



AS Finance Council

March 9, 2022 4:00 p.m. Teams Online

Members: Present: Noemi Bueno, Chair (AS Business Director), Glory Basic, Vice Chair (AS President), Ben Crandall (Activities Rep), Naira Gonzales Aranda (ASVP for Diversity), River Johnson (Student Senate Representative), Silvia Leija (Resources Rep- SAIRC), Ted Topper (delegate for AS Student Senate President) **Absent:** Chelsea Joefield (Resources Rep- ESC), Kaylan Rocamora (Central Services Rep)

Advisor: Raquel Vigil, Assistant Director for Business Services and Planning

Secretary: Samantha Hughes, Viking Union Organization Business Services Program Support; Cindy Monger, VU Administrative Specialist

Guests: Annie Byers, Program Coordinator; Delfine DeFrank, Student Representation and Governance Advisor; Susanna Schronen, VU Fiscal Tech; Amy Westmoreland, Director of Multicultural Student Services

MOTIONS

FC-22-W-12 Approve the minutes of March 2, 2022 with stated amendments. **Passed**

FC-22-W-13 Approve the Black Student Coalition Grant Request for the amount of \$153,235.55. **Passed**

Noemi Bueno, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes

Basic said under the Black Student Demand Updates section, “which is made up of small local universities across the country” should be amended to say “which is made up of student activists across the country”.

MOTION FC-22-W-12 by Leija

Approve the minutes of March 2, 2022 with stated amendments.

Second: Topper

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

III. Revisions to the Agenda

The Black student Coalition Grant Request action item was moved to be after the Information Items by acclamation to wait for members from the BSC to join the meeting.

IV. Public Forum

V. Black Student Demand Updates

Basic shared that the Executive Board has been going over the Black Student Demands and giving updates regarding them, which are recorded in the Executive Board’s minutes. The meetings are held Friday’s from 4:30pm-6:30pm. The meeting schedule for next quarter is still up for debate.

VI. Information Items

A. AS Student Governance & Representation Budget Proposals

Delfine DeFrank (Student Representation and Governance Advisor) and Annie Byers (Program Coordinator), introduced themselves.

1. FXXBAD- AS Board Administration budget, which consists of salaries and wages for the seven Executive Board members as well as the five Student Governance Assistants. There used to be six Student Governance Assistants, but one position was dropped to be more intentional with the budget. There may be plans to bring the position back in the future. This budget is seeing increases due to salary and minimum wage increases. Crandall asked why the minimum wage increase is different depending on the student position. Bueno said that it is based on an expected percentage rate. Schronen said that there are different position classifications and AS wage levels, and increases are based on that. Those rate are set by the university. According to the AS wage policy, the top elected officials can't be paid \$3.50 higher than our lowest paid employee.
2. FXXLAF- Legislative Affairs Budget. This budget is seeing an increase due to higher costs for room rentals, going up from about \$90 per room to about \$107 per room. There is also an increase in the number of rooms rented, going up from about 50 rooms to 60 rooms. This is to allow people to feel more comfortable by only having 1-2 people in each room, to be more accessible and accommodating, and to account for restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. FXXRES-ASBDIV- Diversity Initiative Fund. The use of this budget is up to the discretion of the ASVP for Diversity, and consists of things such as paying for food for the Diversity Coalition, supporting collaborative opportunities, the full moon late night event, BIPOC conference travel expenses, etc.
4. FXXSSN- Student Senate budget. This budget pays for the wages of 20 senators and their training.

B. Office of Civic Engagement Budget Proposals

1. FXXCC- Committee Coordinator Budget. This position has been dissolved in OCE and has been moved over to FXXREP.
2. FXXELC- AS Elections budget. This budget is seeing a increase in the voting software costs.
3. FXXLEG- Legislative Liaison budget. This budget pays for the Director of Legislative Affairs (DOLA) to lobby in Olympia on behalf of students. There is an increase in this budget for additional precautions taken during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as renting individual rooms. There may be a decrease if the pandemic situation improves.
4. FXXLGL- Civic Involvement Coordinator budget. This budget is seeing increases to add in more events that haven't been seen for a while. Some events include the Housing and Hashbrown collaboration event and movie licensing. There will be around 2-3 events per quarter, an increase from last year.
5. FXXREP- Representation and Engagement Program budget. This budget is seeing a decrease in wages due to the dissolution of the Committee Coordinator position. They are also considering dissolving the Ethics Board Coordinator position as well and moving those responsibilities under the Voter Engagement and Recruitment Coordinator position. There is an increase to account for more hours with the local

liaison so they can prepare for the local candidate forum during the summer. There is also an extra week accounted for the DOLA to prepare for Western Lobby Day.

6. FXXVER- Voting education and registration budget. This budget is seeing an increase because there was a shift of items previously covered by FXXREP to this budget. One these include the \$900 early move in cost from housing for voter registration staff to move in early for the voter registration drive.

VII. Action Items

A. Black Student Coalition Grant Request

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Busic commented she excited to vote on this item. Westmoreland acknowledged the work that Selome Zerai put into this proposal. Bueno said everything written in this proposal was written by students or in partnership with students. Vigil said she was proud that the AS created enough space for Black students and the BSC to choose to maintain the relationship between the BSC and AS. When they first put in the demands, the BSC was thinking of leaving the AS because they didn't feel the AS was supportive. Through energy, effort, and relationship building they realized the AS is supportive. As they prepare to vote on this Vigil wants them to know that maintaining the relationship with Black students, the ESC, and DEI work is going to have a positive investment into the future. Gonzales Aranda said she is thankful they put in this work and is excited to get this grant request passed.

MOTION FC-22-W-13 by Gonzales Aranda

Approve the Black Student Coalition Grant Request for the amount of \$153,235.55.

Second: Busic

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

VIII. Other Business

- A. Meeting schedule for next quarter- It was decided that the majority of the council can meet on Wednesday 11:30am-1pm. A second poll may be sent out at a later date to decide if an alternate time works better. For next quarter there will be virtual or hybrid meetings.

IX. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.