

## Incidental Fee Committee Open Hearing #1

Monday, February 26, 2024 | 12:00 PM

WUC Pacific Room

Viviana Romero in Chair

### Minutes

1. Call to Order
  - 12:04PM
2. Approval of agenda
  - Ayla moves to approve the agenda.
  - Skylar seconds
    - i. Agenda approved
3. Roll Call (name, position, pronouns)
  - IFC Members
    - i. Viviana Romero
    - ii. Skylar Stangeland
    - iii. Ayla Adkins
    - iv. Aidan VanDyke
    - v. JD McShane
  - Advisors
    - i. Amber Deets
    - ii. Tina Fuchs
    - iii. Even Sorce
  - IFC Secretary
    - i. Paula Taylor
4. Message from IFC Chair
  - Viviana reads her [statement](#)
5. Old Business
  - None
6. New Business
  - Open Hearing
    - i. Student Testimonials
      1. Bryce Mefford – Athletics (Cross Country, Track & Field)
        - a. Thank the IFC Committee on behalf of the Athletics department for their continued support. Athletics

budget goes toward travel. We are grateful for your support.

2. Melly Burger – Campus Rec. (Dance Team) & SAB & ASWOU
    - a. Thank you for your time. The amount is perfect for Campus Recreation. Dance Team can afford to get new uniforms and perform looking their best.
    - b. I am a SAB volunteer. We have lots of events. This budget will allow us to have big and small events.
    - c. ASWOU – I am a Justice. ASWOU is an amazing source on campus. Making sure all the clubs and organizations are able to have fun. There is a lot going on behind the scenes. Thank you for your time and support.
  3. Makenna Helseth – Campus Rec. & Model United Nations
    - a. Thank you for your support and all your hard work. By funding ASWOU clubs we are able to represent WOU at conferences at a very high level.
    - b. Campus Rec. benefits from IFC and it is my favorite study spot and have social interactions. Whether it is intramural or at the climbing wall. Huge thank you for everything that you do.
  4. Anonymous
    - a. I love ASWOU!
  5. Alex Bernasconi – Model United Nations & CJ Club
    - a. We love that IFC helps students have experiences and travel. We are able to see connections between classes. Hope you are going to continue to support us.
  6. Melly Burger – Public Health Club & ASL Club
    - a. Thank you for your support. I am the Secretary of the Public Health Club and one of the things we were able to do is provide Plan B to students. Help around campus and have club meetings because we receive funded.
  7. Fern Klaviter – Music Major and ASWOU Senator
    - a. Thank you for your hard work. Music department is home for me and really important that it gets funded. I made so many friends here. Thank you.
    - b.
- Viviana reads [Budget Survey submission](#), received during tabling in the WUC.
  - Viviana reads [IFC FY25 Student Feedback](#) submitted on Presence
    - i. Viviana: Is there a way that we can clarify that ACCESS budget is not all the money that ODS receives?
      1. Tina: You can make that statement. ACCESS IFC dollars are used to support students attending IFC related activities.

## 2. Violet Babbitt – Creative Arts

- a. I believe that the overall IFC fee should be reduced especially when it comes to online students or part-time students who are not using or cannot use all that is provided. It feels unfair and just an additional unnecessary cost to students who don't use it.
- b. I also believe that the funding going towards athletics is steep. Understand that athletics are favored because they bring in money for the school, but do they had enough impact to offset that fee the rest of the school.
- c. For creative arts, I work among the gallery and greatly benefit from this experience. With the way things are running we are unsustainable without an increase in budget. From my personal experience, I've had a strong engagement with the community both within the school and in our local community. It also provides several jobs to students. Without it I believe we would be losing our connections to the community and benefit not only few art students, but other students in a variety of majors and interests as well.

- Viviana continues to read [IFC FY25 Student Feedback](#) submitted on Presence.

1:43PM Ayla Adkins and Skylar Stangeland leave meeting

## 7. Messages from the Floor

- Paula: Thank you, Viviana, for creating social media content to promote the IFC tabling as well as the Open Hearings. Campus Rec also did some Open Hearing advertising on their Instagram.
  - i. Viviana: Can we make an IFC Instagram?
- Tina: Meeting went very well. Liked Viviana's opening statement. Thank you all for being here and doing this.

## 8. Adjournment

- Aidan moves to adjourn the meeting
- JD seconds
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 1:59PM