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2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes October 30th, 2024

Executive Members:

Isaac Price President	PRESENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Salwa Mehreen Communications Director	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Chloe Crandell Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Gwen Brantner Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Sophie St. Jacques Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Sierra Pauley Senior Class Coordinator	PRESENT
Jude Ruetschle Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Aubrey Lathrom Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

Senators:

Aloisa Morales-Saldana Arend Senator	PRESENT
Abby Ruffcorn Ballard Senator	PROXY
Kenzie Lebsack Baldwin Jenkins Senator	PROXY
Eli Roberts Boppell Senator	PROXY
Jordan Voigt Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PRESENT
Michael Barnes McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Abi Prather Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Avery Hamilton Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Eli Harris Stewart Senator	PRESENT

Representative:

Madalyn Dotson Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Harmony Pakootas Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Ben Veith Neighborhoods Senator Representative	PRESENT
Austin Read Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Esperanza Gui Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Jayce Palm Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Cheyenne Rodgers Off Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:01 PM

Mission statement read by Isaac

Approval of Minutes 10.23.2024

Motioned to approve minutes by Eli H

Seconded by Abi P

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

What's up Whitworth

Isaac: I've sent an e-mail to the teams but the brand engagement workshops are happening. Please sign up there's an online option. Yeah, so spread the word, they really want as many students as possible.

Niraj: Sign up sheet for Ifest is available.

Sierra: I need to be making a senior committee soon, so if you know seniors who wanna be involved in my committee, Let me know! Thanks.

Niraj: there's a trivia night, organized by psychology and guess who is hosting the trivia? Mark Baird over there.

Dr. Mark Baird: Hello everyone! I'm dr. Mark Baird, Im the faculty president. Just wanted to come, see what's going on and see how we can promote. So, trivia night at Dixon 206, 7:30 pm tonight.

Sophie: on nov 5th, so next Tuesday there is a little thing called general election, So the political science club is hosting a watch party in the hub MPR, I believe it will be starting at 6:30. More details will be relayed soon. Please come. It wil be fun. There will be snacks.

Issac: how long it will run?

Sophie: either 10 or 11.

Student Highlight

Isaac: So our student highlight is Ziona. Unfortunately I don't have the notes as to her role so I'll let Todd describe.

Todd: So, ziona, there was some its called PCI training at the rec center, last weekend I think it was, for climbing wall coordinators. She was just very instrumental. And just kinda bridge the gap between those who were hired. Externally they come in and do the training, the student workers its about 16 to 20 hours. Training for over 2 and a half days. So anyways, she was just amazing, she was around, advocating and she is the climbing wall coordinator as well.

Club Updates

Gwen: I feel like it's so soon everytime I forget it's there. Alright, so the first order of business are the speaker votes for the speakers that were presented to us last week so we'll start with the pre health club. Nabi, do you wanna tell us who they are again? Briefly? The speakers? Do you have that? Or are you just here to represent?

Nabi: No I was just asked to show up.

Gwen: OK that's fine I believe 5 panelists speakers whose names I obviously can't remember because it's not my job description and they are basically just gonna sit there and answer people's questions about what it's like to be in the medical field after graduating from Whitworth any questions?

Approval of Speakers for pre-health club

Motioned to approve minutes by Eli h

Secoded by Ben

Favor: 13 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 1

Gwen: Next vote on the docket is for business club again as you know business club brings speakers all the time. Anu can you remind us of the I believe it's two that we're approving so just remind us of them

Anu: Yeah. So the first one is Kathryn McInturff, she will talk about real estate , how to buy a house etc. next one is Gerhard H. Muelheims, he is a Senior Manager in the Tax department at Moss Adams, he will talk about business in general.

Eli h: What's the second name?

Anu: Gerhard H. Muelheim

Approval of Speakers for business club: Kathryn McInturff

Motioned to approve minutes by ben

Secoded by Eli H

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Approval of Speakers for business club: Gerhard H. Muelheims

Motioned to approve minutes by eli h

Secoded by Harmony

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Communication Director's Update

Salwa: hello! So I have three small things the first one is actually a request, so constituency reports you were supposed to send it to me on Monday or Tuesday but I know that it's not possible all the time so you have Wednesday Thursday Friday and Saturday. So, just don't not send it to me at all. OK? because uh if you send it to me later I always save the files in PDF forms because I reuse the work files I have to convert it back and forth and some of the things get changed so it's it's a hassle plus it's a little bit annoying but uh these are the

dates by which you should send me your constituency reports. Proxy- if you cannot make it to this meeting when you're letting BobbiJo know, please let me know as well or in the meetings you will be uh I'll just write absent for you so just let me know for that one.

Jude: Remind me is that for coordinators or just voting members?

BobbiJo: Voting members.

Salwa: And for BMAC haunted house and unplugged auditions, I just need those photos for Instagram if you guys have any photos from haunted house that would be amazing just send that to me alright that's all.

Financial Director Update

Michael: hi everyone OK so again account totals they're the same as last week. the next Finance Committee meeting is next week Monday so get your requisitions in before that. something else that I wanted to mention as well is something that one of my professors spoke to me about today. I don't know how this wasn't included in the committee announcements unless it was but they didn't follow up but my professor is head of the teaching learning and assessment committee which essentially my understanding of what the committee is that many focuses on the the thing called like assessment where every four or five years somebody I don't know the powers that be coming like essentially make sure that the schools on it when it comes to like teaching what's going on their classroom what the teachers like audit courses if that makes sense and she wanted two students to represent like or two people to come and represent the student body because she wants to add like a whole section in her committee about hearing from students, student voices what you know students are experiencing class what they expect in class and like general university things. so this I think they only meet two or three times this semester and the meetings they are pretty long but she did say that for every meeting it's gonna be probably like a 30 or 40 minute session like just dedicated to like hearing student voice and then after that the students can leave so they don't have to stay the whole time so you say for like 30 minutes and then go and she really wants to hear from the students so like if you have something to say I really encourage you to be in this committee.

Isaac: Is it TLAC?

Michael: Yes.

Isaac: I think we already have two people on that committee. I think Niraj and Sophie.

Michael: You guys are already on that committee? I don't know why she told me then..

Mark Baird: Because there was a breakdown in communication from faculty president , which would be me.

Michael: Well then it's great that you are here!

Vice President Update

BobbiJo: I know this says vice president and I'm currently president but I'm still giving these updates. I sent out a form on teams for carpooling if you're going to the game also if you haven't answered my outlook invite I don't know what to say other than like answer it. even if you're not going press decline, I talked about this last week but anyways if you're going to the game please answer this thing because we need to get carpooling set up. And then Fall retreat is this Saturday. And I just wanna mention that our ice breaker is what your walk up song is so be preparing that so you're ready and we're gonna choose a couple of you to come into your walk up songs to walk with the walk up song

Salwa: We are taking the new members photos right?

BobbiJo: During lunch

Salwa: So just keep that in mind.

President Updates

Isaac: alright I have one thing for today. If you are a coordinator, we will have one on one this semester in November.

Gwen: Another one on one?

Chloe: Don't say it like you don't wanna go.

Gwen: I was just clarifying. Nothing personal.

Bobbijo: it sounded very aggressive

Gwen: I didn't mean to!

Bobbijo: Anyways, look out for that email coordinators.

Upcoming / Past Events

Aloisa: Gator Crawl is this Friday, 8pm to 10pm in Arend. Anybody can come. There is gonna be pie, donuts, karaoke, and then crafts. Please come!

Momo: Ballard tea is like a talent show that is hosted in the chapel, on the 8th of November which is next Friday, and its from 8 to 10, and there will be fondue, some hot chocolate, apple cider I think.

Bobbijo: You can sign up on BMAC Instagram.

Chloe: It's also a dress somewhat nice event.

Eli h: Hello! So the day after ballard tea , on Saturday Stewart is hosting a Mario Kart Tournament. Top 3 places get a prize in amazon gift cards. And yeah you should turn out. All skill level is welcome. I will be joining it for the sole purpose of making everyone else feel good about their Mario Kart skills.

Aubrey: Winter carnival is in November 15th as you can see in Urec. We still need people to sign up, the sign up sheet that was sent out on teams last week I still have about 8-9 slots to fill. So if you haven't filled one out please look at it. If you have filled one out and you're willing to work a double shift there is gonna be pizza involved, thought I should mention that, little bit of incentive. you get dinner. Please sign up for two shifts if you are able to. Definitely need the help. Thank you.

Jude: When Church Hurts - yeah I will not be here next week to remind you about this so I'll try to also send an e-mail but November 10th from 8:00 to 9:00 PM I'm waiting on room confirmation it's supposed to be in the mind and heart not the Chapel but essentially it's gonna be a kind of seminar based student focused dialogue about kind of story sharing and talking about church hurt and what that looks like for different people and how we address and heal from that and there will be tea offered and I'm just really excited for this opportunity to have an open dialogue so yeah. On the 12th, Tuesday night.

Chole: Pancake Social- So, this is the most crazy event ever obviously and I have one job for you all. show up, eat cakes. Its on 14th November in the MPR from 9:00 to 11:00 I'm ordering like 600 so please come and show up eat pancakes please.

Bobbijo: Before we move on, just a reminder to everyone here that works for ASWU you are required to help at events if your hours allow. so just remember that when Aubrey is asking for help for winter carnival or like any other events that ask you for help showing up and eating pancakes, chloe might write your name down so just to come and eat pancakes. we do keep track of it and we are holding everyone accountable for it. Any question?

Mark Baird: Can I come to the pancake social?

Bobbijo: Yes you can. You should put that on your calender.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Aloisa: Arend constituents are doing well. They all enjoyed their fall break. Most constituents went home for the break. However, some stayed back to work or did schoolwork. Residents are saying that it is cold outside but warm in Arend. I know that some constituents are happy with the heaters being on.

Ballard

Abby: This week In Ballard residents got to enjoy Fall Break and take some time to rest after midterms! Residents are feeling kind of disappointed about coming back to school as they are ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas Break! However, I am planning some fun events coming up this November to try and make residents feel happier about being at school! Ballard Tea is coming up on 11/8 as is Bracelets and Brownies on 11/22! Please consider attending!

Boppell

Eli Roberts: Boppell residents had a restful fall break and either enjoyed time with family and travel or hanging out with friends and enjoying a quiet campus. Residents have been decorating their doors with fall decorations and pumpkins and even Christmas decorations...which some say is way too early in the year for. Primetimes are still a struggle to have higher attendance as the year progresses but that is to be expected as academics are first in students' minds. All is well, in Boppell.

Duvall

Jordan: Duvall has been quiet this past week. Most residents went home for fall break so residence hall was dead. Seems like most constituents really benefitted from having a few days to rest and relax. Prime times have still been popular with multiple residents showing up consistently. Everyone seems super relax with midterms now over. Leadership meeting is next week and we will finalize the senator event date and times.

International Students

Niraj: Our international students are doing well, and everyone had a restful fall break. Students explored various destinations, including Seattle, the East Coast, and the beautiful Stanley Hot Springs. Now that sign-ups for IFest are open, there's a lot of excitement! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their culture with the broader campus community. If any of your constituents are interested in presenting their own cultural background or want to support others in doing so through cultural dance, music, presentations, or other activities, please encourage them to contact I-club. Overall we are good!

McMillan

Michael Barnes: Mcmillan constituency reports Mcmillan Hall has had a good week with many residents leaving for break. Many residents are gathering in the second-floor lounge to play games and talk most days of the week. This has fostered some good community and I have been able to gather good feedback about events. Last Wednesday the residence hall had cake and cookies in place of the usual milk and cookies. Many residence enjoyed this change of pace.

Off-Campus Students

Abi: Off campus is doing decent after a fall break though it didn't feel long enough. It will now always be in the 30s at night so make sure to bundle up and drive carefully. Our next event is coming and we're so excited!

Stew-Ville

Eli H: The honorable citizens of Stewart and The Village are doing alright. The last week was stressful, with midterms, exams, and projects, but the short break provided a much-needed respite. However, the stress means that some of the tiredness we felt last week

continues to lag over as we push to the end of the semester and those of us who used to break to mess up our sleep schedules are feeling the effects. Residents interact more, a direct counter to midterms week, leaning on each other to be study buddies and, more importantly, friends. These quiet halls buzz with hope and excitement as the semester progresses.

Baldwin Jenkins

Kenzie: Baldwin-Jenkins is finally back from Fall Break, and everyone is restful and ready to take on their class as Midterms is close to ending. Baldwin-Jenkins skeleton guest (Jon Bone Jove) has been posing all over Bj to bring the humor to everyone!

Oliver

Avery: Hello! Oliver is doing well and has had a lot of fun and engaging prime times this week. Everyone seems well rested from break and is pushing through the final stretch of this semester!

Incoming Students

Harmony: The first-year students at Whitworth University are doing well. Midterm season is finally ending with only some last-minute exams this week, and it seems as if students are simply happy to be getting through it. Fall break was a time of rest for most everyone, whether spent here at Whitworth or at home. Some students, like me, used it as an opportunity to catch up on some much-needed sleep, some took the opportunity to do some fun things with their free time like hanging out with old friends, and some made the responsible decision to finish assignments and get some studying done.

Neighborhoods

Ben: Neighborhood residents are doing well. Many of them traveled or went home for Fall Break, which was a greatly needed time of rest and relaxation. But now that Neighborhood residents back, many are still feeling the academic pressure and busy with different aspects of life, and hoping for things to improve.

Shoutouts:

Isaac: I have the meal cards.

Gwen: if you guys are in the club or know somebody who is a leader of the club please remind them that there's another club training on November 7th which is a Thursday at 5:00 PM and if they can't make it they have to e-mail me before the meeting starts thank you .

Aubrey: Along with that if you do know somebody who has a club or you yourself in a club we would love to have clubs involved in winter carnival. so I sent an e-mail out originally but we have 7 clubs right now so if you know somebody and you're interested in running a carnival game for club please send them my way.

Isaac: What will they be doing?

Aubrey: So, basically what clubs are doing at winter carnival is they're just tabling a spot that has a game of some sort so a traditional carnival game could be like ring toss or it could be like trivia, carnival games that include people basically they get raffle tickets, they win, they get raffle and there are prizes. So really just tabling, it's good advertisement for clubs if they wanna get out there.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Eli H

Secoded by Ben

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm
