

- Call to Order – 17:00
- Mission Statement – David Hochstatter
- Introduce Guests
 - Dana LeRoy – Gardening Club
 - Michelle – same
 - Nikko – same
 - Eli – I’m just a civi (that means civilian)
 - Erica Boyd – running for Ballard Senator
 - Sam – same
 - Mandy – just because
 - Amy Wyatt – same
 - Tyler Coopman – IM Coordinator Applicant
 - Jordan McCandless – maybe Mac Senator for next year
 - Michael Oaks – just because
 - Sarah – Interim Senator and going to run
- Approve Minutes
 - Motion to approve – Katie, Sarah W. – second
 - Passed unanimously
- Big E
 - No more elephant ear – new execs, new tradition!
 - Animal Ear headbands!
 - This week, recognizing David Dennis! For the completion of the radio station remodel
- Brian Benzel – regarding budget
 - Vice President for Finance and Administration
 - Coordinate many support services, Facilities, HR, ITMS, Capital Projects, Business, Bookstore, Environmental Health Safety Risk Management
 - Talk about this year, next year budget and Capital Financing
 - Budget adopted in the Spring of the preceding year, presented to trustees, adopted July 1, and time after June 30 is spent reviewing how we did
 - Anticipated enrollment for this year that was short, which created a \$2.1 million revenue shortage
 - How was the budget balance? They made reductions in Academic Affairs, Facilities, Support Services, shift building investments to the future (~\$500,000); you do that a few times in a row and there are unacceptable problems with the buildings; anticipating good retention for the Spring (such that enrollment should be similar to last Spring); we’ve had a light winter, which has also helped
 - Surplus at the end of the year goes into a special fund for one-time investments
 - Currently looking at tuition and financial aid for next year
 - Why does tuition increase?
 - Cover current costs (which are increasing), invest in improvements for Whitworth 2021

- Restoration
- Honors Program
- Adding to fundraising staff to bring more money in
- Increase in medical costs
- Focus on paying people enough to keep them around
- Capital Plan
 - We just heard about new Rec Center (which came out of a student movement)
 - Replacing steam lines which are currently busy heating the ground with insulated pipe (segment between BJ and East ~\$1,000,000) – will end up saving energy costs
 - Tomorrow, presenting \$19,500,000 bond at 7:30am, hoping that they will be sold by 10:00, paying for HUB expansion, Rec Center, cost of bond issue, etc. to be paid back to investors over the next 30-35 years
 - Campus facility fee of \$300/year will be levied next year
- Questions
 - Brittany – in light of the building projects etc, what are the biggest budgetary concerns and is Whitworth planning to grow to compensate?
 - We have made a decision to stabilize enrollment at 2300 traditional undergraduate students (allowing non-traditional and graduate to grow); next year, expect to be at 2250 (though that always fluctuates)
 - \$30 million of list tuition is never collected (because of financial aid and scholarships)
 - Goal – have most of the money devoted to program improvement and stop having to pay for growth
 - Stewart – Why doesn't financial aid increase as tuition does? Since the incoming class gets financial aid proportional to their entering tuition, it seems like we are paying for their financial aid
 - We do evaluate subsequent changes in financial circumstances, but the basic policy is that financial aid is set for four years and tuition goes down; we look at an averaging of financial aid over the four years; it is adjusted to manage the cost; it's still more expensive for each incoming class even though this year they have more financial aid; always trying to figure out what other schools are doing, but we can't figure out until next year; try to get the right balance between merit and need based financial aid to make it possible for students who fit the criteria to come here over the full four years; remember that the first year is not the deal
 - Katie – when are you getting the tuition raise number? Do you have an estimate?

- I'll just leave it to the letter; the \$300 fee will be in the plan and so will a tuition increase; the letter goes out to all students, parents, guardians toward the end of next week
 - Trying to figure out how the federal healthcare plan is going to play out; it's hard to figure out how to provide student access to healthcare affordably
- Laura C. – Honors Program – we know nothing – how are we funding it? How will it affect Whitworth financially?
 - Concept still developmental; the concept was approved by faculty in December; investment in faculty position to coordinate the program
- David H. – how do you plan on measuring the profitability of the Honors program?
 - Not sure we would put that as the metric; we're building assessment frameworks into programs, measured over a long period of time; how does it help students succeed in graduate school and employment? Part of it is that competing schools are doing this program but also we don't want it to be this in name only?
- Sarah – any plans to increase the meal plan options given the HUB expansion?
 - Jim and Dan are always tweaking the meal plans and they are looking at ways of adjusting it based on the developments; Jim will be discussing this with us; communication between Sodexo and ASWU has improved and it seems like they are seriously listening and they'll be keeping up with that so stay in dialog with them
- Yoho – is there an estimate cost associated with the Honors Program?
 - Right now, it's in the \$100,000 range (this is just a rough estimate); usually estimate \$80-90,000 per faculty position (including tax, benefits, office space, equipment)
 - 85% of the money we spend is hiring faculty and staff
 - Budget is in \$60,000,000 range coming from tuition, room and board, endowments, gifts, grants – most of it is spent on people – ongoing, committed cost
- Kara – it sounds like this is going to be a lot of extra work for current faculty members – compensation for them?
 - That's all being factored into program development
- Melinda – this next will be the last question, send questions to Melinda and we'll send them on
- Brittany – how long do you see the \$300 fee happening? Any talk about reforming the Costa Rica Center or a new satellite campus? (Budget drain?)
 - We don't plan on increasing the fee, but will be there for at least the length of the bond

- There is a strategic plan to look at facilities like the CRC, but there are no eminent plans; CRC was a struggle last year, we think it will be better next year; it did come all from university funds; it is being robustly used by outsiders which will generate revenue; other universities looking at partnering with us and having their students come; good trajectory
- FVP
 - Gardening Club – Kipos
 - There's an odd lack of a community garden for a school so focused on sustainability
 - Main problem – summer is the main growing season but people are gone – plan to work with facilities services
 - Plans
 - Harvest festival – food with the food we grew
 - A plot has been approved behind the President's house
 - Lots of student interest (75 people right now)
 - Questions
 - Brittany – what would you do throughout the year as a club?
 - Collect compost
 - During off-growing season, coordinating with greenhouses for potted plants, go on tours of community gardens
 - David – have you considered hydroponics?
 - Yes
 - Yoho – did you ask about start-up funding to get stuff done or will you be asking us? It probably won't be a whole lot, just enough for seeds which is less than \$20, there are tools already
 - Meredith – is this the plot Matthew Baker's been talking about?
 - Yeah, he's the advisor
 - Cherise – would you clear that with the people in the theme house?
 - Yes
 - Cherise – Good, I live there
 - Nate – where is this and how big?
 - It's on Ivanhoe, maybe half the room
 - Yoho – do you have a good plan for Spring and Summer
 - Yeah, we have a pretty good plan; once we start having our meetings, we'll see what our resources and skills are, we have a few committed people over the summer who grew up on farms
 - Yoho – do you have any deadlines/schedules to make sure things get done?

- Yeah, we have a time to start planning; we'll be compiling a list of resources we need to plant during March
 - Katie – you'll need quite a bit of soil, because the soil here isn't very good
 - Stuff has already been planted, so it's more of a continuation of what's been started
 - Brittany – do you plan on collaborating with other clubs?
 - Good Deeds for Trees has been hard to contact; IJM has been enthusiastically supportive; planning to cultivate memberships with local community gardens
- Discussion
 - Laura C. has a letter from Kathy Storm indicating her support; what do you think?
 - Kellie – it sounds weird to me that most of it happen over the summer but the members who aren't here reap the benefits in the fall
 - Evan – gardens create food and food is good so he supports the group
 - Kellie – food's good but maybe a greenhouse
 - Jeff – it was thought through well – answers to all of our questions; they are planning to work with the greenhouse; the garden's already started and now they're working on involving students; it's a good skill to develop
 - Chelsea – the idea is to eventually have their own greenhouse but it's hard to find funding as a brand new club
 - David – hydroponics can be done in the basement with lamps
 - Yoho – motion to approve the club, Sam – second
 - No opposition, passed
- Jubilation – Caleb Klein – artistic director
 - One of the larger and more active clubs
 - Logo Design process going on now! Deadline on Saturday with \$100 prize
 - Spring performance planned for SpringFest weekend, Sunday evening; ticket and maybe T-shirt sales and maybe a surprise at SpringFest
 - Last week was the first week of classes
 - About 45 regular members last semester
 - Participated in CBD as a club
 - Working this semester to present dances at local churches
 - Chelsea – is there any way you can organize a flash mob?
 - In the works, get the information if you attend classes
 - Laura – what classes?
 - Irish, Ballet and Pointe, Tap, Gospel Hula, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop, Men's

- Brittany – have you considered partnering with the Registrar’s office to inform people on Academic Probation through a flash mob?
 - Laura C. just talked to Linda about Unallocated – we were supposed to bring in \$16,000 but we thought it was \$8,000; we might just have \$1900 in Unallocated
 - Sarah – did we have this last year?
 - Yes, this is from fees
 - Stewart – does the revenue come from ASWU student fees? So is this because of low enrollment? I don’t feel like that’s our fault
 - Yes, I think so
 - I’ll probably talk about this more next week when I have more information
- EVP
 - Election in Ballard and Cornerstone
 - Apps open 2/17-2/24 with elections running 2/26 to 3/1 and runoff if necessary on 3/2
 - Chelsea – why are applications open for a whole week?
 - To give time for references, etc.
 - Sarah W. – motion to approve timeline, Evan – second
 - Passed
 - Passing around sign-ups for Leadership Fair
 - Senators and Reps, sign up for one on ones
 - Turn in CBS by the end of February
- President
 - Constituency report – I’m working on it, we’re working on a time to do a mini-retreat for a few hours
 - University Council met today about proposals for money toward programs
 - SpringFest
 - It used to be downtown
 - Now it’s become an internally-focused celebration of who we are and Spring
 - Everyone participates, will be coming up later
 - We always pick a charity to donate proceeds
 - Last year, Jamaican theme for which Yoho had a snazzy rhyme
 - Start thinking of a theme and a charity, e-mail Melinda those things
 - Tradition
 - Entertainment, games, booths, Mr. Whitworth
- Vibes and Reports
 - Kara/Jessica – the Whitworthian got hacked by Moroccans; be honest, you all want my job next year
 - Kara – Grad fair is tomorrow (Jeff and Kara will be there!)
 - Brittany – Battle of the Bands on the 23rd
 - Evan – vibe to turn the dryer doors from the right side to the left side
 - Laura V. – sweatshirt reorder
 - Sarah – everything is good

- Chelsea – CBS meeting tonight
- Nate – Green with Envy 3/10 Weyerhauser
- Stewart – tomorrow night is probably the most awkward thing on the Whitworth campus, so come and you can buy people, there's a lot of participation this year; you can be auctioned as a group this year, making it more comfortable, no credit card
- Katie – CBS meeting – nothing changed; they wanted to put a fine on hair in the shower drain; starting a Tuesday night prayer group at 7:30; if you guys want to do that, talk to her, maybe one in each dorm
- Cherise – lots of interest in theme houses for next year, app due 3/31
- Pam – tomorrow is the last chance to do Senior pictures; do it, tell everyone too
- Pam – you can buy the last 4 books for \$150
- David – hydroponics is not just for marijuana; some aesthetic problems right now, but the new website is almost up, Nathan Reed is our new web person; using iTunes as the new streaming service; hoping to push for campus presence again; heavy-handed advertising to come
- Jeff – sign-ups for SB came out today \$285 for Olympic peninsula backpacking and Spokane rafting; Utah – mountain biking, backpacking, canyoneering
- Sarah W. – free events upcoming for off-campus at Sky High and Dockside
- Brandon – this Saturday is the last home game, angry e-mail about Beach Bum theme (seniors' last game); also worry about girls dressing inappropriately; what do you think? Chelsea – I don't have a problem with the beach thing, but I hear that black outs and white outs get a lot of people out; Laura C. – there's not enough people painting up
- Landon – scheduled intramurals yesterday, they start Sunday
- Christine – choir concert on Sunday was really good
- David – the night before SpringFest, there's a little special dance that we're doing – bigger and better than last year DubClubInDaHub
- Guest – Friday, Mac's primetime is painting up, maybe communicate that across the RAs, so that more primetimes are painting up across campus (Brandon's on it)
- Evan Underbrink – motion to adjourn; Chelsea Stephens – second – 6:17pm