

Incidental Fee Committee
Minutes

Meeting #11
February 22, 2016 6:00pm
Pacific Room, Werner University Center

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order at 6:01pm by Tom Peterson, IFC Chair.

2. **Roll Call**

IFC Members: Justin Ross, Robin Perkins, Tom Peterson, Jacob Marsh, Carter Craig, Lexie Widmer, Trey Shimabukuro and Caleb Tingstad.

Advisors: Darin Silbernagel, Director of Business Services; Gary Dukes, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Eric Yahnke, Vice President Finance & Administration.

Area Heads: Malissa Larson, Access; Keller Coker, Creative Arts; Debbie Diehm, Wolf Ride; Patrick Moser, WUC/SLA/SAB; Rip Horsey, Campus Recreation; Sofia LeVernois, ASWOU; Barb Dearing, Athletics; Rhys Finch, Student Media; and Ingrid Amerson, Childcare.

Other Representatives: Lilaah Jones, ASWOU Senate; Jessica Freeman, ASWOU Senate; Stefanie Price, Creative Arts; and see attached list.

IFC Secretary: Adela Aguilar

Not Present: Shannon Haas, IFC Member; Mary Ellen Dello Stritto, Abby's House; and Adry Clark, Service Learning & Career Development.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **February 18, 2016 – Meeting #10**

Justin Ross moves to approve the minutes for February 18, 2016. Robin Perkins seconds. The motion passes 6-0-1.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Carter moves to approve the agenda. Justin Ross seconds. The motion passes 7-0-0.

5. **Old Business**

a. **Minutes of February 15, 2016 – Meeting #9**

Justin Ross moves that the minutes be amended to show that the meeting ended at 11:46pm and Caleb made the motion to adjourn. Caleb Tingstad seconds. The motion passes 7-0-0

6. **New Business**

a. **Open Hearing**

Justin Ross goes over the Committee's preliminary decision. He adds that individuals will be given 2 minutes and groups will be given 4 minutes to speak.

65 individuals signed in. Below is the breakdown:

Abby's House = 2; 2 speakers

ASWOU = 13; 3 speakers

Triangle Alliance – 2
Anthropology Club – 2
Model United Nations – 6
Political Science – 2
Students – 1
Athletics = 8; 1 speaker
Lacrosse – 1
Athletics – 2
W. Basketball – 4
Track & Field – 1
Campus Recreation = 23; 4 speakers
Natural Science Club – 1
M. Lacrosse – 6
W. Rugby – 9
Rugby – 5
HWC – 1
Guest Service Specialist – 1
Creative Arts = 13; 7 speakers
Wind Ensemble/Symphony – 4
Music – 7
Theatre – 1
Blank – 1
Student Media = 2; 0 speakers
The Journal – 2
Blank = 4

b. **Breakout Sessions**

Minutes provided are attached

7. **Announcements**

Darin Silbernagel announces that minimum wage is slated to increase by \$0.50 on July 1, 2016. He notes that the Committee needs to address it or it will have to be funded out of the reserves.

Justin Ross announces that Women's Rugby will be playing their final game on March 5, 2016.

8. **Adjournment**

Caleb Tingstad moves to adjourn. Robin Perkin seconds. The motion passes 7-0-0 and the meeting adjourns at 7:22pm.

1. How do you feel about the fee overall?

The fee is currently \$322 per term. Do you think that it is affordable and covers the activities you would like it to cover?

- It's understandable that the fee is increasing since enrollment is decreasing.
- Appreciates the fee's role in supporting athletes and club sports.
- Likes to see the fee increase because it means more services (music) vs. having students pay individually.

2. What do you feel the strongest about in the budgets? (Positive or Negative)

Is there a cut or enhancement that you like/dislike? Is there something that was left the same that you think should be changed?

- What does ASWOU do? Wishes there was more transparency in that area & to see them around campus
- Why are there budgets that remained the same?
- Why was Abby's House cut?
- Why was Childcare not cut?

3. Do you think you benefit enough from the services provided by the fee? How?

The fee covers 13 departments on campus. Do you feel you benefit from the services provided with the fee? How?

- Benefits from HWC as an employee and Athletics because of their recruitment.
- Benefits from the recruitment/outreach on behalf of the music department as well as travel/activities; any additional funding would help.
- Music department brings in community and outside career connections.
- Women's Rugby also helps with outreach, some students come to WOU specifically to play; please increase travel funding.
- Athletics is a big budget but for the individual it bare bones. Cuts hurt certain programs more than others.

4. What do you think could be improved in the budget? What do you disagree with?

- Other departments need to support/benefit each other.

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- Women's Rugby said that they travel a lot which brings them together, but they try to cut costs by staying at people's houses and things like that.
- One individual said they wish some of the HWC hours were different, especially the swim times, that that they could utilize the pool.

2. What do you feel the strongest about in the budgets? (Positive or Negative)

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- Creative Arts Reps said they wished to receive base budget funding.
- Women's Rugby said they wished to avoid further cuts to the budget.
- Athletics stressed that they wanted to avoid being cut further than 2%.

3. Do you think you benefit enough from the services provided by the fee? How?

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- One student said they benefit quite a bit by being able to access the things that the fee funds.
- Creative Arts folks said that they benefit by being able to work with professionals in their prospective career fields.

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- Question 4 did not yield any further responses; avoid cutting to fully fund.

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- One individual says it's fair.
- One individual thinks the money goes to good places and it makes sense.
- Money goes to people who can use it, anyone can use it.

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- Wellness center/WUC should be funded more as to not affect hours.

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- Individuals in the group think it benefits people for the most part.
- It is hard for music because they do not have enough money; hinders their ability to succeed even though the money is used well.

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- Athletics should be cut more because they do not fundraise
- Everyone benefits from the Wellness Center

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- About half are generally ok with less than a \$20 increase
- Others are less comfortable with fee paying that much out of pocket.
- Most feel that the fee should focus on being appealing to new students.

2. What do you feel the strongest about in the budgets? (Positive or Negative)

Is there a cut or enhancement that you like/dislike? Is there something that was left the same that you think should be changed?

- Those from rugby are uncomfortable with athletics' funding level when compared to other areas.
- Athletics could charge admissions
- Abby's House is underfunded -> grant isn't sustainable
- Several were uncomfortable with the amount of rollover.

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- Several questions were asked about access and Childcare and if they receive enough funding; no major concerns.

4. What do you think could be improved in the budget? What do you disagree with?

- Abby's House cut should be reversed
- Campus Recreation club sports should be funded – rugby may have to forfeit a game without funding.
- Athletics' budget should be reallocated to benefit all sports
- Programs that support students (not just entertainment) should be given priority.
- Lots of support in the group for Wolf ride -> the group would be for increasing funding to provide rides for intoxicated students; raised as a safety concern.

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