



Associated Students
-of the-
University of Washington

Finance & Budget Committee

Monday, January 9th | Husky Union Building Room 303 | 1:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order at 01:10 pm

Roll Call

Mitchell Klein [he/him] – Committee Chair; ASUW Finance & Budget Director

Timothy Billing [he/him] – ASUW President

Avery Perreault [she/her] – ASUW Personnel Director Proxy; ASUW Communications Director

Kisa Batool [she/her] – ASUW Director of Programming (*absent, excused*)

VACANT – Student Senate Liaison

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Hugh Gramelspacher [he/him] – At-Large Student Member

Brandon Iseri [he/him] – At-Large Student Member

Greta Jarecki [she/her] – At-Large Student Member

Sania Megchiani [she/her] – At-Large Student Member

Rene Singleton [she/her] – SAO Representative [non-voting] (*tardy, excused*)

Ella Chuang [she/they] – ASUW Operations Coordinator [non-voting]

Recognized Guests: *None*.

Approval of Agenda

Greta moves to approve the agenda.

Brandon seconds.

No objections. No abstentions. Agenda is approved.

Approval of Minutes

Sania moves to approve the minutes from 12/5/22.

Greta seconds.

No objections. No abstentions. Minutes from 12/5/22 are approved.

Rene Singleton enters at 1:14pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Appropriations Hearings & Updates

Harry Potter Club

Mitchell introduces himself to the RSO officers and prompts the Committee and the RSO representatives to introduce themselves as well. He gives a brief rundown of the timeline.

The Committee and RSO introduces themselves. The RSO begins their presentation.

Mitchell thanks the RSO for their presentation and opens up the Committee for Q&A.

Mitchell recognizes Avery Perreault as Shaheer Abbasi's proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

Greta asks how they are funding the rest of the cost of the HUB Ballroom reservation.

The RSO says they got some money from the SAO fund and will be fundraising through tabling sales and only need a little bit more money from ASUW to cover the rest.

Mitchell asks if they have a copy of the HUB quote confirmation that they could send over.

The RSO says they do and can send it.

Tim asks if ASUW money can be used on food and drinks.

Mitchell says it is not, but it sounds like the request is more for facilities.

The RSO clarifies they plan to use most of it for facilities but plans to use a little on food and drink.

Mitchell says the ASUW cannot legally buy food with public funds, but can fund facilities rentals and decorations materials.

The RSO says that in that case the money will all go to the reservation.

Tim asks if the SAO fund can be used for food.

Mitchell says no, but any funds raised separately by the RSO can be.

Mitchell moves the committee into deliberations and invites the RSO to exit the room or stay.

Greta says she would like to approve it and wants to go to this event.

Tim asks if a stipulation could be given restating that food cannot be purchased.

Greta says that it can be added to the approval.

Greta moves to approve \$600 for Harry Potter Club to use on facilities reservations for the HUB Ballroom.

Hugh seconds.

No objections. No abstentions. Motion carries and \$600 is approved for the Harry Potter Club.

Bhatki Yoga Club

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Greta says on the application had an expected attendance of 25 and asked if this was outdated information.

The RSO says they had a much larger response than anticipated and fully booked the 161 spots.

Mitchell asks how many of those attendees are UW students.

The RSO says 154 of the attendees are students.

Mitchell remarks that since the event is already booked and they will not be doing too much advertising, he would like to see some form of recognition for ASUW in a sign or shoutout at the event.

Mitchell moves the Committee into deliberations.

Greta says she thinks it's a good way to start the year.

Mitchell says that it's \$300 for just materials and reservations and 160 attendees, which is very reasonable.

Mitchell calls the RSO back and asks for clarification regarding a discrepancy in the amount asked on the application (\$322) versus in the presentation (\$357).

The RSO says the ECC recommended an extra hour for setup in their reservation.

Mitchell asks the RSO to send Ella the quote from the ECC and then puts the committee back into deliberations.

Greta moves to approve \$357.48 for Bhakti Yoga Club to use on facilities reservations.

Hugh seconds.

No objections. No abstentions. Motion carries and \$357.48 is approved for the Bhakti Yoga Club.

Timothy Billings exits at 1:57pm.

Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Mitchell introduces himself to the RSO officers and prompts the Committee and the RSO representatives to introduce themselves as well. He gives a brief rundown of the timeline.

The Committee and RSO introduces themselves. The RSO begins their presentation.

Mitchell thanks the RSO for their presentation and opens up the Committee for Q&A.

Brandon asks if all \$2000 will be used for the rental of Kane Hall.

Greta asks how many hours they are reserving Kane Hall.

The RSO says they will be renting it for the whole day, from 10am to 11:30pm.

Greta asks how they are planning to fund the remainder of the facilities rental.

The RSO says they will be reaching out to the UW Alumni Association and the HUB RSO fund.

Greta asks if they are worried about not being able to cover costs.

The RSO says that they will also be reaching out to off-campus sponsors and will be selling tickets.

Mitchell asks if the RSO will keep the Committee updated with which outside sponsors they partner with. He also asks what platform they will livestream on.

The RSO says they will use YouTube and WeChat.

Rene asks if there are any commercial sponsors or entities involved.

The RSO is still reaching out so they do not know at this time.

Rene says that they will need to share that information.

Ella asks who they are planning on reaching out to.

The RSO says they have so far only reached out to Yamibuy, an Asian shopping platform, but plan to reach out to local Chinese restaurants in Seattle.

Mitchell asks how they plan to advertise this event.

The RSO says they have posters and will be putting the posters on the booth and around campus. They clarify they will include the ASUW logo on their materials if approved. They also said they plan to advertise a lot on WeChat.

Greta asks what platform they are using to sell tickets.

The RSO says Venmo, Cash, and AliPay.

The RSO shows the Committee their WeChat posts and posters.

Greta asks for clarification that the UW funding sources would only be used on Kane reservations and outside funding for food.

The RSO affirms that that is the case.

Mitchell moves the Committee to deliberations.

Mitchell says that the holiday next week causes some problems and gives the Committee options. He says that because the RSO doesn't fully know where their money

is coming from and might get enough funding from elsewhere, the Committee should add some stipulations/caveats to the approval.

Rene says she doesn't think they need \$2000 from the ASUW and that the Committee needs to consider that. She also brings up concerns with ad revenue on YouTube and other social media channels.

Mitchell suggests making a motion and following up with the RSO on a discrepancy in how much the reservation costs (\$3392 vs \$3992).

Hugh asks what the Committee is thinking of before the motion is made.

Greta says she thinks the Committee should approve it but add a lot of stipulations.

Mitchell moves to approve \$2000 for CSSA to use on facilities reservations for their Spring Festival event with the stipulation that the ASUW Board of Directors takes additional time to look at it on Thursday, that all other funding sources are shared before the next Board of Directors meeting, and that all revenue sources are held first by the ASUW before expenditure of to take any net profits that are deemed to be rightfully theirs based on policies.

Hugh asks for clarification again on the profit stipulations.

Mitchell explains that the ASUW is entitled to 15% of an RSO's profits from a sponsored events and that the Board of Directors should look at the proposal to see if it is deemed necessary as giving an RSO money they don't need goes against the ASUW mission.

Brandon seconds.

No objections. Two abstentions. Motion carries 4-0-2 and \$2000 is approved for the Chinese Students and Scholars Association with stipulations.

Greta Jarecki exits at 2:37pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Allocation Process

Mitchell moves to table all parts of the agenda up until adjournment to next week since the Committee has lost quorum.

Brandon seconds.

No objections. No abstentions. The motion carries.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Liaisons & Reports/Budgetary & Funding Updates

Mitchell asks Ella if she has any updates regarding previously funded events.

Ella says that Capillaries Journal submitted their follow-up form and had a successful event with extra funds that will be returned to the ASUW.

Mitchell says the Stage Notes show is at the end of Winter Quarter and the Committee will figure out who will attend. He also says that the Committee will likely be seeing many RSO presentations in the next few meetings since many events happen in Winter and Spring Quarter.

Announcements

Mitchell says the Bike Shop will likely open late next week because of the holiday on Monday. He says the sales systems are expected to be delivered next week. Bean Basket is behind on their systems because they must apply for new merchant systems but are closer to getting that set up.

REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mitchell moves to adjourn.

Sania seconds.

No objections. No abstentions. Motion carries and the meeting is “adjourned” at 2:42 pm.

**NOTE: Due to a loss in quorum, this motion was ratified by the F&B Committee on January 23rd.*