



# AS Finance Council

March 2, 2021 4:00 p.m. Teams Online

**Members: Present:** Noemi Bueno, Chair (AS Business Director), Ben Crandall (Central Services Rep), Sargun Handa (AS Senate Pro Tempore), Ranulfo Molina (AS VP for Diversity), Kaylan Rocamora (Activities Rep), Daniela Rodriguez (ESC Rep), Nichole Vargas (SAIRC Rep)  
**Absent:** Abdul Malik Ford, Vice Chair (AS President), Brandon Lane (Student at-Large), Selam Swier (AS Student Senator)

**Advisor:** Raquel Vigil, Viking Union Organization Business Manager  
**Secretary:** Cindy Monger, Viking Union Organization Fiscal Specialist  
**Guests:** Moya Lojewski, Ethnic Student Center Club Advising Manager;  
Karen Deysher, Coordinator for AS Student Advocacy & Identity Resource Center

## MOTIONS

**FC-20-W-12** Approve the Minutes of February 23, 2021. *Passed*

*Noemi Bueno, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.*

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of the Minutes

*MOTION FC-20-W-12 By Rocamora*

Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2021.

Second: Crandall      Vote: 5-0-1      Action: Passed

### III. Revisions to the Agenda

### IV. Public Forum

### V. Action Items

#### VI. Information Items

##### A. Ethnic Student Center (ESC)

1. FXXESC Ethnic Student Center Admin  
Moya Lojewski, AS ESC Club Advising Manager. The ESC Clubs Financial position has been moved from Assistant Director to Coordinator based on revised job duties. Vigil centralized all Classified and Exempt Staff into FXXVU to reflect the true cost of permanent staff.
2. FXXEOR ESC Retreat  
Since there will be a new position of Assistant Director for Multicultural Student Engagement they wanted to leave the funding for the conference, even though they know that a standard conference won't be able to happen due to Covid-19 restrictions. Lojewski and Vigil thought that there was going to be a 50% reduction in this budget. Vigil said there will not be an overnight retreat at Camp Casey in fall quarter next year. Vigil said they might do a modified virtual conference in fall and something in person later and the new position would decide what this looks like.
3. FXXEPR ESC Programming FXXESP  
This is a general programming budget for events hosted by the Ethnic Student Center. They will still possibly need to pay for speaker fees, etc. even if it is a virtual event.
4. ESC Club Programming Funds  
They are anticipating close to normal use of funding with some virtual and hopefully

some in person events later in the year. This is the funding for 19 Ethnic Student Center Clubs to request funding for their programming such as heritage dinners, Pow-Wow, etc.

5. FXXEUN ESC Building Unity

This is used for contracting with food service for the quarterly club leader meetings to talk about policy, planning events, etc. Lojewski hopes that during winter or spring they may be able to have in person events.

**B. Student Advocacy & Identity Resource Centers (SAIRC)**

Karen Deysher, Coordinator for Student Advocacy & Identity Resource Center houses different centers based on identity. It also houses the Western Hub of Living Essentials which currently offers primarily food, masks, hygiene, etc. It also connects people with community resources. In non-Covid times they also provide access to clothing. The requests are pretty standard for all of the budgets, except they have moved a little bit of funding around to make the funding of the offices a little more equitable. The major change is to transfer the programming budget and the Coordinator position from the Veteran's Outreach Center and reallocate it to the WHOLE program.

1. FXXVOC Veteran's Outreach Center

At this point this office is essentially duplicating services. When it was established there was a need for Western to have a space for student Veterans. At that point there was no university office for Veteran Services Office (VSO). However, this office has grown in the staff and space available for students. There has been very little use of the Veteran's Outreach Center and with the Veteran's Outreach Coordinator. This is not due to lack of trying to outreach. They have really only received one request for advocacy in the last year. It was resolved by connecting that student with the Veteran Services Office. This proposal is to reallocate the funding to support the WHOLE program. This academic year is the first time they had a student position with direct responsibilities to support WHOLE. They received an AS Grant for this position for one year and it ends in June. WHOLE has been supporting the weekly food pop up events that happen every Friday where students are able to receive some non-perishables as well as fresh produce. The office doesn't have a direct line for funding which leaves it insecure. WHOLE is currently supported by in kind donations, food drives, monetary donations to the foundation, and external grants. Aramark supported donations of guest meals and they have translated that into money to support the food popup

Vigil said "Karen Deysher, I fully support the narrative you are sharing. A couple of years ago the VSO was established and they for sure are filling a more robust experience for our Veteran Students. It has been wonderful to see and experience the space the new VSO has established (Just across the street from the VU in the Library.-). As a postscript the VSO is also supporting the reallocation of these dollars to the SAIRC to use as you all (we all) believe is a benefit to the WWU Student body. Such as for a WHOLE Coordinator. Not sure if you all agreed to any programming dollars once used for Veteran's Day and other programs also being reallocated? Can you speak to this please?" Deysher said that Veteran's Day has been hosted with the Veteran's Service and the President's Office. Two years ago, when it was in person, the Veteran's Outreach Center paid a minimal cost and the rest came from the other offices. Vigil wanted to make sure to proactively answered any concern by the Finance Council that they were taking something away from Veteran Students. Deysher has talked with Nick Sanchez in VSO, so he is aware. This also doesn't mean that the SAIRC won't cosponsor or work with that office in the future. Deysher spoke with the SAIRC staff and they unanimously supported this move, there were concerns about the hard financial times and ensuring that people have food to eat. Deysher said that on average last quarter they distributed to 87 students per week, which is a high number. The ASWWU Legislative Agenda also

- includes support for legislation that supports basic needs. It makes sense that the students would also support these efforts on campus. Bueno thinks that WHOLE is a great program and a good way to support students at large. Rocamora loves everything that the SAIRC does. She has spoken with friends and coworkers to let them know about the WHOLE. Deysher feels they really need to address food insecurity in whatever way they can and feels they need to do it as a community. They hope to lessen the stigma that comes with food insecurity so that people feel like they can ask for help, especially getting nutritionally sound food items.
2. FXXWHL Western Hub of Living Essentials  
Deysher said that the primary areas for expenses would be supplies and materials. It is likely in the fall the structure of WHOLW might look a little different and they may return to it being a pantry later in the year. They want to provide a clean place with utensils and bags to take items with them. They would also spend on marketing and printing costs to connect with community resources. They would like to have a few promotional items to have an incentive for people to donate to WHOLE such as giving out reusable grocery bags in exchange for donations. The small amount of supplies to support the donations given really do add up and it will be good to have these items operationalized so that the money donating is going to items given out to students.
  3. FXXROP SAIRC Center Admin  
This shows the change from Veteran's Outreach Coordinator to WHOLE Coordinator. The Queer Resource Center Community Engagement Coordinator used to have summer hours to plan the fall quarter welcoming Ice Cream Social. Given the pandemic, this event won't be happening. Deysher has proposed moving these hours to the WHOLE Coordinator for planning. Vargas recommends having the Marketing and Assessment Coordinator to also have summer hours, so the social media pages aren't completely dead during the summer. Deysher is not sure procedurally how they would handle this. Vigil said that Deysher could make a change and reallocate, or if they believe that it needs to be added then the budget could be resubmitted. There is still some room right now to modify the budgets. There is no longer a Personnel Committee to approve these changes so it could happen through the budget request process. Deysher thanked Vargas so much for coming up with this excellent idea. Deysher thinks that the Representation and Outreach Coordinator may not need the full 40 hours. Some hours could be repurposed. Deysher will change it to be 20 and 20 hours. Bueno said in reviewing the wages, she clarified that all positions in the SAIRC are 3 quarter, with just a few that have planning hours. Vigil said that there was a time that it was a student Director supporting this area and not a professional staff. This was a 4 Quarter student position; they repurposed these funds to support the hiring of professional staff. Vigil thinks that the third year is the perfect time for assessing what the needs might be during the summer. Deysher also knows that it is a difficult financial time. They do think that there needs to be more support during the summer. For instance, the WHOLE program will continue throughout the summer. They could be working on planning and supporting onboarding for positions in the fall as well. Deysher will resubmit.
  4. FXXLGB Queer Resource Center  
This includes a programming budget for speakers/performers. Supplies and materials include safer sex materials and chest binders for student experiencing gender dysphoria (only partially funded, the rest from WHOLE). Deysher is anticipating an increase of outdoor events due to Covid restrictions, and there may be setup fees for that.
  5. FXXDOC Disability Outreach Center  
There is a little more funding reallocated here recognizing the amount of people who identify as disabled and the need for some equity across the centers. There is a request for Disability Graduation and special cords. They are also requesting funding for care

packages for syllabus week. This can be a difficult time because students with disabilities have to talk to new professors to get accommodations. It can be exhausting. Deysher is also thinking of getting transparent masks with the DOC logo so that people who lip read are included.

6. FXXWCA Womxn's Identity RC

Supplies and materials for the SAIRC Art Collective for students from historically marginalized populations to connect through Art (formerly Memoirs). Student begin to see that Vagina Monologues/Memoirs became a little problematic, so they wanted to change it to be more open. They have an end of year Gallery Show to share spoken word, art pieces, etc. that they have created. They have expanded this to be more inclusive of the SAIRC identities. Also, to have more accessible menstrual products. There is a request to have funding for speakers and programming for co sponsorships such as Native History month and Women's History Month. This is a little bit of a reduction.

**VII. Other Business-** Students were asked to enter their schedules to allow for scheduling for spring quarter.

**VIII. Adjourn**

*The Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.*