

ASUSU Student Government

Report for Faculty Senate

September 13, 2005

ASUSU Student Government Members:

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| Quinn Millet | - President |
| Nathan Putnam | - Executive VP |
| Spencer Watts | - Academic Senate President |
| Rosie Strong | - Athletics VP |
| Justin Atkinson | - Student Advocate VP |
| Josh Wood | - Campus Diversity & Organizations VP |
| Laurel Evans | - Programming VP |
| Belinda Lopez | - Service VP |
| Stacey Brown | - Education Senator |
| Lindsey Christensen | - Business Senator |
| Cody Bingham | - Agriculture Senator / Senator Pro Tempore |
| Andrew Shaw | - Natural Resources Senator |
| Felicia Horsley | - HASS Senator |
| Lincoln Essig | - Engineering Senator |
| Tim Peterson | - Science Senator |

ASUSU Executive Council meets every Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the TSC Senate Chambers

ASUSU Academic Senate meets every Monday at 5:00 pm in the TSC Senate Chambers

Main topics of discussion to date:

House Rules

New ASUSU Information Booth

Functions of both student government bodies: Executive Council & Academic Senate.

Academic Opportunity Fund

Other main goals and points of interest:

- Student Involvement & Leadership Center / ASUSU Dashboard 2004 - 2005 (see attached dashboards - Appendix A)
- University Student Fee Board Organization for 2005 - 2006 (see Appendix B)
- With the reformation of the structure of Student Government, the Academic Senate was officially separated from the Executive Council, with the goal that college senators be able to focus on Academic issues rather than policies and procedures. Both groups are functioning well and becoming accustomed to the new structure and the roles of both groups.
- Academic Opportunity Fund
 - Responsibility of this fund was transferred to the Academic Senate
 - The first awarded amount was given on Sept. 12, 2005 to students in the music department. Seven students each receiving \$100.
 - Academic Opportunity Fund Policy Paper (see Appendix C)

Appendix A

Dashboards

Student Involvement & Leadership Center/ASUSU Dashboard 2004-2005

Division of Student Services

Events Sponsored

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Number of Events | | |
| 82 ▲ | | 2003-2004: 72 |
| Total Number of Participants | | |
| 68,914 ▲ | | 2003-2004: 55,640 |

Lectures & Cultural Events

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| Number of Cultural Events & Lecture Programs | | |
| 22 ▲ | | 2003-2004: 18 |
| Number in Attendance | | |
| 11,219 ▲ | | 2003-2004: 7,817 |

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| College & Special Events Weeks Sponsored | | |
| 12 ▼ | | 2003-2004: 15 |

Val R. Christensen Service Center

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| Number of Programs | | |
| Fall 2004 16 ▲ | | Fall 2003 15 |
| Spring 2005 15 ▼ | | Spring 2004 16 |

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| Total Number of Volunteers | | |
| Fall 2004 1,155 ▼ | | Fall 2003 1718 |
| Spring 2005 1,209 ▲ | | Spring 2004 1162 |

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| Total Number of Service Hours | | |
| Fall 2004 10,450 ▼ | | Fall 2003 10,533 |
| Spring 2005 9,405 ▼ | | Spring 2004 11,454 |
| Total 2004-2005 Service Hours | | 19,644 ▼ |

CSCO (Council of Student Clubs & Organizations)

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| Number of registered CSCO Organizations | | |
| Fall 2004 105 ● | | Fall 2003 105 |
| Spring 2005 149 ▲ | | Spring 2004 120 |

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| Number of Other Campus Student Organizations | | |
| Fall 2004 145 ▼ | | Fall 2003 146 |
| Spring 2005 145 ● | | Spring 2004 145 |

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| Total Number of Student Organizations | | |
| Fall 2004 250 ▼ | | Fall 2003 251 |
| Spring 2005 294 ▲ | | Spring 2004 265 |

Student Legal Services

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|---------------------------|--|----------------|
| Number of Students Served | | |
| 426 ▲ | | 2003-2004: 307 |

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| Hours of Legal Service Provided | | |
| 182 2/3 ▲ | | 2003-2004: 175 1/3 |

Academic Opportunity Fund

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| 47 Academic Opportunity Fund Awards given for a total of \$10,736.09 | |
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Total Students Involved in Elected or Appointed Leadership Positions

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| Elected Students/ASUSU Executive Council | | |
| Fall 2004 20 ● | | Fall 2003 20 |
| Spring 2005 20 ● | | Spring 2004 20 |

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| Appointed Students | | |
| Fall 2004 163 ▼ | | Fall 2003 373 |
| Spring 2005 218 ▲ | | Spring 2004 216 |

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| All Undergrad Average USU GPA | |
| Fall 2004 3.105 | |
| Spring 2005 3.079 | |

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| ASUSU Executive Council Cumulative GPA | |
| Fall 2004 3.068 | |
| Spring 2005 3.151 | |

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| ASUSU Exec. Council average below University average for Fall 2004 & above for Spring 2005 | |
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ASUSU Student Elections

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| Number of Candidates | | |
| Spring 2004 65 | Spring 2005 50 | |
| Spring 2005 50 | | Spring 2004: 65 ▼ |

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| Percent of Studentbody by Total Headcount that Voted in Primary Elections | | |
| Spring 2001 19% | Spring 2005 9% ▼ | |
| Spring 2000 5% | | Spring 2004: 15% |

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| Percent of On-Campus Studentbody that Voted in Primary Elections | | |
| Spring 2001: 25% | Spring 2005: 11% ▼ | |
| Spring 2000: 7% | | Spring 2004: 22% |

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| Percent of On-Campus Studentbody that Voted in Final Elections | | |
| Spring 2004: 30% | Spring 2005: 19% ▼ | |
| Spring 2000: 17% | | Spring 2004: 30% |

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| Percent of Studentbody by Total Headcount that Voted in Final Elections | | |
| Spring 2001 22% | Spring 2005: 15% ▼ | |
| Spring 2000 13% | | Spring 2004: 21% |

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| Number of Final Votes | | |
| Spring 2004 4717 | Spring 2005: 3450 ▼ | |
| Spring 2000 2638 | | Spring 2004: 4717 |

Mortar Board National Honor Society

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|-----------|----|
| Number of Members | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 42 ● | 2003-2004 | 42 |
| Spring 2005 | 42 ● | 2003-2004 | 42 |

Mortar Board Activities Sponsored

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|---|
| Fall 2004 | 4 ▲ | Fall 2003 | 2 |
| Spring 2005 | 7 ▲ | Spring 2004 | 6 |

Fraternity & Sorority Information

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| Number of North American Interfraternity Conference Fraternities | | | |
| | 5 ● | | |
| Number of National Panhellenic Conference Sororities | | | |
| | 3 ● | | |
| Number of Multicultural Fraternities/Sororities | | | |
| | 2 ● | | |

Hours of Community Service

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|
| none reported ▼ | 2002-2003: | 797.5 |
|-----------------|------------|-------|

Money Raised for Philanthropic Organizations

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|-----------------|------------|---------|
| none reported ▼ | 2002-2003: | \$3,490 |
|-----------------|------------|---------|

All Undergrad Average USU GPA

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|-------------|-------|
| Fall 2003 | 3.031 |
| Spring 2004 | 3.08 |

All Greek Average

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|-----------|-------|-------------|---------|
| Fall 2003 | 2.829 | Fall 2003 | 2.829 ▲ |
| Fall 1999 | 2.67 | Spring 2004 | 2.827 ▼ |

All Greek average below

University Average for Fall 2004 & Spring 2005

Greeks on Dean's List

| | | | |
|-------------|------|-------------|----|
| Fall 2004 | 8% ▼ | Fall 2003 | 9% |
| Spring 2005 | 8% ▲ | Spring 2004 | 6% |

Total Greek Membership

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-------|
| Fall 2004 | 313 | Fall 2004 | 313 ▲ |
| Spring 2003 | 272 | Spring 2005 | 287 ▼ |

Total Fraternity Membership

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|-----------|-----|-------------|-------|
| Fall 2004 | 188 | Fall 2004 | 188 ▲ |
| Fall 1999 | 141 | Spring 2005 | 170 ▼ |

Total Sorority Membership

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|-------------|-----|-------------|-------|
| Spring 2001 | 153 | Fall 2004 | 118 ▼ |
| Spring 2005 | 117 | Spring 2005 | 117 ▼ |

Spirit Squad

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|--------------------------------|------|-----------|----|
| Number of Spirit Squad Members | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 27 ● | 2003-2004 | 27 |
| Spring 2005 | 27 ● | 2003-2004 | 27 |

Practice Hours

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|-------------|--------|-----------|------|
| Fall 2004 | 5467 ▲ | 2003-2004 | 4979 |
| Spring 2005 | 2296 ▼ | 2003-2004 | 2928 |

Game Hours

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|-------------|--------|-----------|------|
| Fall 2004 | 1396 ▲ | 2003-2004 | 1357 |
| Spring 2005 | 2932 ▲ | 2003-2004 | 2171 |

Community Service Hours

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|-------------|--------|-----------|------|
| Fall 2004 | 1454 ▲ | 2003-2004 | 1003 |
| Spring 2005 | 531 ▲ | 2003-2004 | 459 |

All Undergrad Average USU GPA

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|-------------|-------|
| Fall 2004 | 3.105 |
| Spring 2005 | 3.079 |

Spirit Squad Average USU GPA

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|-------------|-------|
| Fall 2004 | 3.145 |
| Spring 2005 | 3.164 |

Spirit Squad Average **above** University Average for Fall 2004 & **above** for Spring 2005

Health & Wellness Component (Student Activities Board)

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Number of Classes | |
| | 294 ▼ |
| Average Class Size | |
| Fall 2004 | 7 ▼ |
| Spring 2005 | 9 ▼ |
| Total Number of Participants | |
| | 2,381 ▼ |

Leadership Development Programs

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|------------------------|-------|
| Number of Participants | 968 ▲ |
| Number of Events | 20 ▼ |

ASUSU Fall Leadership Workshop

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|----------------------|-------|
| Participants | 205 ▲ |
| Student Facilitators | 51 ▲ |

Greek IMPACT Leadership Weekend

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|----------------------|------|
| Participants | 43 ▲ |
| Student Facilitators | 14 ▲ |

KEY:

Highest value for the past 5 years

Lowest value for the past 5 years

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| 56 | 45 ▼ | Current value |
| 23 | | |

▲ Higher

▼ Lower

● No Change

State/Regional/National Leadership Opportunities

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| National Association of Campus Activities | |
| Participants | 15 ▼ |

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| Utah Leadership Academy | |
| Participants | 11 ▼ |

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| Mortar Board National Conference | |
| Participants | 1 ● |

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| National Best Buddies Conference | |
| Participants | 1 ● |

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| National Student Leadership Forum on Faith & Values | |
| Participants | 1 ▼ |

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| Campus Compact Community Service Directors National Conference | |
| Participants | |

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| LeaderShape National Conference | |
| Participants | 5 ▲ |

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| Undergraduate Inter-Fraternity Institute (UIFI) National Conference | |
| Participants | 0 ▼ |

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| Recruitment Boot Camp | |
| Participants | 0 ▼ |

Leadership House

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|---------------------|----|---|----------------|
| Number of Residents | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 68 | ▲ | Fall 2003 65 |
| Spring 2005 | 62 | ▼ | Spring 2004 63 |

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| All Undergrad Average USU GPA | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 3.105 | | |
| Spring 2005 | 3.079 | | |

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| Leadership House Residents Avg GPA | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 3.119 | ▼ | Fall 2003 3.228 |
| Spring 2005 | 3.132 | ▼ | Spring 2004 3.145 |

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| Leadership House Average above University Average for Fall 2004 & Spring 2005 | |
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| All Women's USU Average GPA | | | |
| Fall 2003 | 3.117 | | |
| Spring 2004 | 3.165 | | |

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| Leadership House Women's Avg GPA | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 3.117 | ▼ | Fall 2003 3.3 |
| Spring 2005 | 3.121 | ▼ | Spring 2004 3.234 |

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| All Men's USU Avg GPA | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 2.955 | | |
| Spring 2005 | 3.007 | | |

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| Leadership House Men's Avg GPA | | | |
| Fall 2004 | 3.131 | ▲ | Fall 2003 2.933 |
| Spring 2005 | 3.188 | ▲ | Spring 2004 2.9 |

Appendix B

University Fee Board information

UNIVERSITY STUDENT FEE BOARD

Membership 2005-2006

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Office</u> | <u>E-mail Address</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Justin Atkinson, Student Advocate VP | Chair | atkinson@cc.usu.edu |
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| Spencer Watts, Academic Senate President | Computer Fee | spencerwatts@cc.usu.edu |
| Jason Pickup, Graduate Studies VP | Health Fee | jpickup@cc.usu.edu |
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| Rosie Strong, Athletics VP | Athletics Fee Campus Rec Fee | rosalie@cc.usu.edu |
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| Andrew Shaw, NR Senator | Bus Fee | ashaw@cc.usu.edu |
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| Student-at-Large | | |
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Appendix C

Academic Opportunity Fund Policy Paper

The ASUSU Academic Opportunity Fund – Policy Paper

Why is it important that undergraduate students receive ASUSU funding for academic pursuits?

The mission of the ASUSU Executive Council is to improve the quality of the experience of students at Utah State University. Given the varying interests and aptitudes of the student body, the ASUSU Executive Council is comprised of officers who specialize in different arenas like Activities, Athletics, and Academics. In the past, the ASUSU Executive Council has overlooked the important role (particularly the financial role) that student government can have in promoting and facilitating the academic pursuits of students, especially undergraduate students.

What criteria must be met by applicants to receive ASUSU funding for academic pursuits?

- ✓ Undergraduate students who have been accepted or invited by a reputable organization to present a scholastic achievement, or participate in an academic competition
- Undergraduate students who have received a minimum of \$100.00 from a department, college, or university source intended to cover the expenses of attending or traveling to the event at which the presentation will be made.

What is the application process?

Interested parties may contact the Academic Vice President for ASUSU or the Student Activities office for information and applications at any time. Applications must be submitted to the Academic Vice President and will not be considered until the event for which the money is being requested is less than six months away. (See attached application)

Who would select applicants to receive ASUSU funding, and how will that committee function?

A committee comprised of nine students, chaired by Academic Vice President, will determine ASUSU Academic Opportunity Fund awards. Students from each college will be represented on the committee, and appointments to the committee will be made by the ASUSU Senators.

As the chair of the ASUSU Academic Opportunity Fund committee, the Academic Vice President will call committee meetings to consider requests. At least five committee members must be present (including the chair), and all decisions will be made by majority vote of the committee.

What will be the source of the Academic Opportunity Fund?

To begin this program for spring semester 2002, \$2,500.00 is being requested from the Capital and Support fund. In following years, a \$5,000.00 appropriation per year will be made to the Academic Opportunity Fund from the student activity fee. The Academic Opportunity Fund will appear under the Legislator's section of the budget. Beginning in

fall semester 2002, the Fund will be sourced by an increase in the ASUSU budget due to an increase in full-time enrollment or the redistribution of present ASUSU student activity funds.

Is there sufficient demand for funding for academic pursuits at an undergraduate level?

After soliciting the opinion of over twenty department heads and deans from all of the university's eight colleges, the response in regard to the need for this program was unquestionable. Department heads and deans alike stated that undergraduate students are precluded from valuable academic opportunities because of lack of funding. The funding that is available is generally awarded to graduate students.

How much money would any one student receive?

The Academic Opportunity Fund will grant students awards of up to \$500.00 based on need. In comparison, the School of Graduate Studies awards travel funds up to \$300.00 to students presenting at conferences, and a department or other entity on campus must match these funds. This amount, while greatly appreciated by benefactors, is often insufficient.

Would any controls be put in place to guard against the illegitimate use of funds?

Along with a detailed list of registration and travel expenses, each applicant must also include a detailed list of the entities, individuals, or groups and the amount that each is contributing to the student's experience. Until the donated support (and all additional sources must be verified) is sufficient to cover the detailed expenses, the Academic Opportunity Fund committee will do nothing more than give accepted applicants a conditional promissory note.

If for any reason a student is unable to attend the event for which support was received from the Academic Opportunity Fund, the student will repay the Academic Opportunity Fund in full. Students who fail to do so will have a hold placed on their academic transcripts until payment is remitted.