**Western Washington University**

**Services and Activities Fee Committee**
**Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, February 24, 2023; 1:00-2:00 pm**

**Microsoft Teams/Old Main 340**

**Present:** Allison Mazurek, Montana Reese, Lyd Haindfield, Brandon Locke, Janelle Grant, Brandon Denny Sam Farmer, and Daniela Rodriguez

Jack Herring, Steven Card, Steve Brummel, Adam Leonard, Rebecca McLean, Meagan McGinnis, Raquel Vigil, Tim Fitzpatrick, Caitlin Sommers, Ichi Kwon, Michael Sledge, Eric Alexander, Tulea Enochs, Vanessa Blackburn, Jannah Hinthorne, Nicki Purnell (recorder).

**Guests:** Linda Beckman

**Absent:** Sargun Handa

Allison Mazurek called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

**Agenda Items: 1) Vote on Minutes from 2/17/2023 2) Locking in Spring Quarter Schedule 3) Athletics Budget Presentation 4) Campus Recreation Budget Presentation**

1. **Vote on Minutes from 2/17/2023**

Brandon Locke motioned to vote on the minutes.

Janelle Grant seconded the vote on the minutes.

Unanimously approved.

1. **Locking in Spring Quarter Schedule**

Emails to go out end of next week.

Discussion about cancelling meeting on 3/10/2023.

Allison Mazurek, motioned to not meet on the 10th.

Brandon Denny seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Nicki Purnell will cancel March 10th meeting.

1. **Athletics Budget Presentation**

Scholarships – provide 1.7 million dollars in financial aid to athletes. Tuition waivers are required by law. Anything outside of tuition waivers are endowments dedicated to specific sports. Cost of travel must come from fundraising and other revenue streams which have dried during the pandemic.

Different divisions – Division II is student first than athlete. Division I athletics is a business. UW Athletics has 100-million-dollar budget. Division III athletics is the most numerous.

Brandon Denny asked: How big is all support staff for athletics? Currently there is a position deficit. Working long hours – only 4 staff – every weekend is taken over. Brandon Locke spoke to being a player without full staff.

Raquel Vigil asked a question about the deficit impacting staffing and services. Can’t force people to come to games or companies to sponsor.

Steven Card shared that we are down 1000 students. Trying to maintain our programs on a limited budget. Cannot risk athletes going to other institutions. 2-5 years before we get out of the Covid hangover and start moving forward again.

1. **Campus Recreation Budget Presentation**

When Adam Leonard became director 9 years ago, he took on multiple roles. Need to depend on fundraising and other revenue streams. Pay to Play.

Highly volatile budget – four wrestlers are going to Nationals in Puerto Rico. Foundation budgets for clubs.

Anticipated 4% increase in Rec Center fee.

5–7-year recovery from Covid. Lost over a million dollars in revenue – still recovering. Increased cost in student wages. Big portion of budget is paid out of pocket.

Highest minimum wage in the US – huge impact on budget with over 200 student employees.

Brandon Denny asked: has involvement changed in campus recreation? Participation numbers are going up, despite national trend is that participation is dropping.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.**