Western Washington University
Services and Activities Fee Committee Meeting: Orientation Session
Friday, February 9, 2018
MH 158

Present: Christopher Bianco, Brette Boesel, Steve Card, Kaylie Gladwell, Keith Harmon, Alex LaVallee, Adam Leonard, Rebecca McLean, Jaden Moon, José Rios-Sanchez, Caitlin Sommers, Sara Wilson, Debbie Curry (recorder)

Guests: Megan McGinnis, Program Manager, Student Publications

Absent: Eric Alexander, Ichi Kwon, Steve VanderStaay, Raquel Vigil

Members Not Yet Appointed: Faculty representative (voting member)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Jaden Moon, followed by introductions of committee members and guest.

Jaden stated that in today’s meeting the committee would hear reviews from several departments, beginning with DRAC. The meeting began with committee introductions.

DRAC Presentation made by Keith Harmon:
The DRAC committee consists of thirteen voting members including faculty and student representatives from Theatre Arts and Dance, Music, Student Publications, Communications, the International Affairs Association, an administrator appointed by the VP for Student Affairs, and two at-large student representatives. The DRAC projected SA revenue for FY18 is $1,144,141.

Keith’s presentation included the following departmentally related areas: Department of Music, Department of Theatre and Dance, Department of Communication (representing Forensics and Western Window), Department of Journalism (representing the Student Publications Council: Western Front, Klipsun, Planet, Occams Razor and Jeopardy), and Department of Political Science (representing International Affairs Association). A copy of Keith’s presentation is attached for further details.

Keith addressed the situation with sick leave and minimum wage, noting that it has been determined WA law does not allow for exemption for journalists and editors related to sick leave and the minimum wage law as it applies to news journalists and editors.

Megan McGinnis provided further clarification to these changes stating that in past years, students working in Student Publication were exempt from minimum wage requirements. When the AAG looked into how and if it was necessary to calculate sick leave for program employees, it was determined that WA State Law does not support the Federal exemption that they had been working under in the past. The result is that they must now pay student employees minimum wage. In the past, they have not tracked student hours, as they were paid a stipend for their work as a whole each quarter. In addition to including minimum wage increases for next year, they will also need to increase their budget to include the difference between previous stipends and minimum wage as needed across each publication.
Chris added that various airlines (Airlines for America: a trade association that includes Alaska, United Southwest, UPS and others) recently filed a law suit against the state of WA regarding the paid sick leave mandate and the fact that the law conflicts with the method in which the airline pays their pilots and flight attendants; it will be interesting to see the results of that lawsuit and if it has any effect on the situation with journalists and editors.

Steve Card shared that the music provided by the Viking Band at games means a great deal to Athletics, to the teams, and the attendees for their great talent and the enthusiasm and excitement they add to the events.

**Campus Recreation Services Presentation made by Caitlin Sommers and Kaylie Gladwell:**
Campus Recreation services includes 17 professional staff members and over 250 student staff members; includes all classes and events inside the Wade King Student Recreation Center: fitness classes, aquatics, fitness machines, climbing wall, and health and wellness; as well as summer sport camps, intramural sports, and sport clubs. Caitlin and Kaylie presented data related to the Sports Clubs and Intramural Sports. A copy of their presentation is attached with further detail.

**Athletics Presentation made by Brette Boesel:**
The Athletics presentation included the areas of Student Athletes, Academic Success, Athletic Success, Dominating the GNAC, A Year to Remember, National Champions, Hardwood Success, On the Pitch, Spiker Success, Community Service, and Hall of Fame. For more specific detail on Brette’s presentation, a copy is attached.

**Associated Students Presentation made by Alex LaVallee and José Rios-Sanchez:**
The Associated Students includes Student Governance, Programs, Facilities and Services, Clubs & Organizations, and Representations. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation Alex and José presented is attached.

José noted that 98% of their funding comes from S&A fees and 2% from the Bookstore, adding that with the Bookstore changes coming this year, that funding source is likely to decrease. AS has an operating budget of $2.96M, and although they anticipate successfully operating this year at a slight deficit, dealing with more expenses than anticipated, going forward operating at a deficit would not be sustainable. Unfortunately, José felt even with an allocation of the full 4% AS would not fully cover their minimum wage requirements. The budget committee began meeting this week.

Jaden asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding last week’s meeting minutes. There were no questions or corrections requested. Jaden moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2018. Keith Harmon seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Sara stated that given all constituent presentations had been completed at today’s meeting, the meeting next Friday will not be necessary. The next scheduled meeting will be held on **February 23, 2018 in VU 462A**.

Jaden moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 pm, Keith Harmon second the motion.