



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, strive to provide advocacy, a sense of belonging, and communication through grace and a holistic approach. Our members aim to represent the diverse student body and collaborate to produce an environment rich in unity, optimism, and civil discourse; while also empowering students to be their authentic selves.

2022-23 ASWU Meeting Minutes | May 10, 2023

Executive Members:

Georgia Goff President	PRESENT
Christian Aguilar Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Sydnee Lum Communication Director	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Grace Johnson Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Jamie Gassman Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Reeshika Sharma Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Taylor Jones Senior Class Coordinator	PRESENT
Micah Cunningham Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Haley Horsburgh Sustainability Coordinator	PRESENT
Larkin Dean Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

Senators:

Samie Schaffer Arend Senator	PRESENT
Sierra Witte Baldwin Jenkins Senator	PRESENT
Kenzie Quinn Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Katelynn Diaz Boppell Senator	PRESENT
Katie Chilcote Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PRESENT
Lucien Dallabetta McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Grace Stiger Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Lotanna Akukwe Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Ava Dennis Warren Senator	PRESENT

Representatives:

Gio Coronado Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Maleah Robles Neighborhoods Representative	PRESENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Nick Yochum Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Hannah Sommerville Off-Campus Representative	PROXY
Rylee Baratone Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:00pm

Mission statement read by Bobbi Jo

Approval Of Minutes from May 3, 2023

Motioned to approve by Kenzie

Seconded by Bobbi Jo

Favor: 13 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Minutes Approved

What's Up Whitworth

Christian: Senators, your newsletters last week should've been your last one. Make sure you send those to me. We missed one passing the torch so we are going to have Oliver come up.

Lotanna: Hi, I am the Oliver senator and I am passing the torch to the next Oliver senator. Right now I do not have a torch but I'll be making one to send to you. I hope that you find excitement in this position as well. It was a very rewarding position, I hope you succeed and do well.

Christian: Is Ava still here? Did she have to leave early? Okay. Can the new StewVille senator come up? With Stewart being closed this year, there was no senator, so you will be getting Ava's torch who was the Warren senator since they are closing next year. It's quite funny because it includes tampons and you will not use them. Haha.

Georgia: Anything else?

Student Highlight

Grace J: This week for our student highlight, we wanted to highlight Sophia. We wanted to highlight her for the advocacy work she has been doing with Indigenous rights. She met with Kamala Harris which is a huge accomplishment and we just want to highlight her.

Happy Birthday!

Grace J: Happy Birthday Niraj! Happy Birthday to Isaac as well!

Club Updates

Skeptics Club

Niraj: The Skeptics club was founded like a month ago. We've had about three meetings since. They've all been really successful. Our first one had almost 40 people show up. The next had 30 people, counting the executive team. Our most recent one had about 15 people but we didn't advertise it too well. We are closing out the semester with a campfire social. It has all been really cool.

Network of Enlightened Women

Izzy: I'm Izzy and we just got chartered in the Fall. We've had three events and all have been very successful. Our last one was last week. It was about building community. We had our field rep here to give us some strategies and tips for summer jobs and things like that. During finals week we are planning to have a donut thing to stop by at.

Niraj: Can I add something? There are two spots remaining for a summer bookclub. We are reading Making Sense of God by Tim Keller and if anyone wants to know let your constituents know.

Womxn Rock

Anna: Hello everybody. We were founded in the fall. We had an intro to our club, what we are going for, who we are, that kind of thing. We also had a knot tying clinic. We've had about 9-10 events total. We meet most every week. We start with an hour long clinic type of thing. We have had an anchor building one, an intro to bilet clinic, an intro to climbing clinic, and a climbing game to work on endurance. We're having our final event on Sunday to go swimming and climbing. We'd be happy to have you.

H.O.L.A

Janeth: I'm from HOLA club. We did all of our events this year. We have new officers as well. It's been really nice. The officers this year were really nice. We struggled a little bit with participation coming back from Covid. We've been doing a lot better with reaching out to the community. We've been partnering with a few organizations here in Spokane.

Vice President Updates

Office Clean Up

Grace J: If you have an office, remember to clean out those offices before the school year closes. And get those keys to facilities. We have people that use those offices over the summer.

President Updates

Carpool

Georgia: First things first. I'm sending out a sign up list for carpooling to Todd's house for the BBQ. I'll send that out this evening or tomorrow morning.

End of the Year BBQ

Georgia: As a reminder, for this year's team there is a BBQ at Todd's house at 6:00pm. You should've all gotten an email from Todd with the address and details. Keep your eyes out for that. We will be sharing ASWU awards at the BBQ..

Kenzie: Is that just from 6:00-8:00pm? I ask because BMAC has passing the torch at the same exact time.

Georgia: Maybe try to leave the BMAC passing the torch to try to work around. If you have to come late or early that is totally fine.

Thank You

Georgia: Huge thank you to this year's team and next year's team. We really couldn't have done this year without you and the work you've put in. I'm so thankful that we've lead y'all and I argue that y'all have lead us.

Events: Past Events

Off Campus Yard Sale

Grace S: It was good. We had 35 people sign up to have sell their stuff. I think it went well until it started raining but overall it was good. I would do a couple things differently going forward but that's all.

Christian: I think Grace did an excellent job. She came in late in the year and made this event happen. Nice job, great turnout despite it ending early.

Haley: I didn't get to go but I saw posts and it was poppin' so good job.

Events: Upcoming Events

Arend Handout

Samie: Hi everyone, tomorrow at 4:00pm in front of Arend at the little lawn, I'll be having my last senator event. Lawn games, cornhole, connect 4, spikeball, music, and I bought things for survival kits for finals. It includes stressballs and Sunny D and chips and other snacks. It will just be a time to relax and hang out.

Oliver Spring Fling

Lotanna: Oliver is having a Spring Fling this Saturday at 6:30pm. There will be music and games, giant jenga, pizza, music. It will be fun, come hangout and de-stress before the last finals week. It will be a celebration event with me, the Senator and the Oliver RA's. It was going to be a floor competition, but now it's going to be a get together. It is focused for Oliver residents for people to come and have fun. Especially with the new Volleyball court. We will have giant jenga and we will be ordering pizza. It is just to have fun and de-stress before final exams week.

BMAC Concert

Lucien: It is a "talent" show. End of the year hurrah. It'll be a good time.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Samie: Arend is doing pretty good. It's still pretty calm, but there is a little bit of scurrying around getting ready for finals and move out! We also have my event tomorrow, Arend Hangout, which is really exciting and will hopefully be a fun cap to a great year.

Baldwin Jenkins

Sierra: BJ is stressed out, but also so excited. Dead week and finals are kinda getting to people, but I still feel like people are finding a way to have fun and so many people are ecstatic to be able to see their families soon. A few people passed through my office hours last week and I'm looking forward to my final office hours this week! I also haven't heard any things that ASWU needs to address.

Ballard

Kenzie: Ballard is doing well, we are ready for the end of the year for sure. People are starting to pack up for the year, and are getting ready for BMAC in concert. Milk and cookies tonight led by the new senators.

Boppell

Katelynn: Boppell is doing great. We are ready to be done with the year and all of the homework we have had. The weather has been greatly appreciated

Duvall

Katie: Duvall has been doing great. Lots of stress with dead week and finals week. We are buzzing about the housing for next year. We are very sad with our seniors leaving us. We are ready for the end of the year with leaving school behind, but less so when it comes to the Whitworth family. We are still enjoying our working elevator.

Incoming Students

Gio & Liam: Our incoming students are one week away from becoming Sophomores here at our beloved Whitworth. We are feeling many emotions here at the moment, excitement to be home or travel, nervousness for our final grade turnouts, and some sadness as we have to say goodbye to the friends we made here for a time. Our incoming students are going through so many emotions right now as our first year here is coming to a close. Though, through the sunshine and the rain we are on our way to finishing this year strong. With much love, it's been a fun year and we are going to make our last moments worth while. Life is going great for us all. Thanks

International Students

Niraj: International students are doing great. We are finally wrapping up the Warmth for Winter Program, because Amazon did not want to take our money. A survey is going around to track what we're giving to who. We are excited for Finals to just end and Summer vacation to begin. Not really any issues that ASWU should address. I've met a decent chunk of my constituency this week.

McMillan

Lucien: McMillan is doing well. Burnout has definitely fallen on the hall a little bit, and in the communal nature of Mac, group study sessions are springing up everywhere. We have a few more small things coming up: BMAC in Concert, Painting the Smiley, and a final Dorm wide Nerf Battle. They're all this weekend as a last hurrah for the community. We're hoping to end this very good year with a very fun few days. The last full volume Milk and Cookies is tonight at 11PM. There is a whispering Milk and Cookies in a week at the same time!

Neighborhoods

Maleah: The neighborhood is doing good. I have been hearing all about finals and the end of another school year! I have heard from many that they are wrapping up their student teaching, presenting at the health science expo, or getting ready to graduate! We are all eager for summer to start and are pushing through this final stretch. I have not heard any concerns this week for ASWU to address.

Off-Campus Students

Grace S: Off-Campus is slightly unmotivated and just wanting to be outside. Finals and graduation are quickly approaching and seniors are looking forward to a new chapter. Overall it was a good year for off-campus.

Oliver

Lotanna: Oliver is doing good. My constituents have been stressed with finals. From what I've seen they've had more energy compared to other weeks which is exciting.

Warren

Ava: There has been a lot of stress for finals, packing, and friendships. I think everyone feels very rushed right now. The weather also hasn't been helping with bringing boxes to cars in the rain. However, I plan to help out by providing a bunch of snacks for those who need some extra energy to get this last week and a half.

Shoutouts

Grace S: Shoutout to Bobbi Jo for all of her hard work. Best of luck in this position next year!

Kenzie: Shoutout to the current ASWU team and next year's team. It has been a blessing to work with y'all this year.

Sydney: Shoutout to all of our new members for going through their hiring process and elections.

Katelynn: Shoutout to Christian. I really appreciate all of the work that you've done holding us accountable.

Katie: Shoutout to new people. ASWU becomes your family and it became mine. I am so excited to see what you all do next year. Proud of y'all. And just Christian. He filters the thoughts of so many people. I don't understand how he does his job.

Gio: Shoutout to Liam.

Katelynn: Shoutout to Lucien. To Kenzie as well. Y'all did a great job in the BMAC roles with all of the events.

Niraj: Shoutout to Todd. So excited for the next year and years to come.

Reeshika: You guys are family.

Lotanna: Shoutout to georgia. You've been amazing in this role. I wish you the best. It's not an easy position. Really proud of that. Want to thank you all for your companionship. I appreciate you guys a lot. Going to miss you.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Bobbi Jo

Seconded by Gio

Favor: 15 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm
