



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

Senate Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 12 2023 • 7:00 p.m. • Alumni Lounge

1. Call to Order
2. [Land Acknowledgement](#)
3. Roll Call (Clerk Sophia)
4. [Approval of the Minutes](#)
 - 4.1. Vote (10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)
 - 4.1.1. Ayes: Andrew, Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean,
Parker, Sal, Valentine
 - 4.1.2. Absent: Gabby(late), Suzan, Wakana
5. Approval of the Agenda
 - 5.1. Vote (10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)
 - 5.1.1. Ayes: Andrew, Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean,
Parker, Sal, Valentine
 - 5.1.2. Absent: Gabby(late), Suzan, Wakana
6. Officer Reports
 - 6.1. [President Mira](#)

6.1.1. Check in - there are a lot of things going on right now, and I want to acknowledge that it is okay if you aren't doing okay. I want to offer some resources we have on campus - Bishop Wellness, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, CARE Reports are also a great way to get someone the care they need. If ASWU ever starts to play into any stress you are feeling or you need to take a break, just let us know. We are always here to support you. We encourage you to use your circles for support as things in the world will continue to happen.

6.1.2. Presidential Updates

6.1.2.1. PNCA HALloween PARTY is happening! It is a big desire to incorporate PNCA into our Salem campus. This will be an opportunity to bus students up to PNCA for their HALloween Haunted House. If you are interested, it would be great if you could reach out to me to help me plan this! We would be in charge of planning, figuring out buses etc.

6.1.2.2. Board of Trustees: Will be with the Board of Trustees Friday, Saturday. If you have anything you want me to talk about, or things I should know in case something comes up, I would encourage you to send me an email with subject line BOT Thoughts, so I can make sure the info I'm giving them is in line with what people actually need.

- 6.1.2.3. Anti-racism Plans: Makeup session yesterday, almost over.
- 6.1.2.4. ASWU and Admin - it's booked for the semester to have admin at office hours every Wednesday, have had soe appearances already.

6.2. [VP Chris](#)

6.2.1. Updates

- 6.2.1.1. Appointed President Pro Temp - Suzan Nuri. You will approve her today.
- 6.2.1.2. Check ins- Has done a few check ins, and has seen some invitations, but I'm still missing from some of you. Hoping to get to know how you are doing with ASWU, so this is mandatory.
- 6.2.1.3. Finding Parliamentarian - Reaching out to students who have experience in the Judicial Branch.
 - 6.2.1.3.1. Reached out to Amanda Padgett, who might be interested. She has a lot of experience with ASWU. Will need to determine roles and responsibilities. Might be able to compensate with Leadership Award, but don't know the amount yet.

6.3. Treasurer Milo

6.4. [Press Secretary Stevie](#)

6.4.1. Updates

6.4.1.1. Google Form for clubs so that they have a centralized place to upload pictures, we will all have access.

6.4.1.2. Reminder to fill out the Senate Intro form as soon as possible. I have almost all Class of 2027, so I hope to have that on instagram this week!

7. Senate Reports

8. Advisor Report - Lisa

8.1. Have a great Fall Break!

9. Old Business

9.1. Clubs Funding Approvals

9.1.1. [Funding Precedence](#)

9.1.2. Vote on [tabled funding requests](#)

9.1.2.1. Structure

9.1.2.2. STAGE

9.1.2.2.1. We tabled STAGE funding for Rocky Horror Picture Show because some Senators had concerns about that particular movie. Chris sent a message from the exec of STAGE, who is joining us right now. Hoping you had the opportunity to look it over and think about the discussion we had last week. We

will have 5 minutes of discussion after background and we will vote, and that will be it.

9.1.2.2.2. STAGE: we are here in case there are any questions or concerns after the email that we wrote - in person is a lot easier than email.

9.1.2.2.3. Milo: I have been thinking about this and discussion with Lisa and the finance board. Lisa pointed out that if we were a public university, there would be certain laws that we would be obliged to follow - I poked around and based on my understanding, there is a Supreme Court Case, where the student govt funded student groups but not religious groups. Asserted that student govt could make any determination they wanted based on first amendment - Supreme Court ruled that this violated the First Amendment - when the govt funds clubs, they fund a marketplace. They are just providing a place for others to speak, so they should go neutral. I think we should follow this certain philosophy. You may disagree with me, but I don't get a vote. Curious to hear from you guys on your thoughts since last week.

- 9.1.2.2.4. Andrew: While the SC case is helpful, we are not taking issue with STAGE as a club. The difficulty has to do with the subject matter and content of the movie, and I don't think it depicts certain things in a very respectful way. It is over the traditionally accepted amounts for movie rights for the number of attendees. It is over what regular precedence will allow.
- 9.1.2.2.5. Gabby: What is regular precedence?
- 9.1.2.2.6. Milo: It is \$12 per attendee, so \$480. stage is requesting \$800. So, this is substantially over what precedence allows.
- 9.1.2.2.7. Sarah: I really appreciate getting the email from Exec. It was very beneficial to contextualize some of the reasoning behind STAGE's decision. I want to clarify some of my beliefs in person. I want to apologize for any harm I caused in my comments about transphobia, and I think I didn't get to explain as well as I should have. I think that my biggest issue is the essence of posing the trans character as the villain of Rocky Horror Picture Show. Since most of the offensive material is

perpetrated by what is a trans villain is what feels more transphobic than the dramatization and satire. I do think some of that comes from the fact that I interpret things more literally than the film itself was getting at. Because the funding precedent is significantly over, in addition to my feelings about how we depict trans people in film, I struggle to want to support this, but I understand that there is a deep rooted historical context to the filming of the movie. I appreciate that there will be a content warning given, and think that with an explanation in addition to what we discussed the past two weeks. My RA freshman year showed this with no content warning, and this is where it became harmful. I don't know if I wasn't reading this right, but I didn't find contextualized references of 'camp' in queer culture. If that's something that someone would be willing to have a conversation about, I would appreciate it. Overall, I am struggling. Those are my thoughts.

9.1.2.2.8. Evyn: Can I ask for a 5 minute addition to this time limit?

9.1.2.2.9. Milo: Please make it quick.

9.1.2.2.10. Evyn: I watched this movie, when I went in there, people were dressing up and having fun. Rather than it being Cancel culture, I feel like we should be open and aware of this. I feel like this film is more educational than anything, and I don't feel like it necessarily discriminates against anything.

9.1.2.2.11. STAGE: 1: Although Frankenfurter is depicted as a villain, they are the object of desire in the movie. It is explained multiple times that despite the gender of any character, they are all interested in each other. Tim Curry is the drawing point for many people to watch the movie. 2: A great resource for understanding Camp is Rachel Kinsman Steck - Theater and WGS. We would love to talk to any of you about queer culture and queer theory.

9.1.2.2.12. Vote (10 Ayes, 1 Nay, 2 Absent)

9.1.2.2.12.1. Ayes: Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Gabby, Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean, Parker, Sal, Valentine

9.1.2.2.12.2. Nay: Andrew

9.1.2.2.12.3. Absent: Suzan, Wakana

9.1.2.3. Frisbee

- 9.1.2.3.1. Concern was about whether they could use vans rather than personal vehicles because it would be safer. Their exec said they were happy to use vans, so that should work. This would make it \$657, give or take. \$73 a van for 3 vans. This would make it less than the personal gas reimbursement. We are going to start pressing that students start renting rather than driving personal vehicles, because there is more liability otherwise. Does anyone have anything?
- 9.1.2.3.2. Evyn: So the rental company won't let them return it on Saturday?
- 9.1.2.3.3. Milo: Yes, it's the one that campus uses.
- 9.1.2.3.4. Sarah: While it's nice that in this scenario, funding is cut in half, my only concern about this would be pushing this as an option is that driving a large vehicle is substantially different than riding in your everyday vehicle, so this could potentially cause more safety issues. If people are wanting to use their own vehicles, I think it's important to let people make their own decisions.
- 9.1.2.3.5. Milo: I can bring this to Quinn.

- 9.1.2.3.6. Evyn: Is it students driving?
- 9.1.2.3.7. Milo: Yes
- 9.1.2.3.8. Sean: You have to take these, but they are normally mini vans. You can also borrow smaller SUVs or other cars that are typically similar to personal cars. You don't have to borrow a minivan, and the biggest difference is you're not using your insurance.
- 9.1.2.3.9. Aiden: If you want to talk about vans vs cars, you would want to think about the amount of individual people in individual cars. You would want to do a statistical analysis, and I don't know if anyone is capable of doing that. If we are trying to account for safety, if there are more groups, there is more potential for risks. If you have one van, it decreases the chance for any volatile event to happen. I just wanted to bring that up if we're talking about individuals with insurance, safety and health. With driving, I think it's a little easier with having one driver- can pick out whoever is the best driver.
- 9.1.2.3.10. Gabby: When you met with them, did you give them the option or did you say they had to?

9.1.2.3.11. Milo: I gave them the option.

9.1.2.3.12. Vote (11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

9.1.2.3.12.1. Ayes: Andrew, Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Gabby,
Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean, Parker, Sal, Valentine

9.1.2.3.12.2. Absent: Suzan, Wakana

9.1.2.4. WEMS

9.1.2.4.1. Asked for a lot of things, not immediately clear. I
talked to the other Milo, who works with WEMs,
and they sent me an explanation.

9.1.2.4.2. Vote (11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

9.1.2.4.2.1. Ayes: Andrew, Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Gabby,
Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean, Parker, Sal, Valentine

9.1.2.4.2.2. Absent: Suzan, Wakana

9.1.2.5. PIRSU

9.1.2.5.1. Wants to do a service trip to Tacoma for Solidarity
Day - they requested \$505, but may have done gas
math wrong so it is different. The lodging policy is
that we don't fund lodging unless it's necessary for
driver safety - Melissa gave me an explanation for
it.

9.1.2.6. Pickleball

9.1.2.6.1. I dropped the ball - they wanted printing, they asked for \$20.

9.1.2.6.2. PIRSU/Pickleball Voting Together

9.1.2.6.3. Vote (11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

9.1.2.6.3.1. Ayes: Andrew, Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Gabby,
Anastasiia, Evyn, Sean, Parker, Sal, Valentine

9.1.2.6.3.2. Absent: Suzan, Wakana

10. New Business

10.1. Approval of Suzan Nuri as President Pro-Temp

10.1.1. She cannot be here but sent me something to read.

10.1.2. Vote (11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

10.1.2.1. Ayes: Andrew, Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Anastasiia, Gabby,
Evyn, Sean, Parker, Sal, Valentine

10.1.3. Absent: Suzan, Wakana

10.2. Club Approval

10.2.1. In charge of approving clubs, they have a constitution and application and interest petition. Jodie Santille approved and the Finance Board viewed it as well. WE are really just looking for if they filled out the application and are there 10 people interested in the club?

10.2.2. Mira: Do you know about the club approval process? While all clubs we fund are ASWU affiliated, anything SEAL recognizes is

also an ASWU club. Once they gain this affiliation, they are able to gain access to the SEAL office for resources. Important to have this on your radar in terms of campus improvement projects.

10.2.3. [w Club_Approval_Process.docx](#)

10.2.4. [SASU](#)

10.2.5. MRC

10.2.5.1. [Application](#)

10.2.5.2. [Constitution](#)

10.2.6. [Climbing Club](#)

10.2.6.1. [Interest petition](#)

10.2.7. [Tennis Club](#)

10.3. Vote (10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstaining, 2 Absent)

10.3.1. Ayes: Andrew, Sarah, Peter, Aiden, Gabby, Anastasiia, Sean, Parker, Sal, Valentine

10.3.2. Abstaining: Evyn

10.3.3. Absent: Suzan, Wakana

10.4. [Endowment](#)

10.4.1. ASWU has an endowment, a lot like the University one with less money. It is an account that the school runs that generates interest over time, and we can use this money to do things. We can pull some money out to add to the budget, but we haven;t

recently been doing that. Should ASWU draw funds, and if so how much?

10.4.2. Sarah: We have an endowment. Does anyone know where that comes from?

10.4.3. Milo: It is 2.5% of student fees, so it builds up from there.

10.4.4. Sarah: For previous years, we haven't taken anything from the endowment?

10.4.5. Lisa: It has not been touched in 5 years and has only been touched a couple times in 17 years. We were hoping for it to grow so students would pay less money in student fees or none at all.

10.4.6. Milo: \$361,000 in the endowment as of Sept 2023. Generates \$12,000 a year based on market, inflation and student fee additions. Pros: could set a precedent for withdrawals - really easy and could be done every year. Mitigate impact of market fluctuations - we could lose a lot of money if we aren't drawing regularly. Right now, everyone who is a student has fees going towards this, but if we don't draw from it, they won't see the benefit. If we take money out of the endowment, we don't need as much in terms of student fees. Cons - less money for the future. You would need a lot of money saved up to do a major project, so taking money out constantly could be an issue. Need

to make a decision by October 31, so the next couple of meetings we will discuss this. We will have Max Kass, manager of the bistro. The bistro is in a lot of debt, so all the profit they make has to go to paying that debt off. We could take money out of the endowment to pay for that, so we will have a presentation next week.

- 10.4.7. Sean: We would like a suggestion about how much to take out?
- 10.4.8. Milo: We will talk about that next week.
- 10.4.9. Sarah: Is this deadline for yes or no we take money out or, how much to take out?
- 10.4.10. Milo: We have to know how much we are taking out.
- 10.4.11. Mira: The university has a lot of endowments everywhere, Exec has been talking about utilizing the endowment, because there are so many needs now. Max is going to come talk about the business models they have been working with and how they've changed their processes since last year and the issues they have dealt with. This is a larger conversation about doing things to better the community.
- 10.4.12. Sarah: I think that while I'm a senior and won't get to see the benefits, just by face value I have support for this because it would have been cool to have some of my money go to benefits over the past 4 years.

10.4.13. Lisa: Since I won't be here next week, it would be important to look at the carryover you've had in terms of student fees. I don't want you to believe that we spend all of our money every year. There is money that carries over to the next year and is reallocated. It would be important to look at this to see how much financial need there is to tap into the endowment. I don't want to see you all take money out of the endowment to fund student orgs when that's not a need to my knowledge.

10.4.14. Sarah: I think that in my 4 years here, I have seen a lot of ways that funding did not get approved, including the Luau funding from last year

10.4.15. Lisa: That's not true, so I want to just clear that up now.

10.5. Campus Improvement Project Discussion

10.5.1. [Campus Improvement Project Ideas](#)

11. Public Comment

12. For the Good of the Order

12.1. Sean: Next week Wednesday from 8-9, we will have a rice making event at Montag Den

12.2. Evyn: If you attended anything on the weekend for family weekend, thank you!

12.3. Chris: Sal is turning 1 year older in 2 days!

13. Adjournment

