



ASWU Meeting
Minutes 10.6.10

- I. Call to order at 5.00pm.
- II. Kyle Proxy for Landon; Pierre for Patrick Y.
- III. Guests: Alex, David, Marissa, Mary, Nancy, Aaron, Michael, Leslie.
- IV. Approve minutes: Brian motion to approve the minutes of 9.22.10, Pierre 2nd, Sam motion to approve the minutes of 9.28.10, Pierre 2nd. Both passed.
- V. FVP-Lindy Tep
 - a. Club presentations-
 - i. Invisible Children: Nancy Trang-last fall raised money for a school in Uganda; event last week about how the money has helped; book drive for high schools and universities in Uganda.
 - ii. Artists' Guild: went to Spokane's First Friday Art Walk; 10 people, growing; plans for photography event.
 - iii. BSO: Jocelyn Swalm- New SCGM Dean is restructuring our club; dean/student association, multiple clubs within for each major; will take about 6 months to restructure; meeting dean Beatty is an upcoming event.
 - b. Requisitions will be held until later.
- VI. President-Josh Boyden
 - a. Cranberry award: Cuong: Open Mic Night; Kyle: scheduling intramurals; David wins with getting 61 listeners to whitworth.edu.
 - b. WBC picketing of Whitworth and how ASWU is going to respond:
 - i. Beck Taylor and AWSU will give a proposal and will finalize by Friday and will be sent out to the campus at large.
 - ii. How do we feel about this situation?: Meghan-has had experience with this group, frustrating, cool opportunity for conversations within the community; Josh-furious, outrageous, their goal seems to want to piss people off, angry about this; Jeff- having a hard time finding the purpose of their mission, they just want to hate; Donovan-irksome, they are ridiculous, juggling how to respond internally about it, watched a documentary on them and looked at webpage and saw that their purpose was to inspire hate, confused; Leslie-found out from a gay alum, whitworth is a small school and the GSA has recently been chartered,

pretty conservative school concerning issues with homosexuality, people have been unified over the issue; Trista-people who are dealing with homosexuality are fierce about protecting loved ones, good conversations have been started, protectiveness has come out; Mandy-their count up for deaths and military funerals is unbearable.

- iii. What happened last night at the open forum?: Responses from students on how to respond: hiding is not courageous, confront them; do nothing, we are not standing up to them; show them love because it involves children in the WBC; Jesus responded in silence; stand to collect money for charities which would be donated to groups the WBC targets; on campus ministry is supporting the campus; unite without them seeing us at the protest; wear crimson as a sign of unity that day; one large sign that says "God is love"; remember that the WBC is going to forget Whitworth, but Spokane will be the ones to remember how we respond to this; there are also non-Christians at Whitworth, we need to consider a non-Christian response.
- iv. Anything else?: Bryce: we show more to ourselves and our community and less to them, celebration of our groups, to them show them nothing, they are all about twisting the media to their own benefit, we're not just sitting down, we're doing something about it to show that God is love, celebrate ourselves and not sit and give them attention; Josh: the proposal is to create a large sign and leave it in the HUB for students to sign and post it on campus so they can see it, unite inside our campus away from them; everyone wearing red shirts to represent Whitworth, this is about our community, don't let your own emotions take over; Jerod: do we know where they will be? We can't control them, they can't come on to campus legally, not everyone will be on board with us, smaller groups are planning; Becca: likes the idea of the sign, students would be upset if we don't respond/act, it would be hard to sit out there and sit in silence, the sign means we don't have to be there and hold our tongues; Meghan: we can outline what the sign should have but will clearly represent the peoples' voice; Elizabeth: everyone has somewhere to be and is organized, program; Kelsey: what are other schools doing? Josh is working on that; Trista: what others are doing: if other schools come and we go to others in support of each other, it might give them the attention they are looking for, the media needs to see a response that is clear from Whitworth; Dayna: if people wear something that can unify people even if they can't be at a program; Donovan: several

Facebook groups have popped up in anti-protest at each area school, careful about the unifying color/clothing item, other connotations will be carried around with those colors/clothing; Kyle: who is the security? Sheriff's office; if we have a campus program are we cancelling classes? Don't know; Mandy: opportunity to show what we are working towards as being a diverse campus, shows that Spokane is not ready to handle this issue, we can show that we can handle it the first time; Patrick S: there will be a physical presence of community members and students, its unrealistic to say that nothing will happen, show support on campus for students; Bryce: students have mentioned that if we have students out there then they should not wear whitworth apparel so show affiliation, we can show the media and Spokane what we want them to see; Cuong: we must acknowledge the students in GSA and ROTC, likes the fundraiser idea to bring people to; Patrick Y: other groups other than whitworth students will be here, don't like the sign=passive action, others' attitudes will define what the whitworth response will be, we need control over our situation, a huge opportunity to affirm what we believe and value in unity and community in Whitworth, would be a mistake not to capitalize on it, a written document that affirms our unified response.

- v. Guests' opinions: Michael- prayer is important in this situation, use prayer to bring together everyone in the community and on the WU campus; Alex-one of the strengths of WU is to include everyone, even non-Christians, stand behind that no matter what the WBC does it will not change our view on loving people; Aaron-Gonzaga is the main ROTC center, they have been instructed to stay away from them and its training day and in uniform all day long; Leslie-maybe doing a candle light vigil prayer at the Campanile the night before, ask profs to speak, start off the day feeling unified and good; Pierre-concert going on the night before; David-send groups to each location on the day for prayer time at each location or the day before; Cornerstone guest: the girls will be walking to and from, need security, same with the main entrance.
- vi. Overall ideas: unifying item of clothing; program at the same time as the protest for those who want to support but not protest; candle light vigil the night before.
- vii. How should we respond?: multiple avenues for dealing with this for students; visible presence needs to be there, organization will help to be an authority; don't want to dehumanize them by completely ignoring them; being able to see them and watch them silently; Jerod: we need to

have someone out there to reign in people who might want to respond negatively; Elizabeth: its risky to WU and students to send out someone being there, don't want to directly endanger students; Pierre: we can't stop students who want to go, have some organization out there for those who do go, have basic structures or controls for them; Kyle: agreed; Brian: if we have different things going on, we need to have ASWU there filling the leadership role to keep people in check since emotions will be flying around; Jerod: if we send people out there, it needs to be leadership in a small group because they have been elected to represent, can direct or organize student responses; Meghan: we're not sending people out there, but we need to not bill this as another program to go to, have people who are responsible out there (profs, students) so they don't react badly, but only allowing certain people out there defeats the purpose of having the opportunity to respond by our students; Trista: we need to make the campus aware of the select few who will be out there, there can be an organized and unified group who is prepared to go, while others are doing something else; Kyle: we need people out there and security, people will go to watch them because everyone is aware of it; Brian: it's important to recognize that we as ASWU is unique and we need to be seen representing the students; Bryce: there will still be people who want to run out and speak their minds, we need to show that we are not representing the views of extreme people; we need a professor from every department to show that we have people who can speak to the students who get hot over the issue; Patrick Y: legalize and regulate our approach, a group will be prepared and sent, keeping some control over the situation, careful communication; Meghan: an organized group will look better than not having one; Dr Guest: meeting ahead of time is good, where you can hand out the shirts for those who will be present, limit it to those who were at the meeting, people need to set the norm of quietness, they will quiet down the extreme emotional people without having to be actively pulling back; Donovan: like the idea of having a select group, profs and students, student leaders, highly agree with not advertising this as an option of program for students to attend, like the designated shirts for people going to represent, it will make it obvious who is the face of whitworth and who isn't; Brittany: don't think there is anything being wrong in being passive, we don't need students out there, it's a matter of security, passivity is courageous.

- viii. Summary: Beck wanted an open proposal of ideas: unifying clothing, program option happening at the same time, candle light vigil the night before, having a select group of people out there/don't have students out there (passive).
- ix. Donovan motion for select group/active response to be present, Bryce 2nd. Motion passed.
- x. Josh will meet with Beck tomorrow morning and a formal proposal will be drafted.

VII. EVP-Shannon Eshoff

- a. Group picture.

VIII. Jeff motion to adjourn, Bryce 2nd.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 6.14 pm.

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