ASUW Associated Students
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University of Washington

Finance & Budget Committee

Wednesday May 13th, 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

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

A - Grace Clarke– Director of Programming (absent, excused)

P - Kira McKey – Senate Representative

P - Josue Villalobos – JCC Representative

P - Aarna Nair – Committee Member 1

A – Kimberly Chu – Committee Member 2 (absent, excused)

A - Aditya Sharma – Committee Member 3 (absent, excused)

A - Shlok Rathi– Committee Member 4 (absent, unexcused)

P- Anushka Julakanti – Operations Coordinator

P – Trevor Hunt – SAO Advisor

P – Marshall Traverse or proxy

Recognized Guests: *None*.

Meeting Called to Order at 4:08 PM

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to next F&B Committee

- Khushi explains that she would like to have the committee work on the letter for next week and it will be workshopped at the next meeting

SAO Funding

- Trevor explains that campus groups have Module 4 funding requests. It includes professional services and could be modified as well as seen in the queue
- Marshall explains that it helps with visibility and seeing where everything is in queue
- Khushi expresses that the F&B Committee should focus more on how they handle funding requests and metrics rather than change the funding request format
- Khushi explains that there needs to be a little more of a thorough check when RSOs request funding
- Khushi asks if F&B wants a rubric and things to prioritize or should we be more unbiased
- Anushka asks what the rubric would entail
- Kira explains there would need to be a cutoff which makes fund slightly stricter or there's a comparison
- Anushka explains that rubric could act as a barrier since RSO funding is more for community building and interests rather than hitting some marks on a rubric
- Aarna asks how necessary a rubric is since the committee doesn't necessarily look at funding request
- Khushi explains rubric could have inherent bias

- Sonal explains that there are problems with presentations because it's an extra step. Proposes building rubric off questions that are normally presented during a presentation
- Khushi explains that according to the current bylaws, F&B can approve up to $1000 on their own. She proposes scoring for requests over $1000 but to use a well-thought-out rubric
- Kira explains that for STF everyone comes in and presents for 3 minutes and they have a rubric as well that is deliberated against
- Khushi and Kira agree that it would be hard to use a rubric for RSOs because it is hard to compare events against each other
- Khushi explains that the $215K budget that the F&B Committee has approved this year is unsustainable given the FY27 budget amount, so the committee needs to figure out some checks and balances
- Josue proposes "credit score" to check at the end of the year for each RSO instead of using a rubric throughout the year
- Kira explains that a date cutoff would be the fairest and ensure there isn't too much spending
- Sonal explains that creating an extra step would ensure that the General Fund is sustainable
- Aarna explains that the credit score would be more of a long-term solution rather than addressing the short-term problem. She asks Khushi how much SAO Funding could be requested for the next year
- Khushi explains that it depends on the goal of F&B which is whether to have more steps to reduce mass approval or to support as many RSOs as possible
- Aarna asks where the time would fit in for RSOs to come in and present given that F&B committee meetings tend to be busy.
- Khushi proposes a quarterly prioritization for RSO Funding within the first 5 weeks of each quarter to give SAO enough time to process requests. She proposes a raffle if there is enough capacity past the 5 weeks
- Khushi explains if the committee went the presentation route, there can be a strict time limit and specific guidelines to talk about for requests over $1000. These can include past allocations as well. She also proposes F&B Committee members attend ASUW funded events to "audit"
- Khushi explains that post-event documentation has been a part of the process in the past but has been loose and not largely monitored.
- Josue agrees with the idea of audits to engage the committee more and work closer with the community and RSOs
- Kira agrees with attending events. She also proposes a strong and sound mission statement for SAO Funding.

- Kira proposes the application be open for a couple weeks at the end and beginning of the quarter to process requests faster
- Khushi explains proposes video presentations instead of in-person presentations
- Marshall explains that there are many barriers already to RSO funding so to be mindful of adding extra steps
- Kira explains that the presentations would be counterintuitive because there is already a form that RSOs are filling out
- Khushi asks about a video being a part of the initial submission
- Marshall explains that it wouldn't be as helpful
- Khushi asks that every committee member comes in with a proposal for next week
- Khushi aims to have the last meeting by 5/27 or 6/3

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENTS

Josue motions to adjourn, seconded by Kira. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm