

IFC Open Hearing Minutes

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Thursday, February 21st, 2019. IFC Open Hearing #1:																		
KJ Smith and Cristina Garcia - Thank you for supporting Abby's House Mission - the funds help us put on events like Take Back The Night, One Billion Rising. We rely heavily on Student Employment because we only have one professional staff member supporting Abby's House. These IFC Funds help us do our printing and promotion of healthy relationship		Sam and Tyler- Triangle Alliance Exec Members. IFC Funds help TA provide education and events. Every Triangle Alliance meeting is education and provides a space where nobody feels "othered". Quote from TA Members: "I have found my family on campus." "I finally feel special." "anyone can come and make friends" "TA gives me leadership opportunities and gives me a supportive space to learn and grow."	John and Tyler Martin- Thank you for the opportunity to come and be listened to as a student. CAD puts on great shows, concerts, etc, but it also allows students on campus to gain experience with Creative Arts. It allows for students to express themselves, discover new talents and skills, it gives integral career training for those that are seeking careers in the Creative Arts world.	Sianna DeCarli - Volleyball Team - Part of this cut decision is the cut to travel of the entire team. This limited budget requires a limited travel roster for our athletic teams. This means that the entire team won't be able to go on trips during our season. The entire team travelling together is important to team dynamic and bonding, as well as offers a positive image of WOU as we travel places.	Hudson Kennedy + Claire Davis - we are 2 of 11 student staff members. thank you so much for allowing us to support our students that are also parents.		Libby Vigil - Thank you so much for your Preliminary Decision to fund this Food Pantry Coordination position. Along with our student volunteers, a confidential staff member would provide important services to those experiencing food insecurity on WOU's Campus. We look forward to serving our community in the best way we can.	Paul Davis, Caitly Healy, Brittany Figueroa, Bailey Thompson, Lake Larsen, Rebecca Meyers, Chrys Wheedon, Rachel Hetzel - WE are here today to tell you that we are so thankful for all the support we've been given. The local Student Media allows us to express our first amendment right, which right now is very important. I found my family when I found Student Media, thank you so much. This job has offered me actual experience in the field I am entering after graduation. I feel really grateful to be a part of something that represents the entire student body. WE can only succeed together when we all have a voice.	Kaitlyn Rogers - prompts to ask audience to show with a raise of hands if they have engagement with the HWC. All employees are CPR and First Aid trained, creating a safe space for everyone. The local Monmouth community also supports the HWC and benefits from the HWC, and benefits from the IFC funds. I have been able to explore Oregon. I really appreciate you all being here today.	Haylie Shinsato - Thank you so much for accepting our request of funding. We recently won our NW division small school league, and thank you so much for your support.			Suze, Serafin - Stonewall Center - we offer a physical space for the entire campus community. Last year, Stonewall reported a 146 people using the center last January. This January, over 700 people were reported to visit the stonewall center. That is a massive increase! We would hope that you would reconsider even funding Student Engagement even 1% more. Stonewall has already put on over 5 events this year, such as education events about intersections of identity. Stonewall Center Volunteer Testimonies X 3.	Lily Odegaard - Thank you for only cutting SAB only the 3% - that'll still allow us to continue our programming and events that we do now. We do ask that you reconsider decreasing this cut as I have worked for SAB for three years and have seen what a decrease in IFC Funding can do for student jobs in SAB.	Jessa Donaldson - Thank you so much for supporting			This seems fair and \$12 is okay and maybe we could even go higher if that meant it would help groups that spoke today.
		MUN CLUB - Amber, Jay, and Matt - MUN has expanded its fundraising and increased its on-campus presence by partnering with other student clubs/orgs. We want to thank ASWOU, IFC, and the student body for funding these student clubs. MUN specifically allows for international/ national travel for students that would otherwise be inaccessible to students. These experiences from these trips offer opportunities to learn about global issues, speaking experience, and community building.	Megan Dorfler - Thank you for your continued support of Creative Arts. There's a lot of students employed through Creative Arts. There are a lot of jobs backstage for putting on productions such as scene shop, stage management, and costume design.	Curtis Anderson - Football - Thank you for everything you've done. Football is instrumental because it is something that brings together young men from various socioeconomic backgrounds. Our widely diverse team is made possible by the funding provided by IFC.					JD Queja - I'm a student employee for Campus Rec - I've been able to see first-hand all of the services that Campus Rec offers, not just the building of the gym, but outdoor trips, equipment rentals, and stress relief. The students use the Campus Rec for stress relief after long hours of studying. IF Campus Rec's budget is cut, the hours of the building will be reduced, if the hours are reduced, there will be less stress - relief for our students. I'm also a student ambassador, and I spend a lot of time in the HWC because of all its services it offers. Many students will make their decision on their college based on the gym and other support services on campus.	D-Dre Wright - Thank you so much for accepting our request for funding. This enhancement allows for us to offer space for people to learn a new sport and travel with that sport. Thank you.			Janeene Perry, Diana Gutzke, Olivia Hibbs - Non-Traditional Student Services - While we are a small group of students, it's important to offer a warm, welcoming space for our non-traditional student population at WOU. Diana Gutzke is a non-traditional student that utilizes the Non-Trad lounge to seek support with financial aid, computers, support services on campus, and find community. Our budget isn't large but, we need every penny of it. Olivia - Non-Trad Student, parent of two small children, when I started WOU four years ago, I just had a baby, and I knew no one. I was about to drop out and look for online programs, when I met Janeene- and everything is so much different now. Thank you so much for supporting this valuable service	Jessa Donaldson - Thank you so much for supporting Homecoming and Holiday Tree Lighting			Maybe a raise would be better. IT would be worth it to keep these programs that are important to me.	
		Melissa, Hannah, Mandie, Sam, Renata for the WOU Gerontology Club - Provides students access to education on aging, care, and the field of Gerontology. This club promotes intergenerational interaction/connection and works to breakdown ageist stereotypes. Due to WOU Catering policies, our small budget of \$200 is not enough for what we seek to do. We just lost a national funding support. OUR enhancement request would allow us to recover from this cost - specifically, we seek to offer a week-long event on Aging to education and support our campus community.	Bill Evan - Creative Arts benefits everyone. Not just benefits for the Creative Arts Majors. IT benefits all students on campus- this year students can go to shows for free.	Eleanor Jones - Women's Soccer- The Athletics budget seems like a really big budget, it is. But it gets spread out really quickly amongst all the needs of the 13 sports.					Kayla Baker Kindi Weis - Rock Climbing Club - Thank you so much for being here today. for your time today. I've been a member of Rock Climbing club for the last four years, since the RCC began. We don't charge members any fees to be a part of our club. This is only possible because of the funding IFC gave us last year. Our club membership has doubled since we've been able to financially support students' engagement in our club and in this sport. we believe that student success comes from a combination of physical and emotional wellbeing								I agree. Whatever makes sense, and I'm willing to support these programs.	
		Sophia Iqarta - Hawaii Club - Thank you so much for your support and your Preliminary Decision to support our enhancement request. Hawaii club offers a space for students that have home an ocean away. Many of our students are homesick and are at risk of dropping out. WE hope that more financial support will allow us to offer better community spaces and events to support our students from Hawaii, supporting those students to finish their time at WOU.	Selena Moreno - Thank you for funding Creative Arts. WE provide tech positions for students that put on events beyond plays and shows. We help make possible multiple graduation ceremonies, Drag Show, and the Smith Fine Arts Series.							leslie carrasco - Women's Rugby Club President - Our budget goes mostly to travel. We recently got to go to WA, and we also go to CA. Thank you for your support and funding.								\$12 is completely reasonable and we agree with this.
		Emily Gillet - Natural Science Club - one of the oldest clubs on campus. Brings staff/faculty with us on trips to explain natural phenomenon. Recently, we've traveled to the SVI to study the natural sciences. Thank you so much for your consideration.	Noah Nieves Driver - Dance department - The ACDA event that the Dance Department offers allows for incredible experiences for Dance majors/minors, as well as the entire campus community.															No cutting anything from the Food Pantry is really important
		Kelly Gentry - Triangle Alliance - TA has given me so many friends, and education. When I came to WOU I had only heard the term "LGBTQ" once. Now, I'm the Activities Director for Triangle Alliance.	Kelly Gentry - I have been able to explore my artistry. Thank you so much															Yes we all agree that we benefit greatly from the IFC Funded Areas. So many services are provided by these departments. These are important things to have access to as a college student. Allowing for the same kind of access to these services next year as we do this year (such as the free concert tickets).
		Khorben Boyer - Math Club - This budget cut really affects our ability to support students.	Drew Swatosh - 2nd year grad student in the Music Composition - Thank you for only cutting us 3% in your Prelim decision. This funding helps us with the upcoming travel of our choirs, which helps with recruitment to WOU.															Athletics - we are at the bare minimum. there are three girls to a bed, and sometimes there's only \$7 per meal to feed athletes, and nothing is \$7.

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		Paige Hegney - Byte Club President - Byte club hosts many events, especially one at the beginning of the year called "Game Night" for social networking. We also help students find jobs and internships, we tour facilities and network with local companies and take trips to career fairs to allow students to see what kind of jobs they want to go into after their time at WOU. Thank you.																
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Jasmine Sosa - We help with a lot of education and a lot of programs and events that bring life to campus.		Berlyn Buncal - President of International Club - Thank you for your funding. This has brought us a lot of success. I have turned in an Enhancement Request for the Holi Event. This is an event to engage all of campus, and will support the many international students coming to Western. Our university is about sharing diversity, not just letting international students learn about America but to have our students learn about other cultures as well.	Eli Shencik - Music major here at WOU. Thank you for the continued contribution to Creative Arts. We get a lot of mileage out of the funds you all offer us. These funds help our programs function with printing music, binders, facilities, and rentals. This support validates our passions and allows us as students to focus on our craft, instead of worrying about what we may have to pay for out of pocket to follow our passions.	Alyssa Tomasini - Women's Soccer - Thank you so much. I understand that cuts must be made across all departments. Any money added back to our budget would greatly support our travel and other expenses.	Michael Gonzalez - as a non-trad student, I greatly appreciate the opportunities offered for childcare on this campus. It allows me to be a student and have my kids get great care.				Michael Gonzalez - Offering me employment that allows me to afford to live and be a student at the same time.	Chris Davis - Men's Rugby Club President - Thank you so much for your financial support. With regard to our specific club and budget, we have the highest enrollment we've ever had. This is the first time we've qualified for the regional tournament, which WOU is hosting this year, this will bring a lot of publicity to WOU. This budget allows us to function as a club and a sport, travelling and competing.	Michael Gonzalez			Tristan Aldous - Director of SAB - Thank you, and we appreciate that you've only decided to cut us a 3%. Thank you for not cutting us more than this amount in this preliminary decision. Thank you so much, our numbers keep going up and that's possible because of the IFC funds.				How do we feel about the overall fee - In the grand scheme of things, I know it benefits everyone, so it doesn't seem too bad to have the \$12 increase - it's worth it. I'm okay with it, I'm comfortable with it \$15, \$17, as long as we are benefiting students. I like to think about how a student can eat off of \$12 for a whole week, for students that are already struggling financially, this may be stressful. I'm okay with it. It's fine, it's not too high. But, I would be careful that it doesn't turn in to a \$12 increase EVERY year, because that becomes too much.
Bella Magdaleno - Advocate at Abby's House. - Abby's House changes and inspires students and this campus community everyday. Thank you.		Jasmine Sosa - MSU - I've found a home away from home.	Helen Goodyear - Thank you for your support. Your funds allow us to bring the arts to WOU and the surrounding community. Our a Capella groups will be representing WOU in Nevada.	Zack Kanelis - XC and Track Team - Thank you so much. Athletics provides many opportunities to student athletes and all students. I wouldn't be at WOU without Athletics. A coach approached me and now I'm here, running while I'm finishing my Bachelor's. And, I'm going to be finishing my Master's next year as well. We really appreciate you all taking the time today.	Madison Overholser - A student worker - Many of our families would not be going to school without the scholarships for child care that we offer through the CDC. Many of our families are Non-Trad families, on top of having children. The CDC also gives valuable jobs to students on this campus - many ED Majors gaining in-the-field experience.					Michael Gonzalez - Men's Rugby - A place for me to find community and friends as a transfer student.				Helen Goodyear - Thank you so much for your support.				Question for the committee: Has there ever been a decrease in the fee? NO. Maybe there's something to be done that can lessen the rate of this increase.
		Melissa - MSU CLUB - we are one of the biggest clubs on campus thanks to the IFC Funds. We have found a home away from home. Getting these budget cuts would mean we would have to take away at least one of our annual events.	Cati Rangel - All programs in the CAD offer support for students coming to WOU and staying at WOU through the student jobs that are available.	Justin Wakem - Baseball - Thank you for your contribution to our success. Our program wouldn't be where it's at without the support of the IFC. Over the past years, I've noticed there's been some changes in funding priorities. Just to give you an idea, a lot of us on the team have to pay with our own money to buy gear for our support. WE have to buy new helmets, new jackets for us to play in the Oregon weather. WE are given a set of practice pants and a set of Game pants. We currently have hand-me-down pants from the U of O, which is a little embarrassing when we are playing elsewhere and we are wearing hand-me-downs that are clearly hand-me-downs. I believe in the near future, we can win a national championship and bring in more students, more players, and give the university what it deserves.						Brianna Jones - Club sports Supervisor and Dance Team - Club sports is a great opportunity to get students involved on campus, and keep the students in school. Just this term, we've had three new sports created. I understand that cuts need to happen, but any lessening of this cut to our budget would be so helpful for us to support our club sports and our campus community. our club sports offer so much publicity for the school on a national scale. Helping these teams grow and play farther would be beneficial to the entire campus community and enrollment.								We are all going to see the benefits of this fee, so we are fine with paying this fee.
			Hunter Atkin - Theatre Dept - Thank you so much for your continued support. It means a lot for us to be able to offer the students free tickets to shows and allow us to provide open access to the Arts. You're funding the amazing shows that we put on and you're funding the students employed through the Creative Arts Department that allow students to get on the job training in the field that they want.	Jason Morales - Prez of Lacrosse Team - Thank you for your funding. IT helps us a lot to be able to have help paying for the basic costs of playing a sport. WE've seen an increase in student involvement in sports, and these funds help us offer these sports to our students here. The LAX team helps get WOU's name into the community, we set up camps with the local communities to encourage students to come here.						Olivia Ashmanskas - Club Sports/ Dance Team - This is the largest contribution that the Dance Team gets. The IFC funds help us get new uniforms, travel, table at exhibitions to spread the word about Dance Team at WOU, we are able to travel next year.								What do you feel strongest about in the budgets? - I'm here to rep. Athletics, there was a lot of good things said today. I think there needs to be a balanced approach, which it seems like you're doing. I do want to point out that many of us are here because of Athletics and are NOW becoming a part of other things on campus, but they wouldn't even be here in the first place if it wasn't for Athletics. What I want to communicate is that this funding is important for the image we are sending to the community at large. Everyone here, the clubs and programs, allows students to do the things you love, and that's going to positively help the University. ASWOU - investment into clubs and the future, the connections that people find in clubs that may be the only connection they feel at university. As a student coming in as a Freshman, I'm a commuter and never lived on campus and the first thing I connected to on campus was a student club. This is a domino effect that impacts all students. Creative Arts and Music - benefits my major and gives me job training. WOLF Ride - important for those of us without a car.

