

ASWU Minutes

3/20/2013

1. Call to Order: Molly
2. Mission Statement: Maggie
3. Minutes: motion, second, approved
4. Molly: It is Jonny Whitmore's birthday, so we will sing him happy birthday! Happy Birthday Jonny!!!!!!!!!!
5. Guests: John, Brodrick, Mike, Lauren, Lauren, Joel, Eric, Rachel, Evan, Tyler, Caleb, Andrea, Justin, Kevin, Sergio, Lauren, Dick, Jack, Katie
6. Star Award: Chelsea, despite the basketball team losing, you lit up the night with Green with Envy! (she gets a colorful lantern!)
7. Speaker: Jolyn Dahlgvig, Associate Dean of Students
 - There has been a lot of conversation around hate/bias lately, especially with The Laramie Project. We care about this because anything that makes another person feel less than human breaks down community. Besides that, it could also cross over into territory of harassment, which is not okay.
 - Last Fall some incidents were brought to student life, so Beck had a committee sit down and talk this through. One of the first things we talked about was some way for the reports to be made. We found that there was some breakdown in communication so we wanted to provide an opportunity for students to provide information anonymously. On this page there are a couple of paragraphs about harassment and biases, and then you can provide your name if you want, followed by information about the event. They can also list potential witnesses and say whether or not they would like to be contacted. We've been working with IT on getting that going, and it should be live in the next couple of weeks. It will be not in the best spot initially, but eventually there will be a link on the student page. For now it will be on PiratePort on the Quick Links tab. Hopefully we'll be able to start tracking how often things are happening and develop a better response as an institution.
 - Along with that there are some other pieces. In looking at the Student Handbook, there are several aspects that we have to pay attention to. There is a layer of federal legislation and looking at how we could have a process for any type of harassment. So hopefully the website will clearly give the steps that you should take and options for informal resolution and conduct processes. There are a lot of pieces and any times you make changes there are a lot of things that have to happen. Hopefully that piece can be in line by next Fall.
 - The other three bullet points are from Jim's presentation. The first thing is that people need to be heard. This could be done on the website or a person-to-person report that would be great too. We've been looking at how to handle these

situations. The next one is the need for safety and having a safe place to be able to go to. If it is happening in a residence hall, there are several things we can do, which are called intermediate steps. This might be changing rooms, changing out of classes, or safe walks. Any sort of short term quick things to make them feel as safe as possible. The SST is the student success team that is an interdisciplinary team that will also be working with this and can make quick decisions as to how to best help this student. The final one is to need to know what's next. We're hoping to get all of that information more transparently on the website. As it stands now, everything can be solved in a more informal or formal way.

- Marisol: As far as the formal process, who will be in charge of conducting that process?
- Jolyn: The formal process basically is the VP for student life, and I have been designated for this. What we're moving to is with any type of harassment we will go to a board structure. Really it depends on each situation. Part of the investigation process is to really sort out the facts. If they aren't disputed by anyone, there might not be the need to have a full board come and help with that decision. In the unclear situations this is more necessary to decide what to do next. We gather as much data as we can and the board would make a decision. They have representation from across campus, but it depends on the situation. In an ideal world, we would train a larger group of people and pick from that.
- Sergio: How public will this information be for incoming students?
- Jolyn: The federal requirements right now don't require that it breaks down by particular types of hate crime, but that has been changed recently. You will then have to go through and mark what type of harassment it was and where it occurred. My guess is that we will be implementing that within the next year. Those stats are found I think on the campus safety section of the website. My guess is next year it will have all the break out pieces. Bias incidents aren't actually part of the federal requirement, so that is a decision of the University. Anything to the level of breaking the law is required to go into the federal report.
- Sergio: The information isn't the most accessible right now, will there be changes to that with the new forms of data?
- Jolyn: I think that is a great question. There are a couple places that reporting can happen, and I think there are things we can do that would make it easier to find. I'm not exactly sure how Whitworth will handle that, but I think that's a good point.
- Evan: Are there guidelines for RAs or faculty for when they have to report what a student brings to them?
- Jolyn: There are a few different ways you can do it. Right now an anonymous report is possible. The piece around that that is challenging is the duty to try to protect the entire campus, so if there is a threat to the level of it harming the

broader campus the college has the responsibility to do some type of warning. If the report is incomplete, it is more difficult to make a decision on where the threat level is to the entire campus. On those lines, if a report is made it depends on where it is in the spectrum of things to know how quickly action will happen. There is training for employees to know how to report.

- Evan: How do you plan on informing students about this?
- Jolyn: Immediately when we are okayed to make this link live, there will be an announcement on PiratePort. There are some other things we can do too. We can make students aware of it during orientation as well.
- It would be great if this didn't happen at all, so part of that is working with student leaders to understand how to have these types of conversations. There is a 5-step process by "Hate Hurts." Even though it is for middle schoolers, it has some validity for everyone. Some of that is feeling equipped to start conversations.
- The next thing is housing for next year. We've been looking at the numbers and trying to figure out ways to minimize the overflow. That is when rooms are overfilled. Last year we had empty spaces in men's rooms and overflow in women's rooms. The next class is predicted to be 60/40 and a lot of our halls are designed to be 50/50, so we're trying to figure out how to handle more women than men. We made the decision to make Stewart and the Village all first year students. That way they can be all female if they need to be. Cornerstone will also be all first year students. There is a lot of conversation around why. A big piece of it is that there are about 15 residents that chose to stay in these dorms from last year's housing lottery. Historically these buildings are the last to fill with upperclassmen. We think this will have the least disruption to our community. Students tend to like the idea of living in a dorm with all first year students.
- Seth: Is there a reason why you don't use the term freshman?
- Jolyn: First year students is a better term because freshman has been a derogatory term in some sense. Some students also aren't coming straight from high school.
- Justin: I live in Stewart, and I'm planning to run for senator, what happens to me?
- Jolyn: Dayna tells me you can still be it. Another option is to think about Boppell.

8. Karate Club, Sarah

- We would like to start a Karate Club and would like to hopefully represent Whitworth at nationals this year. We would hopefully train at least once a week on top of the other classes that are already here. This would possibly take place in the Cornerstone dance studio.
- Tim: What would funds look like for you guys?
- Sarah: We have a potential budget for how much we would charge for the tournament, but a lot is determined by how much money we raise from this for nationals.

- Nick: What would you require for membership?
- Sarah: A full time undergraduate student and some level or training in a discipline of martial arts. Our advisor would help us look at all the students who want to come in. We have about 20 students who are interested so far and 4 students who are hoping to lead it.
- Ian: What are your meetings going to look like? Like an open gym type of deal?
- Sarah: We would ask students to sit in and watch for one evening and would evaluate them and decide if they would be able to join.
- Kevin: What do you think a typical meeting would look like?
- Sarah: The first half would be us training and sense Thomas would teach the second half.
- Marisol: What kind of events are you planning to have?
- Sarah: At this point, April 20th is the date for the Karate tournament with three different types of competition. Another tournament could take place in the Fall.
- Joel: Would you be willing to have a self-defense class?
- Sarah: That is a definite possibility, yeah.
- Caleb: What is the average number for a group?
- Matt: About 20, which is actually pretty high for something like this.
- Mackenzie: She mentioned that she would like people to have experience, but I would like to have an aspect for people who have no experience.
- Matt: That's a great point.
- Caleb: Isn't there already a karate class? That could be the entry process.
- Kevin: Are clubs allowed to say who can join and who can't?
- Blaine: We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone!
- Matt: I think the big question would be how beginner friendly they would be.
- Jack: I'm pretty sure there is something in the club manual about being able to have stipulations for membership.
- Justin: Is there anything mentioned about liability?
- Dayna: I'll have to check with the insurance people about sparring.
- Meredith: So would it be better to not charter them now?
- Matt: So you want to hold this off?
- Dayna: Perhaps if they are wanting to spar against each other. Let's wait.
- Marisol: I'm just wondering how realistic is \$2 per person to send people to nationals.
- Aaron: Are we discussing on if we will approve the club?
- Matt: Are there any other comments you want me to discuss with them?
- Motion to table, second, approved.

9. Lauren Davies, RA in BJ

- We've had a couple comedians come on campus. The first one had several racial jokes and another one that caused a student to run out crying because of a bulimia joke. (example of discussion about this on Whitworth Confessions shown). So if we have the Green Dot program on campus and then someone who is making comments about this, the consistency seems off to me. What are your thoughts on that?
- Maggie: I think you bring a lot of good points, but my thoughts are that as a campus I don't think consistency is necessary. I think that we can look at all of these different things and draw our own conclusions.
- Dayna: We never have comedians on campus unless we've previewed them before for this very reason. The comedians are known for going into their "blue" material when they get nervous. We did preview this act. My thought is that if we want to see comedians, that comes with comedians. We will always preview them. The bigger issue is understanding that there is always a possibility that they will go into "blue" material. It will be safer to not have them at all, but it is really difficult for the student who is contracting with him to control that. We all previewed him and he was clean.
- Molly: I know that sitting in the audience, it was a pretty left field comment. I think there is good conversation around the next step.
- Jack: I think it comes down to a general idea of exploring the tension between security and freedom. What do we want to offer our campus? Do we want to offer the opportunity for expression or do we want to be legalistic?
- Guest: I think we lose sight of the fact that Whitworth isn't representative as real life. I think we need to realize that people can be offended, but it would be better to have them exposed to it here than in the "real world."
- Evan: I agree with not censoring, but I think we should encourage an environment where people feel safe to express their feelings of being offended.
- Nick: I agree that you shouldn't attack people because they are offended, but you also shouldn't attack people because they laughed at it.
- Tim: When it gets to the point of conversations like the one on Whitworth Confessions, is there a way that we can provide opportunities to talk about this sort of thing? It makes me uneasy and frustrated at the same time.
- Ian: I think part of the problem is that it is part of the culture that we are in. I know we talk about diversity all the time, but I feel like we're just lectured about it. If you want it to be a learning experience, we should actually do something instead of just have someone point and talk to us. The fact that someone ran out crying, I don't understand how people think that is funny. We have to change how people see things.
- Tim: Or at least provide an opportunity for that.

- Marisol: I did have a specific problem where we addressed these issues and I took an interactive approach. So to say that there aren't opportunities sort of demonstrates that there really is a lack of communication. That was a part of Cultural Awareness Week so we should continue to address those types of things, but realize that we did have an opportunity for that.
- Dayna: We do try to bring people who fit with the mission statement of the university. There are some things that you might need to put in your advertisement that it may be inappropriate. We are doing this for Django Unchained and The Laramie Project did the same thing. The other part of the student handbook allows a student to bring whoever they want to campus. So I mean you have more freedom than I do with who you want to bring to campus. Just know that as your background.
- Ian: Marisol, I get what you're saying. But I was talking to a group this week about how student led events and programs aren't as widely attended as events put on by the administration. So I'm not saying that we haven't done anything this year, I'm just saying that some of the stuff that we put on isn't as widely attended.
- Meredith: Thank you for responding the way that you did. The sad thing is that the people who may need to change aren't going to pursue the conversations that happen. At the very base level, you made someone aware, so I thank you for that.
- Sarah: It's one thing to be a Green Dot on Facebook after the fact, is there any way that you would suggest responding as a Green Dot in the moment?
- Katie: I think that we're pretty surrounded by the culture of nice here, so it would seem rude to stand up. But a good way to respond would be to just stand up and leave. Then the comedian would be like, oh shoot! I think that is something to think about, just standing up and physically doing something, like voting with your actions.
- Molly: The woman who was on stage at that moment did speak up and say that it wasn't funny.

10. Coordinator Vibes

- Maggie: Sustainability Committee met and talked about the gardening club being in the process of building a hydroponic system with Sodexo. That is building plants without soil.
- Faith: The Film Minor was approved.
- Kelly: 60 days till graduation.
- Jonny: Unplugged tomorrow and we have two spoken word poets approved.
- Chelsea: Green with Envy was really great.
- Chrissy: Pam asked me to tell you guys to keep voting on senior photos.
- Ryan: Off campus McClain's night tonight at 7:00.
- Aaron: I'm in the process of getting our t-shirts ordered.

- Tyler: Still deciding on a date for Boppell Coffee House. We are going to have a room with massage therapists that will rotate every ten minutes. The main lobby will have singers for three hours straight. If you have ideas for dates let me know.
- Seth: We probably won't know if you live on campus, so if you don't then we'll make an exception for you.
- Larissa: We want to move Mr. Whitworth to the 20th or the 27th. We will go with the 20th at 7:30. Senators, if I could still get your nominations in whatever way, we would like to have your final nominations by the 10th.
- Ashton: Molly forwarded me the updates.
- Samantha: Keep promoting the Facebook and twitter. You might want to change Mr. Whitworth to 6:00 or 6:30 because there is a lot going on that day.
- Tyler: Please give every effort to push for people to sign up for intramurals before Spring Break. I got a lot of good poems!!!!

11. FVP

- I will have a sign up on my door to sign up to sit in on and to present at budget committee. Linda wanted me to remind you guys that we don't get paid over Spring Break. Also, we are trying to get all of the receipts turned in by the end of the week.

12. EVP

- Tonight there is a campaign meeting in here at 9:30. Elections will be going on right after break. Media as well as elected individual applications are due on Friday. Senators, include the information you heard tonight in the newsletters after Spring Break

13. President

- We got the Temperature Survey results back, and we had the idea to have an open discussion with students in Lied Square about what is going on in ASWU this year. Maybe like from 5:00-6:00. I'm just throwing that on the table and I wanted to hear your thoughts.
- Kelly: I think it would be hard to get people to join in the conversation. I think more of a meet and greet would be good. It might be too late to do it after elections, but we could then have them meet next year's team as well.
- Molly: I'm doing a poor job of selling this, but yeah, that is what it would be! Yes!
- Tim: Do you think people would stop by?
- Maggie: Especially if we have free food.
- Jonny Whitmore: Are you looking at it more as students coming up to talk to us or as us being more proactive and asking them if they want to know about it?
- Molly: That's a great question.
- Larissa: We could use the screen in SAGA and make a slideshow that could be running.

- Ian: What if we had our meeting in the Crow's Nest one time? I feel like that is a more approachable area.
- Larissa: I like the idea of an ASWU Primetime also.
- Meredith: What if you do an ASWU fair type of thing where each position has a table? You could have this year's person and the person for next year.
- Molly: Can I get a straw vote? (everyone wants to do it!)
- Molly: So UNITE update. I went through and detailed our schedule a little bit. I'm going to walk through it with you guys and I want your opinion after. So 1:00 doors would open and we would have check in at the welcome booth. We talked about having a photo booth and the fair trade expo would be set up. We're looking at having a bouncy house and concessions available. At 1:30 we would have a 3pt contest leading into the Law Enforcement Basketball Game. At the same time we could have a local band performing. Beck Taylor could kick off the event and he could even be in the 3pt contest. Beck and Rosetta are completely on board with this event and they are contacting different members of the community to be at this event. Then at 2:30 we would have the relay race which we talked about having more family oriented. From 3:00-4:00 we would have Mr. Spokane. Kevin Parker is our state legislature and he is also in full support of this event. He will be attending the day and will be publicizing this too. He will be inviting a woman from over the mountains!! He's been working with other specific people in government who he will invite to this day as well. A question with that is if we want to have other things going on at this time. From 4:00-5:30 we had a kind of open chunk so I threw in some ideas. We could have an improve group, food trucks, a workshop, a performance, or a presentation. From 5:30-8:00 there will be a benefit concert. There is a question of if we would like to have short presentations between bands. Jazz II class could come and perform at this time. We could possibly have an alternative in the coffee shop, like an open Q&A session. At 8:00 we will end and break down.
- Last week we talked about workshops. Part of the idea of having workshops throughout the day would be that you are showing up and doing a lot of fun things but also learning. That would be a shallow education on why we're doing the day, and the workshops would provide a follow up for more in-depth education. The idea of using the conference rooms upstairs was suggested, and then it is a very choice based thing. It then provides the follow up throughout the day mixed in with the celebration. If we were to have these workshops it would be a very diverse group of them. It would hit a lot of different types of things that people could do.
- Tim: Will people want to know where their money is going before 5:30?
- Molly: At the kickoff, Beck and whoever else will give information about that as well.

- Seth: Show up set up time?
- Molly: I don't know that yet, but that's a good question. It will probably be different for different committees.
- Seth: What space are you looking for with student performers? I didn't see any spaces of time for that.
- Molly: Do we want all day long performers doing that?
- Seth: I think the time before 5:30 would be great for that.
- Molly: I want to caution you to include Gonzaga in that.
- Jack: So just to be clear, this is in place of Springfest? So there will be no club thing?
- Matt: I've thrown it out there that we would love to get clubs involved. If you want to be involved, we would love to find a way to do that!
- Kelly: Do you have a goal for fundraising? I think it's kind of hard for people to be asked to give without telling them that we have this goal. Also, considering that as far as demographics go with the benefit concert, the people who can give the most money won't be college students. So we should try to make sure that if the goal is fundraising that it doesn't necessarily wait until 5:30. And depending on the band that we bring.
- Molly: Jonny can you explain...
- Jonny: I was looking at how to get the coolest bouncy stuff. Ideally I would want to have like three different options for people to do.
- Kelly: And you would pay to do that?
- Jonny: yeah. We would also be doing other small things for really cheap.
- Molly: So there will be carnival type things that people can buy. And food stuff that people can pay for. I agree with you for setting a goal, so thank you.
- Jonny Strain: I was just wondering, in terms of budget and stuff, I would work better with having a number of what we can use.
- Molly: That is helpful. Herm and I have been working on the budget, and if you guys can send us your budget of what you think you would need. It sounds like it will be more helpful to have a tag line, and we will do our best.
- Jonny Strain: We can come up with something too, of maybe we will need this much.
- Molly: That will help us wrap our heads around, okay we will give you X amount of dollars.
- Jonny: what is the total budget?
- Molly: \$6,500 in the entertainment, and \$1,200-1,500 for advertising. The Service Station is \$3,000.
- Ian: I was going to say that for the Mr. Whitworth thing, some of the judgment could be how much money they raised.

- Jonny: With that there is also an idea for a punch card type of thing.
- Mackenzie: Did we find out if we can do the carnival activities in the drive through area?
- Molly: We are waiting to find out about that. Can I get feedback about just the workshops?
- Jack: No workshops.
- Marisol: I think if the overall goal is fundraising then we shouldn't have workshops.
- Molly: Correct me if I'm wrong, but yes fundraising, but also education.
- Marisol: We will have booths there.
- Molly: We will have booths, but the workshops would be upstairs.
- Marisol: I think the thing to keep in mind is that this is also before finals week so I wouldn't want to go to a workshop.
- Kelly: I think just returning to the quality vs. quantity, that is just more different moving parts that would spread the event pretty thin.
- Aaron: As a community event, I think the workshops would add a good thing.
- Seth: I guess my question would be, is it going to take away from the budget?
- Molly: No, it would be completely volunteer based.
- Seth: So the con of having workshops would be.... What would the con be? If it's not taking away from the budget or the event?
- Jack: I take back what I said if they are going to be in conference rooms upstairs.
- Molly: can we do a vote on workshops? (most people want workshops).
- Tim: I'm going to need people to table during elections on the days of primary and general elections.
- Maggie: Sodexo is going to do the sustainability challenge again from the 17th-the 23rd.
- Motion to adjourn, second, approved!