

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2024

1:30 p.m. STCN129

Finance Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Christopher Bordbar, ASG President
Caitlin Herron, ASG Executive Vice President
Hestia Sartika, Student Trustee
Sanjana Sudhir, ASG Executive Liaison Officer
Ellie Wingo, Vice President of Inter Club Council

Members Absent:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor
Harrison Kim Officer of Marketing and Information

Others Present:

Robin Herndon, ASG Technician
Melinda Ursetta, ASG Technician
Lynn Suh, ASG Advisor
Joanna Kelly, ASG Advisor

1. General Business:

1.1 Call to order/Welcome/ Recognition of Quorum

Officer **Caitlin Herron**, Executive Vice President, calls the Finance Committee Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at 2:03 p.m. with quorum established and 4 ASG Officers present.

1.2 Announcements: none

1.3 Approval of the ASG Finance Committee Meeting of January 22, 2024

Motion: **Christopher Bordbar**, President

Second: **Ellie Wingo**, Vice President of Inter Club Council

Record of Board Vote... 4 -0-0 with chair voting aye

1.4 Open Forum: None

2. Board Meeting Items:

2.1 Discussion: ASG Budget Priorities Discussion

Motion: **Sanjana Sudhir**, Executive Liaison Officer

Second: Christopher Bordbar, President

Background: During the fall semester, ASG was given information about their decreased budget. Steps have been taken by the student government to make necessary adjustments in their budget for the current year. Further discussion needs to take place about future budget priorities as they work to draft their operating budget for 2024-2025.

Advocacy is a focus along with finding ways to save money.

This Budget provided includes anticipated amount to bring in.

Prioritize where the funding should be going for ASG.

The events budget should be a discussion relating to Advocacy.

Some things cannot be changed such as the MOU's for: DashPass; Campus Escorts; Classified Salaries.

Another MOU is in the works for classified salaries.

Discuss how to shift the budget to benefit the campus as a whole.

Hestia Sartika, Student Trustee, arrives at 2:10 pm

Try to cut back with spending for events as much as possible.

A MOU for classified salaries, Advocacy, and clubs are the most important.

Explanation of what the Valedictorian Recognition entails.

5 solid priorities to focus:

1. MOU for classified salaries
2. Scholarships
3. Events for students
4. Decreasing Computer Lab supplies/employment – Consider reducing the allotted amount per week to save on ink
5. Club funds may stay at the current amount

2.2 Discussion: ASG Grants Discussion

Motion: Sanjana Sudhir, Executive Liaison Officer

Second: Christopher Bordbar, President

Background: To help support campus clubs, alliances, departments, and programs on campus, ASG offered annual grants to those groups to help fund their activities. Several of these groups often need to rely on donations or fundraising efforts to bring in some funds to support their operations. However, with the current status of ASG's budget, discussion needs to take place as to whether to continue to offer grants in the future. If so, further discussion will take place at the next ASG Finance Committee to review the current grant categories, amounts, and assess whether changes need to be made.

Last year, \$11,000 of the \$21,000 allocated was spent.

Should grants be offered next year and if so, how much should be offered?

Some departments ask for funding that the district does not cover.

Some clubs also request funds for specific things.

The grant application does ask if fundraising efforts have been made.

The awarded funds may be claimed for one year and does not usually get completely spent.

The grants are reviewed and discussed during the Finance Committee Meetings.

Should grants be eliminated, reduced, or stay the same as last year?

Reducing the awarded amount is what the board likes.

10,000 total budget with the grants being awarded \$500 for next year.

Many clubs depend on the grants but there has been less fundraising.

Departments and Alliances also apply for ASG grants.

Grants were created to eliminate many different campus groups coming to request funds throughout the entire year from ASG.

This process gave ASG the opportunity to examine those submitting requests and the amount.

Allocate up to \$10,000 to ASG Grants.

2.3 Discussion: ASG Scholarship Discussion

Motion: Sanjana Sudhir, Executive Liaison Officer

Second: Christopher Bordbar, President

Background: For many years, ASG has helped to support students through offering numerous scholarships to continuing and transferring students. As their budget revenue increased, ASG increased the number and award amount of scholarships offered. With the status of the ASG's budget, the ASG Finance Committee will need to discuss whether they would like to continue to offer scholarships and, if so, what scholarships they would like to provide.

Transfer scholarships are given once the student has registered into the next school

Once this is decided, Melinda will report the changes to the Scholarship committee to begin to advertise during the Spring semester.

Almost all of the scholarships were claimed from last year and the funds go directly into the students account that will return to the college.

Transfer scholarships tend to not be used as frequently.

The funds must be used within 2 year of being awarded.

Financial Aid puts out the application, which is then matched to the applicable scholarships.

When the scholarships are being announced this is done through Financial Aid and ASG is funding a certain amount of them.

Decrease the transfer scholarships or remove it completely.

Transfer scholarships are available through the transfer schools as well.

Informal vote to remove completely- is the **majority would like to remove the transfer scholarships.**

Reduce the leadership scholarships or remove.

8 leadership scholarships will also be removed.

Suggest to increase each school by one since there are a total of 7.

The leadership ones will be removed this year.

Reduce the Veteran, Adult learner, and special population scholarships to 5.

Veterans get the GI bill if certain requirements are being met.

If a Veteran change a major in the middle of their education, may not be able to use these funding sources.

Adult learner is defined as 25 years and older.

Suggests to make kinesiology and Athletics Scholarship from 10 to 5 for the amount allocated.

Discussion of the need for exemplary one- **remove this scholarship.**

The number is now at \$25,000 which is cut in half.

3. Open Forum - none

4. Announcement of the Next Meeting- February 21, 2024

5. Adjournment (2:46 p.m.)

Motion: Sanjana Sudhir, Executive Liaison Officer

Second: Christopher Bordbar, President

Record of Board Vote:5 -0-0 with Student Trustee, Hestia Sartika now present and chair voting aye