



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

Senate Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 21 2023 • 7:00 p.m. • Alumni Lounge

1. Call to Order
2. [Land Acknowledgement](#)
3. Roll Call (Clerk Sophia)
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - 4.1. No comments
 - 4.2. Vote:
 - 4.2.1. Ayes: 10 (Gabby, Peter, Aiden, Anastasiia, Eryn, Parker, Sal, Suzan, Valentine, Wakana)
 - 4.2.2. Absent: 4 (Andrew, Ryan, Sarah, Sean was late)
 - 4.3. Motion Passed
5. Officer Reports
 - 5.1. [President Mira](#)
 - 5.1.1. Introductions and goals for the year:
 - 5.1.1.1. Written in last year, is excited to navigate the student needs for the year

5.1.1.2. 4 goals:

- 5.1.1.2.1. Strengthen community: Willamette has faced a lot of adversity over the past years, ASWU was not historically as strong as it needs to be to support the student body . All of you (senators) will play a vital role in seeing this through
- 5.1.1.2.2. Promote visibility: Wants this Exec team to be as accessible to the student body as possible. Wants to facilitate interactions between administrators and students
- 5.1.1.2.3. Sustainable Action: A very important part of the Senate's function. Wants to make sure what we do doesn't finish when we graduate- want it to carry on for everyone's time at Willamette and in the future. Important to bring this energy into whatever we do to allow for sustainable and well developed programming and activities
- 5.1.1.2.4. Tangible Impact: Wants to make sure what we are doing is having an actual impact on the community. Wants there to be an answer to the question "What does ASWU do?". Wants to make sure we are re-establishing ourselves as a presence in this

community. Ex: Strong Opening Days Presence,
Had a tailgate, amongst other engagement events.
Additionally, we had a competitive election cycle,
which is important as it promotes the hardworking
diligence of Senators. Wants to make sure we have
a functioning and flourishing senate.

5.2. [VP Chris](#)

5.2.1. Written in during a strange election season, but is happy to be
here and get to learn more about what ASWU is about

5.2.2. Fall Senate Election

5.2.2.1. All senators will take an oath today

5.2.2.2. President Pro-Tempore Application is now open –

President Pro-Temp serves as President of the Senate in
the event that the President of the Senate is not able to.

All Senators are invited to apply.

5.2.3. Senate Meeting Structure

5.2.3.1. Removing Robert's Rule of Order

5.2.3.1.1. More efficient without formal structure that we all
have to learn. We will implement a different
structure that will be easier to learn. For any
questions, comments and concerns, please raise
your hand and speak when we address you.

5.2.3.2. Voting

5.2.3.2.1. Chris will call Clerk Sophia to record a vote, and Senators will respond with Ay or Nay.

5.2.3.3. Question from Sean Olson: Will we be meeting in Ford in the future?

5.2.3.3.1. A: Most of the meetings will take place here, in the Alumni Lounge. Sometimes, we may not have the space, in which case you will be reminded. Most likely would be in the Montag Den

5.2.3.4. Senate Retreat

5.2.3.4.1. Mandatory Event, Dinner, Authentic Bonds Workshop, Senate Updates, Community Guidelines and Expectations, Team Bonding/Getting to know each other

5.3. [Treasurer Milo](#)

5.3.1. Introduction, decided to run last minute for this position but is excited to get to work with everyone and the team, excited for the year

5.3.2. Most of his reports will be about the ASWU budget, but today is an overview of how we fund clubs, how the budget works

5.3.2.1. Many Senators have been on the funding board of a club

5.3.3. Shares screenshot of custodial funds of the clubs

5.3.3.1. When we approve funding for a club, it goes in these accounts

5.3.3.2. In order to get said funds from ASWU, Milo sends out a form to exec boards of clubs with questions about what they need money for, how much, how they will be using it, etc. Clubs fill this out and send back to Milo, and he uses information to decide whether to fund it

5.3.4. How to decide what to fund

5.3.4.1. We utilize funding precedence – what are things that ASWU has traditionally agreed to fund. We do this because we want to give funds in an equitable way that is fair and the same across clubs.

5.3.5. Funding Spreadsheet

5.3.5.1. After initial forms go out, a week later, the spreadsheet will go out with an explanation of how much each club gets and what it is used for. There are 3 rounds of this throughout the year.

5.3.6. Need a finance board

5.3.6.1. Before the funding request comes to the floor, 4 senators will discuss the requests that come in and decide whether to fund these requests based on precedence or presence of necessary information. This group will then make a

recommendation to the Senate. The group also votes to approve clubs. Needs 4 senators to do this – time commitment is 1 hour a week, depending on when the funding rounds are. Stressing the importance of the finance board– essential to help clubs on campus, can't get the money without funding from ASWU. Asks that any Senators who are interested come talk to him, he will be sending a reminder email about becoming a part of finance board.

5.4. [Press Secretary Stevie](#)

5.4.1. Introduction and Responsibilities/Why to Confirm her

5.4.2. Responsibilities

5.4.2.1. Emailing student body weekly about what we talk about in Senate and what is going on in ASWU generally

5.4.2.2. Stressing the importance of communication between ASWU and the Willamette community

5.4.2.3. Will be doing this through instagram and wants to do outreach with the community about ASWU and hopefully bring more people in

5.4.3. Why to Confirm

5.4.3.1. Always was involved with Student gov in high school, but has not been on ASWU so she is fresh to this space

5.4.4. Goals

- 5.4.4.1. Wants to establish a renewed social presence online and within ASWU, wants to be supportive to senators, wants to work with Mira and Chris to make sure she is supporting everyone with in Campus improvement projects, and wants to make sure that she is building relationships with clubs to make sure she is learning about everything they do

6. [Oath of Office](#)

- 6.1. Gabby Keeve '25
- 6.2. Peter Wirfs '25
- 6.3. Anastasiia Lemesh '26
- 6.4. Aiden Schneider '26
- 6.5. Parker Gauldin '27
- 6.6. Sal Chapell '27
- 6.7. Suzan Nuri '27
- 6.8. Valentine Wells '27
- 6.9. Wakana Sakane, ASP Student

7. Senate Reports

- 7.1. Asking for reports- no reports

8. Advisor Report

- 8.1. Introductions from Lisa and Quinn

8.2. One of them will be at the senate meetings, both attend exec meetings as well

9. New Business

9.1. [Confirmation of Stevie Bergstrom '26 as ASWU Press Secretary](#)

9.1.1. Vote

9.1.1.1. Ayes: 11 (Gabby, Peter, Aiden, Anastasiia, Evyn, Parker, Sean, Sal, Suzan, Valentine, Wakana)

9.1.1.2. Absent: 3 (Andrew, Ryan, Sarah)

9.1.2. Motion passed

9.2. [Funding Approval](#)

9.2.1. Back-spending that we spent for Opening Days that we need Senate to approve

9.2.2. Milo: The way it's supposed to work is that the ASWU from last year would approve an amount of money for the following year's ASWU to do things before the first Senate meeting. Doing something like Take the Lead, tailgate, we would normally have money set aside for that. We did not have that, so we had to spend the money retroactively.

9.2.3. Breakdown of things we spent money on (\$689 total):

9.2.3.1. Take the Lead Event

9.2.3.2. BA Catering Tailgate

9.2.3.3. Name Tags

9.2.3.4. Meet ASWU Event

9.2.3.5. Logo

9.2.4. Mira: The spending we made was extremely intentional- we wanted to establish ourselves on campus and get exec functioning. We will not be backspending anymore, and next year we plan to take time in the spring to vote on money for next year's ASWU so that they have money allocated for them in the future. This is a one time thing that will not happen again in general for ASWU.

9.2.5. Chris: this is the amount we are asking for and we will be voting for this

9.2.6. Sean Question: Is this a reimbursement?

9.2.6.1. A: Yes

9.2.7. Votes

9.2.7.1. Ayes: 10 (Gabby, Peter, Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean, Parker, Sal, Suzan, Valentine, Wakana)

9.2.7.2. Nay: 1 (Aiden)

9.2.7.3. Absent: 3 (Andrew, Ryan, Sarah)

9.2.8. Funding Approval has passed (10 Ayes, 1 Nay, 3 Abs)

9.3. [Committee Appointments](#)

9.3.1. Mira: I've been in the process of interviewing and establishing representatives for University Committees. These University

Committees dictate a lot of the essential parts of student life and student experiences, through academics and on campus life. I have 6 people already but will continue to bring new people to approve as I interview more.

9.3.2. Valentine: Do you have as many people as you need?

9.3.2.1. A: no, I will be sending out a reminder for more meetings and to try to get more interest

9.3.3. Aiden: Do you have general impressions of these people to go over why each person will be with these committees?

9.3.3.1. A: Yes. Both Sal and Rue both have expressed interest in LGBTQ+ advocacy committee and have a background to be able to utilize that committee to work with queer students. Karen Campos was a freshman with a lot of interest in the dining advisory committee. Marit is a public health major and a freshman and would be able to provide a lot of insight to the Occupational committee. Aanya has done a lot of work with students of color on campus and has experience working with housing and other areas of campus in which she would be able to bring her knowledge to work in that role on EDI committee. Kegan is great for University Council because of his past work with CAP, and has spent most of his time

at Willamette working on these committees, to be on University Council it is extremely valuable to be an upperclassman with a lot of experience in that realm.

9.3.3.2. Sean: Reps don't have to be Senators?

9.3.3.2.1. Mira: I sent out an email to encourage students– it is open to everyone, they just schedule a meeting with me and we talk through what they're interested in. You don't all have to be a part of a committee, but if you have the capacity to, it is a very valuable experience. It is not a necessity or an expectation for me.

9.3.4. Vote

9.3.4.1. Ayes: 11 (Gabby, Peter, Aiden, Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean, Parker, Sal, Suzan, Valentine, Wakana)

9.3.4.2. Absent: 3 (Andrew, Ryan, Sarah)

9.3.5. Committee Appointments passed (11 Ayes, 3 Abs)

9.4. Ice Breakers: Get to know each other

9.4.1. Mira: I know some of you have student gov experience. We want you all to feel like a core part of the exec team as well. Once we have our senate retreat, we will be able to establish more rules. As we go along, we will be able to have more rules and expectations for the semester.

10. Public Comment

- 10.1. Marit: I am a writer for the Collegian, if you ever have a topic in which you feel no one is talking about it, bring it to me. We love talking to ASWU for interviews, and I would love an interview from anyone.

11. For the Good of the Order

11.1. Comments:

- 11.1.1. Sean: I love the vibes already
- 11.1.2. Valentine: Doing a stage thing this weekend- 24 hour theater Sunday night where the club stage puts on a predictive where they write, produce, act, and tech clubs in 24 hours
- 11.1.3. Mira: We are doing our conference on Saturday. There is a portion that is mandatory for all ASWU clubs and organizations. This will be facilitated by Christina Parle, this will be from 11-1 pm. I recommend for freshmen senators and any senators who may be interested in leadership development to go because it is really important for you to be able to learn about Willamette and be able to navigate your time and position at Willamette.
- 11.1.4. Aiden: On October 7, Hudson the orchestra and band will be playing if anyone is interested. 7 pm, only about an hour. If you like classical music, go see the orchestra, but pick either one.
- 11.1.5. Evyn: watch choir too!

12. Adjournment