1.28

As a committee we talked about how attendance changes for movies and maybe if the attendance doesn't go up we should look at alternatives. The financial officer gave us a run down on those and the upcoming events. Pumpkin patch trip, comedian, hispanic culture awareness film, asp chair is putting on a pokemon go event. They are right on budget. Doing a great job, and being very responsive to everything that we have asked of them. Collegian will be coming in next week.

8. Officer Reports

8.1 President Gill

P. Gill: Alumni board address happened. I tried to reflect all different perspectives. I spoke for 15 and then got questions for 35. I tried to represent the whole student body. We need to talk about the ACHA coming to campus. American College Health Association is coming to evaluate Bishop and our other health practices. There have been invites sent out to a lunch with the reviewers and giving feedback on how students feel about these services on campus. This is a big deal because it could mean large scale changes on how students receive health care. If anyone is passionate about this please let me know.

Monday, Oct. 11?

I will keep you all updated as I know more. I got almost all of the appointments done, except for one. I will have those on the agenda next week.

Thanks for those that came to the voter registration drive.

College Council meeting happened this week. Myself and Gerardo went to that. The college council position is supposed to be making sure that we have a student in the room for that, and the Board of Trustees rep. This work we confirmed we are holding a forum on Oct. 27th. The Diversity Council is going to facilitate it. They are looking for a broader perspective.

8.2 Treasurer Morita

T. Morita: We talked about cleaning up the bylaws. We are going to remove the dollar precedents. We will do a first reading next week. I am looking forward to having you guys hopefully approve the budget this week. I need to work with the SAIs on how the clubs are interacting with me. We had to move the budget requests back.

8.3 VP Kittelson

8.3.1 Schedule 1:1s

VP Kittelson: I have appointments set up for one on ones. Please look at my email about senate projects and those sign ups. If you need help or don't know what you are going to do, you need to come to one of those. If we need to I can point you at Lisa just to get some good ideas and better ideas for who you should talk to on our campus or others. Please be on top of that. Meetings are Tuesday through Friday. I am trying to make them all during the day cuz I have homework too fam. Email me if none of the appointment slots work and we can schedule another time. If you are interested in working on the task force to bring back Building Bridges let me know. I can put you in contact with Sarah Shins. If you know anyone that would be interested let me know too. We can talk about that more in our one on ones if you are interested. The ASP student reps are very excited about this prospect.

9. Judicial Report (Chief Justice Henderson)

CJ Henderson: We talked about writing procedures for removal of senators and exec. We will be writing those procedures so it will go smoother than in the past. I've been working on the bylaws because they are lengthy, repetitive and too specific. I will be making recommendations on those next week.

10. Senate Reports

Chen: I have been researching the swingset idea. My senate project is to get a couple of swings on our campus. I had my mom send me some information about swingsets, and I have been in touch with the person at Reed. I am trying to get in touch with facilities on a location, and then I will bring those options back to senate so we can vote on it.

11. Old Business

11.1 [Fall Round 1 Budget](#)

Motion to approve the budget

Landoni/Wellman

Discussion:

Landoni: I am confused about line 96 of the budget. I am not aware of the precedents, but this was an all school event so I don't understand why we were denied funding. I want point of information from Finance Board on why the Kappa Sigma event wasn't funded.

T. Morita: Most of the the Greek organizations were not funded, and ASWU doesn't give funding to philanthropy events.

Landoni: Perfect example is Pi Phi. They were completely funded.

T. Morita: I'm glad you brought that up. We emailed Pi Phi asking them why they weren't funding this with their own money. This one got approved, but none of the other ones did.

Wellman: What was the reasoning for the exception?

T. Morita: "It is generally funded from our dues, but due to last years high demand last year I am trying to get additional funding to make it accessible to more people."

CJ Henderson: No funding precedents for Philanthropy is what it says in our bylaws. So to raise money for a philanthropy is good, but not if you are raising awareness.

Dausmann: Why is Alpha Phi not receiving funding for their event then?

Pekich: We have precedence for advertising, security, and decorations. We funded on those. We did not fund for venue or dj. We followed our precedent.

Upoff: I think we should clarify funding of philanthropy events.

P. Gill: This needs to be done in an official manner.

CJ Henderson: We shouldn't fund A Phi through the dance precedents but rather philanthropy.

Dausmann: Would that be more comparable to K Sig's run or Pie with Pi Phi? Yes?

Landoni: So we want to make it clearer to Greek organizations?

P. Gill: These events are very expensive to put on. We need to think critically about if we want to set this precedent to fund Greek philanthropy in full.

Carlin: I want to clarify. We got the full cost breakdown. For the Alpha Phi event, it would have been 75% of their cost if we funded it in full.

Upoff: Based on a lack of precedent, are we going to fund this event?

Amendment to the motion: Motion to fund K Sig on food

Landoni/Chen

16/1/3

Approved

VP Kittelson: Any other discussion?

Lund: Point of information. Zena farm club discrepancy?

T. Morita: We asked her about the on campus planting budget was for both fall and spring, and she never got back to me.

Amendment to the current motion: Fund Zena on campus 50% of their request

Chen/Pekich

16/1/3

Approved

Motion to suspend Robert's Rules

Upoff/Wellman

19/0/1

Approved

Motion to restore Robert's Rules

Upoff/Landoni

19/0/1

Approved

Motion to not fund Pi Phi for pizza, just for \$30

Pekich/Lund

17/1/2

Approved

Motion to proceed with current amendments and approve the budget with the recommendations

Chen/Landoni

20/0/0

Approved

12. New Business

13. For the Good of the Order

Upoff: somebody's gotta write the precedent.

Clay: ASL Club! I'm trying to start one!

VP Kittelson: Proceeds from Frozation go to philanthropy!

Motion to adjourn

Upoff/Lund

Approved

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm