



# AS Finance Council

November 23, 2020 4:00 p.m. Teams

**Members: Present:** Noemi Bueno, Chair (AS Business Director), Abdul Malik Ford, Vice Chair (AS President), Ben Crandall (Central Services Rep), Sargun Handa (AS Senate Pro Tempore), Brandon Lane (Student at-Large), Kaylan Rocamora (Activities Rep), Selam Swier (AS Student Senator)  
**Absent:** Ranulfo Molina (AS VP- Diversity), Daniela Rodriguez (ESC Rep), Nichole Vargas (SAIRC Rep)  
**Advisor:** Raquel Vigil, Viking Union Organization Business Manager  
**Secretary:** Cindy Monger, Viking Union Organization Fiscal Specialist

*Noemi Bueno, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.*

## I. Call to Order

## II. Information Items

### A. Training

- 1.) AS Budget Areas- The AS Budgets are reviewed by Business Services and then brought to AS Finance Council at the detail level. Then the final budget summary as approved by the council is forwarded to the AS Exec Board and AS Student Senate. After approval the AS Budget is forwarded to WWU's Board of Trustees.

Funding is given out to budgets in these areas, each with a rep on the committee: Activities, Central Services, Representation, Resources. The AS also provides subsidies for Child Development Center and Western Leadership and Community Engagement. About 75% of AS Funds go to salaries, so reductions could eventually mean reducing staffing. Lane thinks that if they stopped having students work this could result in a gap in institutional knowledge of how to do the positions and could impact the AS for years. The AS Student Senate is currently funded from reserves the council will need to find a way to operationalize.

- 2.) Services & Activities Fee- explanation of the fee that funds the AS and other areas. Last year the AS was scheduled to receive \$2,984,050 or 35.9% of the fee money. The funding for this has changed almost quarterly since the Covid-19 pandemic began as the AS has tried to minimize the impacts on students during a difficult financial time where the AS was not able to deliver services at the same area. Vigil explained that S & A fee is basically a tax for all students for the opportunity to use all services. Not every student will necessarily use every service, just as at the city and state level.

For fall quarter the AS did not take a reduction, but for Winter Quarter the AS is taking a \$15 reduction. There are some salary savings from vacancies. The AS decided that to best support students during this time, they decided to take a reduction. Vigil said that typically the AS Finance Council would have input on any changes in the S & A Fee. In Spring the fee was reduced by 85% to acknowledge the abrupt service interruptions. The university thought that WWU may have a 10% reduction in enrollment which would greatly impact the budgets for each area, therefore the AS did not take a reduction in the Fall. As it turned out the reduction in enrollment was only 3%. For Winter Quarter decisions were required before the council started meeting. Eric Alexander and Raquel Vigil in consultation with the AS President and AS Business Director recommended a \$15.00 reduction which could be about a \$300,000 reduction for winter and spring in S & A Fee Revenue.

## III. Other Business

### A. Winter Quarter Scheduling

## IV. Adjourn *The Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.*