

We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, are dedicated to representing our diverse student body with integrity, empathy, and respect. By engaging in open dialogue, we aim to cultivate an inclusive and supportive campus community, lead with authenticity, advocate for equity, and strive for every student to feel valued and heard.

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**2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes February 19th , 2025**

**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

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Aloisa Morales-Saldana | Arend Senator PRESENT

Abby Ruffcorn | Ballard Senator PRESENT

Kenzie Lebsack | Baldwin Jenkins Senator PRESENT

Eli Roberts | Boppell Senator PRESENT

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 | Stewert Senator PRESENT

**Representative:**

Madalyn Dotson| Incoming Student Representative PRESENT

Harmony Pakootas| Incoming Student 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

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**Meeting brought to order at 5:02 pm**

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**Mission statement read by Abby**

**Approval of Minutes 2.05.2025**

*Motioned to approve minutes by Eli H*

*Seconded by Abi P*

**Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

**Approval of Minutes 2.12.2025**

*Motioned to approve minutes by Kenzie*

*Seconded by Eli H*

**Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

**What’s up Whitworth**

Gwen: On March 1st at 7 definitely there's a cool whip show in RTT. You should all go. it's at 6 sorry its at 6 and you should all go great

Sophie: aswu thanks to Gwen, eli, officially now has a tik tok. there's already a video of Scott Mcquilkin himself. so please go and look at that. it's pretty good.

Isaac: it is one pine day until tomorrow which means there are a lot of different things to support on the one pine day website. There is also social media campaigns- students who I think it's up to 50 students and more gifts are being matched with like up to 7500 or something like that I might not have the exact figure but that's until tomorrow so please spread the word. The second thing that I have on this is next Wednesday there is a Black History Month lunch I believe it's next Wednesday afternoon and I believe it's at music 1:30. MPR.

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**Special Guest**

Micki: you should have received an invitation I think for this lunch. we were able to invite all of you if you didn't receive an invitation that's an error so e-mail me I'll give you an invitation. so it's from 12:00 to 1:00 and then the announcement for the speaker who's going to be there be here so I wanna read it again because it came out at the 1st of the month. so it's through wayerhauser Center for Christian faith and learning and through office of DEI. so we're having a complimentary private luncheon with the question and answer session for all of you. small group of us. he asked if you attend if you could read the article and actually prepare questions, if you have questions if you don't you could just come and eat and enjoy it's a full meal so you're all welcome to come. Dr. Ron Barton is the Martin Luther King junior Centennial professor of religious studies and a professor of African American studies at Stanford University. He serves as director of the Martin Luther King junior research and education institute. Dr. Martin has received multiple nationally recognized fellowships including a fellowship from the national endowment for humanities. His commentary and writing have been featured in many national publications. he's published many books as well. he's also been recognized for his teaching receiving institutional teaching awards as well as fellowships within the Wabash Center for teaching and learning and theology and religion. so the luncheon is from 12 to one it's in the crows nest and so when you walk in just tell them that you're there for the Laura Martin luncheon. A selected student leaders your insights and perspectives are welcome and the question and answer session. his keynote address begins at 7:00 PM also he's doing a book signing which is very special so after that during additional question answering sessions that evening and so if for the luncheon not for the speaking event for the luncheon if you could e-mail Julia and that way we know that you're coming so we can plan have all on dietary modifications as well for each of the allergies there as well. any questions and again if you didn't receive an invitation and you want to attend please feel free to reach out to me.

Isaac : Next up we have Caleb. he came just in time. Caleb is a Whitworth alum and currently works as a liaison of Spokane Transit Authority. He is here to talk about the student experience and having data about what experience like for students taking public transportation and how that can be improved

Caleb : yeah as he just said I am your representative to Spokane transit all these citizens advisory committee so I represent the Whitworth family and Community College and so I've been working with Isaac primarily and we've developed a survey that I wanna give out to the student body to get feedback on how STA is doing and connecting with Whitworth. because I don't have a lot of feedback or things to work with and so I'm hoping to get this feedback um so that Sta knows how to improve facilities for you or frequency or whatever is needed because whitworth is this far out it tends to get sidelined compared to like Outside in Eastern Washington university so I'm trying to push for STA to improve things over here but having a large piece of feedback from the student body will help me convince them so that's partially what I'm looking for. I'll put my put my e-mail here and how did we wanna distribute the survey because you have a copy of it

Isaac: so we have a link and we can distribute it from there.

Caleb: OK and then there is supposed to be Q&A so if anyone has any questions on the survey in general other feedback now it's your chance. feel free to raise your hands while I'm writing my e-mail. anything at all? I will send the survey out and if you have any questions e-mail me and let me know I can come back in the future

Annaclare: you guys might Remember Me from the many Aswu meetings I've sat through when I worked out for the whitworthian as a student reporter but for those of you that don't know me hi I'm Anna Claire I'm currently an AmeriCorps member serving a term in the dornsife Center for community engagement which is just on the 1st floor of warehouser kind of if you're headed in the section of the Westminster building. so you might be wondering OK you're americorp member what why are you here to talk to me about the bus pass program and it's because my position in the dornsife center is related to tribal engagement and environmental education which initially doesn't sound like it would overlap very much with the buses but one of the problems that I've been running into while trying to essentially develop access for our students to off campus outdoor education programs is that it costs a lot of money to contract privately with the vans on campus to ship an entire group of students on campus. luckily the university has a free bus pass program. however I know this from my own four years here as a student and also from my time as a staff member now that this program is really pretty underutilized and doesn't have a lot of resources attached to it meaning that for me as a staff member trying to develop off campus field trips and educational experiences that take students off campus and get them engaged with the broader city it can be very expensive to try to plan those events and also has more of an environmental cost attached to it when you're taking individual bands to these places so the proposal that I have here actually kind of dovetails very nicely with Kayla being here today because one of the things that Isaac and I mentioned in our conversation with Caleb was that we think that perhaps if you guys send out this survey now and then we develop some resources that improve our students access to the bus pass program we can do another survey that can show that that created improvement for our students accessing it. so currently , I've got some pictures of what current resources we have about this program and they're pretty small. They don't take up a lot of space we really only have two kind of pamphlets sometimes 3 or 4 this sort of float around on this desk that the students who work the hub information desk through aswu are in charge of it. these pamphlets are actually pretty out of date when I last picked it up it was a schedule from 2021 which is not super helpful because a lot of the bus pass schedules usually change on an annual basis and in response to student feedback so for students who might have never used this program before but suddenly find themselves in need of transportation an internship or to an off campus field trip this can pose a pretty big barrier to entry because a lot of us here in north Spokane are less familiar with using the public transit system. so sort of the proposal that I have for you today is really about a resource that I would help you all as a student body develop to offer at this hub information desk to the broader student body. this is an example of what's on gonzaga's website so Gonzaga University has an entire sustainable transportation and commuting page on their website where they cover all kinds of ways that you can get to campus including biking carpooling using the bus system and then they have like some incentive programs for different departments to track their communities. that's they're larger university than ours I don't necessarily think that we need to do all of this but the very fact that they have some maps on their website that direct students to the bus routes near their campus actually is a huge win for accessibility currently if you search Whitworth bus pass program or Whitworth free transit there will be nothing that comes up because it's actually listed nowhere on the university's website. This is a problem for a couple of reasons mainly that students don't know that this program is exists unless they've heard about it from word of mouth and it also makes staff or faculty we're trying to get students campus not have a dedicated resource that they can send to people about how to use that program. why is this a problem? well it's because this program is actually super important to a lot of students who are lower income we actually. also used to have bus passes for free for our staff and faculty which was also a huge win for accessibility and access unfortunately COVID cutbacks have kind of taken away that maybe someday it'll come back I don't know but in the past student unions elected representatives such as yourselves have actually worked really really hard to keep this program a priority uh and they have also made sure that we keep that program accessible to all students even if not every student is using it. also in the past our administration in the higher ups in the university have come out and financially supported this program whereas aswu’s funds have been lacking because not a lot of people know about this program and also a lot of people don't know how to use the bus. I think that creating some strong resources for engaging it could be really useful to a lot of people on our campus and little bit selfishly it will also help me do my job a lot easier when I take large groups of students downtown for events. I've developed a proposal sort of a guide for how to improve our student public transit access this is just sort of the abstract for it and basically what this just does is it's just me pulling together some resources to outline why this is a problem how students could be assisted by this how other areas of campus would be impacted by it and identified that the central problem is the lack of education that we have about this program and the lack of resources instructing our campus on how to use it. so my proposal to you all and this is collaborative so please give me feedback on this is that I can come in once or twice more to get some feedback from you all about what kinds of resources the students that you represent would find useful for having in the hub. a couple ideas that I've like listed later on in this report that I've only for the time being shared with Isaac as well it's kind of in its drafting stage are things like a map that shows the entire outline of the public transit system something like that posted behind the student Information Center in the hub would put a very visible indicator that this program exists during one of the most high foot traffic areas on our campus. it also is conveniently located near one of the most frequently used bus stops just right across the road right there so that students would have better understanding of like where these buses can even take them around the city. this is a map of all of the places that you can actually get if you use the bus system using your free passes if you notice and Caleb kind of already touched on this but Whitworth is actually located all the way up at the very tippy top up towards where those kind of two top red lines intersect because we are on the North End of campus or the North End of the city we've historically had less development with the buses and so there isn't as much to take us further north but there's a lot that can take us further South and out to connect students to as I said internships off campus programs like field trips that sort of thing service opportunities in the Dornsife center. even a map is simple as this that just highlights the three main bus routes that are literally connected to our campus I think would go a long way for helping our students with this so my proposal is just that we kind of keep this conversation open that maybe when you send out this survey to your constituents that you ask them if they even know about the bus pass program because that feedback would also be valuable for me and developing some kind of report that encourages a collaborative like resource approach to improving our access to this. so yeah that's about it. does anybody have questions or concerns or just like thoughts.

Nirja: I think like just a point of advice would be to utilize sort of already existing digital maps that they have like Google Maps and I think the spoken transit website tracks the buses and where the bus stops . if you collect that somehow or get people to download an app that they might have or just educate people on Google Maps more like it has accurate information.

Jayce: yeah I was gonna ask does this work for all of the buses?

Annaclare: yes yes it does yeah so you can so I once took it during the pandemic my sophomore year and I accidentally took it all the way to Cheney instead of the Whitworth and part of that was because I had no idea where it was going didn't know how to use the bus and was just using it because it was the only transportation option I had available so I was trying to get the airport to here and I went in the opposite direction. so yes you could get on every single bus for an unlimited number of times for I can't remember the exact month ..there's like one or two months in the summer that I think it might not copper but other than that it's pretty year around

Jude: I'm curious whether this kind of conversation could also be paired with the conversation about sustainability and also like encouraging students even if they have modes of transportation in their own cars that this is actually a more sustainable way of like transportation and that that could be a good way to raise awareness kind of incentivize using this program as well.

Annaclaire: it also provides conveniently a lot of cost savings to say like hey you might have been planning as a you know student coordinator of some kind for renting these vans but actually if we can bring that cost to 0 if you teach the students who are attending your event how to effectively use the program. I love taking the bus I don't do it super often right now because of the weather but I have in the past you realized it very very heavily especially when I was a student and didn't have a car so it's been a real lifesaver for me in that way but it would have been nice to know how to not end up in Cheney instead of campus

Caleb: I will have the survey sent out. it's designed for people who take the bus or don't take the bus and drive take the survey anyway because I have it set up for the first question asked if you take the bus . to take it will be good to take or receive feedback from people who don't use the bus as well.

Salwa: just a suggestion because I've been like using buses for three years I've been here. one of the main reasons why people don't use the buses that often because of hygiene. because during snow when it's snowing outside inside of the bus it gets lot people and most of the time it's homeless people and there's like a lot of garbage out like inside the boxes and I have heard a lot of stories and I have seen some so just just a little feedback.

Caleb: TSA is working on it. buut there's only so much you can do because you can't keep people off the buses.

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**Student Highlight**

BobbiJO:this week our student highlight is Noa lovegran. she's an RA in Stewart she helped her new residence move in and make new friends on her floor just wanted to highlight her because she so kind and helpful. That’s all. also if you have student highlights send them my way please thank you.

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**Club Updates**

Gwen: OK guys club updates and we'll just start with swing n ballroom I think would be best.

Cupala: Hello im Cupala im representing swing and ballroom dance. So swing and ballroom club is playing on dances every Saturday evening at 7:00 PM and they've built up a pretty consistent attendance around 20 people each week um last semester we hosted our annual masquerade ball and we had about 60 people come to that which is really cool and then this semester we have multiple that's coming up you know liddy hop workshop this Saturday which I'm bringing in some professional instructors who are gonna be teaching that and that's gonna be a 7 and graves gym 2 guest instructors and then they'll be vintage inspired under the sea enchantment dance on April 12th which is kind of the big official dance of the semester along with every Saturday we'll be continuing to have the more casual social dancing and then we're collaborating with jazz to have them play live music events in March which is going very well.

Isaac: how does the attendance look like during meeting

Cupala: so it kind of depends for the weekly dances because it's every Saturday it's a bit smaller we should get between 15 to 20 people come to those and then we have our two big events throughout the year and follow the masquerade and this year vintage inspired dance and we get about 60 people up for those kind of depends on what we're doing with. but we're hoping we're gonna get a bigger attendance this Saturday to keep bringing in instructors and so if you guys are interested in dancing Lindy hop very easy to learn very fun low stakes super super good the instructors are phenomenal. I've worked with them before so highly recommended and it's free and you get to meet people. Any other questions?

Bree: hello everybody. My name is Bree for those of you who don't know me I am the president of turning point usa here at university. as far as club updates goes we don't really have a whole lot except that this semester we do have two new executives gianna is our student outreach coordinator in charge of like sending emails planning tabling events and then they're also having new social media director who's crystal and she's joining us here today welcome crystal and she's in charge of our Instagram and posting any like graphics and that sort of thing any questions so far. OK cool so we'll just go ahead and straight into our presentation so just a reminder this is our mission statement at turning point. turning point USA guide citizens through development of knowledge skills values and motivation so that they can meaningfully engage in their communities to restore traditional American values like patriotism respect for life liberty family and fiscal responsibility and then our little three word maximum at the bottom is educate identify and empower. OK so just a little bit about the speakers that we are hoping to have come to campus this month our first one is Stephen Davis so little bit about him he's a political activist and he also hosts a podcast through turning point in the past what he mostly shares about is that he hold more progressive beliefs in the past as far as politics goes and he had like a type of revelation I guess he would say in his own words and now wants to share like his experiences through civil discourse. Olivia I don't know how to say her last name honesty OK so she or her big thing is like she went viral after professor failed her for using the term biological women on an assignment that she had she is currently the head of the relegated center at the leadership institute which is an organization that trains young political leaders and fun fact about her she ran track in both high school and college and here's a picture of them Stephen is on the left and Olivia's on the right so and here are the event details Stevens event is coming up first on March 6th at 6:30 PM his titles are called the CRT con it will be warehouser 111 I don't think we have the room to confirm yet but we did put the request in. the few other talking points that you will be going through is defining critical race theory defining the term black excellence talking about the four pillars of CRT and he really likes audience participation is really interested in like engaging in civil discourse so his event would be more of like a class type of thing and then Olivia's event I'm not sure what her titles are yet I wasn't given that information. Again her’s is on March 18th at 6:30 PM warehouser 111 and she will be talking about the importance of protecting the integrity of women sports, discussing title 9 why it matters to her and its impact on society in the long run and then you guys all know this but as I was going through the requirements for getting speakers on the campus of these questions came up and so I just wanted to address them three of the things that stood out to me in the aswu mission statement are representing our diverse student body engaging and open dialogue and striving for every student should be valued and heard and me and along with my executive team members we really believe that these two speakers will help accomplish that representing the conservative student body that we have here at Whitworth and both of them really believe in anything like civil respectful open dialogue and also we really want our conservative students to feel valued and heard and I know that in the past aswu and turning point have not had a very positive relationship but me and my team are trying to build that up this year and really just have like an open positive relationship with you guys so that we can better represent our team members thank you. and then whitworth’s mission statement you guys already know this honor follow Serve. I know that Steven and Olivia both are passionate Christians they're very passionate about their faith and I'm assuming that will be part of their presentations as well and then other questions that came up do Steven and Olivia accurately represent the interest of what the students yes I believe they do earlier in the month we had a chapter meeting and I'll discuss like speakers that we would like to have come in both of their names came up Steven and Olivia encouraging mutually respectful inquiry yes do they encourage you to do physical violence no do they align with whitworth's statement on freedom of expression and civil discourse and I have a little quote from here three of the things that stood out to me from that statement on freedom expression of civil discourse was listening and asking and answering positively into discussions that even have difficult topics and they Stephen Olivia felt through this really well they love asking questions seeing where other people are getting to the root of their beliefs and obviously they're civil don't strive for violence or anything like that so and then other questions will Stephen and Olivia recently expected to urge unlawful order or threatening violence of any kind to Whitworth community members or businesses or facilities you know they will not do they have a history of violence or abuse of any identifiable person or community? they're very civil people. that's about it any questions so far.

Sophie: I was wondering because like you pointed out aswu mission statement that we're supposed to foster safety on campus how is hosting these two speakers going to ensure that students feel like valued and heard rather than singled out and marginalized?

Bree: I think having these two speakers come are really gonna help the conservative student body that is at Whitworth I know in like past years are relationship with aswu has been rocky but we really want to like build a positive relationship while making sure that conservative students feel like their interest are being valued so that's why we have these two speakers coming. Steven I know and Olivia both of them but especially Stephen welcomes people from other backgrounds who don't have his beliefs because he also came from that position and so he welcomes like all people to come and discuss and debate with him civilly and respectfully of course so yeah that's why I think they'll be good yes.

Sierra: with the debating aspect is there a way that you're going to protect students dignity because I know there's a lot of like come ask me this question and people record it and put it out on the Internet and make fun of the other whether that's either side so is there going to be a way to just kind of monitor that and say hey like we need to stop this before people start harassing or being rude to students or community members

Bree: for Steven and Olivia both Stevens event is gonna be like a classroom thing so it's gonna be more of like here I have these slides here's what I think here's my argument Q&A teaching type of thing so it's not gonna be like going out and like prove me wrong type thing that's not the event that's happening and also I know before they come I legally have to say like you can't record because it's state of Washington so that's not gonna be happening either

Jayce: so with Olivia you mentioned she was the head of the

Bree: the leadership institute yeah yeah so Olivia is the head of the Riley game center at the leadership institute. the leadership institute as an organization their goal is to like they offer lots of like trainings for how to put on an event how to do student outreach. they have like a lot of different resources they're really good with like donations and funding of different events but they they're a nonpartisan organization that just trains young political leaders on like how to actually make a difference so that's their mission I know the riley game center is a little bit in its infancy but their mission as a part of leadership institute is more focused on protecting women's sports is that helpful?

Sierra: for specifically the second speaker Olivia is there I guess my worry is allowing that topic to turn into something where students feel more comfortable being discriminatory against trans students do you have a plan on a way like I don't know encourage respect even when you disagree with something because we do have trans and LGBTQ plus students on campus and they're already going through a lot with our new federal government and I know there's a lot of people that are kind of scared and worried already and so I just worry that that might encourage negative conversations in the future.

Bree: I can't speak for Olivia but I will say I know she's not gonna be saying like go out and discriminate against this group of people and she's not she won't be encouraging hatred or violence she's gonna just gonna be specifically talking about protecting the integrity of women's sports her experiences as an athlete and like what she went through running track in high school and college so as far as I know she's not gonna be actively saying like go hate other people like she's gonna be more focusing on hey here's why we should be interested in upholding women encouraging them empowering them through women's sports and why title 9 is important is that helpful?

Jayce: yes sorry one last question in your experience do you think that this would be like an event that you're feeling comfortable invite any trans people?

Bree: anybody is welcome if they want to come they are free to come if they're uncomfortable you don't have to attend at all but yeah everybody is free to come from any background

Sophie: what do you hope that students will take away from these two speakers in terms of educational aspects like what do you hope that they bring and then also like what steps building just like what steps will be taken to ensure that all students are feeling empowered in these conversations like for your mission statement like ensuring that not just the students that are the majority of the group feel empowered but also the ones that potentially small

Bree: well again Stephen Olivier are both very civil people so I think regardless of who attends whether you are conservative or liberal or whatever group you identify with if you come they're not gonna be like openly rude they're not gonna be advocating for hatred or violence they really just want to engage in mutually respectful convo with each other so and what we're hoping as a chapter for students to get from this is first obviously we represent the conservative student body and we want their values to be heard and feel like they're people are making a difference on their behalf and then obviously I think a lot something that I was thinking about before this meeting was how we always talk about you know engaging in civil discourse being respectful talking about important issues that people can come from different backgrounds on and I feel like as a society we always like say ohh let's talk about it lets not be violent but we don't actually see that so I'm hoping to bring these speakers and have it be like the marketplace for ideas so to speak and have people come and actually talk and be respectful and maybe have their minds changed maybe not learn things about where other people are coming from, their thought processes rather than just being like ohh I hate you because you ABC instead of like why you believe that tell me why so I can understand where you're coming from so I'm hoping that having these two speakers will help encourage that civility

Harmony: yes I also know that I have ar least a couple of my constituents who I mean their views differ greatly from that what speakers will be talking about but even then they still think that this would be an interesting just because it's important to see different perspective.

Bree: yeah and Steven Olivia do welcome people from any background whatever you need you're welcome to come to the event

Anu: speaker today is Brooke Levine. Brooke Levine is the Founder & Creative Director of Averson Creative, specializing in branding, design, and creative entrepreneurship. She is a Whitworth University graduate with a B.A. in Special Design and Kinesiology. Brooke's expertise in visual storytelling and brand strategy has helped numerous businesses establish strong and compelling identities, About the Presentation Brooke will share her experiences as a creative entrepreneur, offering students a deep dive into branding, design, and business strategy. She will discuss the process of building a successful brand, the challenges of entrepreneurship, and how students can leverage creativity in their careers. Talking Points : Brooke will share her journey of founding Averson Creative, \* Q&A session where students can ask about branding, design, and career growth, This event supports ASWU's mission by fostering student engagement, professional development, and creative exploration. Brooke's insights will provide students with valuable knowledge and inspiration to help them navigate their career paths, reinforcing ASWU's commitment to empowering students in their academic and professional endeavors, Additionally, the event aligns with Whitworth University's mission to equip students to honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity. Brooke's discussion on ethical branding. leadership, and ,career growth highlights integrity and service- key values emphasized by the university,Through this presentation, students will ain insights that support their personal and professional development, preparing them to become creative and ethical leaders in their communities.

Gwen: so a little reminder you should be talking to your constituents about every speaker like not just the TPUSA one. I just want to remind you all that so talk to your constituents and I can send information on the speakers. I don't have a screenshot for this but I am gonna start sending that information in the WhatsApp chat so you guys can easily refer to that again I just need to get the screenshots from each of the forms so I'll start doing that because I think that would be helpful to you guys. that's all for me today.

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**Financial Director Update**

Michael: Let’s make this quick. Finance Committee met on Monday we approved 3 requisitions 2of which I'll just talk about now just so you guys know the third one however it does need to be approved by the assembly because it's a bigger number so firstly we approved $300.00 for Bobby Joe because the exec debate is happening in the hub this year I believe so how many essentially being used to buy meal cards so that people who maybe live off campus if they wanna come and watch the executives they could do that second one was $500 to Avery to help put on an event for Oliver Twist and then the third one do you mind putting up the excel spreadsheet perfect OK so the urec requested more money right they requested $4000 to help subsidized the cost of off campus trips for outdoor rec right so essentially as you can see on the spreadsheet the total is essentially $8000 and they requested 4 and they said you were saying that like we'll pay half and then the students will pay half out of the pockets right however I've had multiple conversations with urec about like their participation in outdoor rec so I obviously don't have like an influx of information now which is why for the sake of the approval the Finance Committee approved 2000 so essentially half and then my mentality around that our mentality around that was will approve this much now and then after they've put on their first couple of outdoor rec events and they can give us some more like data and feedback how well attended those were what the money was used on etcetera and then if they need more than they could just request more afterwards and we have more information to give them but I didn't want to delay any further which is why I'm just giving them any portion of it now so obviously this is open to discussion if somebody feels strongly about approving 4000 we can do that and I have a Finance Committee decided on two but this is open for now so

Sophie: did they get any money from the rollover

Michael: Yes they did. we gave money for 2000 I guess their intermural program and then which is why also I was hesitant because the reason we gave him 2000 and not more or specifically for intramurals was because I had conversations with the urec directed before about outdoor rec participation. it seems as though they're trying to like get those programs more attended and maybe you know make them a little more exciting for students which is why I like you know I'm willing to work with them but that's why I'm just kind of trying to meet them halfway here with that amount that's a good question

**Motioned to approve amount by Niraj**

*Seconded by Eli H*

**Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

Michael: then with that being approved if you go back to the account totals those are not the account totals because we also like filled them up with the money that we decided we can allocate them last semester. so currently if you wanna if you just want to change it right now as I say unallocated is sitting at 25,790 and then capital is 19662 so now so everyone get your requisitions in the next Finance Committee meeting will not be next Monday but the Monday afterwards I will remind everyone next week Wednesday though so OK do you have any questions comments concerns OK great it's me

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**Vice President Update**

BobbiJo: hi I wasnt here last week but I'm gonna complain today I still have people who either skip their one on ones thank you niraj for rescheduling or haven't scheduled one at all I said it last week but most of you are gone so I'm gonna say it again you have one 15 minute meeting with me a month getting ridiculous that I have to repeat myself this many times. so austin you were late which is OK because you talked to me. Jayce I need you to reschedule yours and Madolyn I need you to reschedule. I don't have a one-on-one with you maybe I missed it and I just called out Madolyn for no reason. I will check that later but if you do I apologize. but I'm getting really irritated with people who are skipping one on ones and I have to reach out to you to remind you that you had a one-on-one with that being said schedule them out put them in your calendar or crazy idea of use outlook calendar for everything you get the notifications anyway when you schedule the meeting through my scheduler so you have two more meetings with me after this month that's it because you have one a month just schedule them now. now that I'm done complaining about that it also has come to my attention that we're having problems getting people to volunteer first job that's not acceptable either. you all know that you should be volunteering for stuff you want people to volunteer for your events I want you to volunteer but I have stuff that I need help with because I'm student teaching and I can't be here to do all my tabling that we end up needing to do or events I'm not gonna be able to attend every event like I did last semester and help at every single event it is your guys's responsibility to help each other out anyways um thank you for agreeing with me, I need two more people to sit on SEC if you don't have a committee this is when you raise your hand so piggyback off that you need to be able to attend the SEC next like meetings that are just for the members which is March 6 I'm checking the time right now March 6th at 6:15 Thursday and the other Monday March 17th from 4:00 to 5:00 that time will change actually from 5:00 to 6:00. I need two more people and I'm not we're not moving on until I get them. actually only need one more so thanks Harmony. I forgot that I had another person sorry guys it's been a long day . you all will be getting an e-mail from me to three of you that are on SEC the beginning an e-mail from me with all of the information and like the times that you guys need to be here and things like that ohh if you're running for a position next year, I've already talked to the other members so if you're are you planning on running in an election then you wont be able to do it. sorry that's not on you that's on me for not saying that. thanks Isaac OK ohh wait for someone else who's not doing it who's not running? if you're not running for a position in the spring elections I need one more person. not if you're applying hired position if you're running for elected I can wait. thanks Abby. Okay last thing we tabled last Friday for the financial director change to a hired position and that was approved. vast majority of people said yes so this year the executive debate will only be vice president and president and Michael will be doing um the hiring process OK I'm done yelling at you.

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**President Updates**

Isaac: I have a few things about this kind of speed through to them so the first thing is I've been communicating with the Gonzaga student press and just between the two teams about the idea of doing kind of a collaborative service day kind of thing and so the date proposal for that is Saturday April 5th I just wanted to present that date out there the idea is kind of like a we have a partner neighborhood they also have a partner neighborhood so it's kind of like a trash planner type thing or spend a little bit of time with our teams and hopefully with broader student communities within our two campuses working with our neighborhoods so I just want to see if there's any objections to that date of April 5th that is after Election Day and before the group Election Day but beyond that to my knowledge. are there any acute injections to that date ?

Jordan: I just have two games so it will be difficult.

Isaac: yeah yeah it will be fine for that kinda stuff but if no major objections we can go forward with that date thank you OK and then we tabled the discussion last week about adding more to the senator the normal senator or residence hall senator job description but abby R has written up some thoughts about like in terms of like additions to change the language from saying one event per semester to more specifics of some positive things and more engagement with the student population so Abby but do you have more to speak to that?

Abby: well my idea was mostly we talked about it last semester quite ohh not last semester last meeting quite a bit I don't have it in front of me but that's OK mostly um I was thinking that in the language that is written in there currently it says a minimum of one event like semester is required for resident hall senator and I would like to change the language or motion to change language in this case I guess because I think that gives a negative connotation that residence hall senators are doing the bare minimum of what they are required to do I think to foster like an active community and to foster like an engaged community and to be basically like a voice for your constituents it's important to be active and like as in the residence hall and so just one like event just hasn't isn't necessarily giving the language of doing that and so in the thing that I wrote up for Isaac and umm Todd it mostly was talking about changing the language from event to things that are more and more like different options for senators to do the one of them was like like a prime time because like if you think about it RA’s are engaging so much with the students in the residence halls in a way that just senators usually aren't and we are the elected officials so I feel like we should be engaging in a more active way and so I wrote on my piece of paper basically just like a primetime is an option and that could be just like cookies and Uno with your senator or like partnering with another residence hall senator and putting on like a water balloon fight or something it doesn't have to be like crazy expensive or anything that takes a lot of time to mostly just changing the language to engage with your constituents in a more active and intentional way because I don't have it in front of me but it would take away the language of of the event and just put it in as more of an intentional time like constituents because one time per month of engaging it's just not as as is not fostering as great of a community as I think we could we would take away the language and so it would be more just and I think I wrote it down specifically what it was but but if you still have it like that ohh OK perfect so basically my proposal was just residence hall senator should be required to participate in one of the following per month and that would be like a leadership working group like LWG coordinated primetime events you can work with like an RA or a CMC in your residence hall to put on something small and again a joint event with other senators for constituents of small scale for an engagement activity because this like emphasizes meaningful informal connections over like large scale highly planned events should remove the term event from the job description completely and this would encourage senators to focus on like smaller more frequent interactions with constituents as like overall like it's important to like shift the focus towards regular accessible interactions with your leadership like your leader in your residence hall that like foster trust and transparency because I think that residents would be more likely to share their concerns when they feel like genuine connections with their senator because like honestly I think people get real like with the people they have like it's important too it's engage with them on a small scale level but even like I listed some examples of like those like informally used when activities it could be like when uno and cookies in the lounge with your senator like a coloring session with your senator I'm collaborating with an RA for primetime activities like a spike ball game outside or you could host a larger event with another senator as like previously listed like in the other like residence hall currently like senator things but yeah basically just my proposal because I feel like most like senators are just doing that anyway and so it just shifts the focus away from like negative connotation of like like required to do the minimum of one event to just like removing the language of it and just engaging like activities

Harmony: I think that I like 100% agreed that this small scale engagement is better while building relationships and that this is like not taking any out of that but as a suggestion I know that it's a larger events are a lot of what at least so I feel my constituents look forward to this year and then just having like basically this is the outline of your job your job is to interact with constituents in all these ways

Abby: so in there it says like to participate in one of these promote engagement so you're not required to do like one huge event per month but that is an option if you like you would like to do that but the other options per month would just be like the smaller scale BMAC would obviously still do the traditional events but those are not gonna come in the way it's mostly just engaging in a similar baseline for like every residence hall senator to participate and like interact with their constituents.

Harmony: I'm thinking is that if the baseline is small thing per month then worse comes to worse a senator might piggyback off like some random ra’s prime time every month and then it'll be you'll be forming those relationships but it won't be the same amount of effort put in because it just allows ohh wait for someone to see pass it on and not put his effort meanwhile if you if you have those like something small per month and at least one of those months make something big or at least like big event per semester then it doesn't take away from the experience that I know my constituents enjoy because it's always I'm always hearing like ohh I'm so excited for Gator times I'm so excited for kind of kite night whatever it might be and then maybe every once in a while there's like a prime time that I hear a lot of people are really excited for it but it's a lot more often than they're really looking forward to the big events so I just don't want that to be lost

Abby: I think that's definitely like a legitimate concern just mostly I was trying to just make it more accessible for like those senators who didn't want to do like a large event every month you know yeah but I do feel like you know the events are so fun and that's what like when you sign up to be a senator and like run for it you're planning on doing that because you know like traditional events to stand back and pass the job and everything and so yeah but I totally appreciate it

bobbiJo: another thing to note oh oh or every VP is supposed to meet with all of the AC's and Christa Maroni to make sure that all of the senators are doing their job so even if you are piggy backing off of someone else's RA's event you will essentially get caught and be told to come up with your own prime time and what you do is when you meet with your LWG group you talk to them about a prime time you want to take over as a senator and then you that's what Abby is done every time she when she gets to the LWG group she picks a time for her to do and take over one of the other RA's prime times and then she does a prime time instead of the RA so that's essentially what it would be you can still partner up with that RA if you'd like or you can just do it on your own and I mean Abby still throws big events I think that keeping the small events and doing one at actually just keeping it one big event though so we're not going over our nine hour limit a week because you still have office hours you're still supposed to attend a prime time every week there's still so many other requirements to your job other than throwing these small events but having like the serial events of the month and then one big event on top of your smaller that's whats important

Abby: definitely I think there's definitely like I think that's why like I tried to word it in a way which I might have not come across that way but I tried to word it in a way where it's like participate in one of these per month but I think it's important like you said also I guess set the standard that we should like be doing 1 big event per semester still I guess and so that's definitely like we can include that in there like it's always been just have that one other it's like small like micro planning per month or whatever to just keep like active engagement like to hold like I know it like holds myself accountable and holds me like to keep engaging with my constituents in a way that like fosters feels like individual relationships and so I think that would be a good thing to have as well

BobbiJo: it's also in the job description to trying to uphold traditions and all of your res halls and most of those are the big events I mean one of our biggest events with the years of traditional event like Mac haunted house like Michael they've done serial events on top of that as well like that's and then handling Mac combat this semester so like that's his two big events and then he just does the little ones that's essentially what I think Abby is trying to say right

Abby: yeah and so I'd be like your two big events that cost money like obviously you have to buy food for those or whatever and Michael have to buy supplies linked up to it for Mac combat but then he does the small scale event .

Harmony: I think like ultimately my only concern is that if you completely remove someone might read that and be like oh oh like these are the things I have to do and they don't like ohh I should do something big just like not removing the language but separating it like have like different things like one big event and also your job is to interact with these ways

BobbiJo: I proposes that we add the language of doing the mini serial events or whatever abby had written down I just don't know what it was and then also keeping the language of keep upholding your traditional events do I hear a motion?

**Motiond to keep the old language and add Abby’s language by Harmony**

*Seconded by Aloisa*

**Favor: 13 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

Isaac: the bylaws Sophie had proposed last week with the cultural events coordinator and name change to I believe DEI and cultural engagement coordinator we approve the changes to the job description but we need to approve in the bylaws or have discussion about the bylaws around that name change and so it only appears one time the bylaws under those coordinators you can look on the website or pull up somewhere .

Sophie: something that I wanted to ask people is like obviously with like a new government administration there has been stuff and like conversation about like DEI, DEI offices like the potential of the Department of Education to like withhold funding so like I was like trying to brainstorm names that like didn't have DEI explicitly uh but like still got the message across but I don't like I'm not sure like I wanted like to see if like any of you guys had any ideas

Abi P : I mean I think we're private university I don't think there's any big concern for us. DEI is totally fine. are we getting funding

Niraj: Sadly yes. We are getting funding so yes it does affect us

Sophie: I don't know it was like I was playing around with like I think it was like campus inclusion and student engagement ..just wanted to get like some other thoughts about it like maybe overthinking it or just like what we think would be the best in terms of like longevity while still safeguarding like federal funding if that conversation continues

BobbiJo : I was just gonna say we could just I wasn't here last week to hear the conversation but I think we could just do cultural engagement coordinator and that takes out like the inclusion part but I think that would also work also idea it's 6:11 and I'm tired of being here and I'm hungry So what if we tabled this till next week

**Motiond to table the discussion by Kenzie**

*Seconded by Eli H*

**Favor: 12 | Oppose: 1 | Abstain: 0**

Isaac: we are going to bring up this discussion next week at the same time during the president updates uh the last couple things I have university council as well as safety committee I'm not gonna go into detailed updates which with time but safety committee met on Monday I mean we just got some kind of direction for the spring we're just gonna try and continue to promote the feedback survey that we have and collect the voice of students on that and then talked about specific areas like parking blue lights and lights as well but there hasn't been anything that happened on that so we just kind of got to touch base on that. University Council met today Sophie is now sitting on that on the story portion and I'm still on the human flourishing section and so today just to kind of progress on diversity initiatives things like that. Ill do more updates later .

**Upcoming / Past Events**

Aubrey: Casino night is not March 16th it's February 21st from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. That’s this Friday um so you all have approved to be there so that's good yeah if you have any questions let me know otherwise you know what to do you're good

Chloe: Pajama jam is on Saturday. I have people I need to help but I guess if you still wanna help show up at 6:30 .

Gwen: all alright spring club fair is on Monday the 24th. It will go from 11:00 to 1:30 if you are available at that time please stop by and help the ASWU table and also support the club also if you're around the office for the next until Monday and you don't have anything to do you can help me make decorations OK thanks

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**Constituency Reports**

**Arend**

Aloisa: Arend had its second event of the school year,  Gatortine's Day. The event went great. There were fewer people than at Gator Crawl, but most people who came did have fun! There were many snacks and drinks provided at the event, and there was a fun game of saran wrap. I even received some good comments about the event and an idea for a new event. A constituent wants to do speed dating, and that might happen one of these months.

**Ballard**

Abby: Ballard this week has been full of life with residents engaging in prime times and even making a 7 ft tall snowman outside! Ballard is a happy place where residents feel content and comfortable being themselves. Many Ballard residents are excited about upcoming sprint elections and job opportunities. Overall Ballard is excited for coming up events and excited for the Sun!

**Boppell**

Eli Roberts:

**Duvall**

Jordan:

**International Students**

Niraj: The international students are doing well. Some of us are still enjoying the snow, while others are starting to get tired of it. We had a fun Mario Kart tournament last night, and now we’re gearing up for a series of FIFA tournaments. Brett is also taking us snowboarding this weekend, which we’re all looking forward to. That said, we’re also keeping a close eye on the recent announcements from the Department of Education and the Federal administration regarding the DEI programs, which many of us rely on. It’s concerning, but despite the uncertainty, we remain resilient and in good spirits.

**McMillan**

Michael Barnes: McMillan has had a pretty good week and is very excited for casino night and pajama jam. Some residents were very happy with the cookie change from milk and cookies while other people preferred the usual cookie. A few of the residents are getting really tired and have their hands full with this semester but everyone is trudging on.

**Off-Campus Students**

Abi: Off campus is feeling the snowy, cold weather. With it being slippery and icey on and off campus there have been a couple of falls and close calls. We are all ready for the spring that won’t come for another month or so. However, our first mini event went well and hope to have more in the future.

**Stew-Ville**

Eli: Within this third week of the semester, those who live in Stewart and The Village are doing well. Some of us are already piled with quizzes and papers while others are still gliding through the beginning of the semester. Through it all, the hall remains quiet as students diligently study and complete homework assignments. We're doing alright.

**Baldwin Jenkins**

Kenzie: Bj has been enjoying the snow as I participated in sledding with some of my constituents and enjoyed hot coco afterwards. Our heaters are finally working which is a relief!

**Oliver**

Avery: This week in Oliver has been well! Third floor got a new microwave and everyone is excited to not have their food taste burnt. I have been getting a LOTTTTT of complains about parking with the winter weather:( The CBS meeting is tonight and I hope it goes well.

**Incoming Students**

Madolyn: First years are doing alright this week. A multitude of students said they enjoyed the events over the weekend, such as the football game, masquerade, and winter carnival. Many students have expressed annoyance with the cold weather, especially students who might be experiencing their first winter in Spokane. Icy conditions have caused a few issues with falls and driving, but luckily nothing too serious. There are rumors circulating about a freshman only snowball fight and sledding once more snow arrives, but no one is really sure. Overall, students are looking forward to Thanksgiving and finishing up classes

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**Shoutouts:**

Isaac: one thing I want to shout out is doctor carlson's speech next Tuesday. She will be in GE class as well so just wanted to shout that out

Sierra: Gwen wanted me to remind everybody to check their mailboxes it's super important there are things for you and then I have a shout out for sophie because she works so hard and she's such a joy to share an office with and she has so many good ideas like she collabed with Gwen and Eli on TikTok sound which we already talked about but still very proud of her

Sophie: also watch the tik tok it's funny. Like the president is doing a tiktok dance and Todd. Todd’s like mini famous now.

BobbiJo: His tiktok has more likes than scott’s . just saying.

Isaac: time will tell. Time will tell.

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*Motioned to adjourn meeting by Eli H*

*Seconded by Abby*

**Favor: 10 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:20**

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