

## Services and Activities Fee Committee Meeting

**Feb. 26, 2025**

**PUB 207J**

**1. Call to order: 4:02**

**2. Roll Call:**

- a. Wade Romine, Chair
- b. Logan Hamilton, Student-At-Large
- c. Kayla Miller, Student-At-Large
- d. Cameron Grout, Student-At-Large **[ABSENT]**
- e. Leigha Wilson, Student-At-Large
- f. Gaberiel Cooley, Student-At-Large
- g. Paul Weed, Academic Affairs
- h. Frank Villareal, Student Life & Student Affairs
- i. Brock Sieb, Student Affairs
- j. Ashton McKean, ASEWU President, **Ex-officio [ABSENT]**
- k. Lea Jarnagin, Vice President for Student Affairs, **Ex-officio [ABSENT]**
- l. Nick Whitesell, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Student Affairs, **Ex-officio**
- m. Judy Miller, Student Accounting, **Ex-officio**

**3. Approval of meeting minutes for the meeting held on 2/19/25**

- a. Brock moves to approve the meeting minutes from Feb. 19, 2025. Logan seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

**4. Meeting Schedule**

- a. Proposal Discussion

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- a. EWU Athletics
  - Wade reads Athletic's narrative and reviews the funding spreadsheet.
  - Wade says that Athletics has historically been seen as a place to cut costs but for any DV1 school, it's important to have a lot of funding behind it.
  - Cheer includes swoop, which probably costs a lot.
  - Brock isn't seeing anything about how athletics is trying to be more frugal, and wants to see more on how they're using money more responsibly.
  - Frank asks if athletic students are eligible to use work study, Brock says that they are, but they have a lot of specific needs.
  - Frank clarifies that it's important to be D1 over D2 for our school's college experience and magnetism.
  - 16 to 20 million dollar enterprise in total (including Index 1, tickets, merchandise, and televisions). Very little Athletic programs turn a profit.
  - 19.7 was this year's budget in Athletics.
  - Gabe Blackwell in a report last year, Football is recommended for change due to deficiencies.

- Frank clarifies that most students aren't on scholarships, and those that are are partial scholarships.
- Blackwell calls on subsidizing student fees, not funding athletics.
- Wade advises that the 1.5 million level is probably a good mark to be at from us.
- Brock looks back at their increase, and wonders if any budget in general deserves an increase, due to our tight budgets this fiscal year. Increasing is not something we can offer to everyone, so we need to be somewhat fair.
- Nick clarifies that while our undergraduate numbers have gone down, the number of student-athletes has remained consistent, therefore taking up a larger percent of the student body.
- Athletics use every bit of money they are given. Wade clarifies that the employment opportunities are really important.
- Logan recommends keeping it at 1.5 million, but it is tricky because it encompasses a lot of smaller parts.
- Athletics budgets have continuously gone down.

**6. *Adjournment:***

- a. Logan moves to adjourn the meeting at 4:48. Gabe seconds. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned.