

Services and Activities Fee Committee Meeting

Mar. 5, 2025

PUB 207J

1. Call to order: 4:05

2. Roll Call:

- a. Wade Romine, Chair
- b. Logan Hamilton, Student-At-Large
- c. Kayla Miller, Student-At-Large **[ABSENT]**
- 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 **[ABSENT]**
- i. Brock Sieb, Student Affairs
- j. Ashton McKean, ASEWU President, **Ex-officio**
- 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 2/26/25

- a. Due to lack of quorum, we could not move to approve the meeting minutes from Feb. 26, 2025. Move to next meeting.

4. Meeting Schedule

- a. Proposal Discussion

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- a. ASEWU
 - Wade reviews the narrative summary, changes in budget, funding priorities, and the budget spreadsheet.
 - \$310,000 this year, a \$60,000 jump from last year.
 - Paul asks if all students' hours need to be increased simultaneously, and Wade clarifies that it would be unequal if they weren't. Paul asks if they are predicated on each other, Wade confirms.
 - Leigha asks as if all hours are currently being used to the maximum. Wade clarified that all hours are currently being used, including some overtime.
 - Leigha asks why they're cutting funding to events and clubs. Wade clarifies it's from the Multicultural now having a budget to fund cultural clubs. Gabriel says that the biggest events are now being funded by the multicultural.
 - Leigha asks if clubs aren't just asking for the funding, or if ASEWU just isn't giving to them. Nick asks how much has been left over the past few years, Wade clarifies that it may be 3-5k left over.
 - Leigha asks how much a club is given to start up, Logan, Judy, and Gabe Blackwell clarify that it's about \$300.

- Ashton notes that the increase of the budget is much less than in 2021, and will be doing the same amount of work as when they asked for \$460,000. Wade wants to note that they were recommended for investment, so they deserve the increase.
- Leigha asks if members are given minimum wage. Wade clarifies that they make a stipend, about \$19.50 an hour.
- Wade again speaks on the investment recommendation.
- Logan questions about whether or not the lobby day was done this year, and it was not. Paul clarifies that we were one of the view universities, not represented.
- Brock clarifies that the \$11,000 is for three students to go to lobby day, and the time proceeding that.
- Leigha speaks on that we don't have the money to invest as much as they're asking for, especially since the workers already make the same as a minimum wage 19-hour student, and wants to make the money we have stretch to do the most good for the entire student body.
- Leigha also asks why the office supplies went up 3.3 thousand, and Gabe clarified that it was just moved from the events category.
- Ashton speaks more on Lobby Day and that the one thing holding us back from going is the lack of funds.
- Leigha asks what Lobby day does for the general student body. Ashton clarifies that they want to advocate for more money coming back to the university.
- Wade clarifies that we deserve the clout from doing Lobby Day.
- Ashton brings up WWU and says their representatives work many more hours.
- Leigha asks if ASEWU can fundraise, but Nick and Judy clarify they can't fundraise because they are fully funded by S&A fees.
- Nick also clarifies that there are already representatives from a lot of other departments, including Paul Weed, in legislation that affects both students, faculty, and the community. Paul lists the bills that are currently on the floor right now, including on academics, athletics, faculty, financial aid, and affordability.
- Gabe clarifies that the 11 thousand dollars also includes the membership required to meet with senators, but they charge \$1 for every student at the university, so about \$7,500 out of the \$11,000.
- Wade also wants to point out again that SRA recommended them for investment.
- Brock clarifies that while we've been looking at a flat rate, we also need to see if we need to go down in the overall budget.
- Ashton clarifies that they're trying to save money by previously reflecting on what they were given in 2021. Leigha asks again how they're trying to save money from where they were operating on this year. Gabe clarifies that it's important to see that the budget change happened about two years ago, and while they are all working less hours.

6. Adjournment:

- a. Wade moves to adjourn the meeting at 4:56.