

ASWU Minutes

3-5-2014

- I. Call to order- Ian, 5:00 PM
- II. Mission Statement: Ryan
- III. Minutes: approved!
- IV. Introduce Guests: Dylan, Brad Pointer, Curtis, Michael, Ben, Jerusha, Rebecca, Veronica, Katie Shaw, Becca, Jenna, Jessica, Naomi, Jonny, Mark, Jordan, Mikayla, Skylar (Proxy for Lizzie), Sam (Proxy for Maggie).
- V. Big Cheese Awards-
 - a. Alicen! When Alicen hears anything on campus she writes it down and does it (example of long board rack). Does a great job of getting back to students!
 - b. Andrew! Doing an amazing job this year with keeping the Whitworthian crew in line and putting out a quality product. Beck says you're doing an amazing job. Great work!
- VI. Club Update **(5 min)**
 - a. Climbing Club
 - b. Michael: We just went to our second competition this weekend at the University of Idaho. We had 8 people go. A month ago there were a few of us that went to competition at EWU. The rest of the competitions will be across the state. Looking to move outside once the weather gets better. April 12- bouldering competition here at Whitworth! Any and all are encouraged to compete, there's a beginner division. Access to prizes. Spread the word!
 - c. Guest: What time?
 - d. Michael: Climbing will begin at 11.
- VII. SHAPE Club
 - a. Rebecca: New club this year. After a good start this fall we have gone on hiatus. Looking forward to getting started again. We are planning on one event per month this semester rather than weekly meetings. Our current project is for mental health awareness. One plan we have is a Body Image talk back panel in Warren, focusing on how body image and awareness and depression can correlate and how we can fight that. Body love and image is the focus.
 - b. Chase: What does SHAPE stand for?
 - c. Rebecca: Support, health, admiration, prayer and exercise. The basis of our club.
 - d. Audrey: Do you have a facebook page or email?
 - e. Rebecca: Yes, its SHAPE and we are also on the Whitworth clubs website.
- VIII. Sodexo **(25 min)**
 - a. Jim O'Brien & Dan King

- b. Jim: We have had a good year. Jamba Juice has been doing very well, and things should heat up more when the weather gets nicer. Introduced swipe plus program, and they went over very well. We started rotisserie roasted chicken and pork, tried to have a pancake night but the fire alarms went off. That will be coming up with grills and toppings and possible a pancake contest. We have the global chef here, and there's a catered event tomorrow. He is from the Netherlands, in charge of the Sodexo programs in the Netherlands. I invite all of you to come to lunch in the Crows Nest tomorrow to experience Dutch food. He will also cook for all students on Friday.
- c. Dan: Friday will be a party theme. He wants to play music from a famous Netherlands DJ.
- d. Jim: Sodexo is celebrating its 50th year on campus in April. We will have music, food and milkshakes with different foods from the 60's, discounted items, and tell people what Saga means. The company started with a name of an Indian village and shortened it to just Saga. They were bought out many years ago, but people still call it Saga here. We're trying to do some equipment switching in the new area. The Asian station can get tiring, trying to add in a Mongolian grill concept with different ingredients and sauces, maybe switch the grill with another piece of equipment. Another thing we're missing out on is the "right out of the oven" concept. We put rolls and other things out at meals, but we want to time things better so these foods are warm. The dream would be having a hot roll out of the oven to eat. We will experiment in the Spring and implement in the fall.
- e. We want to use the area where Loretta cooks omelets more during lunch and dinner. Display cooking, etc. Dan wants to do an outdoors BBQ people can buy for flex dollars. We're trying to find a way to have food at the sporting events that don't attract a lot of people. Looking at whether we could contract/purchase a mobile cart to go to the different places for sporting events. Assessing the Simple Servings program, right now it's avoiding all 8 allergens. The menu can get boring so we are revisiting that. We have a problem with meal hours. We have continuous dining. Because the building is tax exempt, it's supposed to be open to the public more than it is now. We're looking at either the HUB being open 24 hours or some other options. People can't come into the dining room that don't have a meal card too many hours a day, so they want to expand the number of hours they can do that. It's a violation of the tax-exempt rule. We're trying to figure out what those hours can be.
- f. We will also have a bracket situation to figure out what Whitworth's favorite candy bar is. Snickers vs. Reese's Pieces.

- g. Raleigh: When you decide what the candy bar is, what will happen?
- h. Jim: We will give everyone that candy bar.
- i. Chase: Is there an official title for this?
- j. Jim: Right now it's Whitworth's Favorite Candy Bar Project.
- k. Chase: Munch Madness?
- l. Rebecca: You guys are great and I appreciate the hard work that you do and your ideas.
- m. Danielle: Has there been talk about seating in Sodexo because I know there are certain times where it's super packed. Is there a way to get more seating?
- n. Jim: With things not being put back together properly, there are a lot of chairs sitting down stairs we haven't paid attention to. There are more chairs available we just need to add them in.
- o. Dan: Seems like we have room for more tables too but we will look into that.
- p. Chase: There's been talk about wanting a light above the booths in the main area?
- q. Jim: We might put in a lamp on the tables.
- r. Kevin: Thank you for getting Dr. Pepper!
- s. Lauren: A lot of residents are concerned about a lack of spinach.
- t. Dan: On the salad bar? I don't see why we couldn't make that a permanent thing.
- u. Erika: Some people have expressed desire for more consistent options for vegans/vegetarians.
- v. Jim: Ask them to send in specific suggestions for that, I agree we could be better there but we want people to like what we put out.
- w. Curtis: You often have meals in the back for allergy, is there a possibility for that for vegan students?
- x. Jim: That's definitely a possibility. Part of the problem is that we were preparing many meals in the back when we didn't have Simple Servings. Vegan options can be popular with the regular crowd too.
- y. Guest: Why were the paper plates taken from Late Night?
- z. Jim: Sustainability and saving money. People were wasting paper. We ran into the problem of people climbing on the rafters and jumping so we moved Late Night to the other side. We started with paper but when we moved we went back to dishes.
- aa. Dan: If you want a paper plate they have them at the cashier stand.
- bb. Josh: Someone made a comment about being charged extra for takeout if you grab a paper plate.

- cc. Jim: They shouldn't be doing that. We don't want people on a regular basis having lunch and also taking something to go and it costs extra to provide take out boxes/plates, but the retail operations are what is set up for to-go.
- dd. Raleigh: Thank you for the donations to the Gala Royale.
- ee. Erika: I heard a request for French Dip Friday to be every Friday consistently.
- ff. Rebecca: Is there a way to extend café hours to be open on weekend nights?
- gg. Jim: We could visit it again, it's difficult because the HUB seems very dead on those times, but we will revisit that.
- hh. Ian: I know you're trying to get off campus students to buy more meal plans, is that true?
- ii. Jim: Yes that's true. As the campus tries to go to a flat enrollment, any more students that can participate and support the base cost will help the situation. We have added some possible discounts for theme house members, etc.
- jj. Ian: Do you want more student input on ideas?
- kk. Rebecca: Maybe extended hours on the weekends. Offer more sandwich options too.
- ll. Andriana: Be able to post your hours so off campus students don't come to campus and find that it's closed. They might be more likely to come if the hours are clearly posted.
- mm. Dan: They should be posted on the website.
- nn. Jim: I think where we fall down there is faculty development day, Spring Break, etc. As things wind down we wind down, but we will communicate better.
- oo. Matt: The signage has gotten really good with what food is where.
- pp. Erika: I've also heard another request to have Reese's Puffs more often.

IX. Justin Botejue (5 min)

- a. Stewart Lounge Renovation Survey Results
- b. Justin: A lot of students had complaints about the renovations in Stewart. Approximately \$100,000 was invested in Stewart Hall alone, of the 47% of students who did the survey only 9% of the students approved of it. I compiled some direct quotes from the anonymous survey, basically the main good thing was the water bottle filler. The couches are little sectionals and it turns out they were \$1,000 a piece and they are not very comfortable. The whiteboards are being used. They added metal grates in the hall lounges; it takes away from the openness. When I came back you could pull them out, but they've fixed that. The survey was not meant to criticize, but to give Student Life feedback for when they do future renovations in other dorms. There was minimal student involvement in the planning process. One of the most

common themes was it doesn't feel like home anymore. There's a lot of signage in Stewart with academic sounding quotes that don't apply to StewVille. Some complaints were about having the Whitworth motto in our main lounge and how that doesn't reflect StewVille as an overall community. They moved the TV to right over the chimney and it seems to have been broken so there's the possibility I might have to requisition for a new TV. I want to keep this survey short and concise because I will be forming these comments into a proposal. It seems like they see good things in me as a senator!

- c. Andriana: With the home feeling, do you think it was because they left one way and came back another way?
- d. Justin: Students that have spoken to me say that it doesn't feel like home because they didn't have any input.
- e. Andriana: Maybe next year's freshmen will feel differently.
- f. Raleigh: Where are you taking this next?
- g. Justin: I will compile the feedback and send it to Alan Jacob with recommendations on student involvement and input on what the changes should be.
- h. Jo: It might be interesting to do the survey again next fall.

X. Million Meals Updates **(5 min)**

- a. Ashley: Yesterday met with someone from Colbert Pres. Communicated how we want him and his church to get involved. He was interested, and we know that he will get involved with that. I also got an email about another small group type situation. She will be talking to her small group and will get back to me.
- b. Justin: Monday night meeting with Missions committee of Whit Pres.
- c. Emily: Met with Darren, Amber, Molly, and Veronica and worked logistics out, realized that Audrey was doing volunteer and logistics, so I'm the chair for logistics now. We have a lot of things to do on our list!
- d. Ian: At that meeting we did a walkthrough of the fieldhouse, figured out how many forklifts and dumpsters we will need, etc. It's nice to have a checklist of things to do and which committee will do them. Graves will be packed for registration.
- e. Veronica: Campus engagement- thank you senators for sending in references. 11 people are dorm reps so far. We're having a meeting with them tonight. We are pushing the dorm fundraising competition next week, dorm reps will head up their dorm making posters about how many funds their dorm has raised. These will be put in Lied Square, 10:30 pm on Monday

is the deadline. We sent an email to the RD's to see if we can have prime times for that in the dorms. Next Wednesday the 12th there's a hunger documentary 7pm in MPR.

- f. Ian: Senators, maybe put the movie trailer on your facebook pages.
- g. Andriana: There are only 15 people on the firstgiving account, make sure you know how to do it and make your own account before telling people to do it.
- h. Ian: Also, Justin has wanted to work on churches solely. That's his goal for the next couple months. Rebecca and Lizzie want to focus on schools, connecting with Spokane and Mead Public Schools. Ryan and myself will be going to businesses and making fundraising opportunities or donations or volunteers.

XI. Reports & Vibes (20 min)

- a. Andriana: This Saturday March 8 is international women's day. Whitworth is teaming up with EWU and WSU to put on a women's day. Workshops, lectures, etc. 9:30-12:30. Talk about the status of women in Egypt, also a hula workshop etc. Riverpoint campus at the academic center. April 1st at 7pm in the HUB ABC Liberty in North Korea will be presenting in connection with the Asian American Club.
- b. Ashton: I will be showing the film Chasing Ice on March 10, free for all students. It's a film by a National Geographic photographer, time lapse of receding glaciers. Senators- tonight I'm going to send a picture of the poster for it for the newsletters.
- c. Samantha: pass
- d. Emily: Green With Envy dance is March 15 from 8-11pm in the HUB expansion. There will be mocktails, \$1 entry fee that goes towards Million Meals.
- e. Danielle: Pass
- f. Alicen: Constituency report- several comments and questions.
- g. Ashley: Pass
- h. Chase: Pass
- i. Phil: Pass
- j. Faith: Pass
- k. Cody: Girls basketball team will be in Walla Walla, but the rally bus got cancelled because there weren't any buses available anywhere.
- l. Rebecca M: It's been a busy week; I'm doing a nomination vote interview for the student speakers at commencement. Senior class gift is figured out, having an opener party for that at McClain's. Getting the names and acts in May.

- m. Josh: Sodexo is bringing back grape juice. MPR tomorrow at 8:15, unplugged!
- n. Jacob: Posters were illegible so I'm redoing those.
 - i. Rebecca L: We've noticed that the links don't work
 - ii. Jacob: Those are being updated. Occasionally the broadcasting computer shuts itself off so that's being worked on.
 - iii. Erika: I've had a request for Whitworth.fm to be played during lunch instead of the pop music.
 - iv. Jacob: Any time they are interested we are doing broadcasting from Sodexo during lunches. Starting next week.
- o. Bergen: We still have spots open on the Washington coast backpacking trip over spring break.
- p. Andrew: Pass
- q. Jo: I'm working on deadlines, 3 left and turning in 2 of them tomorrow and the last one a few days later.
- r. Kevin: March 16 at 7pm in RTT I'm showing Frozen.
- s. Raleigh: Spent \$60 on mugs for Unplugged tomorrow, 7-8:30 pm. Pirate Idol is April 17, 7-9pm followed by Dub Club in the HUB. 1st place of every unplugged will be taken, and then from second place if there are more spots. Last unplugged is April 4th in the chapel. That will be the extravaganza, full tea sets from NW Christian Thrift.
- t. Skyler: Pass
- u. Ryan: Pass
- v. Erika: High interest in people wanting to be senator next year. Currently in Ballard the broiler is gone because it's extremely hot. I asked Matthew to get it fixed. Tomorrow, we are having fire safety prime time.
- w. Tyler: The track team has its first meet this weekend. Intramurals is going smoothly, tonight I have our championship basketball team playing Gonzaga. With intramural soccer, I had a conflict last night with athletic department with who has the rights to use Graves. Will be all set by Sunday.
- x. Rebecca L: Tomorrow is the theme house information night in the RTT.
- y. Lauren: Boppell has a moat in front of it.
- z. Justin: Prime time with BJ on March 14.
- aa. Sam: Pass.

XII. FVP (10 min)

- a. Requisition – Andriana & Ashton conference
- b. Ashton: We want to go to a conference in Salt Lake City. April 3-5. The Family of Many the Power of One. LGBTQA conference. The purpose of us going is after the survey results and personal experience, we have found that there is a lot of work that needs to be done on campus. Plane ticket price- \$471 now but everything else is the same. Purpose of sending two of us is that there are so many different sessions; it would be impossible for only one person to go.
- c. Andriana: We are both juniors, these are issues we both want to face head-on next year. Though we may not be in our same positions next year we will be able to take extensive notes on the conference and give them to who is in our positions next year.
- d. Audrey: Have you looked into other organizations that could provide funds?
- e. Andriana: IFC and Larry Burnley don't have any money they'd like to give to this.
- f. Erika: Have you asked the GSA club?
- g. Andriana: They had to requisition for their own week. I am the MAC as far as funds go; they don't have their own money. My budget is running out right now, MAC is making money in Springfest to give to community service, but they might keep some. As of now there aren't any other options.
- h. Sam Director: It seems like this would just be something where they present a bunch of papers.
- i. Andriana: This is a workshop conference. We would be going to sessions; we would choose workshops that can address some of Whitworth's problems. How we can be a more inclusive university to help us as programmers and coordinators.
- j. Sam: So it's not information you could get in a paper?
- k. Ashton: No, it would be teaching you how to be a leader in today's society and how that relates to LGBTQA.
- l. Andriana: People who have worked their whole lives on these subjects would be teaching our workshops.
- m. Katie; I think this sounds cool. Looking at power differentials from our discussion earlier in the year, this is something that speaks directly to that.
- n. Jacob: Does this conference have relevance to sustainability?
- o. Ashton: No it doesn't relate to my position, it would be for personal interest. I know I have an interest in this.

- p. Andriana: Ashton is one of the applicants for my position for next year so she will be in leadership next year and can affect campus in her own way.
- q. Rebecca: Will you distribute your notes?
- r. Andriana: After the conference we will present our findings about what everyone can benefit from, and to people interested in learning more.
- s. Dayna: You can say we are asking for this money with the plan to present our findings.
(Ashton and Andriana step out)
- t. Matt: I talked to Linda, said we are looking at an increase in unallocated from 8,000 to 11,000. Finance committee looked at this. This is an issue that should be addressed; the only concern is that the conference is in April with not much programming left. There's the idea that next year's leaders could attend instead.
- u. Rebecca: The issue at hand is important. It would be good to learn how to better act and deal with micro-aggressive behavior.
- v. Raleigh: If these girls are not part of leadership next year will it be a loss or will we still gain from the knowledge? Will they be able to work outside of leadership?
- w. Ian: As coordinators it's our responsibility to pair with groups and clubs, should they not be in leadership next year this is something to partner with and what they learn can help program next year.
- x. Cody: What would it look like to bring someone from this conference to our school instead of sending people there?
- y. Dayna: We should do that too. This is the most comprehensive conference on this subject right now. We divide and conquer at NACA.
- z. Bergen: How reasonable is the idea that we send next year's cultural events coordinator to the conference?
- aa. Matt: They will be hired by that point, but we have to buy the ticket in someone's name and we aren't sure that they can go yet.
- bb. Dayna: Plane tickets were cheaper when they first wrote the requisition and they're getting more expensive so we need to buy as soon as possible.
- cc. Lauren: I'm all for this.
- dd. Jonny: I think this would be a great opportunity. It would be a huge benefit for ASWU as a whole.

- ee. Raleigh: I wouldn't mind spending \$200 more from unallocated if we were able to send the future Cultural Events Coordinator too. I think it would be huge for next year.
- ff. Justin: I have a lot of faith in them for this. Motion to approve this requisition with the stipulation that they present and sending the future cultural events coordinator.
- gg. Matt: Probably looking about \$2,000
- hh. Dayna: Bring it up in budget committee. Ticket prices will be more expensive.
- ii. Matt: If we pass these two we can do another requisition later.
- jj. Lauren: Second to pass the requisition.
- kk. Matt: 3 opposed, requisition passed because of simple majority.

XIII. **Brad Pointer- Outdoor Rec requisition**

- a. There's something magical about bikes. I was involved in the mountain biking club at my university and found a renewed passion for it. I have a goal of bringing more students out on bike trips. We have spring break trips. We have 6 mountain bikes in Outdoor Rec right now, hoping to find the closet mountain bikers at Whitworth and have people come and bring their own bikes. There's currently a shortage of students who have signed up that have their own bikes. I can give the 6 we have to the first 6 people who sign up, and encourage people to rent them when we get there (much more expensive), but that is not ideal. I would love to buy 3 additional bikes. We have enough helmets for the 9 riders. The 6 we have were purchased about a year ago and these new ones would be \$379 each, which is a good price point. We are interested in cultivating a community of mountain bikers. It will take sharing and spreading of that passion; these bikes are a long-term investment to get people out on their own or during Outdoor Rec trips.
- b. Ian: With the bikes we have, have they been rented a lot this past year?
- c. Brad: Not a lot. It will be an ongoing process to educate the student body of what we have to rent. Getting a stand in the lobby or the UREC or the HUB to say "Rent Me", etc. We are hoping that as we take people on trips we can educate them of what we can teach them.
- d. Brad: The Moab trip is full and overflowing. I know people aren't too scared of biking, just a matter of the weather. Hoping that later in the spring there will be more interest.
- e. Raleigh: What's the shelf life of these bikes?
- f. Brad: 7-8 years.
- g. Rebecca: We're getting 3 new bikes? Does that cover the rest who don't have bikes?
- h. Brad: It seems so for this trip, yes. (Brad step out)

- i. Kevin: If passed I would love to see more programming with the bikes.
- j. Bergen: We have a trip planned on October 11.
- k. Guest: Realistically even if people rent it 3 times a year it will pay for itself.
- l. Raleigh: Is there a list available of things to rent? (Yes, on the website and the facebook page)
- m. Rebecca M: It looks like he's done some good research to find a good deal.
- n. Ian: I think we have the funds and interest to do this. The only concern is that the bikes we have aren't used as much. My worry is that are we just buying these bikes for a one-time trip. If the program is growing still I think it's a great idea.
- o. Dayna: Add that into the requisition, once a month program that uses the bikes in the future.
- p. Justin: Motion to approve the requisition with the stipulation that there needs to be more programming. (Second)
- q. Matt: 3 opposed, requisition passed with the mentioned stipulation.

XIV. EVP (1 min)

- a. Announcements
- b. Matt: Million Meals fundraising, about \$85,000 raised so far. Does not include the athletic event. Working on getting more information.
- c. Audrey: We have a rep meeting tonight. Also a request to pick up our trash after each meeting. I think it would be great in celebration of Sodexo being here 50 years, having each dorm do a big thank you card for Sodexo. Think of creative things to do! Cat Tarvin, president of Restoring Hope club. She is doing awesome things with mental health awareness week!

XV. President (10 min)

- a. Freshmen Residence Hall Positions
 - i. Ian: Freshmen residence hall positions are open to current freshmen this spring to be sophomore senators the next year. If they are not filled they will be open to freshmen the following fall. We heard both sides and the vote was 17-11. Chase and Justin, make an email to send to your RD's for the dorm saying these positions are open to you. There's an election information night on March 10 at 9:30pm in the chambers. Explain your position more if you want, that is now open to current freshmen. More information at the front desk or online for applications.
 - ii. Lauren: Only open for current freshmen? Could roommates of RA's run if they are sophomores right now?
 - iii. Ian: Yes, it's open to any resident currently living in the dorm.

b. Budgetary Constituency Reports

- i. Ian: If you could turn that information in to Samantha tonight to get names and comments/questions/concerns to her. Please get it to her soon. Common questions or trends from the reports?
- ii. Ryan: A lot of people said the cutting the student-printing budget would really hurt students (science and psych majors, and Core 150 people).
- iii. Lauren: Someone wondered if we could have separate printing budgets for different majors?
- iv. Raleigh: Idea behind this is not to cripple students but to encourage professors to get on that no-paper train. Electronic copies, etc.
- v. Emily: That is hard to do with science. Also people asked if printing budgets could roll over each semester.
- vi. Rebecca: Someone said she sees that the CRC is used as a scapegoat and they knew it would be hard to keep from the beginning. Save money by not watering the sidewalk, etc. I went around to the theme houses, and some people suggested that it should be mandatory for some majors to go to the CRC to keep it at capacity and functioning.
- vii. Ian: They are also having problems getting professors to go down for whole semesters.
- viii. Andrew: For the publications thing, ASWU is completely separate from that. That's for mailing list, magazines, etc.
- ix. Alicen: Lots of people said we should partner with other schools for Costa Rica. Also offer different programs there. Some requested an info-graphic of the budget breakdown.
- x. Raleigh: Session A of the Costa Rica summer project is still going on, economics and accounting. Programming- not so much the program in the CRC, it's finding a professor to go for a whole semester. We are partnering with schools for session A, George Fox and Wheaton students are going as well.
- xi. Audrey: There's a task force for the CRC to help figure out what is going on. Email Donna Pierce or Danny Parker, or any of us execs with questions and comments. Know that if you want to say your concerns, keep in contact with them.
- xii. Josh: There's a lot of info on a website that Danny made about the CRC.

- xiii. Rebecca: The Health Center, the main sentiment was that they think its good to have on campus. Someone said if a third party comes in there's no guarantee that current staff will keep their jobs, and paying additional fees
- xiv. Ian: There's a stipulation in place that the third parties have to keep the staff and meet regulations. Kristiana Holmes said they are meeting those regulations. Most likely everyone will be staying. Beck talked about a fee, not a set number.
- xv. Danielle: People were wondering when we will have more info on the health center.
- xvi. Ian: I met with Beck today; they don't have a solid answer on that yet. Still looking at various options.
- xvii. Chase: Clarifying the insurance?
- xviii. Ian: Change in affordable care act.
- xix. Audrey: You have to get it through the government now and you didn't have to do that before. Now it's either government insurance or home family insurance.
- xx. Justin: Everyone seemed to be really informed with what the issues were.
- xxi. Lauren: They were mostly informed but didn't understand why we were in this situation.

XVI. Shout Outs

- a. Tyler: Lots of guests leave early, but A-List member Jordan sticks around!
- b. Raleigh: Participated in intramural games and it was great. Shout out to Tyler
- c. Rebecca: From Post office, don't shove the Whitworthian back through the mail box.
 - i. Andrew: If you take the issue out you'll get another one.
 - ii. Rebecca: They are going to start closing peoples' mailboxes if they keep doing that.
- d. Justin: Naomi, Jordan, Justin and Mikayla.
- e. Rebecca: Shout out my mom is coming tomorrow
- f. Raleigh: Shout out to the constituency peeps!

XVII. Adjourn 6:38 pm