

- Call to Order: 4:59pm
- Mission Statement – Evan Underbrink
- Introduce Guests
  - Catherine because of Nate Boyden
  - Tyler Coopman – interested in Intramural Coordinator
  - Tim Gjeffe – requisition
  - Eric Fullerton – student-at-large
  - Lindsey Wagner – news editor
  - Mandy Runkel misses ASWU
  - Amy Wyatt wants to see what’s going on
  - Matt is seeing what’s going on
  - Curtis Reardon, him too
  - Krystal has an announcement about sex trafficking awareness week planned for the end of February (movie, speaker, cleaning out BMac’s attics and having a garage sale to raise funds)
  - Lauren for Westminster Round
  - Lindsay Pund – just here
  - Michael Oaks – to observe
- Approve Minutes
  - Motion to approve – Evan Underbrink
  - Sarah Whittemore – second
  - Passed unanimously
- Big E
  - Brittany Roach for her outstanding job and it’s her birthday (so many knocks and a birthday song!!)
- HUB Expansion presentation
  - From Craig and Katie
  - Shows plans for first floor and mezzanine
  - More seating, all new venue kitchen areas (brick oven pizza, International cuisine)
  - Booth seating looking at two story glass window
  - There’s a wall enclosing the mezzanine to allow use for meetings
  - Lots of really cool, textured, 3D models
  - The expansion should be open in May and then remodeling will be done in the existing dining area; more booth seating; redo paneling, paint, carpet, and lighting to warm it up; raised areas with more seating for levels and stage effect; projection screens
  - Brittany – current capacity vs. new?
    - 320 up to 440
    - We want to set it up so that it can be used for banquets also; 80 in the mezzanine
  - Katie W. – are those doors by the booths?
    - Yes; they’re wide to encourage a nice flow

- Everyone will go through Lied Square in order to get into each of the areas
  - The doors will be kept open
  - All of the menus will go digital, so there will be monitors telling you what's served where so you can decide
- Ian – will these pictures be available for the rest of the campus?
  - Yes, static images will
- Evan – is there any way to put artwork up?
  - Hasn't been discussed
  - Dayna – They are working with the art department to hang art in the hallway in between
- Jesse – will this include an office with a window for you instead of in a dark hallway?
  - The offices for Dan and Jim will go into the front half of the catering rooms, but still no window for Jim
- Sam – is this something that can be put up on the website? I am way more stoked now that I've seen this?
  - That would be a question for the website people
  - The screen shots are easy but the 3D models are harder
  - But it will be done during finals
- Brittany – will there be separate cashier stations?
  - All doors are alarmed, you have to leave through the cashier station; there will be 2 stations later, but one now
- Meredith – can you eat at the outside seating?
  - You can eat out there, but only from the retail spots; can't have people going from the dining room outside and back right now
- Meredith – backpack policy?
  - We're still struggling with that; backpacks in the hall cause tripping problems, as of yet unresolved
- In current serving area, they are refinishing and resurfacing everything, adding Mexican format, adding toasted sub format
- Evan – will there be adaption so that gluten-free, etc. people don't have to go back in the kitchen for food
  - There will be adapted meal options on 4-5 or eventually all of the stations
- Sam – how is this going to be done by May?
  - the new place will and summer conferences will be housed in the new place during the remodel of the current dining and serving areas
- Yoho – by how much will staff increase?
  - We think we need 5 more people 10-12 hours a day; probably 5 new employees
- New Plaza – outside seating, plants (Kara now plans to fail Financial Management so she can stay an extra year!), stronger pathways in and out of the HUB
- Chelsea – what about the stench?

- Right now, there's a grease trap in there; that will be replaced which will be sealed and vented
  - Jeff – bike racks?
    - We're going to at least double the current amount
  - Yoho – are we eliminating any parking in front of the HUB? (yes) that's rough for loading and unloading
    - Help me understand how big a deal that is to the general student body?
    - Yoho – it's helpful for concerts (other option is to drive onto the grass by the MPR)
    - There's a turn-out lane so you can drop off your friend; we're trying to get some of the congestion out
  - Brittany – the seating that's outside? What does that look like during the winter?
    - Only the major pathways will be maintained (but the seating will only be out during certain parts of the year)
  - Dayna – there will be storage for staging and sound system, it also includes a speaker system in the ceiling
  - We'll make a concerted effort to communicate this to the rest of the campus; you will be privy to this more than anyone else though, so share!
  - Jesse – so if I hadn't seen these cool images, how would you rate this on a scale from 1 to badass
    - Dayna – 10 Badass
  - Melinda – if you have further questions, ask Dayna, Jim or Dan
- Financial Vice President
  - Club Reports
    - Westminster Round – Molly
      - Bad Love Poetry – Wednesday 2/15
      - Concessions at Leonard Oakland Film Fest
      - Readings coming up
    - Gaming Club – Evan Underbrink
      - WhitCon – March 31
  - Requisition
    - Tim Gjeffe – asking for 15 students to attend Washington Student Leadership Forum
    - In Olympia, focus on raising up Christ-centered leaders; started on West side of Washington, now trying to reach East side; getting student leaders together to talk about this kind of leadership and bringing that back to campuses
    - March 1-3
    - Speaker – former PM of Ethiopia (Tamrat Layne), Bob Goff (founder fo Restore International), David Bluhm (CEO of Z2Live – a mobile phone gaming company)
    - Includes ticket to governor's prayer breakfast
    - Put together small groups for the duration of the weekend
      - have lunch with legislator with the group

- live performance by Jeff Bethke: “Why I Hate Religion but Love Jesus”
  - 2 night stay at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia
  - Cost per student - \$100 per student for (15 students plus 2 facilitators), Whitworth vehicles (\$420)
    - \$2,370 requisition
  - Students to pay \$25 to pay for gas (incentive not to drop out before the event)
  - Want to get together at the conference as a group from Whitworth and bring it back to campus; have meetings on campus to talk about what we learned and maybe have a program or seminar
  - WSL are paying for 15 Act 6 students (there are still 6 spots left – they are talking to Esther)
    - Michael – she’s on sabbatical, so she may not be answering e-mails regularly
  - Brittany – who decides who gets to go?
    - We asked RDs and Student Life to recommend people; 12 new people showed up including RAs, freshmen, people in this room; registration is Feb 15, so it’s a time crunch; the money from here goes to the first 15 but the opportunity will be extended to anyone else willing to pay, but they wouldn’t be able to travel with us
  - Jesse – if you went last year and it was individual, how is this going to be different? You’re taking money from the school
    - Last year, WSL paid for us, which may have been a lack of incentive for us to convene back here
    - It’s still a discussion what that would look like; there’s no way to keep people accountable though; no one’s going to have the same experience but someone spoke to us about trafficking on the I-5 corridor
  - Evan – have you asked for funds from anyone else?
    - WSL is willing to give us funds if we don’t get money from here?
  - Stewart – how many people last year?
    - 15 plus two facilitators
    - WSL plaid
  - Yoho – what does the \$100 include?
    - Food, transportation there,
  - Yoho – have you talked to the guy since Finance Committee about getting more funding
  - Dayna – if you didn’t get this money, it would cost about \$150 per person
- Discussion – Finance Committee failed this
    - This individual project doesn’t fit into the FSOPs, about 1/3 of the allocated budget
    - Yoho – idea proposed that we put forth funding for transportation

- Idea shot down because we would have to pay for the vans, making it \$790 whereas if people drive, it would be about half that
    - Katie W. – they have to use Whitworth vans if we give them money?
    - Dayna – that’s not true (Tim told Laura C. that)
    - Stewart – if he’s requisitioning for 15 but not even that many showed initial interest and even they probably won’t go; there’s six days
      - Laura C. – I don’t think they’ll have trouble getting a few more people if it’s paid for; the e-mail said it cost \$100 which would be a deterrent
    - Jeff – if they don’t get all those people, then we keep the money, but we’re student leaders in this room and we love learning how to be a better leader; to have other students go there and have a chance to grow themselves, maybe we won’t see broad effects, but it makes a big difference to those people
    - Melinda – I agree with Jeff but the issue is paying for the facilitators, probably not students; our money is supposed to go to student programs
    - Katie – sign-up based but if it’s so much of our money, maybe it should be application based (though it’s late for that)
    - Jesse – good to invest in people who want to pursue leadership, but it’s mostly just self-promoting for them, there should be some initiative on their part, maybe paying for half
    - Yoho – agree with Jeff but Tim specifically said they’re targeting current leaders
    - Brittany - \$2300 could be used to benefit 400-500 people
    - Kara – 25% of the budget on 15 people, not fair
    - Evan – yeah, we’re not going to pay for the whole thing, but we should throw them a bone, let them find more money and have students pay the rest; it sounds like Tim hasn’t explored all of their options
    - Sam – motion to vote to fail; David second
      - 7-6 fail; 1 abstain
  - Raise your hand if you know how much is in your account right now (lots of raised hands – Laura is pleased)
  - Nice new stickers to keep track of reimbursements, same information as is on receipts, you just put this on the back of the receipt, because it’s hard to fit that information on there
- President
  - EVP Vote
    - Patrick Stewart and Sarah Whittemore withdrew from the election – both due to being overcommitted
    - Voting members only, write your name and constituency on the paper being passed around; someone will be voting for each Christine and Chelsea (they are leaving the room)
    - Yoho – is this simple majority? Can we abstain?

- We can repeal the vote if we get 2/3 majority
      - Abstain – Arend Senator, Off-Campus Rep
      - Christine – Mac Senator, East/Duvall Rep, East Senator, Stewart/Village Senator, Off-Campus Senator, Warren Senator, Theme House Rep
      - Chelsea – Warren Rep, Duvall Senator
      - Missing Votes – Arend/BJ Rep, BJ Senator, Ballard Senator
  - Announcements
    - Don't forget to post to SharePoint
    - If you don't remember how to access it, Katie can help you; maybe we'll do it together doing GE330
    - Tell people to run/apply for positions or consider doing it yourself, underclassmen!
    - More formal nominations for positions will be held closer to application and election season
    - Until I get a list of committees, can you e-mail me what committee you're supposed to be on even if you're not going
    - Decided to do an e-mail reading check and she only got 10 responses so stand up; this is about 1/3 of our group; you feel bombarded with e-mails but you need to be reading e-mails from people in this group; candy for all of them
      - Jesse – what was the e-mail; I check my e-mail all the time and didn't see it
      - It was about the EVP election and upcoming changes
    - Remember the second rule – please be 5 minutes early; let Melinda know if you're running from a class; our entire guest group was here before the body was here
- Vibes/Reports
  - Dodgeball tournament coming up, hard to schedule with baseball travel; last home basketball game is next week and will include spirit thing
  - Evan – RAs are studs and mare
  - Tori – putting blurb about HUB expansion in newsletter
  - David – business club had first meeting today – events planned
  - Sarah – survey of off-campus and I think they want to go to Dockside or go to Sky High
  - Brittany – Battle of Bands 2/23 8pm
  - Pam – next Wed and Thur – new senior pictures
  - Cherise – there will be theme house events
  - Katie – CBS meeting tonight; started playing BJ bash
  - Stewart – Bachelor(ette) Auction 2/16 8pm; if you're not married or in a serious relationship, consider volunteering or bidding to find the love of your life; Stewart says he will be auctioning himself!
  - Chelsea – all good in Duvall
  - Kara – Grad(uation) Fair next Thur 2/16
  - Landon – indoor intramural sports starting on Wednesday; waiting for outdoor sports until Omachee is playable

- Kellie – COVAC had a meeting this week; possibility of a leadership major (probably not); talked about CO350 issue – they have to have professors (not staff or adjuncts) so it's hard to staff; approved a bunch of classes; CO250 presented
- Laura V. – with the HUB expansion there's a lot more shade which means more ice; I will be contacting people next time it gets icy
- Nate – people wondering about the trees; also complaints about the hours of buildings on campus (library, Graves, fieldhouse)
- Jeff – planning Spring Break – Moab, UT and backpacking on Olympic peninsula with rafting on Spokane River
- David – radio station is complete
- Jessica – you haven't lived until your site has been hacked by Armenians; Jessica's GSDing (David defines it for us)
- Katie – the leadership fair is next Friday so hype that up; applications will be available online next Friday; Senators, if you want a PDF to quickly advertise the leadership fair, let her know
- Yoho – who is on Department Chairs committee? What about the Dean meetings this week?
  - Kara, on the committee but didn't get any e-mails
- Melinda – congratulations to Christine, our new EVP!
- Evan – motion to adjourn; Ian – second 6:12pm

## E-mail Discussion Regarding the Requisition Repeal and Re-Vote

### **Laura C:**

The requisition made 2/3 majority for the repeal. So now we will need to make some amendments to the original proposal.

The next step for the sake of time is going to be an email "discussion" until we have a motion and a second.

### My encouragement to you:

1. Limit the amount of discussion.
2. Have a number in mind to amend the proposal and give your support/argument for that number.
3. HIT REPLY ALL you are discussing this with the Assembly not just me. Sorry to clutter your inbox **Coordinators** but I think you have valid concerns and points that will help the Senators and Reps to make an informed decision.
4. Reoccurring themes I heard last night:
  - This might be an individual experience, but it has potential to affect many people so what needs to be required of the participants to affect more students?
  - The requisition as it stands is 1/3 of our remaining budget which is significant, is there an amount that will help the participants afford this opportunity but that doesn't unfairly affect the budget?

- They are NOT required to use Whitworth vans (\$420 on the requisition), they can take their own vehicles
- The facilitators have no ties to Whitworth and are not students (\$225 per)

And again. Time is of the essence

**Kellie Hodges:**

I suggest we pay half of the student's cost to go (\$50 per person for 15 people, so \$750). If they do not find 15 people willing to pay the other \$50, they can spread it over whoever does attend and reduce their personal costs. At most, they provide \$50 and gas money from their own pockets, and secure two facilitators willing to pay their own way. If they really want to go, \$70 doesn't seem like too big a price for a three day event.

**Katie Wright:**

while it's an individual experience, it's also an opportunity for those individuals to affect our community. personally, I believe we should give around \$500 or \$600 on the basis that they agree to having followup meetings after the event. I think that way we can help assure that this event will positively benefit our community and if we can make sure that'll happen, then I think it's a great use of our funds!

**Sarah Whitemore:**

I am in favor of our original decision. Though I am sure this is a truly wonderful opportunity for these students, I have trouble justifying spending our budget on such a personal pursuit (instead of a program or opportunity that could benefit a significant percentage of the student body). I believe that, if we polled the student body (which we will not, and probably should not do) about spending their money on the personal endeavors of a few students, they would most definitely reject the idea. I oppose spending funds on this. alternative--can we perhaps bring speakers to Whitworth to speak about leadership, so that it can benefit a wider segment of the students?

**Laura Venemon:**

I agree with Kellie. I think that these leaders will have an immense affect on their respective populations, and that's worth spending money on. I like the idea of \$50 per person, coming to \$750. I also want to point out that this money is given out on a first come, first serve basis as far as I know. I also like what Katie had to say about having a follow up meeting after. I don't think that investing in furthering these individuals' leadership skills is a poor use of our money.

**Chelsea Stephens:**

I'm in agreement with Kellie and Laura. I want to make a motion to vote for giving them \$750 with the stipulation that they must have follow up meetings and find their own transportation.

**Tori Sullivan:**

So is it false that we don't have to pay for transportation even if we give them some funding? Just curious! I'm sure you guys will figure it out! Go team!



**Patrick Yoho:**

Since I have a captive audience here, here are my thoughts before any voting takes place (please read this, I've devoted a bit of time here writing this all out):

To echo Sarah and several other voices who are part of the assembly, my biggest concern is that this program will mainly help with individual development rather than enrichment of our student body. In fact, I asked Tim straight up during finance committee whether more enrichment occurred for the individuals who attended or for their constituencies and he straightaway answered that it was mainly the individual that benefited. Now, he has proposed this idea of having the group meet to find ways of applying the learning, and I hope that they can do that, but I remain skeptical. It is my impression that this experience will be better for developing leadership skills that could be applied in a professional organization (rather than leading a group of peers), for networking, and for one's resume.

**I would also like to look at this in terms of finances and potential for effecting students on campus:**

Some variables:

- amount requested: \$750
- guess at what unallocated holds: \$7500
- individuals attending: 15
- According to our budget:
  - Total Students: 2165
  - On-campus students: 1294

According to these figures, \$750 represents 10% of our remaining unallocated budget. The argument can be thus made that this program should touch 10% of the student body in some way (which, may I add, is rather undefined how this will help, it would have helped to have been approached with some ideas from Tim about how things learned could be applied based on his experience attending in the past). 10% of the student body is about 217 students. Which divided by 15 leaders, means that the experience that the people who attend this event must help them enrich the lives of 14 of their constituents, which seems like a tall order to me, especially with no advanced expectations of how the attending students can attend the conference with a focus on learning how they can benefit their fellow students.

**My counter proposal:**

All this being said, I do think that this experience sounds like an exceedingly good one and I see a possibility for impacting some of the student body. I even think that ASWU should show some faith and support in the initiative as having a presence at this event will help reinforce Whitworth's image as committed to their student leaders. However, enriching the lives of 14 other people around them seems a little bit excessive. I could maybe see half that number.

Therefore, in order to show reasonable support, it is my counter recommendation that we provide (at a maximum) \$25 per student. This would total \$375 and represent 5% of the remaining unallocated budget and would provide help with transportation costs. It shows our support and hope that the learning done at this conference will positively impact our campus, but without grandiose expectations that will leave us regretting spending money on something that ultimately ends up mainly benefiting the individuals who attend the event.

Thanks for reading,

(Double knocks from Laura Cardle, Ian Robins, Tori Sullivan, Sarah Whittemore, David Hochstatter)

**Ian Robins:**

Double knock to Patrick's proposal of supporting this group with \$25 per student, it has us supporting them without sacrificing our budget that should be spent on the rest of the student body. Does the 15 people going include the two supervisors? Just curious

**Laura Cardle:**

Clarifying points:

1. Transportation: talking to Dayna they do not need to use WU vans
2. Ian's question about the 15: the 15 will be students, as the requisition goes they are requesting additional funding for 2 facilitators.

**Chelsea Stephens:**

So is Patrick's proposal a motion to vote? And if so, was Ian's knock a second?

**David Dennis:**

This seems wildly inappropriate to approve a requisition via email. (double knock from Sarah Whittemore and David Hochstatter)

**Laura Cardle:**

Please use the verbage "motion" and "second" otherwise assume that ideas and knocks are merely that.

**Jeff Podmayer:**

What the hell is going on. (double knock from Kara Heatherly)

**Tori Sullivan:**

I believed the requisition was reopened and is now up for discussion again via email. All ASWU members can discuss, only assembly can vote.

**Motion to vote to approve \$25/student, for a total of \$375 – Laura Venemon  
Second – Chelsea Stephens**

**Laura Cardle:**

All in favor for passing the requisition for \$375 respond Yay all opposed to passing  
respond Nay