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- Call to Order – 17:02
- Mission Statement – Tori Sullivan – “We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, strive for transparent, adaptable, efficient and student-focused leadership as we foster community involvement.”
- Approve Minutes – motion Sarah W., second Sam with formatting fix, passed
- Big-Ear Award
  - Pam and Pam for senior photos
- Introduce Guests
  - Tiana Watkins – proxy for Ballard Senator
  - Joshua S. – proxy for Warren Rep
  - Megan – observing gender roles
  - Madeline Harris – proxy for BJ Senator
  - Lindsey Wagner – Whitworthian
  - Nathan Reid – proxy for East/Duvall Rep
  - Jonny Whitmore – proxy for Warren Senator
- EVP
  - Put in your hours before you leave for fall break
  - Ian, turn in your I-9
  - Senators, put up a newsletter tomorrow before break
- Financial Vice President
  - Club Charter
    - Business Club re-chartering passed by e-mail vote before the meeting
- President
  - we received an e-mail with campus survey results, we will now focus on how we can let those results guide us through the semester; we were to send him three events/activities planned, in process, or just ideas – most everyone did; each person summarize briefly two of the concepts
    - Brittany – Are you compiling these concepts?
      - I will do that
  - Today will be a discussion on surveys and what people are planning; next week we will lay out an action plan and we will be putting dates on the calendar; you can tailor traditional programs or current programs to the survey results
    - Brittany – everything in my job addresses these areas; on that note, cultural events shouldn’t just be something she plans, feel free to include it, makes it not just a token cultural event; I Have Something to Say – open forum discussion like Courageous Conversations, around community (later: dating culture on campus, Christianity on campus), another slam poet\*\*
- Guest Speaker – Beck Taylor with Rosetta Rhodes
  - Purpose: to come in and answer questions periodically
  - Start of school, homecoming, Board of Trustees, Parents Weekend – very busy for everyone!

- What's on your mind? Questions, news, what's on the minds of students these days? How can I help?
  - Kelly – on the COVAC committee, talking about the Honors Program, is this for sure happening? Just in the planning stages?
    - Planning stages, I am supportive, faculty has been discussing for a while; recognition that our campus needs something to attract bright students, some students looking for honors-type experience (deeper immersion, research, etc.), lots of competitors have these kinds of programs; we want it to reflect Whitworth values, so we can't set it up like everyone else; two colleges he's served with set up honors colleges which segregated honors students from campus; want to create a program that's accessible (even if you get a slow start, so you can join after freshman year); flexible program, creating opportunity for students within the program and outside of it; the faculty own the curriculum so they figure out how to do it; it's built up enough steam so it should happen
  - Jonny – how do you think we're doing in regards to the 10 year plan?
    - Plan passed in April so summer was spent preparing; we are looking at university through the lens of the plan; it won't all happen in the first year (10 year plan); want to make big moves early – the dining expansion, approval last week to move forward with Recreation center for students; honors program; increasing academic and intellectual vitality of campus; re-organized academic division, allow us to deliver on academic promises; established college of arts and sciences (home for 22 departments unassigned to any other school, served by a dean)
    - Rosetta – diversity and inclusivity – started courageous conversation dialogue, planning in process for training, goal with service learning (have 100% of graduates have at least one course); passed to curriculum committee a way to track when you take a service learning class; institutional advancement moving forward (significant endowments)
      - Brittany – what is training going to focus on? Faculty and staff first or students?
        - Training for faculty and staff as well as students, not sure where they're starting, Dr. Burnley is working on that for both
    - Beck – cabinet devoting 3 hours a month talking about Intercultural Competency and diversity; that group of people will be leading effort across campus – focusing on race, ethnicity and gender
      - Patrick Yoho – campus climate survey, a lot of economic issues came up, some people talking about

financial aid, others about socio-economic issues; does that play into diversity conversation?

- Priority to provide excellent and accessible education which can be viewed as being at odds; we can always do more; externally, we've received positive feedback (ranked among top 100 best values in country by Kiplinger's, #2 in the West by U.S. News for best value); working on budget for next year; \$92 million for next year of which \$33 million goes back to students and parents for financial aid – our average discount rate is 45%; we are concerned about diversity of socio-economic status of students; being intentional about appropriating funds to get that diversity; we all wish WU would charge less, but if it did, it wouldn't be WU – all aspects we appreciate are a part of the package
- Laura V. – involved in dance program and a lot of the dancers gripe about facilities (also music and theater) – how will those areas be involved the plan?
  - Performing arts are front and center in the Plan; science was in that category; we're in the process of doing feasibility study on what it would take to build new facilities, cost, and support sources; that doesn't help knowing it's on our radar screen; music and theatre and dance programs are fantastic – outperforming the facilities
- Patrick Yoho – has there been talk about the funds set aside institutionally to support student research, sending people to conferences?
  - We have funds available for student research and do have students present research; doesn't know how much the funds are (can get it out of Academic Affairs, made a note to get that information to ASWU); part of Plan is to build Science Endowment which will support research; we have a great center but we have to build programs; larger institutions can send students as long as they ask for it to go to conferences
- Anything going well?
  - Jonny – what are some programs you've attended around campus?
    - Main stage (Hay Fever)
    - Continue to enjoy athletics
    - Taylor Mali reading
    - Speakers and Artists series
    - Will go to upcoming recitals
    - Hosted a lot at the house for students
- Well, you guys are doing a wonderful job. I often brag about student leadership or hear bragging about them. I often talk about you to

prospective students and parents. We vest a lot of responsibility on our students and we're happy because you guys do a great job. Sometimes the service is easy and fun and sometimes it's challenging, but all of it is beneficial. So much appreciation!

- Patrick Yoho – how is the planning happening for Rec center?
  - We are just about to put together a programming committee with students and other representatives; now, finalizing vision statement and then the programming will begin; hopefully by Spring Break, we'll have an architect with drafts and floor plans, hoping to have it open by Fall of 2013
    - Sam – people want to see a picture/drawing of what it would look like once the planning is done
  - Planning 8 million dollar budget for it; now programming (which is finding all the pieces of the puzzle and figuring out how to acquire them and put them all together)
- Meredith – the Back 40 has seen a loss of a lot of trees; how long do you think it will last?
  - The loss of trees regrettable but moving the power lines was right; we don't have any plans to move the back slope, though the master plan (online) has some construction that will begin to encroach down the hill; we would like the front elevation for the Rec center to be one story and the back to be 2 or 3 so we will probably use the natural slope; we want to preserve it but we also need to use that space; it is regrettable to lose the trees
- Thanks to execs
- Financial Vice President
  - Club Reports
    - Brayden Hollis with Running Club
      - Tuesday 3:45pm, Wednesday 3:30
      - Meet at campanile and run for 30 minutes
      - Turkey Trot coming up – 5K on campus
    - Molly Spooner with Colleges Against Cancer
      - To raise awareness about cancer
      - To raise money for cancer research in Spokane
      - Table in the HUB raising money monthly, selling shirts, pamphlets about cancer
      - Relay for Life at the end of the year – all night walk-a-thon with live entertainment and fundraising for American Cancer Society
    - Ben Cole with Ultimate Frisbee
      - Rebuilding club because a lot of people have left (training 10 frosh)
      - Practice on Saturdays 11-2
      - Scrimmaging Eastern and Gonzaga
      - In 2 weeks, heading to Burlington for Frisbee tournament

- Club Charter
  - Sign Club (Brian)
  - How many of you know anything about Deaf Culture and Sign Language? (only some)
  - Everyone should know a little bit; goal of the club is trying to educate others
  - About 16 members right now (trying to figure out how often to meet, some want to meet 3 times a week or more; for others, that is too much of a time commitment)
  - Questions
    - Laura V. – Any events planned?
      - Right now, no; trying to figure out skill level of members; would like to do more events when they know more; would like to engage with deaf-culture oriented events in Spokane
    - Jonny – how many people are interested?
      - 50 signed up, but 16 came; it's Friday at 7 so I am trying to find a time earlier in the week and the day
    - Patrick Yoho – Constitution?
      - Yes, they have their paperwork, approved by Linda
  - Discussion
    - Jeff – I think it's cool; Jamaica trip with Deaf Schools; would be cool if Jeff and Emily could work with them
    - Meredith – advisor for that trip and already talked about it
    - Sam – took ASL in high school and teacher talked about deaf culture – supportive
  - Motion to vote – Nate; second – Jonny; unanimous pass
- Requisitions
  - Kara
    - In the past, Senior Boat Cruise – it hasn't been successful; problems with alcohol and crowding
    - Decided it would be more effective to have end-of-year dinner – looked at Davenport to get a high end (\$6-\$12,000: way too much); researched and found that Spokane Country Club would do it without set-up fee and would do chicken dinner for students at \$25/plate with room for about 250; \$2,000 from her budget, charge \$10/ticket; from alumni relations office, she can get hopefully \$1,000; might be able to get \$500 from Student Life (Alan Jacobs – our class fund); requisitioned for up to \$1500 in case she can't get that; probably wouldn't end up spending more than \$1,000 if the funds do come in; long term plan to propose to add it to the budget for next year
    - Questions
      - Brittany – if you don't get extra money, what would you do?

- DJ would get cut, maybe talk to Jesse about the DJ, some could come out of my budget but that means she has to cut other events
- Katie W. – how long did the boat cruise go on for?
  - Forever; really, it was the cheapest thing that people liked, but classes got too big and became unmanageable and a lot of people had too much to drink; only great if you're not in charge
- Sarah – was the boat cruise free to students?
  - Yes
    - Do you think people will be willing to pay \$10?
      - Hopefully, if I make it cool enough (DJ, ambiance)
    - might have beach party and dinner so people could go to the beach party if they don't want to pay for the dinner; if I could find funds, first thing would be to lower charge to get in
- Tori – how many students could go on the boat cruise?
  - Not much more than 250 (maybe 275 last year and it was too crowded)
  - The only thing you can bring on the boat (not bought through them) is cake (but no other food, so everyone's drunk and hungry)
- Jonny – clarification about funds (listed above)
- Brittany – when is the last possible moment you can have the money?
  - I need to reserve the place and I can't unless I know I can pay for it; should know in about a week about other sources; ASWU money would be the last money I spend; hopefully, a lot of it wouldn't get spent, hopefully
- Patrick Yoho – what's the worst case scenario from those other two sources
  - \$600 from alumni, probably all from Kathy; but it's either this event or nothing (maybe just do dessert, but cannot go back to boat cruise now)
- Cherise – talking about taking boat cruise completely off the table? Who decided that?
  - Yes, and Kara and the committee; it's unfortunate because it's hyped up but then people graduate and no one really tells you how it actually went

- Discussion
  - Brittany – I want to go on the boat cruise (knocking)
  - Katie W. – I think it's kind of hasty to say you would have to just do a dessert if the budget doesn't work out; I'd rather do boat cruise than dessert
  - Katie L. – I went last year and it was cool and free; all of my friends and everyone I talked to wished they had stayed home rather than going; you can't control the fact that it rained and how everyone had to stay inside; we also had people peeing off the back of the boat drunk; for me, it was not a great experience; also, it was 2 hours and you couldn't get off the boat; I would have rather done dinner, dessert, anything
  - Dayna – if the weather's nice, it's really fun; you can get food for more money; but when it rains, you're stuck
  - Sarah W. – I'm a senior and so are our friends; we've all been looking forward to the boat cruise for years; the tarp game was awful but we all remember it, good story – same for boat cruise!; I don't think any of my friends would pay \$10 for dinner at a country club
  - Sam – liability issue valid
  - Dayna – they're responsible for checking I.D.'s and we have WU security; last year was the first time they brought alcohol; hoped they had alcohol before and so wouldn't drive home drunk
  - Jonny – decision made by her and her committee but it is an important event for seniors and I'd be disappointed that the choice was taken away from me
  - Landon – last year, a bunch of his friends went and they saw it as the last hurrah with best friends from college and they got a limo and was fun; would have been awesome if the weather had been nice; something they really liked
  - Warren Rep proxy – how many is she expecting to come?
    - Laura – 250
      - Where do extra funds come if more people show up?
        - No one knows
  - Patrick Yoho – move to extend discussion for 2 minutes, Jonny second
  - Patrick Yoho – was on the boat cruise and had a good time; wasn't drinking a whole lot like some people; had a good time seeing people at the end of the year; most people didn't seem like they were hating it; yeah it was raining and the room was small; Katie made it

seem like it was worse than it was; I would say when you get there and you're on the boat, it's not as lofty as it sounds but it's a good time; memorable drive out there

- Katie W. – agree with Jonny and shouldn't we ask senior class?; not a senior but upset about the option being taken away; it would be best to ask the class
- Jeff – if this doesn't pass, nothing is going to happen, so he thinks we should pass it; doesn't think she'll go back to the boat cruise
- Patick Yoho – motion to table it and do a survey of the senior class; Nathan second; passed unanimously
- Feminight requisition
  - See PowerPoint for presentation
  - Questions
    - Melinda – of the 22 people not paying, who are they?
      - 7 planners, 6 on work crew serving food, RDs leading workshops, speaker
        - So none of you are paying?
          - correct
    - Brandon – how many ladies last year?
      - 60, but we decided that we can hopefully get the capacity
    - Josh – what happens if you don't get 120?
      - Camp charges \$10/person/night; we don't need a certain number 98 is just as many as we could take
    - Patrick Yoho – what are you going to do if you don't get the full requisition?
      - We will bake cookies, fundraise; we will make it happen; also, we are using all of our RA budgets for advertising and RD's gas (RA budgets very small)
  - Discussion
    - Laura – not a matter of whether we give the money but how much; Finance Committee recommended \$1100
    - Jonny – this is one of the best-prepared and well-executed programs and it fits well into our mission
    - Melinda – concern that they leaders don't have to pay; understand wanting to pay for people they invite, but feel unsettled
    - Sam – falls directly in mission statement, supports the program
    - Patrick Yoho – concerns from FC – precedent that this sets (Mancation vs. Feminight) \$6.87/person for Mancation \$13/person (\$11/person at FC's recommendation); they can probably come up with the extra \$180; concerned about disparity; should be put into the budget for next year



- Laura – last year money came from Retreat budget
- Josh – If we made them pay their own way, would that make up the difference?
- Meredith – 22 people, the male RDs aren't going?
- Kara – math not quite adding up
- Jeff – been here for three years and every year, they battle for funds and they get it eventually but they do it because it's a good program; I don't think those people should have to pay their way because they dedicate 2 hours a week to it
- Nate – did they ask Student Life?
  - No, Mancation tapped it
- Kara – wouldn't they know Feminight is coming?
  - Feminight got money from the chapel that Mancation didn't
- Kara – I'm concerned about how realistic 120 girls is; what happens if they don't get all of those people; do we still control excess funds?
- Laura – we can build a per person amount into the vote
- Jonny – they only have to pay per person (for facilities and food)
- Kara – why are they asking for more money than the difference between lodging and what the girls pay?
  - Discussion about cost of food – confusion about breakdown of costs
- Josh – motion to table discussion until discrepancies are figured out; Sam second; not passed
- Patrick Yoho – motion to pass \$1100 recommended by Finance Committee; Laura V. second; passed
- Adjourn – motion to close Laura V. and second Ryan C. 6:36pm

\*\*This was cut short because of time constraints.

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Eric Fullterton, President

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Amanda Blunt, Secretary