



Associated Students
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University of Washington

Finance & Budget Committee

Wednesday March 4th, 2025 | Husky Union Building Room 303 | 4:00PM

Minutes

Land Acknowledgement:

The ASUW acknowledges the stewards of Coast Salish lands, the lands on which we currently sit, and the UW occupies. We acknowledge the original and current caretakers; Duwamish, Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot nations and peoples.

Roll Call

P- Khushi Loomba – Finance and Budget Director

P -Nandana Jaideep - President

P - Sonal Virk - Vice President

T– Owen Rivera – Personnel Director (Tardy, excused)

P - Grace Clarke– Director of Programming

P - Kira McKey – Senate Representative

P - Josue Villalobos – JCC Representative

P - Aarna Nair – Committee Member 1

P – Kimberly Chu – Committee Member 2

P - Aditya Sharma – Committee Member 3

P - Shlok Rathi– Committee Member 4

P- Anushka Julakanti – Operations Coordinator

P – Trevor Hunt – SAO Advisor

A – Marshall Traverse or proxy (Absent, excused)

Recognized Guests: *None*.

Meeting Called to Order at 4:03pm

Approval of Minutes:

Kira motions to approve minutes, seconded by Aarna. Motion passes unanimously

Approval of Agenda:

Sonal motions to approve agenda, seconded by Josue. Agenda approved unanimously

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Grace motions to approve, seconded by Kira, Motion passes unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

- Khushi explains that she met with Trevor to discuss the budget and make changes which led to the amended budget
- Khushi walks through shared services which fall under 3 pillars: HR, Finance, and IT services
- Khushi explains that HR and Finance will come from the budget but IT services will be done as needed
- Khushi recommends the 52K for shared services not come from the general fund given that this will be a reoccurring basis
- Sonal goes into IT services but agrees with Khushi that tech admin can handle most things and it would be an hourly cost as needed
- Grace asks how relevant shared services would be for IT given that there has already been a major overhaul of the ASUW website
- Khushi explains that there will need personnel to manage maintenance of IT systems and the website
- Khushi explains that the HUB can help with the IT services on a need-by-need basis which can come out of the General Fund
- Sonal explains that HR and Finance come to around 52K per year and IT would be around 27K per year. This comes to a total of around 80K per year
- Trevor explains that IT includes software, printers, phones, website etc.
- Sonal asks Trevor of other examples outside of the website that IT can work on
- Trevor explains the possibility of managed model for all ASUW laptops with security, software, and regular updates. He explains that he worked with GPSS for Sharepoint
- Trevor explains that they could help with public records

- Nandana asks if the current use of software services is posing a large financial burden
- Trevor explains that IT can help find gaps to figure what to do and not to do
- Grace asks if I-9 has been done a la carte.
- Khushi explains that in the past, ASUW has not been compensating the HUB for these HR services but with the new update, the HUB would be fairly compensated, and ASUW would be paying for services needed
- Trevor explains that before shared services, the HUB took on the cost and did not expense it out to anyone, but it was not an equitable model
- Trevor explains that Finance and HR will not be a la carte, but IT can be a la carte due to the nature of project based
- Sonal asks Trevor what other projects they work on and how much of ASUW becomes HUB overtime work
- Trevor explains that ASUW work is not on top but part of the HUB's work. He explains that their job is to enable entities within the HUB
- Trevor explains that their budget is 800k to support all their employees
- Trevor explains that the HUB is able to redirect the funds that are collected from entities
- Nandana asks if these jobs are something that ASUW can take on and what if ASUW doesn't want to pay
- Trevor explains that even if ASUW doesn't pay, the HUB would still do these services
- Trevor explains that during COVID, the HUB had a 500K deficit but they were able to bring that into a 500K surplus
- Trevor explains that through budgeting, they found that the HUB was subsidizing a lot of services that weren't a part of the HUB
- Khushi explains that ASUW is the only entity under the HUB that isn't paying for this service right now which is not equitable
- Khushi explains that even with shared services, the ASUW budget would still be net neutral since the SAF request would be the same
- Shlok asks how often this shared services budget would last
- Trevor explains that there would be adjustments as needed
- Khushi explains that the General Fund can cover benefits for the next couple of years but the wages are only going up around 0.5% since they are above minimum wage already
- Nandana asks if the ASUW budget would support SAO or Trevor's team
- Trevor explains that since ASUW will support these services, that will free up money that could help SAO and other entities

- Grace asks if SAF helping both the HUB and ASUW to better understand why ASUW gives money rather than the HUB requesting it from SAF themselves
- Trevor explains that not everyone the HUB supports is SAF funded and may be self-generating revenue
- Trevor explains if SAF allocates this money to HUB directly, they would have to cut funding from other entities
- Trevor explains that other SAF funded entities pay for shared services
- Grace proposes a 25% of shared services be allocated as a pilot program so that it isn't a large allocation. She expresses that the people for ASUW to serve are students and therefore it doesn't make sense to allocate money that would go straight to the HUB
- Khushi explains that the budget is currently accounting for 35K less that requested by the HUB for shared services
- Sonal explains that it's like overworking students but not paying them appropriately
- Aditya asks how much other entities are providing
- Trevor explains that publications are providing 100k, GPSS 20k, and SAF 10k,
- Kira explains it is easy to explain to constituents
- Shlok asks what alternative would be proposed?
- Khushi explains that ASUW is not trying to be profitable. There are a lot of sunk costs, but meant to serve students
- Trevor explains revenue generation is only one of the factors in deciding how funds are allocated, head count is also considered
- Nandana asks if there is a potential contract for the lump sum for Finance and HR and what additional benefits could be seen
- Trevor explains that a contract has ready, however ASUW hasn't been paying for these services and HUB will continue these services
- Nandana asks if there is a possibility to talk to HUB leadership and make sure freed-up money is going to student centered services
- Trevor answers that they can absolutely talk about struggles and ensuring that the money goes to student centered services
- Kira motions to approve 52K Finance & HR shared services cost, Aarna seconds, Motions passes 8-1-1

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENTS

Josue, Kira, Motion passed unanimously, adjourned at 5:25PM