



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, are dedicated to building an inclusive and equitable atmosphere by serving the holistic student body. We will strive to advocate for the well-being of all students, collaborate with campus partners to provide proactive support, and uplift the diverse experiences within all aspects of our community.

2021-22 ASWU Meeting Minutes | September 29, 2021

In Attendance:

Rachel Ayres President	present
Chris Clay Vice President	present
Abby Douglas Financial Director	present
Grant Hill Communications Director	present
Hannah Sommerville Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Georgia Goff School Spirit Coordinator	present
Tristy Osbon Sustainability Coordinator	present
Aidan Walsh Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sugui Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sienna Buster Traditional Events Coordinator	present
Jenna Breedlove Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Jessica Lopez-Ramirez Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Jamie Copeland Club Coordinator	present
Christian Aguilar Outreach Coordinator	present
Grace Johnson Oliver Senator	present
Hans Tamminga McMillan Senator	present
Katelynn Diaz Ballard Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku Boppell Senator	present
Larkin Dean Duvall Senator	present
Logan Spencer Warren Senator	proxy

Reeshika Sharma Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie International Student Senator	present
Cameron Joslyn Neighborhood Senator	present

Meeting brought to order at 1700 .
Mission statement read by Aeron.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Larkin, Seconded by Michael

Discussion: None

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion passes

Club Coordinator Updates

Jamie C: Today we have gloria with Asian Alliance Club.

- Asian Alliance Club

Gloria: Hi everyone I'm Gloria, the president for Asian Alliance Club. I have a little speech for you all. Our mission statement is to provide safe places for Asian individuals at Whitworth and to help provide an inclusive culture and safe space to share the Asian culture with others. We also educate and advocate for the students of the university. Prior to COVID we would have game nights, which we plan to do but now we are working on speaking up about hate crimes and microaggressions. We had an identity workshop and meetings with professors and students. Also, we will hold social events this year to build family. We don't have regular meetings, but we would like it to be once a month for members. We will let you know details when we settle down. I am best the contact for the club.

Jamie C: Any questions?

Katelynn: Contact info?

Gloria: gliu22@my.whitworth.edu

Rachel: Is there any way we can support you this year as ASWU?

Gloria: We are collaborating with Jessica for budgets and planning events like Diwali or Lunar New Year.

Financial Director Updates

Capital: 20,000

Unallocated: 20,000

Travel: 6,000

- Finance Committee Cancellation Reminder

Abby: We are not meeting tomorrow. You should've gotten an email about it.

- 10th Day Numbers

Abby: After the 10th day people can't get full refunds so now we know how many people are enrolled this year. We projected 2200 and we are at 2193 students, so only slightly off. There won't be any major scrambling for money.

President Updates

- Freedom of Expression Vote

Rachel: We have an exciting vote today. The Freedom of Expression task force presented last week to the executive team and Erica Sulkin worked on it with Jason Chapman and others on the committee to make a statement to adopt for Whitworth. This is a principle not policy, so that when issues arise we can look back but it wouldn't necessarily be used for punishment. We were approached as the student body to endorse this. By endorsing, we are saying the university is better off with us having this in place. It will be brought to the board of trustees in October. We are voting today. Voting members hopefully you talked to your constituents about this. It's exciting and a big deal for Whitworth. We are going to move right along forward. Any questions?

Motion to Support the Freedom of Expression Document

Moved by Cameron, Seconded by Katelynn

Discussion:

Chris: Reminder to knock, not repeat for time

Christian: What was the purpose of this document, did something happen to need this?

Rachel: In the spring of 2019 there was a speaker, Ben Shapiro who was requested to come to campus. This caused lots of conversations and arguments on campus. The ASWU voted no, and stuff happened afterwards. If you haven't heard about this, please come talk to me about it. Out of this, we now talk about what it means to have freedom of expression. Ben Shapiro caused controversy because he has offensive and demeaning conversations with others, however he also has a right to say what he wants, so those were the two sides. The statement came out of this.

Jenna: In terms of scripture, I want to throw my hat in for support. They explain it well and how it supports the idea of expression and Christ as a model for public discourse and disagreeing respectfully. They don't just extract verses but rather use Christ's understanding as an example. It shows who Christ is and is explained well.

Cam: How closely is this principle held in addressing freedom of expression on campus?

Rachel: This would mean principle not policy. This doesn't say XYZ happens because of something, it's a standard to hold. We have the opportunity to decide how ASWU takes this too. Maybe we change processes or just think of it as a nice idea.

Chris: Do we feel like this is to install repercussions for students who have outbursts in class was what I asked. It can't lead to consequences, but it can be used to decide if the issue is a problem and if someone needs to be talked to. Also, how the university can uphold and protect bodies of students.

Hans: How does this change how the university views this before? I would hope we had something like this before.

Jason: There are polices in place on campus. This statement is making a blanket because right now the statements are academic or for residence halls, but this one is encompassing an overview which was the goal.

Cam: Is the intention to be more extending grace or extending guidelines for the community?

Chris: Guidelines I believe because it provides a principle so we can enforce based on this document in order to educate the students.

Rachel: The document lays it out well. Please vote based on the mission statement of ASWU.

In favor: 4 | Opposed: 1 | Abstaining 4
Motion passes

Vice President Updates

- Elections

Chris: Welcome new members. We are happy to have you here to improve the community and student body.

- Newsletters

Chris: Make sure newsletters are to me by Friday or Thursday for printing time to get things up in dorms.

- Senator Events

Chris: Make sure to plan your events. You can choose spring term or fall term but 2 a semester.

- Proxies

Chris: If you need a proxy let Jason I or the execs know if you can't come. I appreciate you all being here on time.

- Meal Cards

Chris: We will provide meal cards to those, prioritized for off campus and neighborhoods, who came to the meeting today. They are for Sodexo to eat dinner with us as a team.

- Student Highlight

Chris: Maya Markillie. Shout out to you for promoting the EAC event and the work you've been doing. I have a card for you for a free drink from Sodexo at any coffee shop.

- CBS meetings

Chris: Senators we will have a second CBS meeting for the halls either this week or coming week. Make sure to plan how you want to talk to your constituents.

Coordinator Spotlight

Tristy: Hi everyone, I am the sustainability coordinator. My job is unique in that I am in lots of areas on campus. I am required to be on leadership of the EAC, which I love doing. I am in relationship with grounds crews and the sustainability committee. Lots of things happen behind doors. I love having conversations about sustainability and being interdisciplinary and being sustainable. My big thing that happened recently was the harvest festival. It was great, we saw about 70 students. Next, I am getting the eco reps up and coming again with posters across campus. They will be selected by October. I am looking at more events and brainstorming. I am thinking about earth week in the spring and speakers for campus.

Rachel: What is the update on the compost buckets?

Tristy: I ordered 25 new buckets and there are old ones too. They are free for all students in residence halls and they come to me and grab one. I can explain how it works if needed on what can be composted, and you take your bucket to kijos garden and clean it there. Eco reps are in charge of it for the residence halls.

Marie: Compost is available for off campus too? Do we empty it ourselves?

Tristy: Yes take it to the compost in the garden. My house has it as a chore on our chore list.

Cam: How can we support what you are doing?

Tristy: I love conversations about these things if you have interest or partnering. My office is always open. I also will think more but thanks.

Past Events

- Selena Movie Night

Jessica: Last Friday was my first event. It went pretty well. Always be optimistic. We had tech issues at the start but figured it out and played the movie. Thanks Jason and Rachel for coming. I look forward to my next event.

Rachel: 30 people were there for movie night. Great job Jessica.

- Self-Defense Class

Abby: We had people from Krav Maga Spokane; they were certified trainers. There were about 8 instructors and 45 participants. They charged us less than initially which was nice. Weather was great. People were enthusiastic about being there. I was educated lots with good tips and tricks.

Chris: If you want to learn some come see us. It was a great event and thoughtful and they were very intentional with how they taught our students. Students were able to know how to protect themselves now, and ensure safety of our students.

Christian: The flyers were great, the slips were everywhere. I was reminded lots. Great job.

Katelynn: I had friends that attended and said positive remarks. Lots of people will do it again in the future from word of mouth since people spoke highly.

Jamie F: The banner in the hello walk was great because people saw it and were saying it looked fun.

Rachel: 45 was the perfect number. It was a great size and the instructors were able to do 1-1 training. It's important to have people watching you so you do it correctly.

Chris: Jamie C is a good fighter.

Upcoming Events:

- ASWU Fall Retreat

Rachel: It is this Sunday. Location is WEY 111, which is the room on the right at end of hallway from 2-5pm. Coordinators only have to stay until 4. Senators and new people will have extra time for hands-on things and reminders. Nothing crazy, nobody is in trouble.

Ethan: Hypothetically if I had intramural volleyball during this time, can we leave and come back?

Rachel: It is mandatory event. Tell your team to win without you.

Abby: Also bring your laptop. Pizza will be there too.

- Disability Awareness Discussion Group

Christian: Next Thursday the 7th, in the chambers at 6pm I have a dinner where student with disabilities and allies have conversations about making campus more accessible. They can share stories so I can do my job better to serve them. Excited for that. Last week after my coordinator spotlight, I have things I need now for support. For this event I want to be intentional I am going to write letters to people to invite. If you have people who should be invited, send them my way. Ideally tomorrow if possible. Also, if I could have 2-3 helpers at 5pm on Thursday to move tables and set up dinner that would be helpful, (Aidan and Jamie will help), I'll make note and send email.

Cam: Have you spoke with the neurodivergent club?

Christian: yes. Also, my email is Caguilar24@my.whitworth.edu

Katelynn: Can we put this on newsletter for resident to contact?

Christian: Yes

- Mariachi Event

Jessica: I collaborated with HOLA and we are having a mariachi event. This is a band that has instruments from Mexico and they based from there. It is on Oct 5th, and HOLA is promoting the event. If you could spread the word that would be great. Its from 7-9pm, dinner is included for first 50 people. We are catering outside of Sodexo. We have street tacos. Please come it will be a vibe with mariachi and tacos and a dance floor. Come take a break on a Tuesday night. I am also trying to get professors to give extra credit for the event. It is in the HUB MPR

Chris: Do you need support?

Jessica: Not now since HOLA is helping, I'll keep u posted.

- Homecoming Weekend Events

Sienna: Unplugged is Whitworth's talent show Friday at 7:30 on October 15th hopefully in the pirate's cove, and in the chapel if there's rain. Applications are open until October 4th. If you know anyone who has talent, tell them to sign up on Instagram and the posters.

Homecoming Hootenanny: We have someone teaching line dancing. A contract will be worked out this week. It will be in the Loop or fieldhouse depending on weather. Volunteer sign-ups are next week.

Hannah: On Friday the 15th from 1-3pm in loop, there is student market. This helps students who have small businesses or make art to sell them to their peers. I have signs up out now and posters are hanging up. If you know anyone with small businesses, tell them to sign up. Good opportunity for publicity.

Christian: On Saturday October 16th from 1-3pm in loop is a disability awareness event with yard games and correlations to disabilities and how it affects college students. I am going to tie it back to disabilities and resources on campus for being accessible. I am working with Sienna to make Unplugged at the pirate's cove accessible and homecoming as well. Volunteer signs will come out too.

Cam: there is an event with Sodexo and they are asking for ASWU reps to show a presence on Saturday from 10am-1pm. I need 1 or 2 more people to be a greeter and be a face at the opening of the pines. It's a farmers market too. (Rebecca and Chris will volunteer)

Georgia: I am planning a few events, but they are not set yet. Heads up I am doing a favorite memory event with Whitworths campaign for alumni and advice to current students from alumni. Idk if I need people to help yet but keep it on your radar. There will be a halftime event but we need permission for its locked in.

Constituency Reports

McMillan:

Hans: Mac is doing really good. We had some good primetimes. Hot water is back we are very excited. The door of our room has fallen off. Nothing else has gone wrong. Katelynn will talk about Ballard tea.

Off Campus:

Reeshika: We have 5 reps now. We are planning on a movie night in October so stay tuned

Oliver:

Grace: Oliver is doing good; we need more ping pong balls. I sent our sweatshirt design deadlines, so I am brainstorming ways for people to submit ideas.

Warren:

Emma: Warren is doing okay. Many residents are overwhelmed with school. Warren has lots of athletes who are supporting each other. Lots of people in the lounges with homework. Tests are this week and last week so lots of stress.

International Students:

Michael: Welcome to the new members. Everyone is doing great. We have 2 events next month; I met with Lulu earlier. There will be an inclusive event with the UREC next month on the 15-16. I am figuring out budget and things.

Neighborhoods:

Cam: We are doing good. First house event is tomorrow, which is a BBQ an RA is doing. Friday night my house is doing a movie night. Events are starting to roll. The challenge is that the neighborhoods event "Trick or treating" is hard this year because Halloween is over fall break. We are figuring that out.

Ballard:

Katelynn: We are doing good. Milk and cookies is tonight. Ballard tea on Friday. Lots of residents are excited. When I go to the bathroom someone always stops me and talks about the tea. Haunted house is coming up. A little overwhelming.

Boppell:

Adaeze: I met with our AAC and the RA TEAM yesterday and talked about planning primetimes and on call. It was good being a part of the team and not separated by position. It was good to see their core values and accomplishing goals. I sent out a survey how everyone was doing and how I could be supporting them and get events ideas. I have been brainstorming to see what event to focus on this semester. The printer is good. It has paper.

Duvall:

Larkin: Duvall is doing good. We are overwhelmed from tests and HW and people have been doing lots of studying in their rooms. There has been fun primetimes. Mac and cheese Mondays are a thing now. We have events coming up too. Pod parties are coming up, and printer problems are coming but I learned how to fix it. I hit buttons and it works. I am struggling with sweatshirts. No design updates but I'm bugging them. Excited to hear more.

Campus Vibes

Georgia: I have an event upcoming that I forgot to tell Grant I apologize. I am having a meeting on Oct 7th at 6pm in the HUB ABC with pizza. I am trying to start a school spirit committee. We had one a few years ago so I am revamping it. It has a new name.. Senators there are posters in the mailboxes, put them up or else I will throw hands, jk unless... if you want to join feel free. I want as many people as possible. We will have pizza rita. If you have questions let me know.

Larkin: I was wondering if there is a blue pole update for Duvall and Oliver?

Rachel: I talked with Rhosetta Rhodes and there is a blue pole ordered for that location. The money has been spent. The safety committee will be meeting for more options and reports. New members come talk to me if you want to be on a committee.

Aeron: I am the marketing and PR coordinator. If you were elected this week, I want to take headshots and make an updated team photo next week. Maybe during fall retreat. Headshots are on ASWU website now.

Katelynn: We have another committee. We are going to be talking about safety and blue poles and lighting. We are meeting sometime next week, I don't know when. If you want to join reach out to Rachel. We are trying to push safety on campus.

Rachel: Reach out to Katelynn

Jason: The weather was bad, so the first Sophomore event is now tomorrow night at 7:30 in the pirate's cove. We have lots of smores so please come.

Chris: Tell a friend to tell a friend.

Cam: Will there be real fire?

Jason: yes.

Rachel: After the meeting we eat together in Sodexo. Let's walk together and chat at dinner.

Christian: In the next week for those who have mailboxes, I will have little slips of paper for you to put pronouns on. You don't have to do anything with them but if you could just put them on your office door or put on your nametag that would be great.

Georgia: Chris, do you know how many students voted in the election?

Chris: 597, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ the student body.

Jamie F: Do I have a mailbox?

Jason: We will talk logistics on Sunday.

Rebecca: Do new senators need to have newsletter for this week?

Chris: I encourage you but no pressure. More for this next week.

Grace: We will help you with them. They are straightforward.

Chris: We will talk on Sunday. They must have memes.

Elections ran smoothly. We have run-offs on Friday Oct 1st from 10am-5pm in the HUB. I will send out another poll.

Georgia: Will that student in the run-off come to the retreat?

Chris: Yes

Shoutouts

Cam: Shoutout to Chris for elections; he was there the whole time.

Jenna: Shoutout to Jessica for decorations in the hub.

Christian: Shoutout to the SEC and table helpers. Great job. Shoutout to everyone who participated in elections , y'all did it. Welcome everyone we are so excited. Shoutout to the harvest festival people. I needed that and it was great. I felt rejuvenated. Shoutout to the whole team for supporting each other and getting new people in. Shoutout to Gloria for doing a great job representing the club.

Georgia: Shoutout to the SEC. It was stressful but good job.

Aeron: Shoutout to the whole team, we are 4 weeks in and going strong. Shoutout to the new members, I am excited to work with everyone. I work with everyone on the team. Shoutout to Munya and Maya my housemates we are all here.

Chris: I appreciate everyone's help, we made it through. Shoutout to Jason Abbie and Jamie for providing me good support through the season. Shoutout to the newly elected people we will have 1:1s soon.

Rachel: Shoutout to everyone who won and didn't win. If you know friends who didn't win, give them our love. Other shoutout is to Jason and Abby and Chris

and Grant for the self-defense class. We pushed for it during our training in early August. Go team.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Cam, Seconded by Larkin

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Meeting adjourned: 1759