

- Call to Order 11:45am
  - Jonny Whitmore is proxying for Ian Robins
- Announcement (Melinda): Thank you cards going around to be signed and sign more in her office before you leave
- Mission Statement: Jeff Podmayer
- Approve Minutes – Sarah W. motion to approve the minutes; Evan second; unanimous
- Financial Vice President
  - Requisition
    - From Jesse and Kip for sound equipment
    - 1) new soundboard – ours is outdated and under par from what we would like as far as reaching the caliber of artists and shows we want to have here (the only thing they say they don't want is what we have – an indicator that what we have isn't worth having)
      - Looking for Soundcraft – lasts a long time - \$2,000
      - Talked to finance committee about comparable options, thought that was the best choice
    - 2) small sound system – 2 speakers and a mixer – the full system can be overbearing for the events that we have – takes 2 people right now to set it up (this would only require one person, saving money in man hours) – \$1,500
    - Questions
      - Brittany – I am in support of this but how does it add to what we purchased last year?
        - Last year, they bought towers and subs for this big system, but we still have quality problems with the mixing board (distortion, monitors – this would take our blending options from 2 to 4); small sound system is separate because what we bought was something bigger which doesn't cater to our smaller shows
      - Dayna – when we were interviewing people for Kip's position and they asked what we had for equipment, they would laugh
      - Nate – how long do you think it would last before it became outdated
        - Can't give you an exact number but not like three years; cool thing is we can update by adding a rack mount, etc
      - Laura C. – how long is this one?
        - 20 years
      - Laura C. – could it last a comparable amount of time
        - Yeah, at least 10 years
      - David H. – what is the advantage of having the small ones?
        - Think about the size of the coffee shop; it takes up space, costs more in labor, think about the sound load
      - Patrick Yoho – can the smaller speakers be used as monitors for the big system?

- Yes, and we have a shortage of those
- Patrick Yoho – do you think Kip would be able to set things up if you had 2 towers and one small mixer (still a one person job?)
  - Not sure if we have stands (for sound projection)
- Discussion
  - Finance committee heard from Jesse and got an e-mail from Kip with answers to questions
    - Recommendation: pass the mixer for \$2,000; fail (???) the small system for \$1,500
    - If we bought both, capital would be sitting at \$14,000
    - Patrick Yoho – Jesse wants to use smaller system for Jan Term shows, which is why we are dealing with this now
    - Dayna – Kip did budget research and found best prices; it would be nice to move our equipment into the next century; it's taped up etc; embarrassing
  - Evan – in favor of the small system; for WhitCon, the whole building was shaking, your ears hurt; appreciates the versatility
  - Patrick Stewart – why did FC fail the small system
    - Laura C. – asked about storage, ASWU's accessibility (storage switching to HUB; we will own it, but we have to pay for the people to run it
    - Patrick Yoho – we had to pass or fail to bring it to the body this week; didn't want to table it
    - Dayna – you need someone maintaining it; wouldn't recommend ASWU being able to use it for free
  - Laura C. – discussion of how unallocated and capital funds work
  - Sam – if all we pay for is labor and the system would save us labor, that's valid
  - Brittany – I think the small system is a necessity; having to plan unplugged for the past few years; the MPRs system is terrible and so they've been using the big system which is too much
  - Patrick Yoho – has put on loads of shows, been in bands etc; the fact is we could make things work for a little bit less money but we want to move out of being a school that is just getting by on the sound equipment front; in terms of labor, not sure when the savings will kick in but they will; we have money and need to step up our game; appropriate to spend our money on the board and the small system; the small speakers can be integrated into the big system; increase in professionalism and versatility

- Brittany – also, it would mean that more than one event could happen at once; in the past, some would have to buy sound from outside Whitworth because the system was in se
    - Evan – motion to vote; Sam – second (motion is to pass both)
      - Small sound system for \$1,500 + tax
        - In favor: 14
        - Opposed: 1
        - Pass
      - Mixing board for \$2,000 + tax
        - Unanimous pass
    - David – note, I found it for cheaper (by \$130)
  - Cash bags: for those of you selling things at info desk and cash bags
    - I know I said I would do weekly updates but that’s a lot of work; can I just keep track of it and you can check when you want
      - Yes, that’s fine (from group)
- Melinda
  - Christmas party tomorrow
  - Christmas spread, not café food
  - Stop by her office to sign more stuff
  - Remember white elephant gifts
  - Christmas music in the background thanks to David and Pandora
- Eric
  - Honors program, we will be discussing later; can give you an update about what I’ve heard (talked to Faculty President – Donna); this has to go through the faculty before it happens because it would entail a curriculum change
    - Some sort of program will happen (5 versions are floating around); faculty unsure on all of them
    - If I get any more information (I’m staying in contact), I will pass it on
    - They deeply apologize for not coming to ASWU
    - We will probably have discussion after Jan Term
    - Kelly got an e-mail from COVAC with an outline (will forward to Eric who will forward to us)
    - Patrick Yoho – wondering when they have to call it to a vote if it’s going to happen next year
      - They will be debating this upcoming faculty meeting but I don’t know if they’re doing a full vote
        - PY – when is this meeting
          - Thursday or Friday this week or next week
      - Kelly – the e-mail has some dates
        - PY – if we aren’t talking until Feb and decisions are being made now, we are being cut out of the loop

