



ASWU Meeting Minutes 12/06/2016

Meeting was brought to order at 11:46am in the AWSU Assembly Chambers

Mission Statement read by Alex F.

Motion to approve 11/30/16 minutes by Christina, second by Ivan, approval unanimous.

1. Club Updates
 - a. Science and Religion

Seth - Good afternoon, I am the President and our club meets every other Thursday, discussing and engaging in conversation about how both science and religion can work together. We normally have 8-10 people show up to our meetings, with a faculty guest in attendance. In our upcoming meetings, we will be discussing events coming up, although none are planned right now.

Maddie - When and where are your meetings held?

Seth - Weyerhaeuser 203 at 5pm every other Thursday.

2. Club Charter - Amnesty International

Ally - Hello, I would be the President if the Amnesty International club becomes chartered. The main goal of this organization is to promote human rights, and advocate. If our organization does become a club, we will bring up real-time conversations about situations in our world. This organization is very well known, and I believe this would be a great club to have on campus. There is an interest from the students, and I have support from the History Department Faculty. Although, right now the main interest among the students, are ones that are already engaged in political conversations. Our club's goal would be to increase the awareness and bring new voices to the conversation. I am hoping that we could put on some prime times, so residents can get more information. We would like this club to be opening to all students.

Norma - If chartered, do you have other students interested in executive positions besides yourself? If so, what grade are they in?

Ally - Yes, I have 3 other students who are interested to fill the rest of the roles. We would have a Secretary who is a Junior, Vice-President who is also Junior, and a Treasurer who would be a Sophomore.

Shaun - Where do you see this group growing? What's your overall goal?

Ally - This group was very prevalent in the 70's, and I am hoping to educate myself more on what they did, so we can use their ideas. Basically our club would spread awareness, so students would become more educated on what is going on domestically and internationally.

Whit - Does Amnesty International deal with environmental issues?

Ally - Their main focus is human rights, although they do stand up for many other things. For example, they have been present at Standing Rock, protecting the protesters from Human Rights Violations there.

Jeff - Do you have an estimate of student's interest?

Ally - I believe we would have around 15-20 students for the first couple of meetings.

Christina - In what ways do you see your group raising awareness?

Ally - We plan on educating people, through flyers and events. One idea we have had is planning an faculty-led discussion.

- Ally Steps Out -

Jeff - Any more discussion or concern? A question you often ask, is why wouldn't we? I think the most important factor, is student interest.

Shaun - What did the chartering committee recommend?

Jeff - The chartering committee role is to make sure anyone who wants to charter a club, has filled all of the requirements. Which include an advisor, significant student interests, and leadership. The committee recommend to charter the Amnesty International Club.

Camina - What is considered significant student interest?

Jeff - I would explain it as, they have a consistent student presence at their meetings, and not just an email list.

Shaun - From what was said, it seemed like they didn't have an advisor?

Jeff - They do have an advisor.

Christina - Sounds like they have a plan, don't see a reason not to charter.

Jeff - Just to let you know, the reason students opt to charter is so they can advertise, raise money, and use facilities on campus.

Josh moves to charter Amnesty International Club, 2nd by Christina, approval unanimous.

3. Club Charter - Super Smash Brothers

Andrew - The main reason we are trying to get chartered is so we can advertise and use facilities, because we have had an official group on Facebook. Right now, the events we have been doing is weekly meetings, where we setup our equipment, and it is open for all students to play. If chartered, in addition to keeping weekly meetings, we would also look at doing local tournaments. On our Facebook we have 21 students who are apart of the group, and they are all pretty committed. We already have a community, but we want to get chartered to have an official presence on campus. We would do monthly or bimonthly tournaments as well. Gonzaga and Eastern have a Super Smash Bros Clubs as well, so we might consider working with them on a tournament.

Jeff - Any questions for Andrew?

Abbie - If someone was totally uneducated on the game, would you guys help with that?

Andrew - We have people that are super competitive, but we also have members who would be willing to help train, and show people who are interested how to play.

Alex F - Do you have an advisor?

Andrew - Yes we do, his name is Matthew Bell in the Computer Science Department.

Christina - How many students do you have at your weekly meetings currently?

Andrew - Normally less than 10, but I think that has to do with advertisement. If we are chartered, we would use advertising to increase our presence.

Shaun - What separates this club from the gaming club already in existence?

Andrew - The gaming club is mainly focusing on board games, not electronic games. There is an E-Sports club as well, but they do things a little differently, and our goal was that our club would branch off of theirs.

Jeff - Do you envision, of working with them in the same club?

Andrew - In terms of leadership, all of us in our current community, have already figured out how we work best together. We have all the equipment and have been doing this for a while. The other club, if we joined, it would be a little bit more difficult to organize events since they aren't as connected with the game.

Jeff - Any other questions for Andrew?

- Andrew steps out -

Breanna - Thoughts?

Ivan - If we charter a club for every game that students are interested in, we would have numerous. Just a general concern.

Jeff - Going off that point, I see the possibility of talking to the E-Sports club already, and they could work together more.

Hannah - Wouldn't it work, for them to be apart of E-Sports club, but have their own meetings? I think this is the fear, that they wouldn't be able to work together.

Shaun - Could those two groups join together in the future? For instance, we could charter them now, but encourage them to join together when re-chartering comes up.

Gracie - I think it would be confusing at the meetings, if you have multiple events happening within the same club.

Alex - I think it makes the most sense to charter the club, but we encourage collaboration.

Maddie - I think the problem with leadership, is these students are specialized on their game since they are different. That would make collaboration more difficult.

Alex F - I think chartering them this year, will put them on the map. Then we could encourage them to collaborate in the future.

Alex moves to charter Super Smash Brothers Club, Christina seconds. 16 voted in favor, 1 opposed.

4. Discussion about ASWU on campus

Breanna - I have heard feedback around campus that ASWU is a clique, and that meetings are not very welcoming. What are all your thoughts on this? What have you been hearing, and in what ways can we help this?

Whit - When I had the Eco-Reps come to the last meeting, they were all super impressed. They told me they thought it was very professional, and were surprised it was student led. They also said that they didn't know who the people were, as in which position individuals held.

Ethan - I think there is a chance that some students don't even know what ASWU is.

Norma - (to Ethan) What helped you come to know what ASWU was?

Ethan - Hannah and other leadership.

Jeff - (to Ethan) What did you hear from other leadership?

Ethan - They were advertising the position of representative and just general conversations in the residence hall.

Christina - I think it would be awesome to have a poster in the lounge of every residence hall, showing the different positions and people. This way residents can learn what ASWU is. Just putting it up in the HUB, doesn't work I think.

Alex F - I think the elections helped, and got the name of ASWU out there a little more. I believe also, even after all the posters, people still don't know what ASWU is. One resident didn't know I was the representative, when another brought it up.

Jeff - I would say, in situations like that, I would explain what your positions is in charge of, and talk to them how you can help. You're a resource.

Rachel - I think there is a lot of small things we can do, that could add up to a bigger picture. Just small talk can help. I think that when we talk during the meetings we should say our names and positions so guests know who we are.

Ivan - I think some people are still confused between Resident Assistant leadership teams and ASWU. I like the idea of doing the poster.

Gretchen - When we did the survey, I thought someone said on the app, we should have the positions on there. In addition if there was a FAQ page where it explained situations, and who to contact would be smart.

Alex - I think the ideas of posters, and the using the app is a great idea. I think we should add contact information on any outreach we do.

Alex F - I agree with the social media idea. I know someone who deleted the ASWU app. I don't think the app is being used as much as it could be.

Norma - This is the first year of the app, and we are still trying to draft what its purpose will be. The biggest thing we need to do is advertise it.

Bailey - We should use more notifications on the app to bother people more. We wanted it to supplement the emails, and without notifications, students are not going to look at the app.

Maddie - I think we should advertise the coordinators positions as well, because I think a lot of students who do know about ASWU, know about Senators and Executive Positions.

Breanna - If you have further thoughts, please email me. We will discuss this further at the Spring Retreat.

5. FVP Update

Jeff - We had one requisition this week for a 9,000-piece puzzle for McMillan for \$66. This was approved.

6. EVP Update

Norma - Quick reminder, our Christmas Party is tomorrow night at 5pm. Sodexo will have food ready for us. Try to be here a few minutes early. Beck said his flights have changed, and he should be able to make it. Please bring a White Elephant Gift no more than \$10 and have it wrapped. Also, with finals week next week, fill out your timecards early so you don't forget please.

7. President Update

Breanna - There is a meeting during the second week of January for Spokane Gives. Anyone else interested in attending besides Hannah? I will not be here during January, and wanted to make sure we have representation.

Alex - I would be interested.

8. Reports and Vibes

Christina - Deck the Halls was last weekend. It was amazing, over 200 people in attendance.

Shaun - Baldwin-Jenkins had their Christmas party this last weekend, there was some of stressful situations, but it was quite the fun night.

Alex F - Warren's Christmas party was on Sunday. It was really successful. Beck came and read us a book.

Whit - Sunday I was on campus, and the Eco-Reps told me to come to Duvall. I found once there that the eco-reps took initiative, and developed a compost system. This is the first compost system in history of the university.

Bailey - Springfest is coming up. We booked a comedian to come the week before Springfest, but he wants to switch it to April 10th. It would be cheaper because it would be blocked booked with other

groups, so travel cost would be less. What are your thoughts, do we need an act before spring fest? We normally use the comedian as our build up to the week.

Rachel - I think with the budget we had for NACA, I think it would be worth the \$300, to have the comedian before Springfest.

Norma - Is there other options?

Bailey - I have room in my budget, so if you guys wanted move this group and do another event, we could do that.

General Consensus - The comedian should stay the week before Springfest

Norma - Senators there is a newsletter this week. Please put words of encourage for students for finals and make it Christmas themed. Thank you.

Alex F - I checked out Boppell Coffeehouse. It was pretty amazing. Great job.

Christina - We (Arend) got our sweatshirts finally.

Abbie - We (Stewart) also got our sweatshirts. Can we do this newsletter in color, and charge it to ASWU?

Norma - I will look into that, and let you know.

Alex - Baldwin Jenkins and Stewart's Service Project making cards for En Christo is tomorrow in Stewart during Primetime. Encourage people to attend please.

Laura - Can I motion that Gretchen sings her Christmas song at the party tomorrow as well?

Tristan - I heard from a student, who has not been previously educated on recycling and composting practices, that we should do something to educate people. This way everyone can participate.

Alex F - Warren's sweatshirts came out as well.

Jeff - Please give me your receipts, by this Thursday. Thank you.

Whit - I have bins left, so if you think your residents would use them for composting, please let me know.

9. Recognition

Rachel - Shout out to Christina and Amber for putting on Deck the Halls.

Gretchen - Shout out to Emily for organizing Boppell Coffeehouse.

Christina motions to adjourn meeting at 12:35, Mae seconds, approval unanimous.