



Services and Activities Fee Committee Meeting

February 7, 2025 | 1:00 PM | Husky Union Building 303

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Call to Order

The Services and Activities Fee Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM on February 7, 2025.

Roll Call

- Present
 - ASUW: Haley Chee, Annie Chen, Jack Prichard, Aiden Reeder, Crystal Tran
 - GPSS: T Marzetta, Alec Solemslie, Ryan Wicklund
 - Advisor: Lincoln Johnson
- Absent
 - ASUW: Khushi Loomba (Absent Excused)
 - GPSS: Althea Rao
 - Advisor: Kristian Wiles

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for February 7, 2025 SAF meeting was approved. Motioned by Aiden Reeder, Seconded by Jack Prichard; unanimous vote to approve the agenda

Public Comment [10 minutes]

Old Business

New Business

Discussion I

1. Budget Presentations:

1. UW Food Pantry

a. Speakers: Rachael Carter (student Director), Chris Jaehne

The Food Pantry recorded 7,500 visits last quarter with over 700 weekly visits. Approximately 5% of visitors are parents or caregivers, where the remaining visitors are almost evenly split between graduate and undergraduate students. The need for the pantry has grown within the last few years and they expect these numbers to keep growing. The Food Pantry also collects student feedback through written surveys.

When it comes to sourcing for food:

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- 44% of supplies come from the Any Hungry Husky Fund, which allocates a set monthly amount for purchases.
- 10% is from one of their food recovery programs, a sustainability initiative that collects and delivers leftover food to the Food Pantry. The program has grown since it was first started, recovering 3,000 lbs of food last year.
- ~20-25% comes from the food drives.

Questions

Aiden – What are these funding sources that you would gain by having another full-time staff member, and by how much would they be able to support you?

- The Food Pantry is utilizing their eligibility for the AmeriCorp program which would help fund a temporary full-time position for a year. AmeriCorps would cover most of the wage, while the Pantry contributes a smaller portion, hopefully, with the help from SAF. This is the only funding source that the Pantry can apply for in terms of eligibility and time commitment.

Crystal – Could you expand on the service fees from the UW farm?

- The Food Pantry has a yearly \$7,500 contract with UW Farms where they deliver fresh produce twice a week. The actual value of the produce received by UW Food Pantry is about half as much as its retail price. This partnership helps the Food Pantry balance costs while providing an opportunity to obtain local, sustainable, cleanly-washed, produce.

Annie – Under the proposed Staff & Benefits section, you are proposing a new position but none of the other staff hours or wages are being changed. Are the other positions' work going to stay the same?

- The Pantry expects all of the positions to remain the same besides the Student Director role. The Student Director has outgrown its current structure. Task delegation and scheduling is taking up nearly the full 19-hour weekly limit and so the Food Pantry aims to shift some of these responsibilities to the new role and allow the Student Director role to focus more on training and long-term projects. This new proposition would support greater continuity within Food Pantry as a unit, as it's primarily student-run and often faces challenges with pursuing long-term initiatives.
- **Annie** - Do you foresee that new professional position overlapping other position's responsibilities?
- - Currently there are operational constraints. For example, there is no nearby bathroom so whoever is hosting the office hours must lock the door before they leave. However, a full-time staff member could help maintain these safety procedures and extend open hours on a consistent yearly schedule rather than adjusting the hours to everyone's school schedule every quarter. It's estimated that there is enough ongoing work to justify a 40-hour position. Part of the strength of the Pantry is that it's student-led so it's important to maintain student position, especially with the opportunity for leadership initiatives and starting new projects.
- **Y** – How would adding the Full-Time Position affect the current operational hours, which are currently dependent on the students, of the Food Pantry?
 - The Food Pantry tries to keep at least 30 hours a week for students to drop by. Currently, there is no Friday schedule. Operational hours are

dependent on the working student's hours so the additional full-time position will help keep more consistent hours. This would be especially helpful for the UW students that remain on campus during breaks, since there was received feedback from students about this topic when they are not able to go home for breaks.

Aiden - Considering that you are only supported by SAF and a couple other sources, how goes the hunt for grants and such?

- Grant writing takes a lot of time with doing research for the eligible ones, writing them, and then justifying them. Currently, no one on the team has the capacity or time to take this on with their weekly hourly limits.

Alec – Could we find a way to ramp up to funding this position over time?

- The Pantry is committed to making the most of whatever support SAF provides. While the team is managing right now, daily operations have become increasingly overwhelming due to limited staffing. The current structure is not sustainable given the growing student demand.

2. **CAP**

- a. Speakers: Tim Wold (Director)

Questions

Annie – Do you feel like you're meeting and serving all the demands of student parents on campus?

- CAP's mission revolves around supporting student parents by providing reasonable grant amounts each month to offset childcare costs. Their first biggest challenge is identifying who the student parents are on campus. The only way CAP is often able to identify student parents is based on their financial aid either through FASFA or Washington's equivalence (WASFA). While CAP helps meet most needs, their funding is limited and they can't support as much student parents at the quality that would be ideal.

- **Annie** – If there were less constraints placed on you, whether it's financial or time, what would you like to see your unit do to reach/discover more student parents and fulfill their demands?
 - While student parents can be identified to some extent through financial aid data, CAP could be more proactive in outreach and collaboration if it had more time and staffing capacity. Currently, CAP provides some financial support to student parents, but the funding is not sufficient for these parents to be fully self-sufficient.

3. Recreation

- a. Speakers: Cassidy Sanders-Curry (Assistant Director of Marketing), Marilyn Curreth (Director of Wellness Shared Services), Greg Reinhardt (Associate Director for Programs), Katie Beth (Associate Director of Facilities & Operations), Glenna Chang (Interim Director)

Recreation is requesting a 5% budget increase due to ongoing deficits in recent years. The COVID-19 pandemic, along with major projects like the locker room and pool renovations, significantly reduced membership revenue which typically makes up 25% of their budget. To cover this, Recreation has reduced spending, adjusted staffing, and started to rely more on hiring work-study positions.

Jack – On operational costs on the Contracts & Services, there is addition of the Contracts & Services. What is this for?

- Operational costs are increasing by 1.6%. The increase in Contracts & Services is primarily due to the services from Workday and the need to cover insurance services, which were previously not charged but had to be paid last year.

T – Has Recreation utilized sponsorships to help with some external funding opportunities?

- Recreation has not reached the level to pursue sponsorships on a large scale but is open to smaller, strategic partnerships to help offset costs. There is not much grants or other fundings that can help. Additionally, Recreation is

limited by the facility and needed maintenances. However, some of the recent increases in membership funding have supported minor maintenance at the IMA. Although the central facility budget covers some costs, the IMA continues to seek ways to secure more funding to support the building's needs. The central facility will cover some of the maintenance costs so the IMA is always trying to get the facility to pay more for the building.

Aiden – Why have facilities not been covering the issues with the WAC?

- This is restricted because of the University. The waterfront is not a self-sustaining facility, it's a state-funded facility.

Alec – By opening more membership opportunities, how has increased memberships affected the student experience at the IMA?

- To address student feedback, Recreation has adjusted its facility layout to make it easier for students to find specific areas from a layout perspective. The introduction of the student plus-one membership option has gathered more attention and engagement as well. Currently, Recreation serves approximately 50% of the student body, which is at an adequate level based on their feedback system and the IMA's square footage capacity.

Aiden – The dock renovation placement on the Waterfront was on hold. What is the timeline of what it takes to go forward to start/replace that? How will you ensure that the final product continues to be student-oriented?

- The project is placed on hold because of the permit process. The IMA had to resubmit the correct permit process where the timeline which the permit is processed could range from 1-3 years from the date that the IMA has submitted the permit. They first must navigate through the permit process before moving forward with construction.
- For the second part of the question, Recreation is reengaging with waterfront based clubs to better understand their wants and needs. Their feedback will help Recreation prioritize improvements or add-ons to shorelines, beaches, Montlake Dock, and with swimming opportunities. By taking the time to reengage and collaborate with clubs, Recreation is ensuring they are accommodating everyone's wants and needs in the future.

Announcements

Adjournment

The SAF meeting was called to adjourn at 2:23PM. Motion to adjourn by Ryan Wicklund, seconded by T Marzetta; unanimous vote to adjourn.