

ASWU Minutes

3/6/2013

1. Call to Order: Molly Hough, ASWU President
2. Mission Statement:
 - Maggie: The mission statement was lived out through the temperature survey
3. Minutes: motion, second, approved
4. Guests: Jacob, Evan, Matthew, Hannah, Justin, Sammi, Kevin, Crystal, Joel, Brandon, Sergio, August, Erica, Remi, Clint, Joel, Kasey, Lauren, Troy, kurtis, Britney, Alyssa, Jack, Nate
5. Star Award: Samantha, she got handed the task of the temperature survey. You need to do the crazy dance!
6. Speaker: Landon Creceilius, Student Success Advocate update
 - I'm a Whitworth alum of 2004. I was born and raised in Spokane. I've wrestled alligators, caught robbers, and was an RD in Stewboppage. Student Success Advocate comes out of Whitworth wanting to support students. There is kind of a trend to develop this on campuses nationwide. There were people who were doing this type of work and it distracted from their work. We want to connect students to resources and to make sure that students can succeed while they're at Whitworth. This plays out through an early alert system and following up with students who have lower GPAs. Early alerts is a system that was serving professors, but it now isn't always academically, sometimes they have had some tough life events thrown at them. "Fill in the gaps with good" is a motto that fits with this. The second part has been working with students who have low GPAs. I work with a team of success coaches who are students who are hired and trained. They build trust interpersonally and then come alongside them to see how they can help them be successful academically. Right now we are only meeting students who are almost on academic suspension, so we would like to meet the needs of more students in the future. I was a student with a low GPA during my first couple of semesters, so it is neat to now be on the other side of that and to share some of the things I've learned. I like to remind students that they are more than just their grades, because that can be a thing that can shape people negatively if they don't have that voice. You should know that I am one part of a student success team that is trying to get a holistic picture of students. [Whitworth.edu/student success](http://Whitworth.edu/student%20success) is our new website that we just launched. We've opened this up so that staff and students can more easily input into the early alert system on here.
 - Tyler Jezierski: If you could have an anonymous submission on the website where you could give positive feedback would be cool.

- Landon: There is a way that when students submit anything they can tell us how they would like us to follow up, but that's a really good idea.
- Nick: How many people are a part of the student success team?
- Landon: Right now there are five of us.
- Marisol: I know there were some bias and harassment issues last semester, is your position at all approaching you or the team from keeping those situations from happening?
- Landon: On Tuesday we were talking about how to support that situation around bias incidents. Currently there is one arm of Whitworth that wants to do more educational programming and the student success team has members who are trained in that situation. It looks like we will come alongside and help navigate. Potentially the software that we have would allow bias reporting that would go to the appropriate people.
- Sergio: Have you started to research this in admissions?
- Landon: Whitworth had seven or nine key factors that alerted them that students might need extra support. It's one of those things that you want to be careful to not profile, but how could you be proactive in making sure that these people have a good foot to start on when you enter Whitworth.
- Sergio: I'm aware of other universities who admit students with certain GPAs with restrictions. It might be good to put these students on some sort of alert system around this academic need. So how could this be structured?
- Landon: With that list of students, why wouldn't we put in a note in our system that helps us track? Then when a professor put a flag up about that student we would have something to connect that to already in our system. Thank you.
- Kevin: I'm curious how the student success team will measure their success and goals.
- Landon: Currently that has been our agenda to find systems to measure our goals. We do look at the data a lot. Our software is kind of limiting right now, but with the academic side we are working with Dr. Melissa Rogers in the psychology department and she is helping us to research that is allowing us to see if our work was beneficial.
- Trevor Z. (written by Tim Gjefle!): How are students initially approached about how they are being watched?
- Landon: We start with an e-mail from a student success advocate. Sometimes the professor wants it to be anonymous. It really depends on the situation and the level of concern.
- Jonny Whitmore: What kind of training or awareness does the faculty have of this process?
- Landon: Dr. Michaelis talks at length about students success, what to look for, and how to report it. I was at a faculty assembly where we tried to continue to

connect with faculty and give them training resources. Hopefully they can kind of recognize who we are.

- Faith: When did this start?
- Landon: Really this position started this year. There were people trying to support students, but students were slipping through who were at risk or weren't succeeding.

7. Filmmaking Club

- Danny Parker, Kirin, and Alyssa
- The primary objective of this club is to increase interest in film studies on Whitworth campus. We will make short films with anyone who wants to be involved, we will teach each other how to make movies, and we will watch and appreciate and understand the art of film. That means we can host events and discussions. We have already created one video and it got third place in the Leonard Oakland film festival. We have a meeting coming up on Thursday. We had a precursory meeting and we had six or seven members, so there is an interest in film. There will also be a Film Minor offered next year, and the people who are creating this will be our advisors.
- Kurtis Mcfadden: What are the costs?
- Danny: We have a tiny budget of \$25 right now that we won from the film festival, but we won't really have any costs. In the coming year we are anticipating asking for funds for some equipment, but I think that most people who will be interested in the club will have their own filming equipment. We might look into getting props and something for stabilization. We may collaborate with different clubs and make videos for them and for different organizations. We could potentially do some fundraising for our club through that. We can do a lot of things to make money.
- Maggie: How are you guys advertising?
- Danny: We have a few posters around campus. We have an all campus e-mail that just went out. We will be periodically hosting videos and will attach the Filmmaking Club name onto it. In the next few months we will go to having meetings every other week, (not including project times).
- Jonny Whitmore: I know a lot of people who are interested in film critiquing, but not making film, will your club expand to that?
- Danny: A long time in the future we are anticipating being able to host some film festivals. An idea that I've had is to have a short film festival that won't have any production going into it. We will have time to watch and then discuss these films, but the primary goal of this club is to make films.
- Tyler: When is your meeting?
- Danny: Tomorrow at 9:00 in Westminster.
- Molly: think about sustainability of your club for Budget Committee.

- Matt: They have all their paperwork in, it sounds good to me, what do you think?
 - Motion to approve, second, approved!
8. Aaron and Matthew:
- Whitworth triathlon information
 - We are trying to incorporate everyone at Whitworth and would like to do this annually. The setup is based on very basic distances. It is a 500 meter swim, everyone in this room can do that. There is a 10k bike and a 5k run through the back 40. We wanted to figure out how we can get the dorms more involved, because this is team participants as well as individual participants. We only have thirteen people signed up so far, and if we don't have enough people it won't happen. We would like to see at least one team per dorm. We don't know a prize yet but we would like to have one. We're getting a basket of goodies and t-shirts as prizes for individuals. Fleet Feet will probably have a booth here. We will have gift cards as well. For the prizes it also depends on how many people we have register.
 - Jonny Whitmore: What is your money going to?
 - Aaron: It is a fundraiser for the Athletic Training Club.
 - Trevor: What are the costs? It seems really expensive.
 - Aaron: It's \$15 per person.
 - Matthew: This is actually fairly cheap compared to other individuals.
 - Maggie: Is it \$15 to do the whole thing and \$15 to do just one event as a part of a team?
 - Matthew: Yes.
 - Hannah: How is this compared to triathlons that are more expensive?
 - Aaron: It's quite a bit shorter than most triathlons.
 - Ashton: When does early registration end?
 - Aaron: It ends on the 20th, which is also the last day to register as a team and to register for a t-shirt.
 - Ashton: Speaking to the \$15 per person in a team, I would make the suggestion of lowering the team price since each person is only doing one event.
 - Jonny Whitmore: I'm not exactly sure what you want or need from us, but if you need capital to help lower the costs of registration or want help advertising, come talk to me.
 - Matthew: We just need help advertising.
9. Temperature Survey, Samantha Pridemore
- Question 1, it was pretty equal in people who wanted and didn't want paintings. People who said yes wanted them moved to a more noticeable place. They also wanted an information plaque because once people heard the story they were more likely to want to keep them.

- Question 2, for the most part people think that programming is higher quality. The room for improvement was more events during Jan Term and spring semester. They said they are always at bad times. People want more weekend events. They said events need to not get double booked. People really liked the hypnotist, midnight madness, Noah Gunderson, Green Dot, Mat Kearney, the movies, comedians, coffee shop shows. They want to see rappers, country artists, humans vs. zombies, and more cultural events that are on things besides race.
- Question 3, people want their voice to be heard in choosing the movement for next year. They think it has lost momentum and people think it has faded because of Green Dot. Some people feel like it has been forced on us, and some people think it hasn't been advertised well because they don't really know what it is.
- Question 4, People want a lot more with recycling, composting, and more potential for the greenhouse behind facilities. People also want a big celebration around Earth Day. They want this coordinator to be easy to contact. They want solar power and to be involved in Spokane County.
- Question 5, People think we just have meetings, intramurals, outdoor rec, programming, and e-mails! People definitely want more face-to-face contact.
- Question 6, People like e-mails but also want less e-mails. People want social media. Jonny Strain, your e-mails came up a lot, people love them! People think Minutes in a Minute need to be advertised more, and people want senators to be more involved in the dorms. People want more surveys and getting their opinion heard.
- Question 7, a lot of people didn't know they could attend meetings. Mostly people said it doesn't matter to them where they are so I don't think it's worth changing the location.
- Jonny Whitmore: Can we publish this somewhere, transparency?
- Dayan: We could put it in the glass cases as they are walking in.
- Larissa: Our pictures aren't up in a very good place.
- Kevin: You could pass this down to people who are on ASWU next year so they can use this information.
- Ian: I think we should do another survey as it gets closer to the end of the semester.
- Jonny Whitmore: I think the biggest thing I took out of this was the desire of people to see us out there on campus.
- Kelly: I also think the temperature survey doesn't really capture what the off-campus students think.
- Ian: I was even thinking about having the senators do a mini temperature survey in our dorm communities. Once a semester isn't enough.
- Meredith: What if we had a weekly question that the senators were asking?

- Trevor: The role that senators have in the dorm community isn't taken full advantage of. Residents view them as residents instead of as senators. I was talking to Nick about how we could do this better. We were talking about having a news night type of thing for senators at their primetimes.
- Samantha: That was something that was said too, people felt like the newsletters weren't talking about everything that happens in the newsletters.
- Tyler Jezierski: I look at your newsletter and I put all of the events from that on mine. Every response that I've been getting is that I've been doing a good job, just saying.
- Jonny Strain: It's not just events, but also what we've been talking about.
- Tim: They all say what we've been talking about!
- Nick: I've also been told that people don't read that stuff.
- Ashton: At the beginning of the school year I had a section called ASWU Updates.

10. Requisition for Art in the HUB

- The four paintings that are in the HUB are on loan from the artist, and we would like to purchase these pieces for Whitworth's permanent collection. The paintings are valued at over \$8,000. We're asking for \$1,100 to purchase these four paintings. With the temperature survey, putting up a little plaque with the story of the paintings would be very easy.
- Jonny Whitmore: If you don't get the money, where will the fundraising funds go?
- Hannah: They would go to another place. The funds have come specifically for the paintings though. With student artwork, that is an extremely hard thing to do because it is costly to put up art in that specific area.
- Matt: Capital is at over \$12,000.
- Dayna: I think this requisition is more about if you as a student body want to contribute to putting art on campus. No one will agree on what they think is art or is beautiful or not, so this is more of supporting valuable art on campus or not. We did have a Visual Arts Coordinator a couple of years ago, and their job was to get art to display in the MPR. It was really a difficult task. The students didn't have time to give them art and it was really hard, so we discontinued that coordinator position. Just so you know, trying to display student art is harder than it sounds.
- Ashton: My initial thoughts were that it was quite a bit of money, but I mean we spent money on a TV. Then I decided that the art says something about our campus and gives our campus character.
- Jack: I think that we need to respect the alumni and donor relations. If they don't get these art pieces they feel like they donated their money for nothing.
- Pam: I've been talking to Tad a lot about it, and I think that the fact that we're talking about it this much kind of proves that it's making students think and react.

- Ian: We're only paying 13% for the whole thing, which I think is pretty huge. I was initially against it, but since capital is over \$12,000 and I don't think a lot of expenses will come up for the rest of the year, it seems totally worth doing.
- Tyler Jezierski: At first I didn't have a connection, but I think that the story will help people a lot.
- Maggie: I just want to point out that 49% of the student body said no and 12% didn't care, and we represent the student body.
- Kevin: motion, second, not passed.
- Blaine: People also don't like Core or ASWU, if we want to show nothing but brick walls, go back to community college!!!!!! (said with passion!)
- Jonny Whitmore: I personally have been against it for the most part, but as Samantha was saying people changed over to yes once they knew the story. I think a lot of opposition is based on a lack of knowledge and information.
- Evan: How many people were surveyed?
- Samantha: There were people who didn't answer the question and we don't have a specific number.
- Evan: Not everyone was told the story and not everyone was surveyed.
- Jack: \$1,100 out of capital isn't a lot for an investment that is timeless. The work and the money of alumni and donors is impacting us in ways that you don't even know.
- Matt: I would like to hear if anyone has any negative feelings right now.
- Nick: I'm still against it and I feel like obviously we weren't able to talk to everyone on campus, but I feel like it would be a lot better representation of our student body to display student artwork.
- Rachel: What is the cost to display students artwork?
- Dayna: It sounds like it would be so easy, but it just for some reason was really hard to get. Usually art students were doing their work for something else. I'm not sure why, it wouldn't cost us anything. Not to say that it can't happen again.
- Guest: Would these paintings stay in the HUB? If they only stay there then not all students will see it.
- Ian: Motion to pass the requisition in the full amount and to add the background information, second, approved.

11. One word coordinator vibes:

- Kevin: busy
- Jonny Whitmore: Basketball game on Saturday at 7:00, first 500 students get in free and I'm closing that off at 6:45. Baseball and Softball each have like four home games this weekend.
- Kelly: graduation
- Hillary: crazy

- Blaine: art
- Aaron: Saturday is very busy for sports broadcasters. They want to start broadcasting course. We are going to start planning for the Dub Club.
- Seth: Off-campus night at McClains on the 20th.
- Caleb: Les Miserables on Sunday.
- Chelsea: Green with Envy next Saturday the 16th in the Hub expansion.

12. EVP

- Get CBS sheets typed up and signed by you and your RDs and get them to me by next week.

13. President

- Steven Bauman was supposed to be here tonight, they are going to show a video of what he was supposed to talk about.
- We have a volleyball game next Tuesday at 9:00.

14. FVP

- Budget Committee stuff is coming out soon

15. Motion to adjourn, second, approved