

ASWU Minutes 10.15.14

- I. Call to order- Ian: 5:01pm
- II. Mission Statement- Raleigh
- III. Minutes- Approved!
- IV. Welcome Guests
- V. Recognitions
 - a. Ian: Mr. Addington! Raleigh put in countless hours into all the different events for Homecoming. The increase in participation is a direct reflection of all your hard work! We also want to thank the coordinators, senators and reps that helped out. It's a lot of work to put on you as well, but especially Saturday night that takes a lot of work and we're grateful to all of you! And good job to Raleigh.
- VI. Club Update
 - a. Investment Club
 - b. Ashley: President of WSIG.
 - c. Eric: Vice President
 - d. Ashley: Same presentation we've given previously. We meet every Thursday at 6:15 am until 7:30. We talk about the market and current events. We break into our sectors, do more continued learning, stock pitches, and eventually vote to buy or not buy that stock. We also have sector meetings every week. We follow the sectors of the S&P, 5-7 people in those groups.
 - e. Eric: We've tried to integrate a different part of being a club by doing community engagement. We volunteered two weeks ago at Christ Kitchen. We were there to package new products they're releasing called the Shameless Blondies mix. We packaged it, put it together and tied ribbons. We had 24 volunteers throughout the day and we got to meet some great people!
 - f. Ashley: Brief overview of our financials: [Alpha percentage] Our benchmark is the S&P 500. We bought a stock last week and its' up 10%... We also have \$40,000 invested in the market. We manage about \$110,000. Some of our investments since January 1, 2014. We've had some good returns. Up 10% on our realized returns. Unrealized is 3%. Overall we used to have anyone ready to pitch that week pitch, we're trying to go with a lot more systematic way to look at it. We have an investment committee, which comes up with

which sectors we think to overweight. Overweighting those sectors will be profitable for us hopefully.

- g. Eric: We have a President, VP, CIO, CFO (one focuses on macroecon events and the other manages our portfolio and executes trades). Also we have a secretary and a technology officer. On the second floor of Weyerhaeuser is our new trading room. If you look from the outside in, there's a ticker that goes across with the S&P 100, there's also an interactive touch screen that we learned how to program. Lots of time can be put in to customize it for our club. The tech officer will learn new technology and research subscription for new software to help with industry stocks, etc. We also have members; sector heads- analysts and affiliates. We have a 6-week training course, and affiliates get to attend those but do not have voting rights in our big group meetings where we vote on stocks, etc. We have 25 analysts this year. We had 5 applicants to become analysts without going through the training program this fall. This is the last week. They had to apply then do an interview and now they are pitching a stock as the final part. 15 students are attending the trading sessions to be analysts in the spring.
- h. Ashley: H.H. "Larry" Larison Trading Room- was just dedicated yesterday. Screen on the sidewall is fully interactive. We also have a software package so we can do research and find statistics, financial data, etc.
- i. Ashley: Goals this year is investing about 75% of our portfolio. This last summer we got to hold stocks over the summer. We will easily reach this target, I think. The way we buy stocks: we pick through the sectors that we want to pitch, then ask questions and come back the next week to decide to buy or not buy. I think we probably buy about half of what is pitched to the whole group. We want to continue to use our trading room. With our extra software and research tools that will be a huge asset. We want to retain 10 of our new members to the end of the year. In the future we would want a fully invested portfolio. We also want to have internships. We're getting a lot of recognition in the community. When I interview I talk about investment group for about half the time because it applies to real life situations. We have real consequences, real money we could lose. Businesses see that as value, putting the time into this. You have to be dedicated because it's a huge time commitment. Questions?
- j. Ashton: Do you look at ethical implications?

- k. Ashley: We followed the ethical guidelines of the overall endowment. We're less than 1/10 of 1% of the overall endowment. We follow their strict ethical guidelines and the values they set for us.
- l. Sam: Maybe not everyone is a Christian in WSIG, but since Whitworth is Christian do you have steps in place to investigate what it means to be a Christian in finance?
- m. Ashley: The endowment has that set out. You can't invest in companies with the intent to harm human life or something? We follow with what they have.
- n. Sam: What it means to be a Christian as an investor, not so much the rules but the implications.
- o. Eric: So the group as a whole?
- p. Sam: Is there some idea that Whitworth will produce Christian investors?
- q. Eric: We had a speaker last year that wrote a book on biblically responsible investing. They do have biblically responsible investments, and there are some companies that do that. That idea has been thrown around. Within the sectors they choose the stocks that they research. We recommend industries that we would like to see pitched but its up to the students which to pick and its our decision which ones to buy. The stock pitches in the large group meetings are open to people who want to be an affiliate. It's an idea that has been thrown around.

VII. Reports & Vibes **(25 min)**

- a. Ali: Pass
- b. Danny: Pass
- c. Lauren: Pass
- d. Kelsey: Senior pictures were today and they are also tomorrow so tell everyone you know! Word of mouth is good. 3- 7:30pm tomorrow [in the chambers]
- e. Ashton: Treats with the Taylors was a great event!
- f. Samantha: Student service committee: all admission numbers are up. Mindy talked about AWAKE, how they're figuring out athletics and this ministry and other campus ministries
- g. Jordan: Nothing for intramurals, a few frustrations on campus I've heard. A lot of car break-ins, another 4-5 last night. Seems like security doesn't take it very seriously. They don't seem focused on catching this person. I think we've had 30-40 break-ins this year, I think it would be good to have Beck talk about it or something to move forward there.

Also an ice machine in the UREC- we've had injuries where we haven't been able to get ice to people who need it, so that might be something to look into

- i. Guest: Apparently you can't report a car accident if you don't own the car.
Someone I know saw it and called security but they told him that if it's not your car they can't do anything yet.
- h. Jacob: Midnight Madness- they will let the person shoot twice, the first time is blindfolded. They will shoot and we're all just going to scream so loud to make them think they made it. Then they can shoot a second time, the insurance company thought that was hilarious. Already ordered the t-shirts, waiting to hear back from Dutch Bros about the energy drinks. This weekend, volleyball is here Friday and Saturday, the only sport at home this weekend. Friday there will be a booty club event, pure Whitworth spirit. I'll bring shirts to throw. Saturday- a breast cancer awareness night. Request- wear pink and bring spare change to donate for breast cancer research.
- i. Josh: Senators pick up a Freshman Fall Fest poster, put those up in your dorms 2 per dorm. This Friday from 6-9pm. We're pumped about it!
 - i. Ian: Did you get those approved at the info desk? [yes]
- j. Maryann: Just wanted to recognize Danny for the amazing job he did as a DJ and not only was the music clean but it was not sexist. Really appreciated that!
- k. Elaine: Pass
- l. Aly: Pass
- m. Laurel: Tonight I have a comedian coming. If anyone wants to help me set up or take down the MPR tonight would be awesome. I have like 3 tests and an essay tomorrow and I'm stressed out. He will be performing at 8. If you could help with one or the other, tear down would be awesome.
- n. Rigel: Mac Haunted House has been coming into motion, 2 meetings so far. Every hall will probably have their own theme. Advertising for that will come up not next week but the week after. Also it's from 8-11.
- o. Erika: FroYo Earth got back to me, hopefully have a free froyo night next Wednesday! I went to the Academic Affairs committee meeting. Total headcount of institution- 2,983 people. The admissions department really wants that at 3,000. Transfer students are slightly under what we would like to be enrolling. We have a good retention rate. We are targeting for 90%. The Library is really cool- we had the director give a presentation about the cool

new stuff they have. There's a new scanner. Now that we're getting over the budget crisis they're starting searches for new profs. Looking into opening up more online classes even though they value education in the classroom. There was a plan to open up a small contingent branch in Moses Lake but that's not a thing anymore, not enough interest. Big issue on adjunct faculty and how they fit into Whitworth's mission and what are the ethics of hiring adjunct faculty. They're starting a union movement for adjuncts to get more benefits, etc. and Whitworth wants to stay ahead of the game with that. Diversity- one issue is that during the Halualani survey only 1 of 4 people of the underrepresented groups said they would recommend Whitworth to other people of that group, they want to find out why that is and what we can change. Also talked about the Costa Rica taskforce, which it's being sold.

i. Kelsey: Was the Graphic Design professor an addition or a replacement?
[additional they think]

- p. Maggie: Endowment committee- talked about how we are at highest value ever. Switching over to new software so when we compare our endowment it looks more reasonable, up our numbers, etc. Started conversation about divesting from fossil fuels, talk to Niko if you want to learn more and actually do something about it. The fund is about \$126 million or so. Also sat in on finance committee. On the blue poles there's a wireless thing on top of them. Also last year students came with 3-4 devices connected to wireless and now we're at 4-7. Music building presentation- \$13.5 million, they've identified \$10.6 million in pledges, could break ground as early as May if they make the rest of the money. Passed resolution for the sale of the CRC, 80% of the faculty voted in favor of that. Not invalidating any experience that happened there, awesome learning opportunity.
- q. Graham: Shout out for the water pong tournament happening tomorrow for the Alzheimer's club downstairs in the HUB.
- i. Jacob: Each person on the winning team gets a 16gb Kindle Fire. Runner-ups get \$25 American express card.
- r. Niehls: Went to Beacon Hill for mountain biking. We split into two groups to advanced and intermediate. No one died so that's good. Jacob and I learned we shouldn't go off jumps anymore. This weekend we have a hike on Saturday to Iller Creek, we have a couple spots left. Climbing fair on Saturday- big event. Over 25 people signed up right now.

- s. Jenna: People talked to me about getting printers in our dorms. You'd still use your budget but it'd be for your dorm.
 - i. Maryann: That's actually happening, I talked to the guy about it and he said it will be happening soon.
- t. Breanna: Freshman Fall fest is going to be so fun! Infinite puppies from Spokanimal will be there. We will have sack races, caramel apples, etc. It's for freshmen but please come! Also something that's been brought up is the frustration of having to buy scantrons through the bookstore this year.
- u. Jerrica: I know we've talked about printing before. People have complained to being down to their last \$3, they're very concerned about not having money in about a few weeks. But I have heard if you get a library card at the Spokane library you get 80 free printing pages.
 - i. Erika: Is that just for this year or is it permanent? [permanent...]
 - ii. Ian: The university is in a better spot now but they will probably revisit it
 - iii. Lauren: It's also about being green so hopefully incoming years [it might change]
 - iv. Ian: Voice that to your professors, yes we will try not to have that run out but it'll have to be a change across the board.
 - v. Aly: Have we thought of any way to out flex dollars toward printing?
 - vi. Eli: It's a different company, they're too separate.
 - vii. Ian: When it runs out you're still able to print they just charge it to your student account.
- v. Raleigh: I cannot reiterate enough how grateful I am for everything that we accomplished homecoming week. I got a letter, I'm grateful for it, all of you deserve the letter. Especially senators. It was a huge success, heard nothing but good things! I'm working on getting chips back, we need about 40. That costs us a dollar per chip, it would be nice if we could get them back. Unplugged is this Monday, we've got some great talent. Disney on Ice tickets- won't be purchasing any more. We've sold 80 and that's the limit. Senators if you would like think tank or finances and you have dances coming up in your dorms please talk to me. De-stress event is coming up in December.
- w. Haley: Building grounds subcommittee, met some cool people. We talked about the RAVE campus security, one thing we never had was an emergency budget but we have one now. Classroom doors, etc. Looking into AED's. Upgraded the bluelight towers, the wifi is through them and they're talking about maybe putting one or two more on campus.

Summer projects- update on how they went: they went well. Big dig, and the Robinson Hall lab.

- i. Graham: In Robinson they have emergency showers and they didn't install a drain. Someone had to use it and it flooded the floors and ruined a lot of research etc.
- ii. Haley: Talked about dorm remodels, field house, basketball court, summer 2015 projects. Made a room in Robinson from a lab to a classroom but they're going to convert it back into a lab. Talked about the tree storm. Technology update, network updates, new music building.
- x. Skylar: Hopefully Duvall will be voting on sweatshirts next week if we change on the lack of support from our residents. Ashton Skinner asked me to say that next Wednesday the step 7 team will be leading a faculty and staff training on diversity/inclusion in the classroom. This Friday HOLA will be hosting a Latin dance night with lessons in Graves gym from 8-11.
- y. Ashley [proxy for Alicen]- Operation Christmas Child November 17-24 is our service project. She has received emails from residents interested in heading that. Sweatshirt primetime is tomorrow. Our monster mash planning for our haunted house and monster mash dance is in the works, had a good meeting about it. Danny Parker will be DJ
- z. Saige: Pass
- aa. Katie: Went to the Board of Trustees meeting. If you have questions ask me.
- bb. Matt: Facilities this year has been using a project called Compost Tea, using compost to make a natural fertilizer to spread on the grass- no chemicals. Bringing the inventor on October 23 at 7pm to campus, she will talk about the basics of that technology. Kipos is sponsoring a Whitworth farmer's market. Local farmers and crafters will be in lied square on October 30 10-2pm. There will be chickens, produce, etc. Kipos has been partnering with Joy the food security advocate in the service learning dept, to coordinate national food day. Documentary October 28.
- cc. Kevin: Endowment committee- We have \$126 million endowment but that's small compared to other schools. Academic affairs, 80% faculty voted yes to sell the CRC. I encourage you all to come up with great ideas and spend some money! Passed money for gospel choir and catholic fellowship.

VIII. FVP (5 min)

- a. Club Charter Committee – By-Laws

- b. Kevin: This will be the 8th committee to be added. This is the proposed bylaw. The purpose is to have at least a voting member and a non-voting member from ASWU and two students at large to be on that committee. We review membership, structure, make sure they have an advisor, etc. It always gets passed here, putting it to a vote. And they are here to answer any questions people have. We need to vote on this to make it official.
- c. Motion to pass, second, Passed!
- d. Kevin: I have a signup on my door if you want to be a part of this. Planning on having it meet around 6:30 on Sunday nights. It will be very irregular.
 - i. Naomi: Will club updates go through ASWU or this committee?
 - ii. Kevin: I pull those from club council so they will be here
 - iii. Guest: Will they be in contact with MAC?
 - iv. Kevin: We just say if you feel like that's a place for you then you're welcome to join MAC.
 - v. Kelsey: Will clubs still be pitching to ASWU or will they just be there to ask questions?
 - vi. Kevin: They will make the pitch at the committee, I'll make a synopsis and include comments or concerns and send that out to you all early in the week. They will come and give a 1min talk about why they're here and answer questions.
- e. Ian: I served on student services last week and was able to present. Recognizing athletes, I encourage you to see the show if you haven't yet [the Drowsy Chaperone], Friday and Saturday night at 7:30. Recognized a lot of different events going on, sustainability board, harvest party, and orientation weekend that we had. Talked about the survey we did a month ago [Samantha talked about it] and the survey we did for the meeting tonight. All areas of continuing studies and graduate programs they've seen a rise, also with undergrad we got 619. Financially we're feeling a lot better this year. From student life- heard from Dick Mandeville talking about things going on, accounting center there's been more crises recently. Change with the health center and counseling center, a lot of counselors left and they're working on getting some more to come in.

IX. EVP (2 min)

- a. Eli: When we set up rooms anywhere you need to put the rooms back to how you found them. If you haven't done your time card you need to do it. I was involved in institutional advancements committee. They will continue doing the alumni discovery project, the

church engagement office will unveil internships both local and international. Also the new website. They said its like painting the golden gate bridge, implementing a new website can take a full year. Probably will last about 4-5 years and then we'll have to do a new one.

X. President **(20 min)**

- a. LGB Faculty Survey Results
- b. Ian: First question results- we had 458 responses. Percentages for question 1 [reads question]- strongly disagree= 15.35%, disagree= 8.55%, neither disagree nor agree= 10.96%, agree=21.93%, strongly agree= 43.2%
- c. Second question- 69.96% said yes, and 30.04% said no. 73 comments that were given, they ranged from everything you could imagine. Many people said we shouldn't hire or protect faculty and staff who identify as LGB if we are a Christian organization, but we also saw arguments the other direction as well. Strong difference between theological perspectives. A lot of people said its 2014, needs to happen. If you want to read over those afterwards I can read them to you.
- d. Next Steps
- e. Ian: With 70% approval to do something about it, we have a couple options. We could do a town hall to better educate students about the policy, with a lot of responses we got people didn't know. That would be informative action. That could lead to better decision-making. I know we've heard talks of writing a resolution on campus and maybe doing a petition.
- f. Jerrica: I know we're student focused based, but do we know what the faculty staff position is?
- g. Ian: Just based on the conversations I've had, there's a lot of confusion of what the policy actually is. Meeting with Forrest Baird tomorrow, faculty president, so we will see his opinions and present to him what students are thinking based on our survey results. Still trying to learn where faculty and staff land on this.
- h. Joshua: What inspired this? Have we really ever had an issue with a faculty member being discriminated against?
- i. Ian: This topic gets brought up every year in different ways. I wont speak for faculty but one perspective is because they're not protected from being fired or from being discriminated, they're not coming out. So it's not known on a broad basis about their sexual orientation.

- i. Jordan: There was also a big letter last year that spearheaded this right? So this is carrying over from last year.
- j. Danny: After talking to a few different faculty members, this kind of change won't happen unless students are for it. It's a touchy subject but when it concerns people's jobs, it becomes more complicated. So much easier to not talk about it so there is a need and it won't happen unless ASWU does something about it.
- k. Lauren: I know some faculty have stressed that they want ASWU to do something about this. It's a good point...but another issue is that people won't apply to Whitworth because this phrase is not in the handbook.
 - i. Josh: I see a lot of hypotheticals.
 - ii. Eli: I know there was a time when we had an RD and professor that was gay and eventually came out to a certain degree. I think he was asked to leave in some way, the school will do their best to make it not that way but it was an unclear reason. That might not be the number one cause, they had to leave [early 2000's]
- l. Chase: I remember from last year that we wanted to do something like this. Another option was a type of statement, can you refresh what that was?
- m. Ian: It all started with a letter sent anonymously from a student. Came to ASWU and I forwarded it. We brought it up for discussion to see what we thought. Went on for a couple weeks. We decided that because the conversation wasn't going anywhere, we had people interested meet separately as a task force to see what is ASWU's best step in this situation. We thought that time in April it would be irresponsible to do something to this degree with such little time left. Option to write up a resolution- recommended that the group hold off until this fall.
- n. Chase: Trying to be reminded of what that statement was.
- o. Ian: Resolutions aren't done very often. It's just a statement that says here is what the student body thinks – they hold more weight with a petition along with it as well. This is without all students responding, but we know we can't get everyone to answer. About 460 is a great number for response to this survey.
- p. Sam: I'm thinking about the way we're approaching this, an issue that is so intellectual; is this not the time more than ever to look at intellectual authorities in the field and hold forums where people will formally discuss this. Intellectual people on either side having civil conversations to approach it and caring about why they think what they think.

- q. Ian: I think we are seeing that on campus. The last two presentations by Julia Stronks have been on homosexuality. I think that is a great idea that we need to get into more.
- r. Erika: This was brought up during academic affairs committee, how can we get underrepresented students wanting to get more profs; people want profs that look like them. So if there aren't professors that are comfortable being out, LGBTQ students might not have those resources. It would help- there's the idea that we need to hire more diverse faculty and have good examples, that would be one more identity we would be able to add.
- s. Joshua: I would bring up how you brought up intellectual talks that we've had, I would love to see intellectual minds purposefully taking two sides. I've seen more on the advocacy side. It would be cool to see people engage in civil discourse.
- t. Ian: I know campus has done that before, 2012 they had courageous conversations event. They had professors and then a pastor and a professor and they had these discussions. Last week in the Whitworthian there were 5 articles on the topic, this is an issue that is current right now. I think that would be a good way to see how we live into serving humanity as a Christian university.
- u. Raleigh: Could we have the ability to have a town hall function in the MPR either led or co-led by ASWU and representatives to debate both sides, present the survey, discuss the handbook and debate the two sides?
- v. Eli: It'll be important to get a clear idea of what is explicitly said in the handbook and how administration reads that and what the discussion would be over so we could know which fields to include in the conversation. Ideally we would want a panel, people would want psych, theology, etc and maybe someone from HR.
- w. Raleigh: Yes and perhaps a neutral party maybe someone from ASWU.
- x. Ian: Maybe to get more interested people to think about how we would shape this and how we want it to look, what our best options are that best serve both sides of the argument. Before we jump in I think we should have a separate time to move on into having a shaping or forming committee.
- y. Josh: Motion to think about the forum and think about it, then come back and discuss, table the petition.
- z. Ian: No one is really wanting to make the petition right now
- aa. Bre: When are you meeting with Forrest? [tomorrow]

- bb. Ian: We will meet with him but we're also trying to set up a meeting, Beck is a busy guy. We're trying to set up a meeting with Beck and Rhosetta to better explain and talk about how it plays out on campus.
- cc. Kevin: Because of these results I feel like we have an obligation to do something and education is not exactly what this is calling for but in order to actually fulfill what people are calling for. In the results only a small percentage didn't agree or disagree. We should keep action in mind.
- dd. Matt: I would disagree that the only people that need to be educated are the people who are undecided. I think its valuable to have a campus wide discussion before having a petition. We should take it slowly and educate everyone.
- ee. Kelsey: If we want action what can we do right now?
- ff. Ian: Having the task force that talks about how an open forum would go on campus. I'll send out an email tonight about what I would like to see from that group and if you're interested just respond to me.
- gg. Jerrica: I know the survey regards language within the faculty handbook, wondering if we could give students an option to what they would like to add or something and create diversity.
- hh. Ian: I think that's something we could talk about in the group that wants to meet.
- ii. Joshua: I see that this question is more semantics about the larger issue that maybe we're trying to decide the place of the LGBTQ community in Whitworth. A forum should be about that large perspective and what we gain from that is how we address specific issues.
- jj. Graham: Caution about taking too many steps at a time.
- kk. Naomi: I know the petition is probably far off but wasn't there a petition last year?
- ll. The Julia Stronks one?
- mm. Ian: That was not specifically to Whitworth.
- nn. Eli: It was a response to what World Vision did, Christian institutions in general not just academia or charity.
- oo. Sam: I think the survey result is great but if we make claims about what they want... someone could have voted 1,000 times. Some method that can eliminate statistical biases would be necessary before making claim that this is what the whole student body wants.

pp. Ian: That's why I'm saying the "surveyed" student results. I think there are better ways to go about this and a lot of conversation says that the signatures on that would be like their vote.

XI. For the good of the order.

XII. Adjourn 6:32pm