



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 | March 22, 2023

Executive Members:

Georgia Goff President	PRESENT
Christian Aguilar Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Sydnee Lum Marketing & PR	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Grace Johnson Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Jamie Gassman Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Reeshika Sharma Cultural Events 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	PROXY
Kenzie Quinn Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Katelynn Diaz Boppell Senator	ABSENT
Katie Chilcote Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PROXY
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	PRESENT
Rylee Baratone Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:00pm

Mission statement read by Michael

Approval Of Minutes from March 15, 2023

Motioned to approve by Katie

Seconded by Kenzie

Favor: 13 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 0

Guest Speaker

Georgia: We have a guest speaker. I would like to formally announce that Todd Sandberg will be stepping in as Interim Assistant Dean of Student Life Programs. He is here with us today. We are so excited to have him here with us. I'm going to pass it over to Todd in case he has anything he would like to share.

Todd: Hi everyone! I'm excited to be there for a couple of reasons. I hear what a great group you all are. Over the last seven to ten days I've been sneaking around a little bit to try to figure out this next step with Jason departing to Iowa. Tonight is the opportunity to come out in many ways. This transition is formalized. I'm here to be in this position for the next six to eight weeks until the end of the semester. I still oversee the Recreation Center. It's all going to be very exciting. I do look forward to getting to know all of you. I'll be sending out a survey for a really simple questionnaire for me to begin this process of learning who you are. I'm a very personal type of person. Secondly, I want to learn from all of you. I already have some ideas and some amazing collaboration happening. We will grind some stuff out. Otherwise, I'm looking forward to being here and being in your spaces. Thank you, I appreciate the warm welcome.

Speaker Approval: Glendie Loranger - Students for Life

Jamie: We have a speaker vote. Glendie is proposed to be coming from Life Services in Spokane. They want to do a speaking event if you remember from last week.

Motioned to approve by Kenzie

Seconded by Katie

Favor: 13 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 1

Financial Director Updates

Account Totals

Capital : \$13,900 | Unallocated: \$8,755

Finance Committee Meeting Update

Michael: The Finance Committee did not meet this past week so we will be meeting soon. The time and day is TBD because of Spring Break and working around that.

Budget Committee

Michael: On a separate note, Budget Committee starts April 17th. Just keep an eye on your emails requesting to be on the Budget Committee.

Communication Director Updates

Sydnee: Before Spring Break, I'm cleaning out the fridge and mailboxes. So, if you have anything in there you'd like, please let me know or take care of it.

President Updates

Board of Trustees

Georgia: For those who volunteered for serving on the Board of Trustee meetings as student representatives, those are coming up. Please let me know if you haven't received an email regarding those.

Communication Reminders

Georgia: Additionally, it has come to my attention that people haven't been responding in a timely manner to emails, so please try to respond within 24 hours to emails. This goes especially for folks who run committees or meetings, please respond to emails in a timely manner to be respectful of their time.

Vice President Updates

Off-Campus Representative

Christian: We want to welcome Rylee, who is our new Off Campus Representative.

Rylee: Thanks for welcoming me on.

Election Tabling

Christian: We will be tabling tomorrow for election applications. Applications are open. For those tabling, if you can make sure to wear your name tags, that would be great.

SEC

Christian: Elections are right around the corner. Applications close on April 5th. I know previously Kenzie had mentioned Executive Debates and if they were going to be good to go since that time is during the Board of Trustee blackout dates, and I wanted to update and say that the date is officially approved for executive debates. Next, I have election information posters. Sydnee worked hard on them. For the election committee, we have all of our students at large so the committee is coming together. I'm running, so I cannot be the chair. So, Samie is the SEC Chair for Spring elections.

Samie: As he said, I will be the chair for the SEC this semester. We do need three ASWU assembly members to be on it. If you are interested, you would basically help run elections and make sure no violations are made. If you are running, you are not allowed to be on the SEC. I'll be sending out an email to all of those interested to go over what is expected.

Sweatshirts

Christian: Next thing, I want to go over sweatshirts for residence halls. I want to give a reminder to complete those and have them in residents' hands by the end of April. If you need help with any steps, please let me know. We want to make sure that's not lost.

Newsletters

Christian: Friendly reminder, our deadline for newsletters that we agreed upon was on Thursdays at 5:00pm. I know we are getting tired, but please make sure you're getting those in on time. When stuff comes up, please communicate with me. The communication piece is really helpful for me.

Student Highlight

Christian: The Student Highlight this week is Megan Necochea. She helped up with Casino Night helping with games and set up. So glad she was able to make it. She also does a lot with Swing and Ballroom dance club on campus.

Meal Cards

Christian: As always, come grab a meal card from me after the meeting and enjoy a meal with the team or alone. Everyone is welcome.

Events: Past Events

Casino Night

Larkin: As you all know, it was in the Fieldhouse. About 200-250 people. Amazing workers, great prizes, great turnout.

Grace: I echo everything Larkin said. I was satisfied and happy with the turnout, and I think areas to improve for next year might be changing the token/ticket system or brainstorming changes to make it more cohesive. Especially when it comes to craps and roulette. I would also love to expand advertising further, and work more with other avenues.

Urvashi: I heard great things about the event. I didn't see a lot of advertisement before the event. I'd like to see more preparation.

Ava: I think driving around on the cart was a great advertising piece. It was a conversation piece.

Christian: What was the method for counting people?

Larkin: We had someone clicking at the door for everyone who entered.

Christian: A lot of people didn't know that this was happening so I think just more advertising would be great.

Constituency Reports

Boppell

Grace: Katelynn is not here and does not have a proxy, but sent me her constituency report to read to all of you. She says, boppell is doing good. I have recently had a conversation with some of my constituents and ask them questions about safety and security on campus now that the safety committee is back. One of the constituents said that on a scale of 1 to 10 The trust security a zero. Another recommended having a female security guard. I also got a lot of comments about getting yelled at for calling and fear about someone getting upset when they are locked out of a building and an RA can't let them in. I'm not sure what we can do about this, but I would love if this was something the safety committee would revisit.

Oliver

Lotanna: Oliver is doing well so far. Nothing out of the ordinary has happened, if you don't count the printer not working. Currently, Oliver is really quiet all around except during primetime which is fun, and at nighttime, our lounges are often filled with people studying for the midterms.

Duvall

Katie: Duvall has been doing pretty good. We have had a few new faces pop up at the prime times. There are a lot of happy people having a great time with the sun out, lots of hammocks out there and frisbees. I do see some stress for midterms which is expected, however lots of conversations buzzing on spring break

BJ

Isaac (Proxy): BJ is doing well. There has definitely been a damper on the energy lately, but I think it has mostly come from the stress of midterms. Even so, although the primetime attendance has not been as much, there are definitely still people around. Also, final RA interviews have happened and many people are anxiously awaiting to hear if they got a position or not. Despite midterms and awaiting

RA stuff, I have seen so many smiles because of the sun. And lastly a sweatshirt update: I am in the midst of getting my last designs in. We will be voting on a final design the week after break.

Arend

Samie: Arend is doing pretty good. Still seeing a lot of stress regarding registration for first years and even second years. And the timeline for things after break. Also, I sent out a survey and got a whopping two responses. Both of which said that they are very stressed which is not very shocking. Overall though, doing pretty good.

Off-Campus Senator:

Grace: Off-campus is great and loving the weather. Mid-terms have been a point of stress, but everyone is excited for the much-needed spring break.

Warren

Ava: I think this has been a stressful week for a lot of students. More frequently, I see people studying rather than just hanging out. Additionally, because of the warm weather I have seen people lay out in the sun which is great. But hopefully everyone can get there work caught up in order to enjoy the nice weather and spring break.

McMillan

Lucien: McMillan is doing very well this week. We, as a community, love the Spring and there have already been a number of outdoor study seshes and games. This is my favorite time of the year for this community, so if you see a group of BMAC folks by the slack line come say hi. I don't think that much has happened this week to be concerned about so thats about it. Milk and Cookies tonight at 10:55 PM, come join for fun times and a wonderful sense of community.

Ballard

Kenzie: Ballard is doing well, we're enjoying the sun and the warm weather, lots of frofing and attempting to catch pine cones. The ballardians are very excited for spring break, so we're itching to leave.

Neighborhoods

Maleah: The neighborhood is doing great. We are all very excited for Spring Break. Some of my constituents are excited about the Emmaus trip to Oregon and others are simply excited to head home and see their families. Thanks to the great weather we have been experiencing, I have been seeing a lot more activity around the neighborhoods and a lot more involvement with one another. Such as walks, runs, and walking over to Omache field to play some games. I have planned on sending out an email reminder to ensure that people keep their houses and windows locked if they are planning on leaving for a break. This is because we are always at higher risk during breaks for attempted break-ins.

International Students

Nirjal (Proxy): The international students are well. We're struggling with midterms but excited for Spring Break like everyone else. Some of us get to stay in the dorms over the Spring Break and have the campus to ourselves. It's going to be great.

Incoming Student Representatives:

Gio & Liam: So a lot of talk that I've been hearing from our incoming class is just the excitement for Spring break, lots of students are excited to go travel, go home, and some are planning on staying especially because of College work week. The weather is looking amazing and we are beginning to see more and more students outside, life is good for our incoming class.

Campus Vibes

Lucien: I had someone saying that for election applications, the link wasn't working.

Christian: I talked to her and got it fixed.

Katie: Security issue. Someone said she was walking to work early in the morning and was verbally harassed by a non Whitworth associated male. He was trying to get into the building and yelling at her. In that area there's no blue light. If you can't parkour then it would be hard. I think we should get another blue light there. It's kind of scary.

Christian: I have 2 things. First, I will continue working with Maleah to talk about Safety Committee meetings and things to be brought up. And then also, I mentioned a few weeks ago that there was an incident in Mind and Hearth where a student fainted and we might be doing a CPR training with the local Fire Department. Aaron has been in talks about AED replacement as well.

Kenzie: The Parkening. It's that time of year where security go crazy on students. If you don't have a parking pass, go get one.

Jamie: Don't park in visitor parking or you'll get a ticket.

Lucien: Back to the talk of AED's for a second. The literacy for AED's is that they are for students and not for fire department staff. Is there some way we can create literacy around that?

Christian: I'll talk and see.

Lotanna: I want to share a conversation. I had a resident expressing her struggles. She's taking Core 150 and she took a Philosophy class and she found it really difficult to learn in the courses, because it was mostly mainly all Christianity. Just something to hear.

Shoutouts

Kenzie: Shoutout to Lucien because he will be doing play stuff like what I had to do.

Christian: Shoutout to Sydnee for helping with election posters and things. Shoutout to Jamie for hanging them today. Shoutout to Samie for taking on the role of SEC chair.

Lucien: Shoutout to Aaron for caring about AED stuff.

Georgia: Shoutout to Katie for handling the drinks role at Casino Night very well. It was stressful and she handled it very well. Shoutout to Laurie and Todd for showing up and showing out. We appreciate y'all. Shoutout to Rylee for joining us so late in the year, we are very happy to have you.

Urvashi: Shoutout to Jason. Best of luck to him. Shoutout to Laurie for dealing with all of the chaos. Shoutout to Rhosetta for handling the new changes and shoutout to Todd for taking this new role on.

Sydnee: Shoutout to Todd. Thank you so much for being here.

Katie: Shoutout to the Execs. You guys are handling change very well. I just want to say I appreciate you all for being rocks for all of us.

Kenzie: Shoutout to Execs for sitting down and doing hiring decisions.

Gio: Shoutout to everyone. Amazing coworkers. Have a great spring break.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Bobbi Jo

Seconded by Katie

Favor: 15 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm
