

- I. Call to order: Ian 5:00 pm
- II. Mission Statement: Faith
- III. Minutes: 2 sets to approve.
 - a. January 15th: approved
 - b. January 22nd: approved
- IV. Introduce Guests: Stephen, Dylan Olson, Bryce, Sam Director, Veronica Fetzer, Rebecca Southwick, Mark Richcreek, Mikayla, Shelly, Gerry Gemmill, Sammi, Alanna.
- V. Ian: Welcome back, everyone!
- VI. Speaker **(25 min)**
 - a. Gerry Gemmill VP of Finance & Administration
 - b. Gerry: Thank you for the invitation! I've been here since Nov 1st, took the position over from Brian Benzel. I'm a graduate from Whitworth in 1985. Grew up in the area of Spokane, Whitworth has always been a part of my life. When I started school here in 1977, I was working and decided that I wanted to do something different. The only college I ever wanted to go to was Whitworth. Professors took a liking to me and guided me through the system and I made it through. I was working for the county road department, had the best job in the world: I ran a road grader and worked in the Mt Spokane area. Started off, told my boss at the time I have a midterm and I couldn't miss it. On the night of the final we were plowing snow, and the graders started breaking down. Boss asked me to move to the foothills. It started getting later, and my boss said to plow one way to Whitworth, take the test and plow my way back. I came into Whitworth on the grader, went upstairs, took my test, went back out to the grader and left. Beck really likes this story! I've gotten to work with Audrey on the task force. It's been a blessing for me. Any questions?
 - c. Maggie: This year we have the budget gap; What is next year going to look like? Are there main cuts we're taking?
 - d. Gerry: There are a lot of options still on the table, but we are getting to the point where we have to do some heavy lifting. The task force/administration want to

minimize the impact on the students. You are why we all work here. There are a lot of things we will look at before we take further steps. 4% tuition is a lot, but that's the lowest it's been in many years. Even if we didn't do anything, the fixed costs at the university go up every year no matter what you do (inflation, wages, etc). If you can hold a tuition increase to a relatively low amount, I view that as positive. Some other things we're looking at: We do a lot of important things at the university, some aren't our core function, but we do them the best we can. People are scrutinizing any open positions right now, so I don't mean to be vague but I don't want to get too into specifics at the moment. I am confident that we are going to close the gap and get through this pinch point. Growing enrollment every year leads to spending new money on ongoing expenses. When you decide to cap enrollment, there's a gap or a pinch point, because there isn't any new money coming in. The only thing that's different is that the enrollment wasn't where we expected it to be. Now we have to make adjustments. After 2015, all the projections look good. We just have to get through this period.

- e. Andrew: Is there a specific timetable, or some time this spring that things might be announced?
- f. Gerry: We have to present a balanced budget to the trustees in April, so it will be before then.
- g. Audrey: Can you give us a picture of who you work with across campus and what you do?
- h. Gerry: The direct reports that I work with are facilities, HR, the business office, IT, security, and risk management. There's the faculty side and the administrative side. Mostly I deal with the administrative side. The best analogy—40 years of my career was in local government, in a lot of ways this university is like a little town. It's like operating a city, just a smaller one with a different mission. I'm very excited about it.
- i. Maggie: How have you decreased the budget gap to 1.5 million?
- j. Gerry: It started at over 2 million. There was some contingency money, we have an underspend at the university and decided to use part of that, I will give you more

information later if you'd like. The underspend is the equivalent of what running reserve is in the government. In government we budget right to the dime on purpose so what ever is left over you set a percentage of it aside and stay within the budget. In higher education the budget is broader, more of a guide. If you don't meet your budget its called an underspend. It's their reserve.

- k. Guest: Some schools keep some adjunct faculty. How likely is it that adjunct faculty would be at risk of losing their job given the pinch point?
- l. Gerry: I don't think there's any more undue risk for the adjunct faculty members. We are going to great pains to stay as far away from academics as we can. I used to teach here as an adjunct and they are very important.
- m. Rebecca: We have a Fulbright scholar as a professor. How does that affect the budget gap?
- n. Gerry: I think that's a different funding source. There's a dedicated funding line that operates outside this.
- o. Ian: Came from funds approved last year.
- p. Gerry: You have a core mission here. We are here to teach and provide a good education, so you don't start with taking things away from academics.
- q. Audrey: We have a lot of senators that write newsletters for the students. Is there anything you'd like the students to know?
- r. Gerry: I've been here for three months, but I've found that there are many dedicated people here that work really hard for all of you and it's beyond just a business venture. These people love you guys a lot and care a lot about your experience here at Whitworth. It's gratifying to see that when it comes to push or shove, everyone comes right back to the mission. We're going to get through this fine. It's a bump in the road, but fiscal year 2015 looks great.

I. Psi Chi:

- s. Shelly: President of Psi Chi. Quick update! This semester we are going to do a mental health awareness week (1st year) Chris Engelmann is heading this. A week to get rid of the stigma there is about mental health. Fact sheet power point in Sodexo

with statistics about mental health in Spokane and the nation, speakers, movies, discussions, a big concert on Friday with a raffle. All donations go to Excelsior.

- t. Ashley: What dates are those?
- u. Shelly: Second week of March.

VII. Reports & Vibes (20 min)

- a. Andriana: This is cultural awareness week. I've given you a hand out, and it's the ticket. I'll have them at each event with stamps. This lays out the different events this week: We have something almost every night the 5th-11th. Starting tonight at 7 pm. The idea is that if you get 3 stamps, you're entered into a raffle to win a tablet.
- b. Tyler: I've got signups starting this Friday for basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, and indoor soccer. Starting on Friday and going for a few weeks.
- c. Samantha: Senators, we have door tags to advertise for Million Meals. Also, the survey monkey account will let you make surveys if you'd like to. Also if you want anything on social media tell me!
- d. Kevin: This Friday I have a comedian coming. This Sunday I'll be showing Catching Fire at 8 in the RTT. On Valentine's Day I'll be showing a Valentine's Day movie.
- e. Ashton: There will be a couple students going to a conference on the West side which is very exciting!
- f. Erika: Awkward Middle School dance is on Saturday the 15th, starts at 8:00 pm in Cornerstone. There will be an info table in the HUB about a week before. Admission is free, and people can dress up like they did in middle school. You have to be a Whitworth student to get in, unless students are doing visitations. Sweatshirts have hit a rut.
- g. Lizzie: East and Duvall are great!
- h. Ryan: Duvall sweatshirts are in and we're doing a second order.
- i. Bergen: This Saturday, there will be a ski van. There's a snowshoe day hike coming up. Ski van on Sunday also to 49 degrees north. Next Saturday 49 degrees north ski van for night skiing. Also a first aid class at the end of the month.

- j. Justin: Renovations are done in Stewart! We're taking advantage of the water bottle filler. I'm doing a prime time on the 16th to talk about my Jan term adventures!
- k. Raleigh: We are having a party and we need your help! George Whitworth's Gala Royal. Spin off of the Great Gatsby. Just confirmed casino games, DJ, mocktails ready to be made, buying ingredients this week. I have sign up sheets for you, and it will be \$5.00 to get in. All money we raise will go to Generation Alive. We are fronting all of the costs from unallocated and my budget. You also get 10 chips to use at the mocktail bar or for gambling.
 - i. Matt: I've heard people ask where it is?
 - ii. Raleigh: Casino is in the MPR. Dance is in Lied Square. February 21st. 3 clubs were interested. Also Kathy Storm would like to deal 21.
 - iii. Danielle: Whitworth students only?
 - iv. Raleigh: Yes
- l. Josh: Jacob says that Whitworth.fm is back online so start listening! My proxy Spencer said everything was great over Jan term. BMac is great. My sweatshirts are here but they have a typo so I have to fix that (it says McMillian).
- m. Maggie: Pass
- n. Phil: Off campus ice skating night is Wednesday the 19th! 7-9:30 at the downtown river front park rink.
- o. Faith: Warren is great
- p. Lauren: Boppell is great.
- q. Alicen: Warren is still rolling!
- r. Chase: BJ Mocktails was so fun.
- s. Ashley: Pass
- t. Danielle: We got our sweatshirts! Talking to our RD to do a primetime about million meals.
- u. Emily: We got our sweatshirts, doing a second order!
- v. Bailey: Here for Cody. He is planning a silent night game for senior night. (Game is silent, no cheering until the first basket we score). Handing out cards to students to

let them know. Promotional guys and girls videos to get students pumped up for the rest of the season.

- w. Rebecca M: Picking up senior cards this week! We have made good progress on ideas for the senior class gift. Still working on a graduation speaker.
- x. Andrew: We have a meeting next Monday 5:40 pm ABC conference room, first Monday. If you know anyone interested in joining the Whitworthian, tell them to come to this meeting. It's a 1 credit class so if you know anyone interested, we have add/drop forms.
- y. Rebecca L: Pass

VIII. Million Meals Info Night – Veronica Fetzer **(5 min)**

- a. Veronica: Intern with Generation Alive and campus engagement committee member. We want to get people aware of the campaign. Next Tuesday in the MPR at 6 pm we will have a short meeting. We will have Beck Taylor speaking, Darren from Generation Alive talking about the GA-Whitworth partnership, talking about how we can get campus engaged, showing videos, bracelets at the info desk for \$3 and all proceeds go to the campaign. Samantha has designed the door tags, would love to get them put up in the dorms. Tabling in Lied Square if you'd like to help spread the word, sell bracelets, etc. Spread the word in your dorm committees! We will meet with dorm leadership and will keep you all posted.
- b. Audrey: Do you have a graphic of the bracelets so I can send it to the senators?
- c. Veronica: I think I could get one!
- d. Audrey: We wanted Veronica to come because she has been working hard to bridge Whitworth and Generation Alive.

IX. FVP **(3 min)**

- a. Announcements
- b. Matt: I won't know the official numbers for Unallocated until the 10th day of classes. We talked about the copier budget, for anyone who uses that printer you will have to enter your copy code. That will come out of your budget, it's not expensive, but be mindful. February 12 is the club fair in Lied Square and MPR. If

anyone wants a table let me or Katie know. (11-1 pm). Also February 22nd there's an opportunity for million Meals fundraising. Someone said they would make a donation if he gets volunteers to be table servers at a banquet. I will send more information and a sign up sheet.

X. **EVP (3 min)**

- a. Announcements
- b. Audrey: One on one's schedules have changed. I will try to do online sign ups so you can see when other people have signed up. Hopefully by next week we can start up again! Tomorrow Convocation is at 11 am in Cowles. I recommend getting there early because the processional starts right at 11. Herm will have an attendance sign up list so make eye contact with him. Tomorrow night the Peggy McIntosh lecture is at 7 pm. Retreat on Friday at 5:45 pm! We will be back by noon on Saturday. Newsletters due tomorrow by 5.

XI. **President (15 min)**

- a. Facilities Planning Committee Representative
 - i. Ian: Andrew had to step down from the facility planning committee so if anyone is interested let me know! (Alicen interested in joining).
- b. ASWU Feedback Survey
 - i. Ian: This goes over the survey you took before Christmas break. First question: Overall experience in ASWU, and it looks like you like it! Next: Rating ASWU efficiency. You thought it was pretty efficient but we could get higher. Improvements: No side conversations during meetings, keeping focused, no food during the meetings, better use of double knocks, better questions, more focus on Million Meals.
 - ii. Were you satisfied with the speakers: More RD's, Larry Burnley, Beck and Gerry on the budget, club updates, and department chairs. Let me know if you don't think a speaker is relevant and why.
 - iii. Requisitioning process: Handled at the beginning of the meeting, ask tougher questions, respectful environment for opposing views.

- iv. FVP: Matt is great, always around and available, easy to contact.
- v. EVP: Make sure one on ones are private, very supportive, keeps people accountable, have questions send out before one on ones.
- vi. Current experience with leadership staffs: Retreats together make us a better team, meet together as coordinators, more connection between dorm staffs, coordinators and media.
- vii. Support and availability of the President: Willing to listen and help, very supportive, easy to get a hold of, open in office and meetings. Things the President can change: Maybe meet with members individually, let people know his availability more, post hours outside of the chambers, explain more about the happenings of the administration.
- viii. Hanging out as a team more: many ideas. More comments: Less programs, better listening, Million Meals being a top priority, advertise meetings more, ASWU sweatshirt idea.
- ix. Danielle: Sometimes when we get the agenda it is kind of vague, so maybe if we could have more description of what they will be talking about to think of better questions and be better prepared.
- x. Note: Larry burnley has the results of the campus climate survey and he will come in in March to talk to us. It will be advertised later.
- xi. Chase: Do we have a facilities committee? There have been comments about putting lights in the dark booths in sodexo.

XII. Shout Outs

- a. Justin: Shout out to Audrey for helping my proxies with the newsletter while I was gone!
- b. Audrey: Justin had 6 residents working on the newsletter over Jan term and they all came to the ASWU meetings. They were all so excited and they were great. Justin was awesome in setting that up.
- c. Tyler: Shout out to Audrey, she was also in the badminton championship even though she lost.

- d. Raleigh: The execs only had that opportunity because Tyler did such a good job coordinating that tournament!
- e. Ashley: Shout out to Ashton for being born.
- f. Ryan: Shoutout to Raleigh for doing an awesome job on the mast!

XIII. Adjourn: 6:10 pm.