ASUW Associated Students
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University of Washington

Finance & Budget Committee

Wednesday April 22nd, 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

A -Nandana Jaideep - President (absent, excused)

A - Sonal Virk - Vice President (absent, excused)

A – Owen Rivera – Personnel Director (absent, unexcused)

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

A - Anushka Julakanti – Operations Coordinator (absent, excused)

P – Trevor Hunt – SAO Advisor

P – Marshall Traverse or proxy

Recognized Guests: *None*.

Meeting Called to Order at 4:05 PM

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Josue motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Kimberly. Motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC FORUM

Erick Jacobsen: Senate Speaker

CONSENT AGENDA

Josue motions to approve the consent agenda, Aarna seconds. Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Board Bill 3.167

- Khushi explains that the Food Pantry is a SAF funded entity and ASUW wants to ensure that they are addressing the root cause of food insecurity
- The bill asks that $18,400 dollars from the General Fund to the UW Food Pantry
- Erick explains that he would like the allocation increased to $19,060
- Kira asks Erick about the birthday allocation
- Erick explains that many people facing food insecurity aren't able to celebrate their birthdays, so this allocation helps those celebrate their birthdays
- Josue asks about the timeline of the funding and how much is allocated each quarter
- Erick explains that it will be funding the entire 26-27 year
- Aditya asks if the grab and go bags will be first-come first-served
- Erick explains that there will be a system worked out but there isn't a process yet
- **Kira motions to recommend Board Bill 3.167, seconded by Aarna. Motion recommended unanimously**

Board Bill 3.168

- Aarna asks about SLS funding
- Erick explains that they are funding by SAF. Grace also explains that they fell under HUB so there was no clear allocation to SLS
- Grace asks about the structure of SLS
- Erick explains that there is a free 40-minute consultation and then a $10 application fee for continuous service. There are fee waivers that exist as well

- Grace asks Erick if he has had the opportunity to talk to students about their experiences with SLS
- Erick explains that he hasn't talked to any students who have used the service
- Josue asks about anonymity with immigration cases with SLS
- Erick explains that once money is given to SLS for immigration, they figure out how anonymity is handled internally
- Kira asks if this would be annual fund or a one-time allocation
- Erick says it will be based on need rather than continuous allocation
- Grace asks when the funding would be implemented
- Erick answers that it will likely be implemented in the 26-27 school year
- **Kira motions to recommend Board Bill 3.168, seconded by Grace. Motion passes unanimously**

SAO Funding

- Khushi explains that there is around $14K left in the SAO Funding including the Board Bill to increase allocation to $200K and this week's RSO applications
- Khushi explains that she foresees more bills coming in because there are about 80 requests backed up
- Kimberly asks if the funding would come out the General Fund
- Khushi says yes and explains that the General Fund is a bucket with no expiration date
- Khushi asks if the committee would ever consider lowering the amount that each RSO can request so that more RSOs can request funding
- Aarna expresses that she would like to stop the funding cap to be sustainable in the organization
- Josue explains that he would like to see presentations for RSOs that request the $2500 and asks if the RSOs need the full 2500, especially smaller ones
- Khushi explains that there are RSOs on campus that historical host huge campus wide events with large budgets
- Kira explains that the cap should be 200K and the allocation shouldn't go above that
- Kimberly explains that they should deny new requests coming in to stay at the cap
- Shlok asks the grounds for reject or approve funding
- Khushi explains in the past that if an RSO met the metrics to approve, they would be approved. She explains that it would be unfair to approve based on event reach and the point is to make funding accessible
- Aarna proposes a fundraising workshop for RSOs and engages the student community

- Josue proposes a benchmark of 1.5K and a request for more than 1.5K
- Aarna asks how much they can request for SAO Funding from SAF based on demand
- Khushi explains that she will include the demand for SAO Funding in next year's financial directives to emphasize the importance of SAO Funding to SAF
- Shlok asks if there is a possibility for a dollar-to-student ratio
- Khushi says yes, but the point of funding for students is to help them and support them. Nandana agrees
- Kira gives the option to cap the SAO Fund at 1.5K to 2K and create a new fund for RSOs who need more than this amount
- Josue proposes setting various time restrictions based on how much RSOs are requesting
- Grace proposes having the fund be open in the first 6 weeks of each quarter to shorten the application window and regulate applications
- Khushi asks the committee to come up with mini-proposals for next week to discuss and share

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENTS

Grace motions to adjourn, seconded by Kira. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm