

ASWU Minutes 3/16/2016

- I. Call to order: Justin 5:01 pm
- II. Mission Statement: Kaysee
- III. Guests: Maddie, Becca, Shelby (for peter) Joe, Katie (club), Brandon (club), Whitney (Kipos)
- IV. Minutes: Approved, none opposed
- V. Club Updates –Athletic Training
  - a. Brandon: Where we are right now we are prepping for Boise for a NWTa conference. All majors and certifieds come for a weekend retreat to learn new techniques and seminars. This year we haven't done much just because for the first semester it is for finding out the freshman and now we have more of an idea.
  - b. Bailey K: So have you done fundraising
  - c. Brandon: yes our director has received some grants and our club only helps pay for rooms.
  - d. Justin: how many people?
  - e. Brandon: 12 people and there are no freshman because they are entry level so its from sophomore to senior.
- VI. Kipos:
  - a. Whitney: I'm the president and I was elected at the end of fall semester. Kipos has been doing wonderful things we had the garden workday in the fall and we had the harvest festival as well as elections and also brainstorming. We had plastic bags prime time in Ballard during PrimeTime. We also knit plastic bags into bags. This spring we showed the food fight documentary. And we are partnering with the Orange Heart Fund and it works to fund research to learn about Agent Orange on Vietnam Veterans. They also raise money by scrap metal. The garden will be worked on this month and there will be emails. It will be Saturdays 9-noon. The aqua-potics system in the cafeteria that self-waters plants. Waste management field trip happened, it was great. I would recommend the tour. Big thing: in April there is a week between Earth day and Arbor week we are calling Earth Week and there will be an event every day of the week. There will be a garden grand opening, a meeting every Sunday at 6 pm in the MPR. Then there is a climate change panel on that Monday, also an event with Petit Chat, next day will be alternate transportation day. Then we are showing a documentary and then it will be Arbor Day that hopefully will be plant a pine day.
  - b. Justin: what is the hope for the garden?
  - c. Whitney: Rachel is working on hiring a new garden manager, and at the point of May, we will be in transition of growing. The manager will be staying over the summer and have everything planted. Also if you want something grown just make a request. I'm hoping to put in a tire swing and a picnic table. So if anyone wants to build a table or buy one that would be great.
- I. Westminster Round:
  - a. Katie: we are the English club and we sold concessions. We have literary life-action Clue coming up that will take place in Westminster. Also we will have an off-campus reading. Earlier this year we have had 2 readings. That's it.
  - b. Katie: dates and time?
  - c. Katie: Clue is April 1st and the other doesn't have a time yet.
  - d. Brendan: any events before spring break?
  - e. Katie: no, but we are looking for officers.
- II. Reports:
  - a. Connor: we are out of copies of the newspaper. Good issue, some stuff about the preliminary budget for next year. Find a copy.
  - b. Bailey K: pass

- c. Brenna: pass
- d. Savannah: pass
- e. Adam: pass
- f. Brendan: pass
- g. Norma: pass
- h. Rediet: pass
- i. Jeff: people are worn out. Also we have a couch in our lounge! We got a poll that people wanted a couch and then we went to Alan and then all of sudden there was a couch. Its great!
- j. Brittany: I had a resident email me about second change prom and she doesn't participate so that's encouraging. Also the laundry card machines don't work.
- k. Justin: where are other locations? One in Oliver and Warren.
- l. Mac: pass
- m. Katie: Fenton's was fun. As far as COVAC, I met with physics and they were very passionate and one guy wrote a speech.
- n. Chase: what's Fenton's?
- o. Katie; it's a Duvall event, its Bunco you get dressed up and there are root beer floats and there is a photo booth.
- p. Rachel: pass
- q. Kelsey: pass
- r. Kaysee: The Diversity Monologues finalists are selected as well as the judges which include Rhosetta Rhodes! It's on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Say you're going on the Facebook event. (Kaysee)
- s. Aric: everyone is ready for spring break.
- t. Kevin: Dornsife Center is doing this cool thing called "mix it up night". There are subsidizing meals so off campus can participate. It's on April 18, which is a Monday. (Kaysee)
- u. Nicole: pass
- v. Casey: Christian Arts Night was a success.
- w. Mike; we hosted in Oliver a Christian Arts Night and it was well attended. Also we have confirmed the Gods and Guns follow-up on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- x. John: pass
- y. Brenna: from Bailey V, Creed is playing tomorrow night.
- z. Bailey K: she also booked a Christian rapper.
- aa. Brenna: also Kevin Breel tonight!
- bb. Jordan: pass
- cc. Bailey K: the grass will be ready for Spring Fest.
- dd. Justin: so the loop will be available. So Bailey are you working with the UREC?
- ee. Chase: a couple things. First, April is Spokane Gives. I have talked with the reps so your service project is in April. We are aiming for 20% more hours than last year. For AWSU, the 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> we are doing a campus wide coin and swim suit drive. We are raising money and getting money for kids in north neighborhoods. I want you guys to know what is happening. Also I need volunteers to go to a high school to raise money.
- ff. Bailey v: does it matter what kind of swim suit?
- gg. Justin: it needs to be appropriate for kids but we will clarify.
- hh. Chase: on April 5<sup>th</sup>, prime times will be a time where the dorm will decorate a coin container. Linda wants time cards by Monday. I need another SCC member from ASWU, can I get a volunteer. (Jordan and Connor)
- ii. Skyler: no requisitions till after spring break. Also I need people April 11-12 for budget committee. I am going to send out a list for 6 ASWU members and 4 non-

members. We will be here 5-midnight plus hours. Also free food and you meet all the clubs and coordinators. I will have a sign up after break for coordinators to sign up.

jj. Bailey V: I scheduled the concert, a rapper, his name is Te-dashii.

kk. Chase: A reminder that laser tag is happening after break.

ll. Justin: ok we are moving on to the agenda. So some context, we are hiring coordinators and after break we have elections. So tonight we want to leave ASWU better than when we came in. Once we meet during spring retreat, we were developing ideas of what would benefit ASWU. One idea was for a spiritual life position.

mm. John: there is a lack of continuous spiritual direction. So I thought a coordinator position would address that. So it has developed into 2 positions. One is ASWU funded and one is chapel funded. One would run like UREC. So just a conversation of if we want that input here. But before we get there, a couple things clear. First thing, this is not intended to throw God on top of this group or to make this group Christian. Our hope is to create a position that fosters why we do some of the things we do. My perception is we make a lot of decisions about what is politically correct, but when we talk about Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ, we say those things and we forget the origin is Jesus. The mission statement is to follow Jesus' example. So this position is to add a voice that says we are living that out. Mike is going to give more context. The last thing is that it is mirrored after the faculty pattern, like how we have a dean of spiritual life. So this position is not supposed to communicate that ASWU isn't Christian, but just to provide intentional Christian leadership. So our hope is that someone here would act as a Chaplin. We do what we do because Jesus compels us to love.

nn. Mike: So I started this year as a small group coordinator. My boss asked if I wanted to sit in on ASWU meetings. So through that time, John and I and Mindy have met and talked about what it would look like. So the point is we aren't throwing God on things but drawing God out of things. But I think that these programs need the over-arching identity of God orientation. I think there is a dualism here on campus. We have spiritual things and other events and I think we should find ways to show the students that these are not separate. Also this would show this assembly that we are motivated by the mission statement and honoring god.

oo. John: this conversation is not meant to convince you that this should exist but rather to listen to you guys if there should be a position. I also invited Forrest.

pp. Justin: I looked through the constitution. We are missing an element from the spiritual side of campus. This idea isn't new to us or to over college campuses. I was looking online at competitors, and SPU has a student position of VP of Ministries as well as another position.

qq. Bailey K: So looking at this would they be planning their events or working with other coordinators to include a spiritual element?

rr. John: yes to both. The person would be responsible for 1 event per semester. And then this person would work closely with small group coordinators.

ss. Matt; also it is hard to promote small group things and have a voice normally. Also events wouldn't just be "this is Christian." One thing I want to do is a concert and then give people some way to communicate what they gained and then have students create some art about the experience.

tt. Bailey K: so when working with a coordinator, how will that work?

uu. John: I would say the intention is not to force relationships.

vv. Justin: so our fall survey showed that students want ASWU to focus on Christian identity. So like national day of prayer and also conversations about sex and Christianity.

ww. Kaysee: so you're talking about a Christian position? The proposal says, "advocating for the recognition of dignity in individuals of all faith traditions" so how does

that intersect when the Spiritual Life Coordinator is supposed to “draw *Christ* out of the events”. (Kaysee)

xx. John: the Christian answer to that is that Jesus is the most inclusive person so that is what I am operating under. Under the framework, all beauty and grace is under God and there can be shared foundational identity. So my hope is the spiritual life coordinator is that they recognize that regardless of faith, there is worth in people.

yy. Kaysee; I am curious because there are also multiple Christian perspectives.  
(Kaysee)

zz. John: There is definitely grey area and it should be allowed to exist. It needs to be someone to follow the identity of Whitworth. As the job is written now, Dayna and Forrest and Mindy would be looking at this people. Seeing someone who can represent, and at the very least be courageous in grey areas.

aaa. Savannah: you said it would be one event per semester but would that change if we were under ASWU?

bbb. John: right now whether it is ASWU or chapel, there is not change to that. I believe Whitworth is over programmed.

ccc. Brendan: There are a lot of events so I would be concerned that these events would get lost.

ddd. Nate: so it seems that it could bring positivity or it could add controversy. So after hiring, if it were to go poorly, is there a way to remove the person.

eee. John: there are a couple ways we have tried to be proactive. One form a close relationship with Forrest and Mindy like an internship to keep that person in check. Any ASWU position can be voted out.

fff. Justin: the best is to model off a cultural events coordinator. We recognize the importance of that. I don't see this position as a evangelical definition.

ggg. Brittany: I want to echo Kaysee's concern. If we are representing students, not everyone is Christians. It needs to be faith not just evangelical.

hhh. Jeff: Is there an intention for this person to plan events with non-Christian faiths?

iii. John: the intention is to educate.

jjj. Mike; I think for a lot of us there are labels but for this position the point is not to be Christian it is to get conversations about spirituality happening.

kkk. Katie: it makes sense that the person is Christian because of campus.

lll. Kelsey: it sounds like the emphasis is not on events but to orient and provide dignity but from what I've noticed from ASWU, that people bring their opinions already, including Christian or non-Christian values (Kaysee). So I don't understand the point of one position.

mmm. John: I appreciate that. My perspective is that this group already has a thesis statement that is in the mission statement but no way to put it into action so that's the goal.

nnn. Mike: the position would remedy that and make it aware of that.

ooo. Kelsey: awareness of what?

ppp. John: that the mission statement compels us to live as Christ.

qqq. Kelsey: so to be more Christ like? I feel uncomfortable.

rrr. Justin: we are going to give it 5 minutes.

sss. Forrest: The positive is a bridge between ASWU and campus ministries. And Mike has been doing that this semester. I personally am really supportive of ASWU and I am supportive of what you think will be best. I will support this position. There would be time spend with the SGC's to connect with campus ministries. Not every student is a Christian and not every event is a Christian event and I don't feel comfortable with

making every event that. But to say that Christian life is important on campus can be of value. And maybe it would be someone to bring faith up.

ttt. Dayna: I think what they are presenting is not so much the position but more of outdoor rec and intermurals. They are trained in the chapel and the Chaplin and that is their main base and then share programs. The only difference would also be that the person would be this group's Chaplin.

uuu. Justin: there are 2 job descriptions. ASWU and then Chaplin position. So lets do a straw poll. Raise your hand for a position like this. So the other thing is the Sustainability Coordinator.

vvv. Kiersten: so we were thinking that it is difficult to share the sustainability coordinator with ASWU and Sodexo so the hope is to migrate this position into ASWU. And then Sodexo wants it completely under Sodexo. So the concern is there isn't a position in the student side of things. And it is important to keep that mindset in the student realm. So Justin and I spoke with the head of the sustainability committee. And part of his position is that it should be more consistent. So he came up with a draft of a job description. So the coordinator is unique to ASWU. A partnership with Sodexo would be great but we aren't sure about that. This would be more of a dorm involvement approach. Maybe a prime time a month focused on this. If we don't do something, sustainability would be leaving the student realm. So I want feedback.

www. Justin: also, Whitman and PLU have a student sustainability director position. Also the institutional side does great work but there isn't student involvement. One question is what students can do to decrease long-term costs and one way is conservation and that needs to be student addressed.

xxx. Jeff: I think this is a great idea and its important to have one separate from food services. Also I like the challenges that can be done.

yyy. Brittany: I agree with Jeff. I think it is necessary. My only concern would be it would be awkward between ASWU and Sodexo.

zzz. Katie; this would focus on the dorms.

aaaa. Brendan: I think this is a problem between Sodexo and us and I want to see effort with that.

bbbb. Justin: ASWU will be talking about Sodexo issues after break.

cccc. Brenna: one thing is we need to be more gracious with Sodexo. They seem great to me. Bree says she always have a good time with them. What's the difference between Sodexo and Kipos? Do we need all 3?

dddd. Kiersten: the difference is this position is different than mine. This position would be involved with the dorms and one and one with students. Sodexo does surveys. Kipos in the past has been just about the garden. But also more involved in social issues. Kipos helps me out a ton with volunteers. Through them, we can connect with other clubs.

eeee. Justin: looking at survey results, students want more advertising in the dorms themselves. At this point, any comments?

ffff. Mak: what's the green pledge?

gggg. Kiersten: general, they want to get the idea of sustainable activity on campus. Like you get points for not eating meat, or driving your car. The point is to gage where we are and motivate people. But some people have to drive or eat meat and none of those are wrong.

hhhh. Mak: what do you imagine for the eco-reps?

iiii. Kiersten: first we thought one from each dorm but that probably wont happen. The eco-rep is making sure that there is involvement across all dorm life.

jjjj. Justin: lets do a straw poll. To have this as a continuation.

kkkk. Katie: what is the time line? I think we need a group discussion.

llll. Justin: budget is in April so it would have to be before that.  
mmmm. Dayna; well it needs to be all decided before budget committee.  
nnnn. John: I just sent an email to Forrest to follow up this conversation. My plan is to revise the description and send it to all of you so it is collaborative. Or just tell me that this position shouldn't exist. Ultimately, I want to expedite this.  
oooo. Skyler: reminder: we increased Kaysee's and senators salaries so this also will cost more money.  
pppp. Justin: also we were approved new funding.  
qqqq. Jordan: so I don't see how we are going to get applications out before budget.  
rrrr. Adam: can we put descriptions on Google docs so we can tweak them?  
ssss. John: I can do that.  
tttt. Justin: if we need to do an executive session, we can do that too.  
uuuu. Mak: I would be uncomfortable to vote without a description.  
vvvv. Justin: ok so we could vote on the existence and then vote on the descriptions later.  
wwww. Adam: I motion to advertise these positions and table descriptions. Motion does not pass (Adam)  
xxxx. Jeff: I motion for the existence of sustainability. (In favor: 17, opposed: 1)  
yyyy. Nicole: motion for spiritual life coordinator but table description? (In favor: 16, opposed: 2)  
zzzz. Justin: so there will be both positions.  
aaaaa. Chase: MVPs: I have to recognize Brittany and Aric for the Green with Envy Dance. Thanks!  
bbbbb. Adam: motion to adjourn.  
cccc. Adjournment: 6:31 pm