



EDMONDS COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

Executive Board 2024-2025

Regular Meeting

13th February, 2025

3 pm - 5 pm

Brier Triton Student Center 244

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Sal Kakar

Executive Officer for Technology

II. Land Acknowledgement

III. Roll Call

Kirk Heynen

Director, Center for Student Engagement and Leadership

Leniah Ednacot

Executive Officer for Academics

Ameer Hasan Mahmood

Executive Officer for Budget and Finance

Ken Park

Executive Officer for Clubs

Katelyn Thomas

Executive Officer for Community Relations

Tiffany Mphepo

Executive Officer for Diversity

Sala Li

Executive Officer for Student Relations

Ruth Karen Nakigozi

Executive Officer for Administration

Abigail Galung

Communications Coordinator

IV. Introduction of Guests

- Members of Faculty Senate
- Bryce Nevitt - AmeriCorp Volunteer
- Members of the Green Team
- Stewart Sinning - Program Manager
- Luke Botzheim - Director of Housing and Residence Life

V. Open Floor

VI. Correspondence

- Karen Magarelli (Chief Marketing Officer) emailed Katelyn and Brian Tom (Public Relations & Com Special) to connect them so they can start working on the “Why Edmonds College” video. Then, a student emailed all of the student government asking about Volunteer/Working opportunities available in Student Government, Katelyn replied to their email recommending that they join our mailing list, and to follow our Instagram to stay up to date with Student Government opportunities. Lastly, Katelyn emailed Mae Cramer (Government & Marketing Specialist) about inviting our legislators to campus to tour campus. Mae replied saying that Dr.Singh invites them to campus after the legislative session is over. We will be extended the invitation.

VII. Approval of Minutes

- 02/10/2025 meeting minutes

VIII. Reports

- Katelyn attended the Commencement Committee meeting, where the Chair Karen Magarelli

introduced all members and reviewed last year's notes and budget, which was approximately \$15,500K with an additional \$5K for miscellaneous expenses. Katelyn was introduced as the Student Representative, with Karen highlighting her involvement in Student Government and her Running Start program. The committee discussed communication plans, including using Google Chat and a shared Google Drive folder. Smartsheets may be used, but only staff have access. Logistics from last year's event were reviewed, including ceremony schedules, guest seating, student speaker selection, safety requirements, and ticketing. The deadline for program materials is May 12, with student sign-ups closing by June 6. Discussions also covered staging at Hazel Miller Hall, catering, and electronic ticketing options.

Katelyn attended the Triton Mascot Marketing meeting alongside Ken Park and Sam Branca, where they discussed the design brief, promotional strategies, and upcoming events. The design brief will open on Monday, February 3, and submissions are due by February 27 at midnight, with the committee reviewing entries on February 28. A livestream event is planned for Friday, February 7, and the mascot order is scheduled for March 10, 2025. The team discussed Instagram formatting (1:1 and 4:6), newsletter inclusion, and access to Smartsheets, which is currently restricted to marketing. Suggestions included potentially adding the mascot to PLT, organizing a raffle with Instagram story updates, and promoting the mascot information on the Student Government website. A disclaimer will be added to retain the right to alter the winning mascot design. Ken Park will send a newsletter paragraph to Sam, and further planning will continue in the next steps.

Katelyn attended Advocacy Day, with her delegation in meetings with legislators to discuss textbook affordability, housing accessibility, and free two-year programs. The event began with a Wednesday night check-in with WACTCSA, where Katelyn and her peers reviewed agenda items, strategize their advocacy efforts, and practiced their speaking points. She played a key role in leading the delegation's preparations, assigning speaking roles, and ensuring that everyone was well-versed in their topics. She and Sal focused on textbook affordability, highlighting the financial burden students face, with some paying up to \$900 per quarter for textbooks. Ken and Tiffany presented on housing accessibility, sharing their personal experiences with high dorm costs, while the entire delegation contributed to discussions on free two-year programs, emphasizing the need for expanded funding and state-supported initiatives. On Thursday, the team had five meetings with legislators, including Senator Salomon, Representative Ortiz-Self, Representative Kloba, Senator Lovick, and Senator Liias. Katelyn started each meeting with introductions and smoothly facilitated transitions between speakers. The delegation connected

their concerns to relevant legislation, advocating for HB 1751 (textbook affordability), HB 1217 (housing stability), and HB 1657 (Washington 13 Free Guarantee). During the House of Representatives opening session, they observed legislative procedures, including roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance, and party caucus announcements. They also attended part of a House Finance Committee meeting, where they witnessed the introduction of several bills. Throughout the day, Katelyn actively engaged in discussions, ensuring that the delegation stayed on topic and made the most of their 15-minute meetings. She also networked with representatives from North Seattle College, exchanging insights and sharing her business card. After a full day of advocacy, the delegation debriefed, reflected on key takeaways, and wrapped up their experience with a celebratory boba stop. Moving forward, Katelyn plans to send thank-you cards to legislators and closely monitor key House Bills for potential support.

Katelyn attended the Deans Meeting alongside Leniah Ednacot, Ameer Hasan Mahmood, and Ken Park, where they discussed textbook costs, course evaluations, and the Triton Mascot. Concerns were raised about students on food stamps facing difficulties coordinating with the bookstore, and it was noted that students are actively seeking ways to save on textbooks. The team will present their key points during the joint division meeting on Friday from 12:45 PM to 2:15 PM, where they have a 20-minute slot. For course evaluations, Leniah emphasized the need for student feedback and proposed that professors send out a survey link via announcement with a pre-written blurb. Regarding the Triton Mascot, the committee received positive student feedback and is moving forward with a design contest, with a suggestion to offer extra credit for submissions. Katelyn, Leniah, Hasan, and Ken, will attend the Friday division meeting to further discuss these topics.

Katelyn attended the Advocacy Day Debrief meeting with WACTCSA, where participants reflected on their experiences meeting with Representatives and Senators. Discussions highlighted the importance of recognizing the relationships being built with districts, as some Senators were previously Representatives. There were lighthearted moments, such as a Senator being thrown up on by a child, and strategic takeaways, including the need to be realistic when making requests. Other colleges expressed interest in staying connected via the WACTCSA Mailing List for 2024-25 bill signings. The group emphasized the importance of following up with thank-you letters to lawmakers and considered future opportunities to testify for bills or organize additional Advocacy Days. Bill tracking was discussed, and planning for next year's advocacy agenda will begin in the spring. The meeting concluded with a discussion on student basic needs survey results, with a call to inquire about Edmonds College's data from Karen or

Mae Cramer. Next steps include writing and signing thank-you letters from everyone who attended Olympia.

Katelyn attended the Divisional Meeting alongside Leniah Ednacot, Ameer Hasan Mahmood, and Ken Park, where they discussed textbook affordability, course evaluations, the Triton Mascot, and the S&A Committee. Concerns were raised about students on food stamps struggling to coordinate with the bookstore, and attendees emphasized the importance of helping students save on textbook costs. The joint division meeting time slot was scheduled for Friday from 1:00-1:20 PM to address these topics further. For course evaluations, Leniah highlighted the need for student feedback, with a plan for professors to send out a survey with a pre-written blurb for easy sharing. Regarding the Triton Mascot, the design contest was confirmed, and it was decided that submitting mascot designs could be an extra credit opportunity. Tierney Czartoski will be sent a marketing flyer for promotional efforts. Additionally, Hasan announced that the S&A Committee is now accepting submissions and shared the link in the chat. The Faculty Senate is considering adding lunch hours to the schedule and will be reaching out for student feedback via email. Next steps include sending the marketing flyer to Tierney Czartoski and watching for Faculty Senate communications.

IX. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

- Faculty Senate (15:5 minutes)
- Funding Request from Green Team (15:5 Minutes)
- Housing Annual Survey Presentation (15:5 Minutes)

XII. Board Discussion

XIII. Announcements

XV. Adjournment

This document was signed on the _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

Presiding Chair Signature: _____

Advisor Signature: _____