

## Incidental Fee Committee Open Hearing #3

Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 5:00 PM

WUC Pacific Room

Viviana Romero in Chair

### Minutes

1. Call to Order
  - 5:08PM
2. Approval of agenda
  - Viviana moves to approve the agenda
  - Skylar seconds
    - i. Agenda approved
3. Roll Call (name, position, pronouns)
  - IFC Members
    - i. Viviana Romero
    - ii. Skylar Stangeland
  - Advisors
    - i. Tina Fuchs
    - ii. Amber Deets
  - IFC Secretary
    - i. Paula Taylor
4. [Message](#) from IFC Chair
5. Old Business
  - None
6. New Business
  - Open Hearing
    - i. Student Testimonials
      1. Chelby Smalley – Athletics/Softball Team
        - a. I am a student athlete. Everyday we represent WOU and the IFC funds are specifically used to fund conference travel. Only D2 school in Oregon with softball we have to travel to play. We hope to keep getting your support to travel to do the things we do and love for this school.

2. Mackenzie Collins - Athletics/Softball Team
  - a. I am a transfer student, and we are grateful for all the funding and support from the IFC. Athletes are the largest population on campus. It is important that the funding is representative of that. As a transfer student I saw what a community-oriented school WOU is and I think it is important to keep funding athletics, to built athletics and the school.
3. WOU Music
  - a. Abigail Bethke – Chamber Singers. Since the pandemic the music department endured hardship. I believe in the power of people coming together and sing. Music will keep bringing people to WOU.
  - b. Jakob Ritter – Thank you for your continued support Not a music major, but choir is important to form friendships and community.
  - c. Nick Byer: In concert choir a music education major. Thank you for your support to keep us running. WOU is a great community.
  - d. Matty Schenk: Not a music major but psychology major. Chose WOU because of concert choir and choir classes. During hardship it helps to create music and find a passion. Thank you for your support.
  - e. Kaley Larsen – A music education major. Thank you for your support for the music program.
4. Raul Sagrero Gaona – MSU President
  - a. Want to thank you for your support our programs and the people that work with us. We would like to continue to receive your support and get ASWOU enhancements to support MSU with resources. Hannah and I really care about the programs, and we love planning ahead of the events and we put a lot of time into it. WOU and the community have a good time at the events. Thank you.
5. Lauren Pannell – ASWOU/clubs and Campus Rec
  - a. Thank you for your support. Looking for a budget increase so that clubs can keep traveling. And represent WOU.
  - b. Campus Rec. deserves an increase in funding, they provide jobs for students and vocational training. Beneficial for students' health and to relief stress. Gym is only open 74 hours before it was open 120 hours. Less hours a week due to budget cuts. If they get a bigger budget, they can be open for more hours.
6. Gretchen Sims – Student Media

- a. The Western Howl, our team has grown this year 8 staff and 4 interns. KWOU does podcasts and this is very popular. When Student Media gets more funds, we can print more newspaper and NW Passage copies. Thank you for getting our budget and enhancements.
7. Jaylin Harden – Sports Editor
  - a. Education major and communications minor because of Student Media. Met lots of new friends. Thank you for your support.
8. Libby Thoma – The Western Howl
  - a. I was a National Student Exchange student at WOU and not sure how I was going to stay. I am now a WOU student because of the Student Media and thank you for your support.
9. Hannah Fields – The Western Howl
  - a. It was hard the last couple of years due to budget cuts and hearing that The Western Howl might not exist anymore. We are excited for your support.
10. Taylor Duff – The Western Howl
  - a. I really appreciate your support so we can continue the Western Howl for students, community and future students that come to WOU.
11. Gretchen Sims – Campus Rec.
  - a. Fund Campus Rec so that their hours can be longer and students can go after class.
12. Alex Bernasconi – Model United Nations and CJ Club
  - a. Thank you for your support. Hope that we can go on more excursions and represent WOU. Meet more people who are passionate about this as I am.
13. Sangato Letisi – Campus Rec. and Club Sports
  - a. Supervisor for intramurals and president of the rugby club, without your support and funding I would not have had these experiences. Came to WOU to play Football but decided to focus on my education. Then was asked to be part of rugby. We travel to Texas, Utah, California, Washington and would not be able to do that without your support. At campus Rec gained work knowledge and work ethic that I can apply to my teaching career in physical education. Thank you for your support of the budget.
14. Hunter Hall – ASWOU President
  - a. Thank you, IFC, for all the work you are doing and advocating for programs. I am here to represent ASWOU. Clubs get IFC money, ASWOU is only funded by IFC money. Student government supports

student clubs. I would not be here without ASWOU. This has given me a place to grow, and I support your preliminary decision and enhancement requests.

15. Anonymous comment read by Viviana

a. Thank you

16. Darien Kealoha-Albarado – Campus Rec/Volleyball Club

a. We really appreciate the preliminary decision and support for Campus Recreation. I am proud of the work that I do at Campus Rec. and potentially recruit students for the volleyball club. Thank you.

Viviana put meeting in At Ease at 5:42PM

Vivian brings meeting back from At Ease at 6:51PM

7. Messages from the Floor

- Tina: Thank you IFC members for your good work and availability for the Open Hearing meetings.

8. Adjournment

- Viviana moves to adjourn the meeting
- Skylar seconds
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 6:59PM