

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 26th, 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

**Senators:**

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 5:04 pm**

**Motioned to approve time limit by Eli H**

*Seconded by Eli R*

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

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**Mission statement read by Jude**

**Approval of Minutes 2.19.2025**

*Motioned to approve minutes by Eli R*

*Seconded by Eli H*

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

**Special Guest**

Tim Caldwell: thanks everyone, appreciate it. Isaac thanks for letting me be here. about 3 weeks ago we rolled out captain patches to the university and the patch chat to kind of create some the ability for students to be able to ask questions get links and connected to different things and I told you all then I'm gonna come back and I wanna know how we're doing what's it look like so if you have any comments about captain patches, if you have any critiques about what you're seeing some of the answers I'd love to hear that now or if you wanted to e-mail patches@whitworth.edu I am able to see those emails as well and so if there's things that you're like yeah Tim I asked this question and got a terrible answer or I'm wondering about this or about that I'm totally open to try to answer those questions to make sure that you all have the information that you need. so any questions about captain patches or the patch chat? have you heard anything good or terrible about captain patches?

BobbiJo: I heard some people are getting inaccurate answers from patches, like the contact information for professors

Tim: that's interesting so if anyone has anything like that I'd love to know what it is and if there's specific questions that they've asked and gotten some inappropriate answers or answers that aren't correct I would love to know what those are because then I can go in and make sure that we're giving it the right information and plugging that away so if you can if you've heard about those encourage them to e-mail me or patches@whitworth.edu and I'd be happy to try to follow up and figure out what's going on there thanks yeah

Chloe: I heard some people have been struggling to get patches to respond to them.

Tim: OK and is it when they text patches or when patches texts them

Chloe: when they text patches

Tim: OK that's super helpful do you know how many people

Chloe: I know like a handful of people

Tim: is it taking it a long time?

Chloe: it's just not it's just not happening

Tim: so the reason it wouldn't be happening is because they're not in our system for some reason so they could have opted out to not receive text messages from patches but if they have that problem again would you have them contact me and I can sort it out for them on the back end. Yep great any other questions or comments about patches? I also heard Isaac that you guys were paying for patches that ASWU was paying for it that was one of the rumors going around it's not true but if you want to pay for it Isaac, I’d be more than happy to take that on so any other rumors or questions like that that you're wondering about

Eli C : who is paying for it though?

Tim: well whitworth is paying for it and I don't know the exact number but if we retain 2 students it's more than paid for so that's based on kind of how that works so yeah so it's pretty economical.

Todd: When you receive feedback screenshots or what type of information is most helpful

Tim: yeah well really you can tell me what you ask patches or have any screenshots or things like that that's really helpful for me on the back end andjust as a reminder for all of you when certain messages do come through if there's if they're title 9 related like they look like someone might be leaving Whitworth or violence or any of these kinds of big heavy hitters Whitworth gets notified administrators get notified of that so we can go in and see what people are writing and what's going on I wanna make sure everyone knows it's not completely anonymous we don't I don't go in very often but I do have access to be able to go in and do that so if people are wondering about that please make sure to reinforce that it is not completely anonymous and that someone from Whitworth reach out if something that's communicated or said that we want to make sure we're providing safe safety for everyone on our campus. any other questions comments again you can e-mail me timothycaldwell@whitworth.edu or patches@whitworth.edu and I'll be able to kind of follow up on any issues that you're having or that you're seeing I also did an interview with the Whitworthian and I think that might be coming out at some point so hopefully that'll help spread some light on it. So that’s all I got it. thanks everyone.

Niraj: OK hi guys so I'm just gonna read it out but before I do that I wanna say this resolution was presented through the international community that is they're all here for you guys so this resolution will be voted on the meeting before spring break so that's two weeks from now right and your senator should have a copy as well so if you want it and you can also see OK so I'm just gonna go through the resolution it follows the preamble then resolution so it's like the why we are doing this resolution and then actions from aswu and then request to the administration and the board of trustees, OK so

Resolution to Protect and Uphold Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at Whitworth University. WHEREAS, the mission of Whitworth University is to “provide its diverse student body an education of the mind and the heart, equipping its graduates to honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity.” This mission, rooted in faith and a commitment to truth, cannot be contingent on political expediency or financial pressure; and WHEREAS, we believe that Whitworth’s Board of Trustees and Whitworth administration share our deep commitment to this mission and to the flourishing of all students, particularly those from historically marginalized communities, including but not limited to BIPOC students; immigrant and international students; first-generation students; LGBTQ+ students; students from low-income backgrounds; undocumented students; students with disabilities; and religious minorities; and WHEREAS, we believe initiatives and student programs that are rooted in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) values including but not limited to Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (SDEI) Services, Whitworth Diversity Cabinet, Intercultural Student Center (ISC), Educational Support Services (ESS), International Student Support (ISS), BUCS Bridge, Cultural Diversity Advocates (CDA), the Multicultural Leadership Program (MLP), are vital expressions of Whitworth’s theological and moral obligations that ensure that all students are welcomed, supported, and empowered to grow in both mind and heart; and WHEREAS, we believe recent federal efforts pose a direct threat to the integrity of Whitworth’s curriculum and the education we provide. Across the country, we have seen attacks on historical accuracy, inclusive pedagogy, and academic freedom under the guise of fighting “wokeness.” These efforts seek to erase the lived realities of marginalized communities, diminish critical perspectives in our classrooms, and hinder students’ ability to engage with complex social, philosophical and theological issues in regard to content related to identity, race, gender, disability, history, immigration, religious diversity, and social justice. To protect the quality and mission of a Whitworth education, we must ensure that neither external pressure nor political rhetoric dictate the content of our courses, the faculty who teach them, or the opportunities available to students from historically underrepresented backgrounds. WHEREAS, we acknowledge that Whitworth’s leadership faces difficult and complex decisions in navigating a national climate that is increasingly resistant to efforts promoting inclusion and equity. However, we also recognize that this moment demands clarity, courage, and unwavering moral resolve. We cannot afford hesitation, nor can we allow external forces to dictate the values and commitments that define this institution; and WHEREAS, we believe, in order to remain steadfast in its mission, Whitworth University must uphold its unwavering commitment to the well-being of its students. Under no circumstances- regardless of external threats or the potential loss of federal funding- should this institution abandon the programs, resources, and support systems that ensure equitable opportunities for all students, particularly those from historically marginalized communities, or the dedicated staff and faculty who serve them. THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT: The Associated Students of Whitworth University (ASWU) affirms that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs are an inseparable part of Whitworth’s mission. All programs designed to foster belonging, equitable opportunity, and academic success must be protected and strengthened. With respect, love and confidence in the moral leadership of this university, ASWU commits to the following actions:

1. Denounce Federal Overreach that Compromises Whitworth's Values

● ASWU will formally issue a statement condemning any governmental actions that threaten the university's ability to uphold its core commitments to justice, inclusion, and equity.

● ASWU will advocate for institutional independence, ensuring that external political pressure does not dictate student support services or academic content.

● ASWU will seek solidarity with peer institutions to push back against federal policies that undermine these values.

2. Hold Whitworth Leadership Accountable

● ASWU will continuously monitor, through our constituency, the university’s adherence to its commitments regarding student support initiatives that promote inclusion, equity, and access to resources for all students.

● ASWU will push for its forums to be a platform where students can voice concerns and demand accountability from university leadership.

Requests to the Board of Trustees: ASWU calls upon the Whitworth Board of Trustees to take the following decisive actions to uphold Whitworth’s mission, protect its students, and safeguard the integrity of its education:

Issue a Public Statement Affirming Student Support as Core to Whitworth’s Identity The Board of Trustees must formally and publicly declare that:

● Programs that provide mentorship, academic support, and resources for historically underrepresented students will remain at Whitworth University, regardless of external political or financial pressure. These programs are essential to the academic success, emotional well-being, and spiritual flourishing of students.

● Equity and inclusion are theological imperatives, not optional commitments. The Christian faith calls us to embrace justice, stand with the oppressed, and celebrate the image of God reflected in all people. At Whitworth, this is lived out through tangible support for students who might otherwise feel excluded or unsupported in higher education.

● Whitworth will not be coerced into moral compromise. We will not allow federal funding threats to dictate how we care for our students, nor will we permit financial concerns to erode our responsibility to Christ’s call for love and justice.

Protect Faculty and Staff Who Support Underrepresented Students: The Board must formally adopt a policy ensuring that:

● No positions dedicated to student support and advocacy will be eliminated, diminished, or restructured in response to external political or financial pressures, as these roles directly impact student retention, success, and well-being.

● Faculty and staff engaged in mentoring and advocacy will be shielded from backlash, scapegoating, or targeted removal, ensuring that students who depend on their guidance and advocacy are not abandoned.

● These roles will be given long-term institutional security, ensuring that those working to support students from marginalized backgrounds are not subjected to instability or political vulnerability.

Safeguard Academic Freedom and Expand Opportunities: The Board must:

● Commit to preserving and expanding academic programs that critically engage with issues of justice, human rights, and community impact, ensuring that students receive a well-rounded education rooted in faith and truth.

● Protect faculty autonomy in teaching and research, ensuring that professors can explore complex social, philosophical, and theological issues without fear of censorship or retaliation.

● Ensure that academic programming continues to reflect diverse perspectives and experiences, fostering critical thinking and ethical leadership.

● Expand institutional resources to ensure that all students, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, have equitable access to academic mentorship, research opportunities, and leadership development.

Establish a Sustainable Endowment for Student Support Initiatives: Whitworth must ensure that student-support programs for underrepresented students are not financially dependent on politically manipulated sources. We call for the immediate creation of:

● A dedicated endowment funded by alumni contributions, private grants, and philanthropic partnerships for programs that serve historically marginalized student groups.

● A commitment from the university to fundraise specifically and continually for these programs, ensuring financial stability and continuity.

Strengthen Protections for Underrepresented Students: We urge the Board to take proactive steps to ensure Whitworth remains a place where all students feel valued and supported. This includes expanding scholarship opportunities, mentorship programs, and training initiatives to reinforce the university's commitment to inclusion to historically underserved and marginalized student groups. Take a Stand Against Federal Efforts to Undermine Institutional Values The Board must issue a clear and unequivocal stance rejecting governmental overreach into Whitworth’s moral and theological commitments.

So any questions? Great. so we are in agreement.

William: How do we reach out to you about this

Niraj: Yes gladly so please if you have any questions about this or want to be involved in this advocacy reach out to me and also there will be a series of tabling events and petitions that will go out to guard like quantify student support for this and again this will be voted on after two weeks yes that's it for me thank you guys.

BobbiJo: make sure you're talking to your constituents about that

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**Student Highlight**

BobbiJo: This week our student highlight is Ryan Bunch. She is the RA in Ballard. she is just so good at creating community in Ballard and she's doing a great job this year balancing multiple jobs and still being able to create that community that everyone drives to have in their res halls.

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**What’s up Whitworth**

Issac: alright whats up Whitworth, remember we have a two-minute speaking time please raise your hands so BobbiJo our VP, can write your name for the speaking order, and I think you all know so far but we knock when we are in agreement so if you have a very similar point of view or something that reflects something that someone else already said we use knocking to kind of limit our time. now any questions or concerns anything that you want to share

Sierra: if you specific to aswu members if you're a senior can you raise your hand really quick OK cool thank you

Todd: ohh this past Friday was our event you know casino night and Dan king came to me and just wanted me to give a shout out that he appreciated all the effort by aswu and putting the tables and chairs back and then the next morning and so that extra time and effort he said helped him tremendously and he gave me like coffee cards and stuff so stop by my office

BobbiJo: I actually have something so if you guys remember for winter carnival we had the play prizes for the workers, I know we cant win prizes at events but the executive team has decided that we'll be larger coordinator events so where there's lots of help mostly Aubrey and Chloe would be doing this you two can opt in, its optional to add prices for your workers it would be the same style where they have to come and like raffle ticket and put it in and then you pull from the raffle that would be for bigger events that you have more than like two or three people helping it so that is an option

Aubrey: Is that in our budget

BobbiJo: yes. that's why its optional. Because it could be out of your own budget completely up to you if you wanna do it how big you wanna go .

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**Club Updates**

Gwen: so first we're gonna start with just the regular club updates um I believe there's a representative from astronomy club yeah so if you wanna maybe stand up here so salwa can hear you easier and then just read whatever you got

Vanessa Vaelentine: hi everyone my name is Vanessa Valentine I'm the astronomy club vice president and Emma fortunately cannot be here due to the conflict with her classes so I'm going today. we're just gonna tell you guys what we've been doing so we were inactive last year due to just like leadership, we didn’t have an advisor so we couldnt have the club to begin with so this year we have a full like leadership team. We had events as well. one this past fall it was at the same time as the winter carnival but we still had like a really good turn out we have 3 telescopes I believe two of those were donated to us so those were not like from ASWU budget. We were at the club fair. Because it is a club where we rely on being outside and looking up at the sky it's really hard to plan for events because of weather changes and also nobody wants to be outside in the winter time but fortunately the weather starting to go up you know the skies are starting to be clear another reason why we don't have events as often as most clubs is because we try to have events for when there's like meteor showers where like maybe the Northern Lights are visible you know stuff like that and that doesn't always happen but if that doesn't happen we try to just have like a normal stargazing night. we also wanted to let you guys know that all of our funds are used for pizza and drinks to be served at like . Yeah we're hoping to meet more regularly now that the weather is much better.

Gwen: any questions about astormy club? great and then our next update is for math club is somebody here for that one

Noah: Hi I'm Noah, vp of math club. yeah we have weekly meetings where we do math. we had an event last fall we did the Putnam it was very fun and then we had integration night

Isaac: whats putnum?

Noah: it's a nationwide contest it's out of 120 points and leading scores either 0 or 1

Niraj: how much did you get noah

Noah: I’m not..

Niraj: when do you guys meet?

Noah: Friday

Eli R: Where do you guys meet?

Noah: 3 pm ej 315

Gwen: alright and then we have a speaker presentation from business club for Nathan Conley

Anu: so Nathan Conley like pretty much all the other speakers is a Whitworth alum and he currently works as Washington State University College of Medicine specialist his presentation is mostly going to be about recruiting HR and so some of his talking points are his experience with recruiting and candidate, difference between screening and interviews, discussions and all that.

Gwen: Any questions about the speaker alright we will vote on that one next week you wanna stay there and remind us about your speaker who we're voting on this week Brooke Levine

Anu: 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. 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,

**Motioned to approve Business club speaker: Brooke Levine by Eli H**

*Second by Kenzie*

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

Gwen: OK next we vote on 2 speakers for TPUSA. I'll have whoever's here and just remind us. should we have like separate discussions for each of them? Okay so first lets start with Stephan. just remind us what he's going to be talking about and then we will open up for discussion.

Bree: Hello everybody. Good to see you all. Im Bree from TPUSA. OK So Stephan Davis, we are supposed to have him come next Thursday March 6.30 Wey 111 and he will be discussing critical race theory defining it within the four pillars and like discussing his past experiences and politics. yeah any questions?

Jayce: ohh really quickly is wayerouser 111 is it like the smaller room

Bree: it's not RTT it's like when you walk in go to the left, larger classroom on the first floor

Sophie: does he have any formal education or training in regard to critical race theory

Bree: I actually don't know I'm not sure what his like educational background is any other questions yes

Eli R: so is this based in academia or is this based off of personal

Bree: it's based off of like personal experience and personal research and education as far as I know

Isaac: Okay, if there is no other questions can we have a motion

Bennet: I am a student speaker and I would like to speak before the vote

Gwen: if we do them separately then like she would have to do her presentation like now

Isaac: Okay

Bennet: hi my name is Bennett Johnson I am a sophomore psychology student double minoring in leadership and communications. I was reached out to by my senator and asked my opinion on these two speakers and so using my voice and my experience in public speaking I figured I would come up here and urging no vote from the aswu members so before we begin I'd like to mention that I'm not coming to you based on the difference of political opinion I'm coming to you as someone who used to be involved in turning point and is concerned about student safety and upholding the aswu mission. so if we move on to the speakers are so as we mentioned this is Stephen Davis and Olivia. so according to turning point Steven is a conservative political activist and Co host of turning point USA's hit series campus crashers who can be found challenging leftist narrative that dominates today's cultures at universities. Olivia according to the leadership institute has shed light on the dangers indoctrination and suppression of speech that infiltrates universities. so these are the two speakers so I would first like to talk about Stephan so as a concerned member of the student body today I would like to urge for no vote against Davis speaking so in mid 2024 he said the following comments about the black lives matter movement saying that it was a substitute for black supremacy and Marxism and then he also referred to the phrase as women's reproductive health as a euphemistic expression for murder and I have my sources below if anyone wants to look at sources after this.

Bree: I would just like to point out that Stephen Davis this is he's coming to share his opinion and his own experiences so it's not necessarily that he has specific educational background but this is his opinion and I don't think we can vote no based on something that is his own opinion and that wants to share with other others and his own experiences that he has, so I urge you to keep that in mind and have an objective standpoint on what he wants to share with others about what he's experienced

Bennet: yeah absolutely but I think we also need to consider the student safety we move on to my second point about a visit he did to UC Davis in October of 2022 people were counter protesting Davis' speaking and members of the proud boys arrived to show up to attack the protesters and for those who don't know according to the anti defamation league the proud boys are in neo fascist militant organization that engages in political violence so these proud boys arrives they came to him with their fists they were punching protesters massing protesters and throwing metal barriers I decided not to show the video just cause it's kind of alarming and not really great to watch so it's important to know that turning point has the right to invite these speakers to speak and that they do have their opinion we have students have the right to peacefully protest this speech without being attacked with Mace and things thrown at us

Bree: I would just like to point out that that would not be happening we're not inviting any violence programs or other people outside of turning point to come if other people want to protest this event they are free to do so that's fully within their First Amendment rights but there will be no violence on students there will be no violence on anywhere with organizations whatsoever that is not what we stand for and if there is we will not condone that we will not enforce that no violence is going to be involved no students will be attacked. Everyone has the right to voice their own opinion and we are concerned about the safety of whitworth students our students our Stephen Davis Olivia we're concerned for everybody's safety not just our own people and there will be no violence at these events should they occur

Bennet: it is important to remember though that these members were not brought about by turning point they came on their own so it's not necessarily guaranteed of like the safety of students is not guaranteed just because turning point doesn't endorse it so if we move on to my next slide

Bree: I think safety of the students is guaranteed because we have security here at any violence occurs turning point will call security if need be will call 911 if we see any violence we're going to take a stand against it at that time so we are concerned about protecting the safety of students and should anything violent start happening you're going to get on that right away, that is not going to be an issue especially at what we're thinking we can all agree violence is not what we stand for that is not what we want

Bennet: yeah so another way to ensure students safety is to simply not to vote no for him speaking just recently he had an event permanently cancelled at a high school due to student safety concerns so we can see that there's the president and not allowing them to speak up at educational settings because sometimes they do turn very violent and as much as we want to avoid that it does happen so to ensure student safety and respect I would urge a no vote

Isaac: let's finish the presentation on Steven and then we'll have time for conversation.

Bennet: so if we move on I took the liberty to go back and look at some past tweets and tik toks posted by both of these members so if you want to take a moment and read this tweet from Stephan before I make a comment about it. so Davis implies here that to be a man you need to lift heavy objects be strong be dangerous and practice with the Pew Pew. this is not rhetoric that you as aswu should allow on campus and if we move on and I have another one that is just yeah so as a organization that aligns itself with the Presbyterian Church I think we need to understand the weight of equating trans day of visibility which is simply a day that understanding that trans people do in fact exist should not be equated to Satanism. it's not the type of rhetoric that we should allow on campus so if we go to my next slide here obviously you guys know your mission I'm sure you've heard it 100 \* I as a Whitworth student want to urge a no vote on Davis to speak on campus please align with your aswu mission in order to represent your diverse student body with these safe inclusive and supportive environment and please vote no on Davis

Bree: yeah the first thing I'd like to point out is that at the end of the aswu mission statement I know I've mentioned this before to you guys it says that we're trying to cultivate a safe inclusive and supportive campus community lead with authenticity advocate for equity strive for every student to feel valued and heard. and I know in the past turning point students and conservative students on campus have not been valued or heard at all and this is I feel an opportunity to change that rhetoric on campus to have these speakers come have their opinions be voiced and create a community where we can still talk about difficult subjects no matter what side you are on and I wanted this to be an opportunity for conservative students to feel like they are being valued and heard because I know in the past that has not been the case and we've had a rough relationship with aswu and we're trying to build that up. as regards to Stephen davis's tweets those are his own opinions that's his personal account everybody in here I'm sure has a personal social media account where you say whatever you want to say I don't think we should base his coming here off of something that he said in the past people can change opinions can change and remember that this is him coming to share his experiences and what he's learned about politics what he's learned about critical race theory through his own experiences and wanting to share that with others and I know in a classroom setting he's not going to be violent he's not going to advocate for anybody to throw hands or be violent anyway rhetorically verbally with however you might define that he's not going to do that and I would just like to point out that the whole point of them coming here was to give you all the opportunity to make sure that you are representing your students on campus because we are a small group but we still want to have our voices be heard and want to share and engage in civil discourse with others and that is why we were trying to have these speakers come so I would urge you to vote for them to come and you have civil discourse and being peaceful and respectful towards each other and talking about important issues.

Eli R: I empathize with turning point and feeling like a smaller group of students. now I don't have any issue with you wanting to bring conservative speakers or conservative viewpoints on this campus that's the beauty of Whitworth. You might have beliefs they may differ from mine they are still valued. what I do believe is that we need to bring speakers onto this campus who go about it in the right way tweeting things such as references to Satanism and demoralizing just things that are racist in ways I don't believe it's everything about it if you were to bring me say a tenured professor from Michigan who has a background has published books on critical race theory. And wants to bring that from an academic standpoint to the university I 1000% believe that that is your right as turning point members to bring them here to educate others now if we're basing everything off of opinion in the argument right there are certain biases that don’t always cultivate that inclusive and that supportive campus community that we are striving to do now we as aswu will strive for every student to feel valued and heard but it's whether those values are doing more damage than good. Right. so I 1000% believe that if you were to bring us a student because as you said you want us to represent you and to have that representation on campus it's whether or not that does more damage for the student body and creates a divide between us then the good its supposed to do. That’s just where we are at. we don't want to silence your viewpoints, don't want to make you guys feel unrepresented around here we want you guys to be heard but to bring on speakers that have those qualifications in order to speak on the things that have a lot of impact on the student body

Bree: as far as the opinion thing goes stephan coming obviously to share his own opinion but students don't have to attend this event if they don't want to if they feel like it's not going to add to their educational benefit this is completely optional. it's an opportunity to come here somebody else's opinion and think about how that might challenge your own and how you might engage in conversation with that opposite opinion and still grow and learn something.

Bennet: in relation to how this is his personal opinion and that we shouldn't be looking at past tweets I would just like to point out that Davis is verified and has a turning point little badge next to his Twitter handle if you wanna go look that up so when we look at these tweaks that we've made in the past and what I would consider to be very inflammatory marks we have to take them from the viewpoint that he is verified and in relation with turning point and it is reasonable to assume that he would bring that same sort of rhetoric here on campus so just a point to remember and then I also before we get into my presentation about Olivia Olivia's the same way along with turning point so we need to take all of those tweets and past tick tocks in relation again so just as a preface before we get into that presentation

BobbiJo: this is a reminder before you go like when we're talking about this you guys should have already talked to your constituents and you are voting based on what your constituents told you so if they did their research if they didn't whatever they chose ,so yes unless your vote was like close to 5050 or 5050 this is when you would be choosing based on what we're talking about right now so if you have one of the res halls who was vastly yes for both votes that is still how you're voting the only reason that everyone is having this conversation is for those maybe you were closer to 5050 so that's when you would be able to be swayed by what we're talking about right now OK either way

Sam: As an education major myself I agree with Bree and I personally know professor who was very willing to offer this event as an extra credit opportunity because having these conversations is very critical to not only understanding that understanding perspective potentially not just in classroom but how this kind of content could affect the lives of actual people

Soophie: I didn't realize that we were voting on the speakers like separately so this is just something to like apply to both speakers I want to start by like acknowledging that you know like no matter what is decided today like obviously the vote will be interpreted like with a symbol of something and like I think like aswu we like we talked about we want to be a body for all students and every student so like regardless of how this vote goes I hope you guys as individual students who have had confidence to come here after today still feel like you're able to come to us and talk with us and raise those questions and then for those of you dont know me im the cultural events coordinator. I'm not a voting member but something that I wanted to raise was I think one of the things that I think worries me about this presentation is not necessarily I guess like the political nature like the political parties but rather the fact that it is not being based in academia or fact it is opinion and it is two people who are not classically or traditionally trained in these topics giving presentations on them and so like but I also acknowledge that is the thing where it's like I don't wanna minimize TP’s right to have a conversation and so like I was wondering that I know like we kind of talked a couple of us talked about a couple days ago what instead of just a yes or no binary choice was could we come this a compromise where we structure the event to reflect the values that we stand for which is education and dialogue and inclusion and where obviously like we still have your two speakers just the fact that they don't have traditional academic backgrounds in this we have two alternative speakers that do this is what to say like that's like targeting TP or anything like I want to really emphasize like whenever Gen. action has something they are required to have a member of the Chapel to kind of give an alternative perspective so I really just want to emphasize like that it's not like just a specific role being applied here because like I think if someone's making claims about race gender education they need to be qualified to give the context and factual grounding for that and if these speakers don't have that would you guys be open that having someone on faculty or someone that aswu finds that is of that neutral standing but has that traditional background because I think this compromise hopes to balance open discourse with factual integrity and student safety because I think it's like it's not about silencing conservative voices it's about ensuring like perspectives including like those from like marginalized communities and students you know are a part of that conversation and I think like we talked about like we want to engage in open dialogue and it's like what we stand for and it's the fact that it's like right now I don't wanna like silence the conversation like are we able to create like a better conversation or more productive one for everyone involved

Bree: so as far as this being like an opinion based event for both Olivia and Stephan I think we can all agree that our own experiences educate us just as much if not more than learning in the classroom with what we experience in life is what really benefits us or prohibits us in the long run. So i think having real world experiences is just as much if not more as important as being in a classroom and that's why I want to have these two speakers come is because they have lived these circumstances they know what it's like they've been in it they can come at it from both perspectives so I think that is educating just as much as event by an academic professor or scholar would be at this point about having more educated people with a more professional educational background to come I am absolutely open to that and I can look into turning point speakers that have that educational background but again I would just like to remind you that having an opinion based off of a real world experience that you lived out and that is integral to you is just as educating as going into the classroom and worrying about something that doesn't

Bennet: I have a point of information so when we talk about the fact that these are opinions based in real life experiences real lived experiences and that you know this can sometimes be even more information over being in a classroom we have to remember that is a school this is a classroom this is offered as an extra credit event we have to think about the academic backing behind it and I get that these are opinions but it's important that opinions are faced with factual evidence as well intuned. by later presentation we will see that some of these opinions are not based on factual evidence whatsoever so we need to take that into consideration we think about opinion versus education

Michael B: Is there a possibility that TPUSA will be able to bring security at the or during the event in case there is a violent protest?

Bree: If you all are that concerned then yes we can provide security but I have not I've been told that I'm not allowed to publicize specific event details so nobody but us knows what the details are and I don't foresee how anybody could know about them unless we start posting about them which we haven't so I don't see the need for security but if you are that uncomfortable we can we can look into that it's not something I'm opposed to

Abi: salwa can you pull up the form. so I did a survey because I myself I had a lot of biases and so I was like I can't even like start so I was just like let's just do a survey and this is what happened we had 88 responses which is about like 10% of the population which isn't the best but I think it's a pretty good sample size of how off campus felt and this is just off campus I know like Abby has different data and so this is how I gathered my data on so I just wanted to make that very very clear that I'm not voting on my own biases but I am voting on how my constituents feel

BobbiJo: OK and also just for a point of information for people who arent in aswu it's really really hard to get off campus students. As someone who worked as an off campus senator position for two years those are really good numbers. I've never even had that much at events and I've done a lot of off campus events so the fact that Abi even got 10% of the off campus people like I applaud you for that great work yeah that is also a great thing for all of my people who need to talk to constituents that's a great way to talk to people specially for off campus people like how are you supposed to you can't go knocking door to door. Do that. Send that in an email. it took me like 5 minutes to fill it out

Austin: hi everybody im Austin . I wanted to talk about a point that sophie touched on earlier well yesterday doctor Carlson came in and she gave ideas and one of them was that even if there were to be an event where there's a speaker who is controversial and may have like may cause students feel uncomfortable we can still have like an antagonistic or something to ensure that people who feel uncomfortable from it are feeling maybe heard or more comfortable. I just thought that was interesting

Harmony: I was just kind of thinking that it looks like our main concern Stephan is his Twitter post and well yes they're pretty unsavory opinions it also is not what he'll be speaking on while he's here and I know that pretty much all of my constituents that I talked to we're like yeah I don't agree with his opinion at all but it would be interesting to hear and so because I also looking at like his past some other things that he's talked about and when he is talking about critical race theory he's just talking about critical race theory and he hasn't been known to bring up other topics so because of that I feel like it's not as much of A concern if students go look it up and find it on their own that might still be a bit of a concern but I don't think that's gonna come up here in his speaking at all which is different with Olivia because her like openly hateful like Instagram posts are are about the same topic that she would be speaking on so it's like different with each speaker.

BobbiJo: With that we are going to go ahead and move to a vote anyone who's affiliated with TPUSA or against TUPSA please leave the room

Sophie: point of clarification OK before we leave and we like take our vote so just like clarify like would you be open to like a compromise where it's like if we like have Stephan would you be open to having another like I guess maybe member of faculty who studied critical race theory or women and gender studies and like kind of have like a two person panel potentially at the event

Bree: I wouldn't be opposed to that I think there would have to be something separate though because like I would have to go through turning point for that and since we already have like the details finalized on our end it's gonna be a little bit difficult to change them at this point to advertise having another professor to have like a panel type discussion but in the future I would not be opposed to having like an open debate where people would watch

Gwen: even if it wasn't like a panel could a faculty be present to maybe participate in the Q&A and like ask questions

Bree: yeah anybody is welcome to come if they have questions or just wanna chill

Sophie: Willl they be able to facilitate the event or discussion

Bree: Well they can come and ask question as an observer but I don't know whether they'd be able to like facilitate discussion on it unless it was like in their own classrooms.

Gwen: its more of a lecture style talk

BobbiJo: if you are affiliated TPUSA or you're here about TPUSA please step out

**Motioned to approve TPUSA club speaker: Stephan Davis by Niraj**

*Seconded by Cheyenne*

*Discussion:*

*Abi: I think that Stephan like with critical race theory I think as long as he's only talking about that and he is only staying on that topic and that there are moderators there and that if he says anything hurtful or anyone at the event says anything hurtful can we remove or like just stop it and I would suggest having a professor moderated I like I know that TPUSA was a little against that but finding someone unbiased or two moderators I don't know*

*BobbiJo: one of the information I don't know if it's that they were against it they already have all there stuff finalized, So im not sure if they can add a moderator. If a professor goes as an observer and then says hey that's not appropriate for Whitworth campus, it will be totally OK because they're advocating for their students and they're like they're in place of employment so they can 100% do that they just can't be an official moderator*

*Abi: OK awesome as long as that's happening and everyone is safe yeah that's my thought about Stephan*

*Sophie: yeah that's like kind of what I was thinking because I know when when they sent the club committee like specifically like the outlines of what he was going to talk about if we're able to like print that out specifically for whichever faculty member from Whitworth wants to go to this so that they are of the understanding of what should be discussed and like if something starts veering off like where to bring the conversation back to then I think the next speaker is a lot more problematic and I do see this as a really good opportunity to build just differing like actual like dialogue and I think like by offering this like hopefully we're actively engaging in the dialogue we claim to stand for*

*BobbiJo: just remember you are voting based off of what your constituents say so although you might agree that is what majority of your constituents say as someone who voted for two years straight I didn't always agree with what my constituents told me but I still had to vote that way so if you are one of those people where majorities yes but you are feeling no you still have well yes because you're not only advocating for yourself but you're advocating for two to 1000 people 200 to 1000 people so*

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*Sophie: is that with stipulation*

*BobbiJo: yeah. Gwen can you tell them about the stipulations*

*Isaac: Specifically for the speaker to talk about critical race theory*

*Gwen: Despite the stipulations, you can* f*reely invite faculty*

Gwen: Now the second speaker Olivia Krolczyk. if you just want to remind us and then we'll move on I guess kind of the same thing

Bree: Olivia Krolczyk is going to talk about protecting the integrity of women sports, her experiences with title 9 and she works with Riley institute Olivia will talk about that as well any questions?

Abi: do you have a title yet

Bree: I don't have a title

Abi: do you know about the U dub title

Bree: No

Abi: OK everyone go research that

Bennett: so now let's move on to Olivia so she had an event at U dub earlier this year in January 2025 there were about 150 peaceful protesters that were just simply kind of dancing around the building that Krolczyk was in. the fire alarm went off they don't know who hold it so that's ohh unknown but after the fire alarm went off only turning point members were allowed back inside the building and then protesters did get violent they were hitting doors and things like that because they felt like they weren't being able to be heard because they weren't being allowed back into the room that turning point was in

Bree: if you guys have watched the video you'll see how Olivia is trapped inside the room with security and protesters I don't think from watching that you can infer that protester, they were being peaceful because they were in my opinion and lots of other people's opinions as pertains to that and they had to call security to protect Olivia and for safety and well-being of the students there so they a bit violent

Bennett: they only turned violent after they were not being allowed back into the room that Olivia was speaking in so they felt like they were not being heard is what I've inferred from all the research I did

Isaac: lets continue with the presentation

Bennett: what according to Krolczyk herself , she was there for advocating for free speech the erasure of the DEI more single sex spaces for women and the equality for women to participate in sports without men being in there so let's remember that the aswu mission involves a diverse student body and creating a statement inclusive campus environment advocating for equity all that stuff so again I just that really key point about DI that will become a larger point later in the presentation so Krolczyk’s rhetoric is not aligned with that aswu mission but we'll get more into that in the next slides so again with the liberty of going back and looking at some past tweets and tiktoks so these are all relating to immigration you see the two tik toks on either side are more about making jokes about immigration and deportation but I'd really like to focus on the one in the middle here so Krolczyk calls for the deportation that I know it's kind of hard to read she calls for the deportation of this man in the tweet here this is governor JB pritzker Illinois I believe pritzker was born in California and is therefore an American citizen and with the tweet says here is cutting off people from health care child care and other services is cruel and Krolczyk response to this is hey @realDonaldTrump can we deport him too. Krolczyk calls for the deportation of an American citizen because he said that cutting people off healthcare childcare and other services is cruel we have to remember that yes this is her opinion and this is on her official Twitter account this is what she is bringing to this speaking point now if we move on to the next slide these are tweets relating to racism so I'll get more into the one on the right here but the one on the left is just silly so it says Kamala just made history as the first woman to certify her own presidential election loss obviously probably not the way she wanted to make history Olivia responds and they called trump a racist he just helped the black woman make the greatest single achievement ever this point just clearly does not make any sense and can be seen as being racist. so now let's move into this other tweet here Olivia thanks God that DEI is gone she thinks the same God that calls for diversity that calls for diversity within our student body she thinks our God that DEI is gone. DEI is gone gone and moreover DEI is not a scam and it was not a scam in education or in the workplace she went to U dub speaking about DEI. she will come here most likely speaking about DEI. this rhetoric is important to remember now if we move on to the next slide according to the Whitworth again I still have all my sources in 2023 the student body was more than 32% people of color higher than any point with their history this is nearly one third of our student body where this supposedly dedicated to offering safety and support to people who are undocumented or those who happen to be immigrants but if we allow Olivia to speak on the person who made these inflammatory markers and called for the deportation of an American citizen will conclude that ASWU is not dedicated to offering the safety and support we have to keep this rhetoric in mind and then if we move to the next slide so again Olivia thanks God that DEI is gone. it's important to know that God wants a diverse world my source here is the theological grounding that the Whitworth DEI program is founded upon. Olivia calls to the erasure of DEI in education and in the workplace. we should not be bringing in someone who believes that encouraging diversity within our student body equity between us all and inclusion of people regardless of race gender and disability is a scam. I am a disabled student. DEI is important to me. it's important to anyone who is a part of the LGBTQ community and who is a person of color. DEI is not a scam. so now if we move on some past tweets and tiktoks about the LGBTQ community you see there that she says that she won't support trans people because they couldn't even accept themselves from the way they were this can be seen as incredibly inflammatory towards transgender students it's hard to see what this says here but it says make America LGBTQIA plus again kind of a scoop on make America great again and she says make America mentally ill again essentially equating that anyone who is LGBTQIA plus is mentally ill and here she says does gay couples having kids make you uncomfortable and she says buying and yes. gay people are not buying children this is just demonstrably false and this is the rhetoric she will be bringing to campus. Now if we move on um this one hit home a little bit for me just as a woman so this TikTok says when someone asks what I want to be when I grow up but God created eve to be help meet for Adam and that's exactly what he wants me to be for my husband. according to Whitworth 55% of the student body is comprised of women that is the majority turning point wants to bring in this speaker that believes that all a woman is is a help meet for her Adam there are women here with dreams bigger than I can ever dream up getting degrees in stem psychology philosophy education we are not just a help meet for our Adam. this is not the rhetoric that we should be having on Whitworth campus now let's move on to this one again when we talk about this point I'd like to remember that word is a place of education and is a place of facts so when Olivia says that abortion was the leading cause of death in 2024 this is demonstrably false according to the CBC the leading cause of death in 2024 was heart disease where the second of cancer we should not bring in someone to who lies just to further their own opinion and their own point. so now uh we have this where she reposted a tweet from Andrew Tate. Andrew Tate is a known abuser of women of believing that we are only here for reproduction and children he calls himself a misogynist and said that we should physically emotionally and sexually abuse women again here is my source on that she reposted this and said happy Valentine's Day this is not a speaker we want on campus. now this last tweet this is the kicker I'll let you guys look at that before I say anything this is a recent tweet there is nothing wrong with shooting guns there's nothing wrong with having guns that is our Second Amendment right but posting that and saying just out here hunting for liberals just out here hunting for the people who politically disagree with us this is abhorrent and disgusting and should not be allowed on our ccampus. uh so now as a concerned student as someone who used to be involved with turning point and as someone who knows how to use their voice and was encouraged by my senator and by my peers I urge you no vote against Stephen Davis and if your res halls were split I demand a no vote on Olivia. Please remember your aswu mission during your vote today keep in mind the dozens of sources as well as the past tweets and tik toks to show and having these two speakers come from Whitworth is an awful idea again just as a reminder I'm sure you guys all know it here's your mission. Please remember your commitment to integrity diversity empathy respect safety and equity thank you OK

Bree: I'd like to start by reading genesis 2:18 and the Lord God said it is not good that the man should be alone I will make him a help meet for him and that's the verse that she was referring to straight from the Bible that's what she believes is her calling as a woman and I can testify as somebody that wants to go to law school and be an attorney, I would love to be a wife I would love to be a mother someday and I also want to be an attorney and help those in need I can do both I can be a help meet to my husband and still fulfill my high calling as an attorney. I can do both and and saying that I can't or I shouldn't want to be a mother is inherently against women that's saying that we can't do both we have to choose between career or family I know I can do both I fully know that and so I just looked at that genesis 2:18. second I'd like to point out that during the club committee meeting and in last weeks aswu meeting I was not made aware that this was such the controversial issue for aswu and for our student body. I was not made aware that that any of this was as controversial or as just yeah controversial as as I thought it would be and I was not made aware of that I feel a little betrayed only because I felt like I could have been better prepared to answer your questions had there been a more open communication with me and my whole goal in having these events to have better communication with aswu better relationship with you guys and representing our conservative students as well and I just wasn't not made aware that there was so much trouble or agony regarding these two events. I would have liked for you guys to communicate with that with me a little bit better so I could be better prepared to answer your questions but I wasn't made aware of that and I'd just like to point that out so

BobbiJo: Point of information a lot of us actually didn't know how controversial this was again like Bennett was made aware by her senator and like I honestly didn't know any of this until about like 3-30 ish that this was gonna be such a controversial vote so it's not that we didn't let you know it's just that most of us didn't know that this was happening

Bennett: I didn't plan on until a couple of days ago this presentation is threw together last minute and I think that when it comes to remarks that were made by both of these people and just the political state of the United states right now I think it's just kind of known that this is going to be a pretty controversial topic and the senators and other people were told to talk to their constituents so I think it was reasonable to assume that there would be people that would come to this meeting who would have objections to the speakers and again I also did not plan until a couple of days ago and so that's why my presentation wasn't set until yesterday so I apologize if that wasn't clear but I also just I didn't know I was coming

Bree: during the club committee meeting I know part of the responsibility is to go through the social media of any potential speakers and see if they are OK with that and if the student body would be OK with that and during that meeting they voted that these figures they went through their social media and did not have a problem with that and so that's why I assumed their personal posts shouldn't be a problem in the future

BobbiJo: Point of information a lot of times we club committee will pass things on so that the constituents can get their voices out because a lot of what aswu does is just getting to hear student voices and I mean there's about what about 30 of us that were here and only 16 that are representing constituencies so a lot of times Gwen correct me if I'm wrong clubs or the club committee will put the speakers up and then just for constituents to hear the voices and so that more voices can be heard rather than just the five or six people there right

Bree: I'm just I guess a little bit confused about the authority that the committee has so they are charged with going through any potential speakers social media background and they approve them based on what exactly ?

Gwen: yeah so essentially there's multiple factors that go into this first of all because hate speech is a very hard thing to define if we anticipate that it's going to be controversial in any way for us to make the discision and if we feel that it's going to be that hard of a decision we always assume that it's better to pass it on to constituencies because it is only for people that make the club committee decision first. second we all do classes my committee cannot take the time to dig into what everyone posted what every year what they've posted things so we usually just do a scan of maybe the 1st last month of posting and sometimes that doesn't come up with things and sometimes other students do go find things that they find concerning and are therefore allowed to bring it up in meetings as we're seeing ultimately like my committee only has the power to pass it on to ASWU so we really are just the first gate of making sure there's no like egregious calls for violence or anything that we initially find as hate speech and again like we always can overlook things or not maybe dig as deep as we maybe could which is why we're only the first step and why it still has to go on to aswu

Bree: OK I think that was the point of miscommunication because I was under the impression that you guys did like go through their social media

Bennett: point of information this combined just looking through the social medias took me at least 8 hours and I would never expect one committee to be able to do that for both people that was just something that I took on myself as a constituent I didn't really like there were a couple of things that I got into pretty early but most of the stuff took me maybe 30 minutes to get to most of that stuff that I put in the presentation and I just I couldn't expect that from any sort of committee so that I would believe that's why it was passed on to us yeah

Gwen: I just I want you to know I did not like hide any concerns from you and I just passed it on here and yeah I'm sorry that you feel..

BobbiJo: if you're a voting member and need to go to class will you just e-mail me how you're voting for this one thank you

Niraj: I had a small point but like a lot of things have been said in 2 minutes but I think Bennett , she's doing her due diligence as a constituent so it's not like again like Gwen or BobbiJo said it is kind of given the political state of the US it's gonna be charged and yeah it's like that's all I wanted to say

Eli R: what you said earlier about not fully knowing all about Olivia, just because we take these speakers very seriously because they have the impact to come on campus and bring their ideals their opinion and that's why club committee takes time to go over and look over them briefly before they passed on to us so that we can educate ourselves on them right as the president of turning point it is your obligation to educate yourself on these people the same way and so in that same way with that regard that's why it's passed on to us is not because we keep control of who comes in and out it's just because it's our job to educate ourselves and then ask our constituents to educate themselves before they tell us how they're feeling about this so just more of an effort to like Anu, is that how you pronounce? Yeah so she is from the business club and every single speaker she has presented with point of everything listed there just because it would make it easier for us. if you had confidence in your speaker as well to bring it over to us as well because it is our job to educate ourselves.

Bree: I'm allowed to communicate the information that I'm giving from turning point because we do go through them so any information that my field representative gives me is what I can share about them besides public information that's already known and I thought that we were all on the same page about that especially regarding social media which is now I know that was not the case. Granted not anyone’s or any individual’s fault but I thought we were all on the same page before this meeting as parts to the speaker’s background

Sierra: I think I was under the assumption that Olivia would be talking about title 9 but if we're not sure that's the different thing if it is title 9 I just kind of want to put it out there that like title 9 is a really great thing that students have access to and I think that having a speaker come and educate more on that is such a great thing I just my question and like this is coming from a curiosity standpoint rather than a critique but just is it possible to find another speaker that can share that and educate people on those things without also attacking a community that's already very humanized especially right now like our trans community is very like they're about risk and in a lot of danger right now and so that's just kind of my concern and so if it is something that you'd be willing to like look into other people educating on the same topic but being less harmful I guess

Bree: I will do my best to look into other people and again like I can share the information that I'm given so it's kind of like you know between a rock and a hard place here because I'm just trying to communicate what I've been given so as far as I know she's going to be talking about title 9 and how that impacts with sports and her experiences as a runner in high school and college that's from what I understand what she will be talking about and I can ask my field representative and try to get more details if that's helpful that's helpful for you does that answer your question at all

Sierra: maybe just like a thinking point ohh we're like I don't know this I mean I'm not a voting member but like honestly this speaker specifically does make me really nervous um but like

Bree: really nervous in the sense that you're nervous that she's going to like attack the transgender community

Sierra: not physically not like maybe verbally there could be some things like that and even if she isn't directly saying like hey whatever she's gonna say about trans individuals it can still Rile up listeners and people engaging and so that's more of where I'm concerned than anything else I I guess

Bree: I can't testify to what she hypothetically might say again I don't know what her classroom events are like because I've never seen one because she's never come here I really can't say what she will or will not say except for the fact that as far as I know and have been communicated with she will be discussing her experiences as an athlete protecting title 9 and the integrity of sports and I know I've said that before but again that's about all I can say so yeah

Michael B: do you have any point of information that she is not gonna be talking about DEI at all? Like is it in the conversation?

Bree: I don't think that's the conversation as far as I know. I will reach out to my field representative again and ask him for the details on what she's gonna be talking about to confirm again I was not aware that this was even a question but yeah I will reach out to him again and ask

Sophie: ohh just kinda like tiny and like how you want the campus where everyone feels safe and included you know from our mission statement but also like I remember you mentioned that during your presentation wanted TP's mission statement is to like empower individuals for this specific presentation surrounding transgender athletes and title 9 like who is necessarily being empowered by this rhetoric and is at the expense of anyone

Bree: so that three words, identify empower educate is primarily directed towards conservative students since that is turning point’s mission to educate the conservative students and help them feel empowered and heard so it would be primarily empowering conservative students what they believe about these issues again we invite anybody from outside communities who don't necessarily agree to come and ask questions and I can say as far as I know Stephen and olivia, they're not going to be violative of some personhood it's just an opportunity to come and ask questions and have the civil discourse

Sophie: then she also doesn't does she have any educational background in biology or health science

Sam: I'll get that right back to you I believe she does have a stem degree

Bennett: yeah she was chemistry at the university of ohio or somewhere

Jayce: you bring up these three topics that she's gonna talk about and then also there's gonna be a Q/A kind of do you have like a schedule or how long its gonna go because if they are gonna be touching you know somewhat controversial topics I think it would be important for you and all of us to know and provide to our constituencies

Bree: right now the plan is we have the room reserved from 6:30 to 8:30 so I'm assuming first hour would be presentation second hour will be q/a

Gwen: point of information if it's not clear Bree literally just has what TPUSA tells her so she only has this access of what they give her unfortunately which is sometimes not very sure on like timing especially cause talking of course can go long or short so

Jayce: so basically the question part it's really the part that we're like don’t know whats gonna happen?

Bree: Like I said, the first hour is presentation then Q&A but I can't testify as to the specific minutes that's intersections to us

Jayce: maybe like a similar but different presentation how did that go

Bree: I'm sorry I don't understand

Jayce: like one of her like you know she goes to universities right

Bree: well I mean most recent one so I think it just depends really on you know how many questions you want to ask or how much she's willing to let the discussion go for I don't think there's any way of knowing how long its gonna be

Michael: I just don’t understand how your chapter structured like nationally so do you guys just get told what the speakers that the speakers are coming and you don't get any more information like do you have no control over what speakers can and can't talk about and how it's structured and how Q&A's go like is that entirely out of your hands here

Bree: So what happened is I and my team we sent in speaker request through turning point first and then we received an e-mail back on whether or not we can come in contact with them through turning point meaning like whether or not turning point will sponsor them and send them out if they do respond back in the affirmative then we can reach out to their team and start discussing details but that's not me specifically that's my field representative so we have it's called the Big Sky region and my two representative is in charge of Washington Idaho parts of Montana and parts of Oregon and so he reaches out to the teams for what speakers we want to come and they do all the communicating and then any details that he gets from speakers about what they would like to talk about or they give it to me and then I give those to you guys does that answer your question would you like me to go into detail yeah

Michael: so I think just for future speakers I think about any confusion is that they give you information and say like we're coming and talking about this and then we say OK well we're gonna prove it with these stipulations are you able to make to like communicate that with the speaker once they're here with that like not something you're allowed to do

Bree: I can communicate with them or ask my field representative too if there's anything like that like any stipulations that aswu wants so I can communicate that I mean I guess we'll just be up to them whether or not they're willing or able to do that so I can certainly facilitate communication but I can't guarantee that

Bennett: so you sent in the request for these speakers to like you chose these speakers to speak right?

Bree: right it's we had a meeting at the beginning or at the end of last semester where me and our turning point numbers went through and we all give suggestions on speakers that we would like to have come and so then my job was to put in the speaker request from our turning point members through the website and turning point will either say they're booked up for this semester they're not doing any events or yes you can have them come and so Steven and Olivia were the ones that responded then go ahead and receive communication that way yeah so these are requests that were made by our turning point members

Bennett: so you got the request did you like look at any of your social medias or any past events that might have had violence before you sent in the request like you they were brought up by your members and they said hey we want these people you or anyone in the chapter look at their past social media posts or any past campus events that might have turned violent and then sent it request or did you not look at that

Bree: we looked at their social media in the past and we found according to our opinion that they didn't they weren't openly violent against anybody and did not incite any violence in other events. with Olivia people banging on her door and getting pretty locked in here that was the only instance we found but we didn't deem that was her fault.

BobbiJo: can we now have anyone who's affiliated with the TPUSA to step out

**Motioned to approve TPUSA Speaker: Olivia Krolczyk by Harmony**

*Seconded by Eli H*

*Discussion:*

*Avery: I just had something to read anonymously that was sent to me by one of my constituents who wanted me to share this. so it reads As an LGBTQ student here at Whitworth, the thought of inviting a speaker such as Olivia Krolczyk to visit our university is frightening. I have looked into her social media presence and public persona and am deeply disturbed by her hateful rhetoric. At best, her ideas are half-baked ignorant nonsense, and at worst they pose a threat to the safety of myself and fellow trans students. I am at Whitworth to learn, to grow spiritually, and to build community with my fellow students. Olivia Krolczyk may not expressly be condoning violence towards LGBTQ individuals, but her hateful words have the potential to make Whitworth a more hostile environment for queer and trans students, excluding and discriminating against young people exploring their identity instead of extending Christlike love to peers.*

*Anna Claire: I just wanna be super clear up front that I'm here at capacity as an alum of the university not in like a staff role of any kind but I heard some stuff at the meeting where these speakers were presented that I really wanted to clarify some of the legal guidelines around recording and they kind of offer a thought to the aswu assembly and particularly the club committee about some considerations to take into mind with future speakers this is not targeted at only apply this level of scrutiny to TUSA speakers this is like a general sort of thought that I have to share with them again speaking as the alum I've waited almost 100 minutes to do it so thank you for listening I know we're getting a little tired ohh I just want to talk about the two party consent recording law in Washington state because there's been a lot of misinformation that I've heard among the student body about how that law actually works so I've heard people say things like we can guarantee that when students are attending events they will not be recorded and posted online and make fun of that is not what the law states two party consent reporting law only applies in the context of conversation that a reasonable expectation of privacy which means private conversations between like yourself and a partner or even your landlord that sort of thing it does not apply it actually explicitly does not apply to public spaces or common areas so I have here an article posted on the northwest justice project blog which states that if you're in a public space or common area with no expectation of privacy you may report without expressed consent such as a security camera outside your home in the past um it has taken place that during TPUSA speaker events there are independent journalists or so they call themselves who are posting material of students who are asking questions or protesting or trying to otherwise engage with the speaker and they post that online using TPUSA marking so my ask to you all as an alumni of this school is that when people present themselves as if there is no risk of students on our campus who have earnest questions or earnest concerns that show up to these events and try to exercise their free speech do you think carefully about the implications of where that goes and how that affects this idea of our student body and the security of these events. So I just wanted to clarify that law which is to essentially say that like no one can guarantee that when even I'm speaking in a room like this or when there is a lecture in RTT no one has a reasonable expectation of privacy there and people can't be reported*

*Gwen: Todd can you does Marcom not oversee the recording of events on campus*

*Todd: I believe so I know that within the student handbook there's constraints about what can be since we're private institution who can be filled up or photographed I I would just have to I don't want to quote anything that I don't know specific but I could bring those specifics to the assemblies attention. it is I believe it's more constrained on campus than it is once you step off campus because we've had incidents where without direct consent on campus that it's become .*

*Gwen: something maybe let's let's talk about that*

*BobbiJo: information we also like we are not allowed to record these meetings for that exact reason because it's private campus so yes this is technically a public setting but like salwa has to take all of these minutes by remembering what we say and typing fast there is no recording allowed it's actually illegal because it's a private university and we would have to get consent for every single person who comes in here signing something we decided that wasn't a great idea*

*Salwa: I have like an e-mail chain with him and I'll send it to you*

*Gwen: alright that's perfect*

*Eli R: I just wanted to bring an emphasize on one of the points of bennett’s presentation that I found quite alarming was the tweet that she did post using the machinery the gun with the phrase just hunting liberals. I was in club committee last semester it was great it was so much fun I love you Gwen but what we look at is hate speech right all we have to do is look at that. in some way it's hate speech right but it also in other ways it could be perceived as students on campus as a threat which we have to take very seriously as representatives. now also going with the difference between these two speakers I did vote yes for the last one right because my constituency that's what they wanted with this next speaker I may not do the same when we do look at this we do have to look at whether it is for the good of our constituency and also for the good campus so whether there are marginalized groups such as these liberal groups who met who may want to go to this because one of turning point USA's really big points is that anyone can go to these events to hear these opinions when there are tweets being sent out that are on public record that show a malice or you know a bias against a certain Group. A liberal students will not feel comfortable going to Olivia's presentation because of her media presence and what she said so I just wanna take that into account when we're doing our voting when we're looking through that that it's not only which I do believe we are here to represent our constituents we are also here for the good of our community and the rest of our students as well*

*Sophie: I think also kind of building off the point I think it's important to emphasize with this speaker where we just came out the narrative and like just the actual content of her presentation in itself it's about title 9 and transgender athletes it's kind of like when you look at what has been said in the past in relation to that presentation and her presentation that has taken a very harmful rhetoric in terms of specifically pointing to transgender women as the reason for the fall of something and actively targeting them and I think that that is really really dangerous on this campus because it's not just like an overview of like something we may or may not disagree if it comes down to do our fellow students have the inherent dignity to exist and feel comfortable and loved in their skin and I don't think this is representative of that and if we're going back to our mission statement it's like it's not a safe inclusive campus and then also if we bring up TP USA mission statement who is it empowering and who is that empowerment at the cost*

*Eli H: One of the things I wanted to bring up, while talking about title 9 in women sports there are a bunch of phrase that has been used to justify Id say transphobic words and transphobic actions and like Sophie said our mission statement is to keep campus safe and make sure all the students feel valued and heard and from what I have seen of that rhetoric it doesn't seem like having that rhetoric on campus will make students feel valued and heard and of course everybody along with my constituency but just from a personal point of view that is kind of what I feel*

*Todd: Just to come full circle student handbook Section 4 recording and live streaming policy the secret recording or live streaming audio or video of classes meetings and other conversations including telephone calls they did not compatible for law and order motion emotions any open exchange ideas the university does not condone according to our live streaming of any activities when participants are underwear search yeah and there's extent there's extended*

*Sophie: so just to clarify that's about when students are unaware that they're being recorded OK not if a journalist is there like that might require some clarification*

**Favor: 2 | Oppose: 13 | Abstain: 0**

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*!!! Except for the constituency reports, the remaining meeting minutes consist only of this week's agenda, as the communication director had to leave for class due to the meeting running overtime.*

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**Financial Director Update**

Michael:

The account total remains the same, The Finance Committee meets next week.

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**Vice President Update**

BobbiJo:

March 1:1’s – do not schedule your one-on-ones during elections.

Election applications - open March 10

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**President Updates**

Isaac:

Off campus name change – this is a vote to change the name from off campus senator and rep to commuter.  It doesn’t appear in the constitution or bylaws, so this is just a vote to change the name of the job for us.  Motion Passed.

Cultural events name change : Tabled for one more week

**Upcoming / Past Events**

Past events: Casino night, Pajama jam, Spring club fair

Upcoming events: Harlem Renaissance, Vintage/retro dance, National pancake day

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**Constituency Reports**

**Arend**

Aloisa: Arend has been lively, primetimes are going great for the RA's. I do see that a lot of constituents hang out for a while. During my office hours I had more time to get to know more constituents. The leadership group in Arend is ready to start making more events for each month and I myself am planning to have a mini event, possibly involving Texas roadhouse rolls.

**Ballard**

Abby: Ballard is doing well !! Residents have shared that they beleive we have cultivated a wonderful community we’ve built together, as well as opportunities to enhance our shared living experience. Our dorm is more than just a place to sleep—it’s a vibrant home filled with friendship, support, and opportunities for personal growth. By listening to resident feedback, we can continue making Ballard an even better place to live!

**Boppell**

Eli Roberts: Boppell residents are doing well. Residents are getting back into the swing of things in terms of academics and Spring Semester. Parking is still a concern as new students and transfers have limited parking even more than before. Residents have voiced concerns that parking behind Oliver and even the top lot of Hawthorne are full. There is still the use of the lower Hawthorne parking lot but with the weather such as rain and ice, residents are reluctant to park there.

**Duvall**

Jordan: The residence of Duvall have been doing great. Prime times have become super popular again. We are about that time in the semester where students are having their first unit test, so there has been some stress expressed among residents. All in all, the sun is shining and people are loving it!

**International Students**

Niraj: The international students are doing well! We’re so proud of how we formed and presented our resolution. It was such a team effort, and there was a lot of peer feedback. We’ll keep fighting for what we believe in, our support systems and spaces. Also, Brett took some of us snowboarding, which was a blast! We’re still making noise and having fun in the ISC.

**McMillan**

Michael Barnes: McMillan Hall has had a decent week with the majority of the members getting into their schoolwork with a large amount of tests coming up. A small group of residents seem to have had a slight disagreement but after they talked it out, everything is going well again. Sweatshirts for BMAC have finally come in after may delays in the process. Residents are happy to be repping their amazing dorm.

**Off-Campus Students**

Abi: Off Campus is going great with this new warm weather. however, with the first wave of tests happening this week and next week anxieties have grown a bit. seniors should’ve ordered their regalia, if not that is due on friday!

**Stew-Ville**

Eli: The halls of Stewart Hall are a bit abuzz occasionally, but overall, the hall is still rather quiet. The residents are busy studying for their quizzes and tests in their various classes. Some of the residents have reported feeling stressed between school and life as well as some sicknesses. However, it seems like we're all doing well and trucking forward in the semester.

**Baldwin Jenkins**

Kenzie: Bj had been bustling with excitement as we go forward into planning our annual VBJ Coffeehouse!

**Oliver**

Avery: Oliver is doing well! My constituents had a lot of opinions about the speakers and I even had one reach out who wanted to speak at the meeting which is great! Oliver Twist is April 11th and I am working hard on planning it!

**Incoming Students**

Harmony: The first years of Whitworth are doing pretty well. There is a lot of excitement about the warmer weather, especially from those who are not from the area and don’t know that it probably won’t last. On the other side of things, there is some dissatisfaction with Qdoba late night running out of food almost an hour before closing every night. There is also still trouble with parking, including worry about safety in regards to aggressive drivers in the parking lot speeding to get to spaces first. There is some suggestion that students be allowed to park overnight in the guest parking when there are no guests using the lot and just being told via email or something of the sort when there will be guests and students need to find other parking. Finally, a lot of first years reported having fun at casino night and out first year volunteer dealer was a success! A lot of the first years enjoyed having someone they knew running their table. Feb 26

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**Shoutouts**

Eli R, Sophie, Niraj, Bennett – for being proactive in so many ways

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*Motioned to adjourn meeting by*

*Seconded by*

**Favor: 11 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:51**

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