

**ASWCC Senate Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 29th, 2024

Location Syre 108

* Alaina Hirsch – ASWCC President, chair

**Voting members**

* Krystan Andreason – ASWCC VP for Campus Advocacy
* Matthew Valencia – ASWCC VP for Clubs
* Bella Nguyen – ASWCC VP for Operations, minutes taker
* Aydin Aliseo – ASWCC Senator
* Sara Rohner – ASWCC Senator
* Jovanka Wong – ASWCC Senator
* Devin Luna – ASWCC Senator
* Dansie Lanz – ASWCC Senator
* Hans Nelson – ASWCC Senator
* Elizabeth Nazarova – ASWCC Senator
* Trevor Austin – ASWCC Senator

**Meeting called to order at 3:08 pm**

**Land Acknowledgement and Pronoun Statement**

**Introduction of Executive Board and Senators**

**Procedure**

**Approval of meeting minutes**

* Dansie moved to approve the meeting minutes from 1/8 – Trevor seconded
* Unanimous vote to approve the meeting minutes from 1/8

**Approval of agenda**

* Aydin moved to approve the agenda – Jovanka seconded
* Unanimous vote to approve the agenda

**ASWCC Reports**

ASWCC Health & Wellness Committee

* Reminder for the next meeting on 2/6, at 9:30 am in Syre 216, and the Cookies, Condoms and Consent event is going to be on 2/14, at 12 pm in Syre Auditorium
* Interdivisional Food Fight Challenge Results with the Total of 1200lbs of food
* 1st place: Administrative Services with 493.8lbs
* 2nd place: Student Services with 467.6lbs
* 3rd place: Instruction with 136.3lbs
* 4th place: President’s Office with 102.2lbs
* Intercollege Challenge between ASBTC (Associated Students of Bellingham Technical College), ASSVC (Associated Students of Skagit Valley College) and ASWCC (Associated Students of Whatcom Community College) with the Total of 8878.89lbs of food
* 1st place: ASBTC with 6753.07lbs
* 2nd place: ASWCC with 1234.02lbs
* 3rd place: ASSVC with 891.9lbs
* For the Dodging Hunger Tournament on 1/27, ASSVC came out victoriously as a winner

ASWCC Social Justice Committee

* Reminder for the next meeting the following day, 1/30 at 9:30 am in Syre 216
* The committee will continue discussing about the theme and planning of the Students leading Change Conference, Safe Zone Project and gender inclusive bathroom space planning request

ASWCC Clubs

* 5 active clubs: Japanese Club, Badminton Club, Volleyball Club, SOS (Sustainable Oriented Students) Club, CCF (Campus Christian Fellowship) Club
* New clubs: Cyber Security Club, Women Insider Security, NISA (Native Indigenous Student Association) Club, Astronomy Club
* Upcoming InterClub Council will be on 2/15 in Syre 216

Horizon

* A new position is hired to oversees the Horizon’s social media pages

ASWCC Latine Student Union (LSU)

* Going to do a Candygram, and the tentative date is 2/12 – 2/14

ASWCC Black Student Union (BSU)

* The Pajama Jam is going to be on 2/1, from 3-4 pm in Syre 217 with pizza and hot cocoa

ASWCC Pride Student Union (PSU)

* Transitioning from last quarter and this quarter, are still in the early stages of planning and setting up events with the Bellingham Queer Collective Group, where they will present queer resources

**S&A Fee Reports**

Simpson Intercultural Center

* IC You Study session every Tuesday in Syre 217
* A Talkin’ Stories on 1/24 about The Experiences of Student Athletes
* On 1/25, a Fireside Chat with Dr. Xyan Neider about Noticing the Threads of Violence That Keep the World Divided, from 12-1:30 pm in Syre 217
* Upcoming on 1/31, a Fireside Chat with Dr. Charles Anderson (WWU - Western Washington University History Professor) about Reflections on Gaza: Contested Place, History and Narratives, from 12-1:30 pm in Syre 107
* The Pajama Jam will be on 2/1 from 3-4 in Syre 217
* BSU is also planning the Black History Month Basketball Night on 2/7 at 5 pm in the Pavilion

Learning Center

* For the Writing Center, there have been 200 sessions with students so far this quarter
* Is in the process of developing and hosting Writing Center Workshops, there will be 2 workshops for this quarter co-hosted by WWU Admissions. It will be called WWU Transfer Events at the Whatcom Community College Writing Center, students can get help with writing an essay, application, papers…The workshops will be on 2/1 and 2/22 both at 4 pm in the Writing Center/ LRN 130
* Plan to host additional workshops this quarter like last quarter with helping students applying for scholarship and college transfer. Staff from the Foundation will come and have office hours in the Writing Center, on Tuesday and Thursday to help students apply for scholarship

Residence Life

* Working on planning and finalizing events and programs for February
* Have been connecting with Planned Parenthood to host an event about sexual wellness
* The RAs are also doing a Tax event to help both International students and Domestic students with doing taxes
* Sent out an International Resident Form to ask students to give feedback about their experiences in the Residence Hall
* A question raised from the Senate that whether the events are opened to every students, and is clarified that these events are only for students who live in the Residence Hall

Orca Athletics

* Had Basketball game against Skagit Valley College and the half time Dodging Hunger on 1/27
* Upcoming Black History Month Basketball Night on 2/7 at 5 pm in the Pavilion
* Each program has about 7 more games until the playoffs, which will be in March, at Columbia Basin College
* For the Recreation Center, the usage has been up due to students and clubs utilizing the space. The High Intensity Training class will be every Wednesday at 12 pm and the Yoga class will on every Thursday at 12 pm, and is free for students with an Orca ID Card

Performing Arts – No representative

Pod Leaders

* Has been focusing on guiding and advising students with their academic
* Provide resources and support to students through a system via emails that make sure students are doing good in class, and from that connect them with their instructor, advisor to help them if they need

**Budget overview and status**

Special Project Conferences & Presentations Equipment & Furnishing

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| Event | Allocation $12,000 | Allocation  $20,000 | Allocation  $3,000 |
| Dia de los Muertos |  | $2273.00 |  |
| Finals Relief | $1,800.00 |  |  |
| Students Leading Change |  | $5,000.00 |  |
| Pool Table |  |  | $1,300.00 |
| Pinning Ceremony |  | $1442.00 |  |
| **Balance** | **$10,200.00** | **$11,285.00** | **$1700.00** |

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| **Tabled Request** | **Request Amount** |
| Abigail Rogers Conference | $1360.00 |

**Funding Requests**

Students of Color Conference

* Went over the conference history, it was established by Multicultural Students Services Counsel in 1990. Due to covid, this year will be the first year that the conference is back in person, there used to be 34 colleges across Washington, with 900 students and 100 advisors gathered at the conference. But this year will be smaller, with about 400 students, and the conference will be at Green River College
* 5 pillars of the conference: identity development, awareness of others, skill development, social justice/activism, and personal development. The theme for this year will be joyful reunion, and this request is to take 15 students and 2 advisors to the conference from 4/18 to 4/20
* Alaina went over the S&A Fee Alignment and the Guidelines for Permissible Uses of S&A Fee, and decided that this request aligns with the conditions
* In the past, the Senate used to fund this conference for about $17,000 because there were up to 40 students that went but this year the number will be smaller
* Students can fill out an application to attend this conference, there will also be an preconference orientation and a post conference debrief. It is said that students in the past years, would go to the conference and bring back ideas and thoughts to support the Students Leading Change Conference that usually happens in May at WCC
* It is brought up that the Senate should only partially fund an amount that is only enough for 10 students, some disagree that this is the first year back for the conference, and supporting all 15 students will be very beneficial not only for the students but also for the college
* Trevor moved to approve the Student of Color Conference funding request of $7,111.00 out of Conferences & Presentation Budget – Aydin seconded
* Dansie wanted to partially fund the request to make space in the budget for other request, and that the Senate should only fund 10 students. Hans reassured that there is still savings in the budget that can be taken out if there are more request
* Clarification on the rounded-up money in the list expenses descriptions
* Alaina asked for vote from the voting members
* 9 yes to approve the funding request
* 1 no
* The funding request for the Student of Color Conference funding request of $7,111.00 out of Conferences & Presentation Budget is approved

**Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm**