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**2023-24 ASWU Meeting Minutes | September 6, 2023**

**Executive Members:**

Georgia Goff   President	PRESENT
Grace Johnson   Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis   Financial Director	PRESENT
Jamie Gassman   Communications Director	PRESENT

**Coordinators:**

Kenzie Quinn   Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Gwen Brantner   Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Reeshika Sharma   Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Samie Schaffer   Senior Class Coordinator	PRESENT
Angel Ainembabazi   Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Talea Blasko   Sustainability Coordinator	PRESENT
Grace Uppendahl   Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

**Senators:**

Jennedy Cruz Hernandez   Arend Senator	PRESENT
Eleanor Bonikowsky   Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Joie Kane   Boppell Senator	PRESENT
Austin Wolfe   Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey   International Student Senator	PRESENT
Matthew White   McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden   Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Stephanie Fery   Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Eli Harris   StewVille Senator	PRESENT

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**Meeting brought to order at 5:01**

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**Mission statement read by Samie**

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**Approval Of Minutes from May 10, 2023**

*Motioned to approve by Bobbi Jo*

*Secoded by Niraj*

**Favor: 9 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

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**Special Guest**

Georgia: Normally this is where I would introduce our special guest give you all the details about them but you already know our main man scoot so I will let him take it away

Scott McQuilkin: Scott McQuilkin I worked here since I was 22 and I turn 61 anyhow in the short time I have here I want to quickly go around the room hear everyone's names, who you are, where your from and what your studying, and I wanna offer some real quick words of gratitude, and encouragement that's it so Jamie why don't we start with you

Jamie: Awesome my name is Jamie Gassman I am studying political science and I'm from Lynden Washington

Todd: Todd Sanberg I'm past my study years and I love you all and what else do you want to know

Scott: I was on the search committee that hired Todd like 23 years ago

Samie: I am secondary ed an English major I'm from Spokane

Grace U: I'm Grace I'm form Mt Vernon Washington and I'm a double major in communications and English

Kenzie: I'm Kenzie I'm from Mead Washington and I'm a double major in secondary and theater

Angel: I'm Angel I m majoring in accounting and I'm from Uganda now living in the US

Matthew: I'm Matthew from Tumwater Washington and I'm studying graphic design

Eleanor: I'm Eleanor I'm from Snoqualmie Washington and I'm studying Psychology

Austin: I'm Austin Wolfe I'm from Sonoma California and I study chemical engineering

Bobbi Jo: I'm Bobbi Jo I'm from Eatonville Washington and I'm studying elementary ed

Stephanie: I'm Step, I'm majoring in Athletic Training and I'm from Salem Oregon

Jennedy: My name is Jennedy I'm from Yakama Washington and I'm studying criminology and criminal justice'

Scott: I made one of the greatest catches of my life when I was in Yakama

Seth: I'm Seth I'm form Believe Washington and I'm studying Spanish and HCI

Niraj: I'm Niraj I'm from Kathmandu Nepal I'm studying psychology Sociology and philosophy

Eli: I'm form Tacoma WA and I'm double major in vocal performance and music education

Gwen: I'm from Omak Washington and I'm majoring in English

Talea: My names Talea and I'm double majoring in biology and chemistry

Rylee I'm Rylee and I'm a special education major and elementary education major from Tri Cities Washington

Joie: Hi my names Joie and I'm from Hawaii and my major is business finance

Scott: Which Island?

Joie: I'm on the island of Oahu

Reeshika: My names Reeshika I'm Studying political science and I'm from India now living in Airway Heights

Grace J: I'm Grace, I'm studying elementary ed with some minors in theology and communications and I'm from radande beach California

Georgia: Howdy y'all my name is Georgia despite the fact that I say things like howdy y'all I'm from Spokane, Spokane Valley to be specific and I'm studying history

Michael: Hi I'm Michael Stavridis I'm an accounting and finance major I'm a junior and I'm from south Africa

Scott: Thank you for all that your doing you have a lot going on in your lives there's a lot of other things that you could do with your times and you've chosen to participate in student leadership making this place a better place for all of us thank you for doing this it takes time and sacrifice. For those of you that have been in this room before I've said this exact thing. People don't tend to do this because your just padding a resume, doing this because you wanna contribute even whenever I write letters of recommendation I don't typically emphasize what people jobs they have done I speak to the qualities and characteristics that they bring to whatever they do and so what I end up saying is for them to be of selected to this job that your doing in this leadership role what that must indicate is they embody this kinda quality characteristics so I think about those things when I think about what your doing its not the jobs you have its what you bring to those roles and this is the part of Nancy Hines associate vice president and the head of marketing and communications she's on the president cabinet she's a rockstar when we hired her 12 years ago what stood out to me on her resume was that she was the student body president at Montana State and their was something about that caused me to linger on her name because that meant that her peers saw something in her and wanted her in leadership and I just never forgotten that about Nancy and so your doing those things so encouragement, thank you for that. As you may know I met with the executive team around a week ago, I meet wit Georgia once a month and that conversation is what would be helpful for me to know what do you want me to know about student issues and what's going on and what can I share with you about anything institutional so that is the conversation we had all last year and we continue to have those Appreciate you and at the end of this year I will look back and think gosh how is this place a better place and I know you will play a big part in that, If you see me on campus please make sure to introduce yourself again tell me your names there are a lot students but I would love to call you by name alright that's that. Thanks for letting me just come and spend a couple minutes with you, if you see Janice, Georgia invited Janice to come here today but she had something else going on but yea you know the better half, oh you hears she's the better half, you know you meet Janice you will understand that everyone in the world including my parents prefers Janice over me that's a fact just a fact so if you see her she's more on campus she will be here Saturday sometimes during the week and stuff. She's just a wonderful person so thank you

Georgia: Tell Janice we said hi

Soctt: I will

Georgia: So awesome and so basically just like Scott said I meet with him once a month so if anything ever pops up and y'all would like for me to make sure that I pass it along to him most of the time he's pretty familiar with what goes on and he is just such a fun guy to talk to but that is part of my job so I would love to serve you all in that. I'm very sure that if you all wanted to meet with him he would meet with you or get coffee and just get to know you, I think we are very blessed to have someone like him, any questions? Pr comments before we move on to what's up Whitworth. I realize that's kind of what what's up Whitworth is that's good

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### **What's Up Whitworth**

Bobbi Jo : So if you have a car on campus you have until September 18<sup>th</sup> to get your parking pass and their already handing out warnings

Niraj: Megan and Dan King from Sodexo have showed interest in restarting the monthly meetings so I don't know how that would start maybe with Georgia

Georgia: Should I email one or the other?

Niraj: I think email Megan and cc Dan

Georgia: ok thank you Niraj

Jamie: Um one second let me just get ready to type um I know that in front of the Emmaus house there are massive potholes that are going to be pretty unsafe here soon and if we do start safety committee up here soon I think it should be one of their top priorities, especially if it starts to snowing and raining here soon its going to be pretty unsafe.

Grace :L anyone else for what's up Whitworth

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### **Student Highlight**

Grace J: Alright this week we are highlighting Seth who is with us we just wanted to recognize all you did for ASWU during orientation even though you're a CMC and helping us out doing all the heavy lifting we really appreciate all the student leaders like you. We have a coffee card up here for you, If you wanna grab that

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### **Vice President Updates**

#### **Fall Elections**

Grace J: Ok so my updates fall elections I just wanted to put that on your radar especially senators we will be having those towards the end of September beginning of October however I'm still kinda ironing out the schedule for all of that but we will be electing four off campus, two incoming student reps, one Baldwin Jenkins senator, one neighborhood rep. So especially for senators if you wanna put maybe incoming student rep on your newsletter. So yea if you wanna just start telling people about it and just tell them to keep a lookout for more information pretty soon

#### **One on Ones**

Grace J: I will be sending senators one on one sign up sheet within the next week as again I'm just ironing out my schedule and will get that going

#### **Pronoun Stickers**

Grace J: Pronoun stickers again if you missed it during training, I have them up here if you wanna put them on your nametag, theirs even ones where you write your own.

#### **Newsletters**

Grace J: Just as we are starting our first meeting be sure to include the information form this meeting in your news letters, pretty simple

#### **Sodexo Meal Cards**

Grace J: we give these sodexo meal cards. We give these meal cards to guests and team members, more targeted to off campus and neighborhoods from people without meal plans, you can get these at the ends of every meeting so stick around if you need one of those, and that is all from me

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### **President Updates**

Georgia: Alright howdy yall so first things first as probably you remember yall in training we had a time dedicated to filling ASWU and University committee seats but we did not have the list at the time so we were unable to do it, we do now so I am just writing it out as we speak, and so what we will do is I will read off the lists and how many we need in each committee, if you are particularly interested in a committee please let me know right here right now not later. I don't have I'm looking at the list right now and I'm not seeing anywhere right now specific meeting times, so I will be passing along your emails to the heads of those committees and they will be in touch on when those committees will be as far as I know these committee are meeting maybe two times a semester, if it's more they will be in touch, sometimes it's not so it's not a huge time commitment but also going to take this time Michael if your comfortable filling the finance committee roles we can do SEC as well, as well as Safety committee as well.

Jamie: Club as well

Georgia:

Club that's right

Angel: How many committees? Can we only be in one or several?

Georgia: You can be in several. Um but because that's a lot I'm might actually move onto my second announcement first on September 18<sup>th</sup> I will be receiving a tonsillectomy so I will probably not be running the ASWU meeting after that. Depending on how I'm feeling will determine how soon I'm back but I will be leaving you in the capable hands of the other execs. As always if people reach out to me I will probably just be watching movies and eating ice cream so I will be happy to chat with you. I am also not worried about the other execs to support you anyway moving past that we are going to fill in some committees, as a reminder you all signed a contract stating that you will serve on at least one so just kinda keep that in mind. So university committees I'm just going to list off the ones we have and then we will go into signups, so we have UECCO the Undergraduate Education Curriculum Committee, they are looking for two folks from ASWU we also have TLAC or the Teaching Learning and Assessment Committee we need two folks for that one, They are also needing library and information resources committee assignments two folks from here, they will need one student I am also required to serve but they need another student from ASWU to serve on the student life committee, University council I am also required to serve on but they need another student from ASWU to serve on there and then Speaker and Artist programs committee we need two from ASWU. How many do you need for Finance Committee?

Michael: We need four

Georgia: Ok we need four for finance committee, four for SEC

Grace J: Two have expressed interest so really just two more

Michael: Alright sorry for finance committee so I'm still figuring out some stuff on the backend and so is it good if anyone who has any interest in finance committee raise their hand doesn't mean you in finance committee just that your interested alright so please raise your hand

Georgia: And while hes doing that Gwen do you have a number for what you need in Club committee

Gwen: We need two ASWU members also I think it; important to note that club committee

Georgia: While hes doing this safety committee does not have a limit as of right now I'm happy to lead this committee, although however I don't have the capacity within my schedule to do it very well if no one is wanting to I am more than happy to as that is a cause that is near and dear to my heart but if there is someone who is feeling particularly interested in leading that committee and would like an executive well an assistant who is an executive in that role please let me know I would be happy to do that. Safety committee is not there is no cap on that it's just up to however many people are interested before we do that

Michael: Thank you to everyone who expressed interests I will get back to you

Georgia: We will go ahead and start filling university committees, is anyone particularly interested in the Undergraduate Education Curriculum Committee this is looking at requirements for gen ed and graduation. Ok up next thank you all so much I really appreciate it TLAC, Teaching Learning and Assessment committee I believe this is looking at and I could be wrong but I believe its looking at methods of teaching and then also the way that we are analyzing how well our students are learning, is anyone particularly interest in TLAC that's lead by Hannah from the business department. Ok we need one more. Alright Library and information resources we need two people. I would but I'm already on two committees, alright we will come back to that one. Student life I need one, ok pick a number between one and fifty.

Kenzie: 37

Stepanie: Do you know when it meets

Georgia: No we don't

Niraj: Do you need two people

Georgia: No just one, the number was actually 37 so. Alright so speaker and artist committee this one is headed up by Bendi Benson Schrambach, alright so as Angel mentioned next is University council I will say that university council this one is the biggest commitment this one is every two weeks for like two hours, this one meets I actually do have a time for this ok you know what while I'm looking for this can we please get a show of hands of people wanting to serve in the safety committee, or interested in the safety committee and I'll have Grace take down names. The safety committee this year will be focusing on some similar things in the years past

with the addition of window coverings in classrooms in case of an active shooter situation or a lockdown, continuing to look at things like lighting at night and a self defense course, is there anyone that is interesting. Alright so university council I just checked it is once a month so I apologize about that, meets two to four on Wednesday Reeshika your available Angel are you available at that time cause I know your interested, Niraj are you available at that time? I will go ahead and pass that along because I am not available at that time so I am going to see if they need two folks and I will keep you updated thank you so much. Did we fill everything... SEC that's right

Grace J: So I actually only need two people for SEC

Georgia: Club oh sorry you were needing four?

Gwen: two

Georgia: Matthew and Austin, Please raise your hand if you have not signed up for a committee, is everyone on at least one committee

Michael: Lets rephrase that, lets assume your weren't in finance committee, so obviously a bunch of people put up their hands for finance committee and only four people can be on it, so what I'm saying is who right now has their only committee as finance committee please raise your hands.

Grace J: Maybe give them priority

Michael: Yea

Georgia: Alright thank you I know that's a lot but it will be really good most of them are not big time commitments anyways but its also very important that students are active in these decisions on campus and that are being made and that there are student voices in these conversations that are happening. I know it feels like it's a lot and it can feel a little boring at times but they are very very important roles that yall are serving in.

Stephanie: What happens when you like a committee meets when your not available

Georgia: In that case we will look at maybe swapping you out with someone else if it's like a one time thing that's fine, that's really up to between you and you and the committee chair to decide

Joie: When will we know when?

Georgia: So I'm going to go pass this along to Jamie Warfield who's Scott's assistant she I Believe will be passing this along to the committee chairs and they should be reaching out to you all relatively soon

Grace J: and then with SEC I will just be reaching out to you

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## **Events:**

### **Past Events:**

Georgia: Orientation Kenzie would you like to give a brief synopsis if how that went

Kenzie: Sure Orientation went really well this year we are very happy with how smoothly it went that wasn't any huge bumps and I can't which is really really great wait to do it next year

Georgia: Any feedback on Oreintation.. Niraj

Niraj: It was great like the most negative thing that I heard was that Target night not having sales

Kenzie: I'll disclaimer that with we were told there was going to be deals and their wasn't so that was completely out of our control

Jamie: One of my friends said their were appliances on sale

Grace J: Jamie got a free trashcan

Jamie: I got a free trashcan

Kenzie: So I think with Target night is their told us there was going to be a huge back to school sale and apparently that ended in like the last week of August, but its ok people still had fun.

Angel: Target usually has a student back to school sale like 20% off thing this time of year

Kenzie: Yea I don't know

Georgia: Any other feedback for Kenzie. Alright last first day Samie

Samie: Yes I had last first day today if you walked by literally at all between the hours of 9:45-11:45 you saw the crew, out of 342 cards I made 294 were given out so that's a really good success. Did have a incorrect list question mark missing a bunch of students but that's ok yea so I just with the help of the lovely Jamie did pictures of everyone people were super excited it was just really sentimental and sweet good to see everyone again but yea if you have senior friends that didn't get their discount cards their going to be at the help desk, not ASWU desk, the help desk downstairs yea tomorrow not today, yea that's it

Georgia: Any feedback for last first day... I first of all loved it I thought you did amazing I think you can be really proud of it because it's really tough, I'm sure grace can attest to planning an event over orientation when you are trying to divide up your time. I'm sure Kenzie can also attest to that, I'm really proud of how that turned out I also thought that the way that you advertised for it was great and I'm really excited to see how that is going to help you and engage the senior class because this senior class not having sort of a freshman experience is definitely trying to create that I know that feels like a lot of pressure but I hope it results in a lot of support and hope your success and I know you can be really proud of today

Grace J: I think it me now I just thought it was amazing and I saw you blowing up balloons all last night and I know us seniors had a good time taking pictures and kinda like Georgia said its kinda special time for our senior class great job I know your gonna do great

Collective: SLAY

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### Events: Upcoming Events

Bobbi Jo: So we have our first event which is an annual one Barbeque and its sept 8 at Holmberg park which is right onon Waikiki if you don't know where it is just google it, you can come if you are on campus to its not just for off campus people their will be a raffle and food and just be sure to bring your own chairs and blankets and I have enough help, if you wanna help you can

Georgia: Any questions

Grace U: Bingo Night: Bingo night is this Friday so we are like 48 hours out and thank you to everyone who has signed up to help however so were are just going to go through the jobs I need some volunteers, I need two people to keep track of the bingo numbers I saw step and Eli first, I need someone who's who willing to go into spreadsheets to like write down student names, I need some people that are just going to be at the front handing out cards, Samie , Jennedy and Joie, and then some people who are willing to just walk around the floor, make sure people who have their hands up and have the right pattern on their one, ideally three or more people. Yea cause the people in charge are really only doing that in the beginning, and then if someone wants to help Gwen while watching over the prizes, and if anyone does not have a job I would be so lovely if yall could help me, if someone else wants to help with the spreadsheet or if you would like to be on the floor that would be great Alright that is it I would love to see you all art Cowels at 7:30 Friday it shouldn't be super longer but thank you all for helping

Joie: Bobbi Jo what time is the off-campus barbeque

Bobbi Jo: Sorry it's until like 6:30

Grace U: One last thing if you forget what you job it is on Teams

Georgia: Ok so moving on to Kenzie's Mario kart Tournament

Kenzie: Yea so we are having Mario kart Tournament its going to be like a whole like actual tournament we are really excited about it If you come or if students come they can get or there's a chance to win a meta quest oculus two which is the top of the line vr system, a TV, or a record player I got some cool prizes and that'll be on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8-10pm in the hub MPR as of right now I don't need any help but that may change

Georgia: Any questions on that?

Jamie: I just wanna say something on that we ever mentioned it during training as a member of ASWU you are not aloud to win any prizes at any events weather you're an on campus students going to the off campus barbeque you still can't win anything

Bobbi Jo: and I'll be watching

Georgia: Alright moving on

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### **Constituency Reports (Optional this week)**

Georgia and Grace J: Constituency reports (harmonized)

Georgia: As Jamie mentioned earlier you are not required to provide a constituency report because its day one and so that may be kinda difficult that being said if you do have a constituency report please feel free to share it we will just be doing the same speaking order as we've been doing. Please make a point to send it to Jamie afterwards. That being said are their any constituency reports this week.

### **Arend**

Jennedy: Arend residents are doing great, I have had some questions regarding our broken printer tray, which I have spoken to the help desk about. Their current favorite spot is the game lounge where they hang out with friends and RA's.

### **International Students**

Niraj: The international students both new and old are excited to start the new academic year. The new students have repeatedly said how much they've enjoyed the pre-orientation conducted by the CDAs and the actual orientation done by other leaders. So a big thanks for the welcome from all of us.

### **Oliver**

Stephanie: I think my constituents in Oliver are doing great we won Yell-off we are really excited about that and we had like a little snack party afterwards, and I think all of the freshman are starting to get to know each other

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### **Shoutouts**

Jamie: Gotta get mine in before I have to start typing , first off shout out to Kenzie and Joe although he's not here for honestly just an amazing orientation super smoother I don't think their was any event that had issues, everything went by everything went great, everything was attended well from what I saw. Also shout out to the entire team for making it through 40 hours of training and orientation and going straight into school

Georgia: Shout out to Tod for surviving his first orientation on this side of things, I think it went super smooth and we couldn't of done it without you, and I hope that you were able to enjoy some of it in the chaos

Samie: I just wanted to Shout out to Jamie and Joie for being my great helpers today their was like a giant rush and Joie just liked stepped in

Angel: Kinda repeating what everyone said about our team and Kenzie for making orientation run smoothly

Eli: He's not here but Shoutout to joe for hoping onto the PA system at Target last night, definitely made the Target employees jobs a little bit easier

Michael: Shout out to all of last night's drivers it was tedious and long and we got done late but we did it shout out to you all

Niraj: Shoutout to all of the RAs, CDAs, CMCs, student success, all the other leaders

Jamie: Shoutout to the person who left the Trashcan in my van if they don't come get it I have a nice trashcan

Grace: It's dented

Jamie: I fixed it



Georgia: How did you do that

Jamie: I Just popped it out it's just thin metal

Kenzie: Shoutout to all of you for helping Orientation go so smoothly if we didn't have you we would be screwed

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*Motioned to adjourn meeting by Bobbi Jo*

*Secoded by Niraj*

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**Meeting adjourned at 5:44**

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