

AS Finance Council

Value Statement

The 2020-2021 AS Finance Council has identified values as a guide when reviewing financial requests.

Finance Council core values:

- Transparency
- Equity
- Stewardship and Accountability
- Student Success and Well-being
- Community Enrichment

In order to create a shared understanding, the council has described what these values mean to them:

Transparency

ASWWU Finance Council will have transparency in decision making. We also commit to transparency through having our language be accessible by utilizing language that is easy to read/understand or is defined for the user.

Equity

Primarily, it's essential to reflect on present inequities in this institution. The ASWWU Finance Council commits to making financial processes and budgets accessible and welcoming to the involvement of multicultural and diverse students at WWU. Prioritizing the needs of students traditionally underserved or with marginalized identities, including but not limited to BIPOC students, LGBTQ+ students, disabled students, and undocumented students is necessary. This year the council recognizes that there are areas that need extra attention: dismantling antiblackness, amplifying student voices, etc.

Stewardship and Accountability

We, as stewards of student dollars, must consider the whole campus community and act with their needs in mind. Balancing the budget financially and ethically with consideration given to the needs of the ever-changing student body, organizations/programs, and campus at-large.

Student Success and Well-Being

Success should comprise of opportunities for students to grow academically, personally, and professionally. ASWWU Finance Council supports students succeeding mentally, physically, academically, etc. Budgets should consider the beneficial health impacts of students at large, specifically focused on marginalized and underrepresented communities.

Community Enrichment

The ASWWU Finance Council looks for spending that is accountable to the interests of Western's diverse student body. Increasing community engagement, involvement, sense of belonging is crucial, especially during these difficult, virtual times. Allocation of funds to endeavors that supports the at-large WWU community should adapt to the current virtual space.