



FINANCIAL ALLOCATION BOARD FOR FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Senate Chambers
Fort Lewis College
September 16th, 2025

FAB Director: *Jose Renteria*
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Student Rep: *Lilliona Benally*
Student Rep: *Vacant*

Fort Lewis Cheerleading Team Rep: *Olivia Gomez*
Nutaa Rep: *Kiera McCabe*
Elder Faith Collective Rep: *Ponni Kitrell*
FLC Skyhawks Spirit Team Rep: *Aaliyah Guidry*

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by FAB Director Renteria at 5:06 PM

ROLL CALL

Quorum Established

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

- **New RSO II Request – Fort Lewis Cheerleading Team** (Presentation time: 5:11 – 5:21)
 - Promote & support FLC, increase school spirit & student engagement, community service
 - Offers a community for students to take part in
 - Partner with local high school and youth cheer groups, foster mentorships
 - Help cheer the football team trying to rebuild their reputation
 - Community/volunteer involvement

- Local parades & events, soup kitchens, nursing homes
- Involvement in student orientation, welcome week, homecoming, other traditional campus events
- As an official RSO we could get funding & fundraise for materials needed for cheer and to ensure students don't have to pay fees to participate in anything
 - Would also be able to compete in formal events & be allowed to stunt, would be a stepping stone to becoming an official athletic branch at FLC
- Cheer can provide positive hard & soft skills to participants and offer travel opportunities

Questions

- Cheer team is different than dance/spirit team, but would love to collaborate
- 18 people interested, only have 14 uniforms, need more positions filled than just cheerers though, plenty of opportunities
 - We have people in mind to fill positions like PR and choreographer
- Have a variety of years at FLC interested, not all just people about to graduate
- Already have constitution & bylaws
- Have connections with DHS members and coach, know businesses in town that would help sponsor, would use business sponsors and hands-on fundraising
- Already have cheers and performance materials prepared, first set day is Oct 3
- Have had meetings with the athletic director to cheer at any event/game they need a cheer presence at
- Have multiple practice times to accommodate members' school schedules

Deliberation

- 8 votes in favor – Passes Unanimously

- **New RSO I Request – Nutaa** (Presentation time: 5:35 – 5:45)

- Nutaa – They all Run Together
- Create a community of Native students promoting physical & mental wellbeing through walking and running
- Encompass the four directions and what they represent in health & person
- Inter-tribal Native club
- Had a lot of first-year interest at our first meeting recently
- Walking and running, talking circle after activity, group hikes, eating/community activities, personal workshops
- Like to be an RSO II later, host community races/races for a cause here on campus, travel to races, work with athletics department, sweat lodges
- 55 students signed up for email list

Questions

- 15 people came to first meeting, had to cancel some meetings last week due to weather, but anticipating more
- Once approved we can be on SkyHub and that will get more interest out
- Prayer during runs/walks by Native leaders, running itself is a form of prayer, post-run there is a talking circle, gives it Indigenous backbone
- Not only for Indigenous students

- Food aspect will be more casual, won't be until we can get fundraising started
- Advertising through flyers, tabling, social media, SkyHub
- Would use fundraising in the future to buy running shoes to people
- Inter-tribal, people will bring their own traditions to the group and it will grow and be collaborative

Deliberation

- Seems like a pretty new idea on campus
- Like that they're getting established as an RSO I before an RSO II
 - They can come in next school year to be upgraded to RSO II
- How would they operate through winter? Just run in the snow
- 7 Votes in Favor – Passes Unanimously
 - 1 Abstain due to conflict of interest

- **New RSO I Request – Elder Faith Collective** (Presentation time: 6:01 – 6:14)
 - Educate people on history predating most modern institutions/historical narratives
 - Study, discuss, read & write about ancient histories concerning culture, faith, spirituality, unite students through un-sanitized history
 - Pagan-based (?)
 - Teaching PLUR & DEI discussions on history & societies and how that effects unity among people and ways that people should act in historical contexts
 - Peace Love Unity Respect
 - Diversity Equity (Equality in presentation) Inclusion
 - Just want to promote building a community with people as equals

Questions

- First meetings would be focused on reading about differences between cultures & identifying similarities among those histories
- 4 people in club rn including president
- Work on projects like zines & memoirs, grounding & community wellness/connection exercises other than educational meetings
- Not completely rooted in Paganism, but inspired by polytheism and spirituality
- Focus on spirituality to connect first, and then talk about ancient religious & old faiths, and the history of conversion in different cultures & healing/common ground stemming from that
- Don't have a set meeting time yet, but probably on Friday/Saturday afternoons in student union plaza or quad

Deliberation

- It doesn't seem like they actually know what they want to do
- They have a goal but don't know how they want to get there, everything seems too broad
- Goals seem really lofty with little to no plan on how they would actually achieve that
- They want to connect with other RSOs but what would they connect over? Who? & How would they be separated from them
- Needs to be more refined, more outlined & specific focus and mission
- 8 Votes Opposed – Fails, but want them to come back and present again next week after feedback

- **New RSO II Request – FLC Skyhawks Spirit Team** (Presentation time: 6:34 – 6:42)
 - Boost school spirit and engagement with FLC sports teams and community
 - Cheers, giddies (sideline dances), gauntlet (tunnel for athletes)
 - Reached almost 40k people from Instagram last month
 - Active since 2017 under different names
 - Unify student body & community that comes to games, support/collaborate with every team, encourage game attendance, participate in homecoming traditions, creative outlet for members
 - Moving to RSO II due to loss of a coach and not being able to be an athletic department, have been an RSO in the past
 - Will be implementing fundraising
 - Hosting events for homecoming & senior games
 - Participation
 - Tryouts hosted once per semester, current team size is 10
 - Practices 3x a week
 - Game appearances
 - Collection of wide range of experiences/skills, foster community
 - Members must maintain grades
 - All experience levels welcome
 - Becoming RSO II would give support, recognition, respect, and opportunity for official collaborations

Questions

- Will use fundraising for uniforms, giving back to the community via donations, volunteering
- Had 8 team members at beginning of 2024, members dropped because they couldn't pay team fee, there is no team fee anymore
- Have reached out to local gymnastics gym
- Currently only have 2 leadership positions, will be making all of our current members officers
- We have been established on campus for almost 10 years already, in 2023 we changed to a pom team so we don't do stunts, just cheers/dances

Deliberation

- How are they different from most cheer groups, what difference are they bringing
- Only have two officers right now? Making their entire team officers
 - Need to present official list of officers at ASFLC meeting next week
- Like the GPA requirement
- Elaboration on student and campus/community involvement, future goals? Presentation seemed mostly focused in the past
- More questions
 - Our current goal is to maintain what we had going on the past two years, and since we won't be under athletics we'll have more leeway to choose directly what we want to do
 - Ideas for tailgate party for homecoming
 - We are expecting member interest to increase, actively talking to new people to join, everyone on the team seems very committed

- 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention – Passes
 - Must come to ASFLC next week with filled list of officers

DISCUSSION TOPICS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Approved one RSO I
- Approved two RSO IIs
- Tabled one RSO I

- Fiesta on the Mesa next Friday

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by FAB Director Renteria at 7:05 PM