

10/17/2012

1. Call to order
2. Mission statement: Blaine
3. Minutes: approved
4. Guests:
 - a. Kip Johnson (event technical coordinator), Anthony (with Kip), Joel Diaz (security officer), Tyler, Kasey, Keith Kelly, Jack Dunbar (health advocate and pre-med club)
5. Club updates
 - a. Jack Dunbar, pre-med and science club
 - i. For any science majors or minors, or those who have an interest in pre-health positions or science in general. We've had to speakers so far. An orthopedic surgeon came and that was a popular event. We have over 200 members on the roster this year. Future events: speakers, admissions boards, and panels with seniors who have been accepted to professional schools.
 - b. Rachel, Sci-Fi Astronomy club
 - i. We've had movie days. We're planning a Halloween event for next week and we'd like to have a movie marathon over Fall Break. We'd like to have a star gazing night later on.
6. Star awards:
 - a. Samantha Pridemore, for doing a great job and being so willing to help. You are scary good at your job!
 - b. Angela Vanderbelt, the minutes girl.
7. Speakers
 - a. Doug Sugano, Honors Program
 - i. We currently have four honors courses going for freshmen. We will have 8 courses for the whole year. We've started Pirate Peers and have recruited 40 members of the Laureate Society to be members for the incoming freshman honors students. From what I've heard the freshmen really appreciate it, they have built in friends. Idea – I'm putting together an honors council with members of ASWU and the honors society. Is there any input on what you'd like us to do? We're planning on a speaker series and would like to use Speakers and Artist money to bring prominent alums. These talks will be open to everyone, not just honors students. They would also like to have a service project and social events.
 - ii. Ian: How many students do you have?
 - iii. Doug: About 180

- iv. Doug: We'd also like to have alumni Pirate Peers where we can match students with alums who are in the fields that they are interested in. The students are excited about this, and if it's successful we'd like to expand it to everybody.
 - v. Molly: Last year there was conversation on how you will be admitting students. I'm curious if there has been more conversation around this topic.
 - vi. Doug: The students who will maintain a 3.75 GPA will stay in the program, but we're talking now about a petition system for students who don't qualify with their GPA. They would have to get 3-4 recommendations.
 - vii. Molly: Does service learning play into this at all? Would it be a requirement to be an honors student?
 - viii. Doug: One of the experiences that we want them to have is a community service experience. We are definitely encouraging that.
 - ix. Ian: Are these 180 students taking all four of these classes?
 - x. Doug: They are taking 1 or 2 at a time. This semester we have a Crusades course, a discussion group for Core 150, and an honors section of GE 125 for engineering students
 - xi. Maggie: Do these courses look different?
 - xii. Doug: Yes, they are supposed to be totally redesigned.
 - xiii. Casey: Are these supposed to be only freshmen classes?
 - xiv. Doug: No
 - xv. Seth: How many classes are you hoping to have total?
 - xvi. Doug: Probably 25-30 courses for all four classes of students.
 - xvii. Ian: Once the classes go up, will the cost go up for the honors program? Last year they said it was about \$50,000.
 - xviii. Doug: No, that number will remain constant.
- b. Keith Kelly, director of Service Learning and Community Engagement
- i. Thank you to ASWU for supporting Community Building Day. The event has grown a lot in the last ten years. The leadership and financial support with the busses is appreciated. I can share a few updates for what we're doing this year. We are reinvigorating our commitment to the West Central community this year. This is a program that started ten years ago and we didn't have the resources to sustain a permanent commitment. I'm hoping to create student housing down there. We've totally recreated our office work chart. We need to be creative about the money that we bring in. We have many different positions working towards our holistic model. We will be working with local businesses and Whitworth alumni. Another program for over the next couple of years is the RISE program that

focuses on tutoring and mentoring for the West Central neighborhood. We're creating all sorts of opportunities for people looking for something that allows students to engage in a long term commitment without a lot of hours. We have a summer camp that we put on starting this past summer. Our BELIEF program has guided a lot of our work. We're also working on a community food security program. Kiley is continuing with leadership for our spring break service trips. This year and looking forward we will have about 12 service trips every year for spring break. We are focusing on being able to fundraise enough so you don't have to pay out of pocket for these trips. We want to create as much opportunity as we can to connect locally and around the world. Our leadership team this year is absolutely amazing.

- ii. Ashton: How can you get information about spring break trips?
- iii. Keith: Kiley will be attending the meeting next week and could maybe speak to this. We have created resources in our office. We would like to put in a lot of the leg work so that when you go on your trips you know that you're covered. Kyle Lantz is also doing central office support and helps with these trips.
- iv. Ian: So when the dorms do their service projects, who do we go to?
- v. Keith: I would go to Kiley. We always need to be mindful of what we are bringing in different contexts into the community. I don't like to focus on separation between who is serving and who is being served, we like to blur the lines. Things that might not be as engaging relationally, and that's for a reason. Kiley is in charge of connecting one-time service events.

8. Jack Dunbar, Jamaica trip requisition

- a. I think this is the first trip to start with advertisements this year. I'm coordinating the trip this year. We will take 13 students and work with Mission Discovery. This is the fifth year that we have gone on a trip with them. Two years ago the funds from Spring Fest went to the school we serve in Jamaica. It's a boarding school for children ages 5-18. It's a real culture experience for the students. I believe God's work is still to be done in Jamaica. Almost everything was paid for by students last year and fundraising was minimal. Most of the money came from letter writing, which will be done in a more constructive way this year. We will also have more structured fundraisers this year. It works out to \$24,100 for the full trip cost this year. I'm asking for a loan of \$1,500 that we can pay back once deposits come in after Fall Break.
- b. Larissa: How many applicants are you expecting?
- c. Jack: Last year we had 14 spots with 22 applicants.
- d. Nick: How much does each student pay total?

- e. Jack: \$1,725 is the cost per student before fundraising. We're hoping to raise up to half of the total trip cost. That could be wishful thinking.
9. Kip Johnson, requisition for equipment
- a. A total of four new speakers and accessories. We're also looking to purchase some protective cases. The total requisition is for \$4,800. This would really help us out. We would be able to support more events on campus and supporting them at a higher quality. More equipment always helps.
 - b. Anthony: These speakers are great. We can run an event just using speakers alone. We could potentially run up to 10 events at once with just one speaker at each. This will be a great investment. Last year we replaced speakers from the 70's, audio equipment is built to last. There won't be some new innovation to make these outdated. The cases will help a huge amount. Coming from a worker standpoint, our speakers are very heavy and these new ones aren't. It's nice to have light equipment that is easy to move around. This will help prevent injury.
 - c. Caleb: I wanted to stand up here and support them. I worked with tech for the last two years. This also supports my job as activities coordinator and all of your events that require sound. It saves you money on your event because you don't have to hire them for as long to set up and tear down the event since they only have to bring the speakers.
 - d. Kip: One other thing especially for live shows is that these don't require a huge amp rack or anything like that.
 - e. Caleb: Last year one of the monitors started smoking! These won't do that!
 - f. Maggie: Did you say you replaced your speakers two years ago?
 - g. Kip: That was for something else, we will be supplementing what we have.
 - h. Larissa: How many times do you find yourself not being able to support an event because you don't have enough speakers?
 - i. Kip: On busy weekends with many events like Homecoming and orientation.
 - j. Casey: Have you shopped around to make sure that this is the best price you can get for these?
 - k. Kip: Yeah, we tend to work with Hoffman and they will match internet prices.
 - l. Jonny Whitmore: Is there ever going to be a capacity for us to use the system on our own or will we have to get an event technician?
 - m. Kip: I guess in the future we could train people.
 - n. Dayna: We're also employing students so it's a nice thing.
 - o. Anthony: As a student I've learned a ton and got a job in California this summer. The knowledge is directly applicable to life.
 - p. (They step out so the assembly can discuss requisition)
 - q. Matt: Capital is over \$16,000 right now. We've spent about \$3,000.
 - r. Ian: Who is this really going to?
 - s. Dayna: He's supporting ASWU and non-ASWU events.

- t. Ian: I feel like this is going to benefit the whole school, why can't they help with funds?
- u. Seth: I've been at concerts where I've noticed the attitudes of some of the artists because of the quality of our systems and I haven't seen these bands come back. I think especially because Caleb is a part of ASWU and the people who we are able to bring in would be better or won't get worse if we have good sound equipment. I think it's a really valuable investment.
- v. Matt: Does someone want to throw out a number?
- w. Laura: Straw vote for how many people want to fund the whole thing or \$3,000.
- x. Nick: How plausible is it that they can find funds from another source?
- y. Dayna: It's probably plausible.
- z. Straw vote, mostly thumbs down for funding the whole thing.
- aa. Dayna: I bet I could convince Brian to throw in the rest.
- bb. Seth: Straw vote for \$3,000.
- cc. Approved for \$3,000.
- dd. Matt: Back to the other requisition, we actually can't give out a loan as a student body.
- ee. Seth: With all the money that we give, any extras they always give back.
- ff. Dayna: You have to give it with the liability that you might not get any of it back.
- gg. Ian: Can we change it so that we can do loans?
- hh. Dayna: I think that puts the organization in an awkward position.
- ii. Nick: What's unallocated at?
- jj. Matt: Over \$9,000.
- kk. Ryan: I think we should do it. To me there's no real discussion. We're probably going to get it back or else we can chase Jack down.
- ll. Tim: If we get the money back does it go into unallocated?
 - mm. Matt: Yes, we should get it in early November.
 - nn. Dayna: You need to look at bang for your buck. So basically you'll be giving \$100 a student.
 - oo. Meredith: I was the staff advisor for this trip last year. It's really hard for students to see the price tag if they can't fundraise enough. If you're willing to give money for students I would give it up front.
 - pp. Blaine: You mentioned the issue of money per student. You also have to consider the amount of days. This is a much larger event than Concord. It would end up being \$14 a day per student.
 - qq. Seth: Also, what are we paying for students to do? In this case we are paying for a whole trip of serving people in great need.
 - rr. Ian: Last year we had a trip come in wanting to do some work from Seattle. I don't think it will affect campus that much, just thirteen students. Our money is to be used for the whole campus.

- ss. Jonny Whitmore: They could do a presentation for the whole campus when they come back.
- tt. Laura: We've already given money to another conference that only had nine students going. I would feel more comfortable giving something like \$50 per student.
- uu. Dayna: I took this trip two years ago. It's a very expensive trip. I remember thinking at the time, is this trip cost prohibitive for students? I love the trip but just keep that in mind. I'm the devil!
- vv. Maggie: If we treat it like a conference or something of that nature that has to come back and present, I just feel like treating it like that would be weird.
- ww. Matt: Straw vote, who wants to give the full amount?
- xx. Approved for \$1,500!

10. Tim:

- a. A number of individuals have brought up what is going on in the back forty. The university is taking action to replant back there. They are planning to plant 1,200 trees. They have mentioned other plants, but I think it's mostly undergrowth.
- b. Senators, thanks for getting stuff in for CBS policy things. Newsletters in by 5:30 tomorrow.
- c. Tyler, update for elections. Yes, this is happening. We've been advertising and it will be two representatives. There will be a delegate for the Republican party and we're still working on the Democrat side.
- d. Use Kiley as you are figuring out service project ideas

11. Molly

- a. We would love if you guys could look at the speakers who are coming and invite people to come if you think they would be interested by the speakers.
- b. I was contacted by Terry McGonagall about R-74 for same-sex marriage. I would like to get someone who is for and opposing the R-74 as an event for students to come to. We have a man name Steve in opposition and CJ for the pro side. We were thinking October 30th in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.
- c. The issue in the discrimination clause for employment includes homosexuality. We currently don't hire faculty or staff who are homosexuals. I think that is pretty unacceptable. We are working on this, if you have questions let me know.
- d. UNITE pornography event was awesome. We had people out the door, so that was awesome and it was a great event. We contacted a non-profit sort of deal about becoming fair trade certified and hopefully we will be the first fair trade certified college in the state of Washington. This means that it is ethically sourced.
- e. Trustee meetings: Tim and I presented for ASWU and UNITE. We got some rally positive feedback.

- f. Transparency discussion tabled last week. I was approached with the idea of an “executive session”. We could call executive session and ask guests to leave the room for a special presentation so that we could give feedback.
 - i. Ian: Where does that put Chrissy and Aaron though?
 - ii. Molly: The idea is that it would be like a closed meeting.
 - iii. Dayna: It would actually be just assembly members.
 - iv. Chrissy: I think it would be more appropriate to put this information into something like GE 330.
 - v. Seth: I just think we have to be careful about whatever decision we make. Transparency is in our mission statement. We decided at the retreat that that was one of the most important things to us. I don’t think it should be done at an ASWU meeting.
 - vi. Aaron: Why don’t they have someone who elects himself or herself to give student feedback on these types of issues.
 - vii. Molly: The negative side of committee meetings is that it can get lost within translation.
 - viii. Tim: Do you want someone to be that voice for the whole student body?
 - ix. Nick: To me an executive session seems like something separate from ASWU.
 - x. Chrissy: If you’re taking time out of the ASWU meeting I feel like it’s still ASWU.
 - xi. Nick: What if it’s after the meeting?
 - xii. Chrissy: That would be different.
 - xiii. Molly: What I’m hearing is that you want to stick more to the committees?
 - xiv. Jonny Strain: Or that it isn’t done during the ASWU meeting.
 - xv. Molly: Motion to keep this simply sensitive information in committees?
 - xvi. Not approved
 - xvii. Molly: We need to come with fresh ideas next time because we’re out of time.

12. Coordinator repots/Vibes

- a. Kevin: BJ got a bunch of new ping pong stuff.
- b. Casey: Stewboppage is getting sweatshirts together and it’s fricken awesome.
- c. Nick: There is debate on sweatshirts still. Plans are coming together for Mac haunted house.
- d. Maggie: Ballard’s TV is fixed.
- e. Ryan: Seth and I met with neighbors about the rowdy parties. It’s in the newspaper so you can read about it.
- f. Laura: East is about to vote on sweatshirts, East Hall Ball is less than a month away. We had Green Dot bystander training.
- g. Kira: Stewboppage is great.

- h. Caleb: Classic Crime is coming tomorrow.
- i. Hillary: I'm going to start advertising for theme house events.
- j. Marisol: We had the Mac retreat this past weekend and planned out Cultural Awareness week. I planned it to be the week of the elections and I don't want to be downplaying or overpowering. Act 6 info primetime is happening next week.
- k. Chrissy: pass
- l. Aaron: pass
- m. Larissa: I'm excited to tell Duvall and East about back 40 trees
- n. Seth: We had a good meeting and found out that two neighbors that came forward are my next door neighbors. They were really cool, civil people who I would want to get to know anyways.
- o. Samantha: I would love to start getting November events.
- p. Faith: pass
- q. Rachel: Arend broomball is Friday
- r. Tyler: Intermural sign ups went great
- s. Ashton: There are big boxes of tampons and pads back there.
- t. Kelly: Last week I went to the committee for institutional advancement and they were talking about funds for the new arts building.
- u. Chelsea: I'm stoked for broomball.
- v. Ian: Warren just got sweatshirt designs back. University council meeting was today and Beck talked about the Leadership Forum yesterday. Strategic Initiative Fund was also talked about.
- w. Blaine: Mountain bikes are here, it's like Christmas. Fall Break backpacking filled up in two hours flat!
- x. Jonny Strain: pass
- y. Jonny Whitmore: There is a home volleyball game at 5:00 PM and home soccer games on Saturday. Football is also home this weekend. November 10th, football tailgate. Midnight madness is less than a month away. I sent out a t-shirt design contest e-mail out today.
- z. Tim: Shane Claiborne is talking at 7:00
- aa. Adjourn!