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2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes December 4th , 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	PRESENT
Kenzie Lebsack Baldwin Jenkins Senator	PRESENT
Eli Roberts Boppell Senator	ABSENT
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
Ben Veith Neighborhoods Senator Representative	ABSENT
Austin Read Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Esperanza Gui Off Campus Representative	ABSENT
Jayce Palm Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Cheyenne Rodgers Off Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:05 pm

Mission statement read by Sophie

Approval of Minutes 11.20.2024

Motioned to approve minutes by Eli H

Seconded by Abi P

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

What's up Whitworth

Abi: Probably gonna talk about this later too but jubilation is having their showcase this Sunday at 7:30 PM. We have the mainstage. We have lights. We have exciting music. Both Gwen and I helped choreograph 2 separate pieces. so you should definitely come and watch.

Avery: The Whitworth forensic exhibition is tomorrow. Try to drop by. Should be exciting.

Sierra: Hi! Act club has been doing lots of fun things. We did a spoof of into the woods last night and it went really well and they have an immersive Sherlock Holmes event Friday and Saturday that y'all should go to because they worked really hard on it. but if you go Friday you should go to my thing before that please.

Abi: Another thing is in the loop the magazine that is a combination of our newspaper and our yearbook is now out. Please go grab it I work very hard lot of people work very hard so just go take a look.

Isaac: You have probably saw the announcement in teams but just to reiterate again, security parking just asked that we keep vehicles out of the way of snow plows so to be able to remind constituents, people you know about that as well as we're in winter weather.

Sophie: Before the townhall we went to mind and hearth and started talking to some of the students about some issues that they think that we ASWU should know about and it was great because most people didn't really have anything negative and really everything is positive albeit parking aside but it's like stuff that's wrong it's like a little encouragement that people like us!

Special Guest

Micki Donhue: It's nice to meet all of you. I'm Micki. I've been at Whitworth, this is my fourth year. I'm very grateful for Isaac to agree to come meet all of you. I was originally in the school of education so I work mostly with master students for four years. By trade I'm a teacher - middle school high school teacher and I started teaching in south central LA and worked with immigrant migrant and refugee population from Mexico, Central America and South America. Went oversees and then came back and taught in Montana, Washington, California and again worked indigenous people underrepresented population in all those. So it was a natural transition. My family is from Montana Oregon mostly Alaska and so I was looking to work and this job came up. I love the students at Whitworth. I probably haven't met most of you because I've been working with mostly grad students though I'm really excited to know about you all more and to hear what your needs and your concerns are with diversity equity and inclusion. I did work for six years in southern California working with DEI especially with student concerns student populations, navigated some really difficult times there. Around 2013. So I'm very familiar with meeting the needs of students and making sure that students feel safe so I wanted to introduce myself formally. My first step is trying to identify what your needs are. I talked to Isaac and Todd so I'll be reaching out to you to have one-on-one discussions and have some coffee with each of you to kind of see what your concerns are as we are developing programming in January. One of the key things that I wanted to share with you is that one-on-one time this was very very interested in the student experience it's always been central to

all of my work. I'm very interested in hearing what you're experiencing on campus and how I can support you in that. I'm interested in linking together the undergrads, the grads and the professional students as well. I'm interested in working with you as the student population and identify the things that you think needs work and the things that need to change on the campus and also working with to continue to elevate student points on campus. In addition to that some other things that I was hired to do was to create partnerships that help students on campus gain mentorship in their area of study especially for under represented populations and their professional vocational choices. so I'm interested in talking to you about that So what is your experience then when you're on campus and how is experience when you leave the campus. So given some of the events that happened in the past few months I was in Iowa and I was in Minnesota during the confederate flag event that happened here on campus and so I didn't get a chance to really formally respond to that. When I was on campus I tried helping with the programming there but I assure you that in January that I will be reaching out to you to identify proactive responses to potential changes that we might see in January. I've been working behind the scenes with all the administrators on the campus to try to generate policy that links to go to the stakeholders on campus and try to bring healing while simultaneously providing students safety. You're gonna be seeing that roll out and Isaac said that he would be willing to have me come back and share those programming with you. I did similar programming in California as well during that time it really helped students and that's my goal. Make sure students feel safe, their voice gets heard and that the campus feels like it's a community where we belong. and everyone feels like their voice is heard and their voice is being taken into consideration as policies are built in response to these changes. Sounds fair? Any questions? Alright. Thank you.

Mckenna: Hey guys! I think I met most of you before but for those who don't know me officially, I'm Mckenna. I work at the nutrition center, I also work at the ASWU front desk so after this if you have any questions I'm like always there so you can always chat. But I pretty much just wanted to let you guys know like what the nutrition center is and kind of what my job is that way in case any of you have any ideas or just want to chat about like different things that you kind of have a little bit of information to begin with. So the nutrition center, we have multiple places on campus that offer like food pantry type deal I specifically am involved with the one that's directly upstairs. Our goal is to help students who struggle with food insecurity in any sort of capacity and we recently also started doing basic needs as well. It's a very new thing though so still trying to figure it out but the plan that I just kind of following this year specifically is a restock every two weeks when possible which I hope to continue on through Jan term but what I would ask from all of you is that when you hear the students who maybe have that kind of need that you would spread the word because most of our marketing is done through word of mouth because we want to really cater to the students who actually really need it. so if you hear of anyone who kind of in need and just wants to stop by and grab some food or basic needs just let them know. This year we're also trying to collect more data from them so we're trying to do things like bar codes or id scanners and there's some talk of moving the nutrition center into a more secure spot which hasn't happened yet but it would be really nice because that would be a good way for us to like be able to really track data coming in and out so we continue funding. but yeah that's pretty much the idea. I really love it. If you guys have any questions anything like that... Ok great well if things come up I'm always available through e-mail or I'm always upstairs like all the time. so please stop by.

Student Highlight

BobbiJO: this week our student highlight is Sarah Mott. She won all six of her debate tournament, speech events which has never been done before. So we wanted to highlight her cause that's pretty cool.

Birthdays

Harmony Pakootas

Club Updates

Gwen: Ok we have 4 updates today. We'll start with Art club.

Faith: Hi, I'm the president for art club. Things have been going well. Our club meeting is also attended by students. There's a little bit of trouble with just our leadership right now so Ive been trying to talk to people about that. Other than that it's going great.

Gwen: Next we have an update from jubilation, cool whip and K pop club all from me. Ok, we will start with Jubilation. This semester has been very successful as you have heard for the last three weeks. Our showcase is on Sunday at 7:30 and we're on the mainstage. that's super fun. we're really excited to have the mainstage so we're super grateful that we got the money to do that. our costs have been going really well we hold classes usually on Sundays and then one weekday either Monday Tuesday or Wednesday this semester its

Wednesday but next semester it might change. We offer like pretty much all styles including hip hop lyrical musical theater tap ballet next semester is gonna be conditioning and hopefully contemporary class and commercial dance class as well so all options are completely open even if you've never danced in your life you can still join us and have fun yeah everything about jubilation. any questions about that? great next for cool whip, its also been doing pretty good. we did only have three or two shows this semester and we usually aim for three but that's also because we got 2 new members so we're working on training them for our executive team so if you don't know we have like 9 people that are main executive team and then otherwise we have open meetings in the spring where everyone can come and participate if they wish or just watch us be funny so we'll be starting out in the spring as well which are interactive and then hopefully have three shows in the spring. In January we're also thinking of working with a local high school for an improv workshop with their theater students so those are projects of cool whip right now. any questions about that one? Slay. Last is K pop club which is actually my club if you have questions about the other ones, the president's emails are up there. They're better suited for questions. But I'm the president of k pop club and this semester has been like okay, we had two meetings just kind of chill crafting time we made bracelets and we decorated some photo cards just pictures and then we had pizza in our second meeting so that had a pretty good turn out because people like pizza. Just hang out and have fun and next semester we're hoping to have a meeting about every other week and be more prepared so yeah any questions about that club? Great, I'm done.

Vice President Update

BobbiJo: Hi! Let's get down to business before we get to the fun stuff. We have a bylaw change because our constitution change passed. So basically in Section 7 of the bylaws point 2 it says the winner of any general election is the one who sees the most votes we changed that to 40% but now we need to add the second part that we added to the constitution as well that says whatever we put in the constitution about how like all members with multiple or all positions with multiple seats it's just the member that gets the most votes. Questions?

Isaac: that applies to incoming and off campus reps?

BobbiJo: Yes. Only ones with multiple seats. any other questions?

Approval of Bylaw Change

Motioned to approve minutes by Eli H

Seconded by Abi P

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

BobbiJo: Allright, good job. bylaw change is done. We have a new member. Mary penfield, she's our school spirit coordinator. She's not here. she could not make it she has a night class. Yeah, we're super excited she'll be working pretty closely with patches and all that fun stuff she'll be here. Is she here in January?

Laurie: yes.

BobbiJo: she'll be here for January also and she will be working on go bucs gameday as well and she'll be here for spring .we're pretty excited about. Then I need a head count for how many of you are doing white elephant. Okay. I'll be back I forgot the paper you guys can go ahead.

President Updates

Isaac: OK alright so met with Scott and we chatted mainly about a couple of things first is just that for nominations for student speaker is really only class seniors but in the spring that's broadening to professors faculty being able to make a nomination as well as fellow students being able to make a nomination but the same selection process still applies beyond that and then we just chatted briefly about in Whitworth how Scott is kind of talking about the mind and heart connection at whitworth to perspective students and is interested in hearing student voices on that so that's something that you feel you can speak to or want to speak to just share that with me and then safety committee - we had a brief meeting the other day we don't have anything new to share but if you would be able to especially in Jan term as we were coming back to continue to spread awareness that we have safety committee that's an issue that we have formed to talk about that would be great but so far we haven't had a ton of direct feedback from students on their safety concerns.

Salwa: What's the speaker choosing process for professor vs friends?

Isaac: yeah so my understanding is what's gonna happen is professors as well as fellow students can nominate a speaker and then they out of that list they then, people have the opportunity to..

Salwa: So students doesn't have to do anything?

Isaac: so students who are nominated can then choose to apply to give a speech.

Salwa: OK so the students need to ask the professor to nominate them?

Isaac: No, people can just receive nominations.

Salwa : Oh okay.

Upcoming / Past Events

Michael B: B Mac Thanksgiving went pretty well with 35 attendance which is a little under than what was expected but yeah its understandable. Food was great and we had a really good time.

Abby: Bracelets and brownies went really well. We used a lot of beads and we ended up running out of food and people were trynna stay past 10:00 PM when it was over. so you cut it off about 10:20. So it was a fun night.

Abi: Off campus movie night was last Saturday. We had a bit lower attendance than we would have liked so next year we're probably gonna have to charge but everyone that went had a really good time. Movie was amazing and if you haven't seen it you should see it. it's incredible.

Sierra: Hi! I'm hosting a Christmas party! I'm really excited I really hope that all the seniors just love it as much as they can. yeah things are coming along we're going to be at ladder coffee roasters on Monroe got some decorations got lots of prizes coming in. I sent a message on teams and in the group chat so if y'all could like maybe take a look at the sign ups I do not have enough people and the reminder that seniors do not have to work if they would like to they can but do not have to so all y'all non seniors now's your chance. now is your time to shine I'm just gonna keep looking at it until more people sign up.

BobbiJo: so actually if you're a senior don't open it. you're not working it. unless we can't get other people.

Todd: What if students need a ride?

Sierra: we can figure out ohh like ASWU students or like non ASWU students? We can figure out carpooling there's plenty of us that'll be there so yeah. there's two shifts you could pick the early shift you could pick the later shift um also if it is that tough we don't need two people on food and two people on memory wall I'm putting together posters that people can write down some of their highlights from the year but yeah ohh and then a very real job that would actually be probably not that difficult for one of you is a Sierra babysitter which is just make sure that I'm not freaking out and also having fun cause I'm also a senior and I wanna have a good time and that's a very real job and no one signed up for the 7:00 to 9:00 PM slot so please I get anxious. literally all you would do is be like hey Sierra are you having fun are you not freaking out? like you can redirect me. still need people to sign up but we can move on

Kenzie: Deck the hall is Bj's first event. It's a Christmas party. We are gonna have games and prizes from 8:00 to 10:00. It's gonna be really fun so join us.

Abby: Bmac is also having a Christmas on Friday from 8:15 to 10:15 and we are going to have a ugly sweater contest and also gonna do white elephant as it's a Bmac tradition. It will be really fun, there are gonna be foods and drinks so just come and hang out.

Chloe: hi guys ohh so this is my event. next Monday the last day before finals week I'll be out in lied square at a table with a spot where everyone can make their own little bags with stress relief items. So you should come and tell your friends. I'll be there from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM next Monday.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Aloisa: Arend constituents are extremely busy with homework and studying as they are prepping for finals. Even with the break they were given, they still feel as if there was never a break. However, constituents of Arend are looking forward to attending the Stewartend Christmas Party, where RA's and CMC's will get very well dressed for this event! Arend residents have also started to decorate Arend and are definitely in the Christmas spirit!

Ballard

Abby: This week in Ballard we have had a lot of fun! We had bracelets and brownies and had an amazing time and around 40 people attended total! Residents are very anxious for Christmas Break and are excited for some downtime and time with families and friends! Ballard residents have been excited about all the Christmas decor and had a Christmas decorating time in Ballard last night! BMAC XMAS is this Friday in the chapel! we will be having an ugly sweater contest and white elephant gift exchange! there will be a ton of yummy food and it will be a great time to foster community

Boppell

Eli Roberts: Residents in Boppell are doing well and buckling down as finals week approaches. Our Tuesday Night Prime Time: Christmas Cookie Decorating wasn't well attended but that is to be expected as residents are studying and busy with papers and group projects. Our semester event with Oliver was well attended with approximately 52 residents in attendance. Participation was high among both RAs and residents as they voted and were entered in to pie their RAs or be pied. We are already looking forward to and planning our spring semester event.

Duvall

Jordan: Duvall residents all seemed to have an amazing Thanksgiving break and all enjoyed the time spend away from the business of school. A lot of talk of nerves have been had with finals week approaching. The residence hall is decked out in Christmas decorations and looks amazing. We are having our duvall Christmas party tomorrow night from 8-10.

International Students

Niraj: The international students are well. The ISC is filled with stooped sleep-deprived heads hunkered down studying for exams or finishing up our projects and just generally prepping for finals week. We are exhausted after an amazing and memorable I-fest and the thanksgiving break was not long enough. Most of us stayed here, some of us visited friends and it was fun. Now, we are just waiting for finals to be over and winter break to start. Overall, all is well.

McMillan

Michael Barnes: McMillan residence hall has been pretty quiet as of late, but everyone I have talked to has had a great winter break. Everyone is excited for BMAC Christmas on Friday and is getting into the holiday spirit with fun strings of red and green decorations. Many people are sick so as a precautionary measure we are going to put a hold on Milk and cookies for this week which is unfortunate.

Off-Campus Students

Abi: Off campus is doing all right. We only have less than two weeks left in the semester and the many feel the senior-itis isn't hitting quite yet which is a relief. It seemed everything who came to our off campus movie night had a great time and we're excited for the end of the semester!

Stew-Ville

Eli: The denizens of Stewart and the Village are giving their last in the penultimate week. Some of us used break productively while others seemed to forget that they were in college. No matter, residents are using all social time they have this week before Finals Week forces us all to hunker down in our rooms and study like our lives depend on it. Our motto, our solemn resolve, is this: "We shall not let the blood, sweat, and tears poured into this semester go to waste.

Baldwin Jenkins

Kenzie: Bj has been enjoying the indoors as we slowly come to winter! BJ's Jon Bone Jove has been practicing his piano skills a lot lately and our prime times have been fun and educational!

Oliver

Avery: This week in Oliver has been well. Students are well rested from break but definitely nervous and anxious for finals and looking forward to winter break. Oliver has been FREEZING so we have had the fire place on and students have been gathering around it.

Incoming Students

Neighborhoods

Isaac: Neighborhood residents are doing well. Thanksgiving break was greatly appreciated, and it was nice that many people were able to travel and spend time with their families. People are feeling stressed from final papers and projects but are hoping to push through to the end.

Shoutouts:

Aubrey: I sent out a calendar invite earlier today about casino night which is coming up in February. I'm trying to get on this early because this is pretty much an all call event I need all hands on deck as much as I possibly can. If you're not gonna be there you can just shoot me an e-mail. Thank you Abi , I saw that and let me know. I will be sending out more information later if you do have questions feel free to e-mail me and let me know but that's coming up soon. You'll keep hearing about it just a heads up.

BobbiJo: So I forgot to mention that the white elephant is in the crow's nest. So get a meal card and then get dinner and then go up to the crow's nest.

Todd: Harmony is here.

BobbiJo: Oh! Harmony's birthday! Happy birthday Harmony your birthday is in 10 days but we won't be here so we are gonna sing happy birthday. Ready? 1,2,3

Everyone: Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday dear Harmony, Happy birthday to you.

BobbiJo: How old are you turning?

Harmony: 19

BobbiJo: you're almost not a teenager!

Laurie: So we are taking our meals upstairs to the crow's nest? so we'll all eat there?

BobbiJo: Yes. If you do not have a gift you are still welcome to come eat dinner with us. Please come eat dinner with us that is how it's supposed to be eat dinner with us every week actually. We will enforce that in spring. We have meal cards for a reason. You get the meal card , you eat ASWU.

Aubrey: Just a reminder please sign up for Sierra's event. Sierra put in a lot of hard work and this is one of the main events. So please help her out as much as you possibly can even that means leaving early or just being there for a portion of it.

Sierra: And it'll be fun. You'll have an excuse to get dressed up.

BobbiJo: If you don't have a ride there are people who will be leaving after the first shift. You can catch a ride with them back up here. You just have to communicate with people who have also signed up for the first shift.

Sierra: I currently have no people on the 2nd shift and I need that. There's also a handful of first shifts that are not done and then if since there's several events happening that night just come talk to me if you need to leave a little early if you can't stay all the way until 7 that's totally OK just we can figure something out I just need some hands please.

BobbiJo: Raise your hand if you signed up for the event. now raise your hand if you haven't. raise your hand if you're an underclassman and haven't signed up. If you have something during the event put your hand down. Nobody! There's nobody that can work this event? That's crazy because look at how many of us are in this room! Well looks like we're all gonna figure something out. yeah we're gonna have to have seniors work.

Sierra: I can also just try to like reach out to some friends because I would really like to not have seniors work if possible. If seniors have spare time and would like to cool but at this point I will only reach out when I'm desperate. so let me let me take tomorrow.

BobbiJo: If you guys know anyone who can work reach out to them see if they're willing to and then get them in contact with Sierra.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Eli H

Secoded by Abi p

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm
