

- Call to Order
- Jonny reads mission statement
- Minutes approved
- Molly: We are now a complete set, minus our theme house rep. Tim is on that.
- New people:
  - ◆ Kevin: BJ dorm senator, from Nevada but he doesn't gamble
  - ◆ Larissa: Duvall/East dorm rep, I really like football
  - ◆ Rachel: BJ/Arend zone rep, weird obsession with Amish people
  - ◆ Faith: Warren zone rep, she rides a unicycle
- Guests: Chelsea (Duvall senator from last year), Kasey, Sarah Powers (club life), Tyler, Mason, John, Jack health advocate, Lauren concord, Danny club Frisbee, Jaime (Concord), Abby (Concord), David (Concord), and Evan (Whitworthian )
- Clubs presentation
  - ◆ Mason, En Christo
    - Make 180 lunches and take them to a low income apartment
    - Build up relationships
    - Send out 150 lunches per week to the homeless
    - Christian ministry about building relationships instead of forcing Christ on people
  - ◆ Sarah Powers, Health Science Club
    - Community health as a whole, not just at Whitworth
    - Want to donate canned food to a food bank
  - ◆ Danny, Ultimate Frisbee Club
    - A lot more freshman interest than expected
    - Planning to send team to at least 5 tournaments
    - Have the chance to be nationally ranked
    - Aaron: How do you become nationally ranked?
    - Danny: You must go to three nationally sanctioned tournaments
- Molly: Star award
  - ◆ Blaine Eldridge: Has been doing an outstanding job and thinking creatively with mountain biking stuff
  - ◆ Jonny Strain: Working so hard on homecoming, advertising and putting everything together
  - ◆ "you're a star, have a cigar!"
- Speakers:
  - ◆ Dick Mandeville
  - ◆ Something confidential that you must be quite about until next week: in the student handbook, there have been three big threes. The cohabitation policy has a sentence that

says, “We believe that sex should only happen in a heterosexual marriage.” Whitworth’s stance has been to not take a side. This is the same approach Whitworth takes towards war. People have said that this statement seems inconsistent. We came up with three decent versions of revising this. We’re going to take our number one choice to the Trustees when they’re here next week. I’d like to answer any questions that you have about this, but they must take it to the board first and then we can have conversation about it. We’re trying to keep the purpose of the policy and also appease students who don’t agree with a biblical view of sexuality

◆ Questions:

- Jonny: If there is really no stance taken, what is the purpose for not having co-ed roommates?
- Dick: We do take a stance; co-ed roommates would be sex outside of marriage and could be disruptive to community.
- Jonny: If a male and female are in no sexual relationship, what stops that from being accepted? What is the difference?
- Dick: The policy is about sex outside of marriage.
- Jonny: I’m saying roommates that have no sexual relationship whatsoever.
- Dick: I see that as separate from this. That would be a poor idea because most people wouldn’t be able to do that and it would affect people around them.
- Molly: How will RAs be prepped for this?
- Dick: This doesn’t change the policy at all. RAs are trained to confront these issues and it would stay exactly the same. It would just be taking the sentence out. The wording aligns with some denominational groups but not the broad spectrum that we want to serve. If we wanted to take a stance we would put it in a different setting.
- Chrissy: As a transparent body, why were we sworn to secrecy about this? When will students be able to have input?
- Dick: I feel like students have had input on this, they have said it was a contradiction and asked why it exists. There were student representatives too. It’s political in the sense that I believe when people hear the rational they will think it makes sense. But I’ve encountered a number of people who think we’re taking a certain stance when they first hear it. We don’t have time to have that conversation prior to this Trustee meeting. We need control on the breadth of this conversation.
- Larissa: What would Whitworth’s action be if they came to know that someone was involved in a homosexual relationship in which they live with their partner?
- Dick: It has happened. We say that we don’t want cohabitation to happen on campus. It would be addressed the same as male and female. We would find different roommate situations.
- Molly: That has to be our last questions. Send more questions to me or Dick.
- Dick: Blaine you look troubled.
- Blaine: My burrito was really spicy.

- Mindy and Terry:
  - ◆ Mindy: This is an initial conversation to get you caught up on the state of the PCUSA and our relationship to them.
  - ◆ Mindy draws out structure of the PCUSA.
  - ◆ Presbytery: Whitworth Presbyterian is part of the inland northwest presbytery.
  - ◆ A church in Idaho would be part of a different presbytery. It's based on geography.
  - ◆ Synod: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and a little bit of Idaho. There are seven presbyteries in the synod.
  - ◆ Dayna: Like football, the Pac 12!
  - ◆ Mindy: The synods are all part of the general assembly. Once a year this assembly meets and there are representatives from all synods and presbyteries.
  - ◆ Whitworth is a PCUSA institution affiliated with a synod. Alaska Northwest is the name of it. A covenant relationship with the synod.
  - ◆ This past year we have learned that this synod is going way December 2013. We can give you more explanation at a later time.
  - ◆ Whitworth now has to decide who they will be in relationship with. This has pushed us to decide whether or not we should continue a relationship with the PCUSA. We have created a task force about what we should think about for the future.
  - ◆ Seth: Does affiliation influence funding?
  - ◆ Mindy: Terry will talk about that.
  - ◆ Dayna: We can't join another synod right?
  - ◆ Mindy: It's geographically locked.
  - ◆ Ian: Why is ours dissolving?
  - ◆ Terry: The seven presbyteries all function to support the ministry of local churches. There are about 50 churches in this area. There is a lot of duplication between individual offices and the synod office. This wastes time, energy, and resources. The seven presbyteries voted last week. It's another layer that is no longer needed and is too expensive.
  - ◆ There are a variety of options. A survey has gone out to all of the employees. Should we also survey the students? Statistically, any year the class is 15-18% Presbyterian. This is a big deal to these students because they have received scholarship money from their local churches and presbyteries. Every year Whitworth students receive these scholarships. There is money on the line in this. In order to compete they must be a part PCUSA and the school must be. We think this would be a mistake but we won't stay affiliated just for financial reasons. We have other students from churches that have left the PCUSA. These churches have joined other denominations. The question for these students is can they participate in these scholarship competitions. I will advocate for these students. It will be necessary to call a meeting among students who are Presbyterians. Do all of you as students want to provide input and what would this look like?

- ◆ Molly: It might be good to go over the options of what we're considering. Should we completely disassociate ourselves or go into another part of the Presbyterian Church? Besides scholarship for students, does the PCUSA give Whitworth money?
- ◆ Terry: We are furthest away from headquarters, out of sight, out of mind. There have been two or three surprise checks for \$1,000-\$1,500. Historically we have received support from primarily West coast churches but this is decreasing.
- ◆ Mindy: I wouldn't discount the power of these relationships. There are many churches who would love to send their students to Whitworth.
- ◆ Molly: That's also an alumni thing.
- ◆ Dayna: By choosing an affiliation, does it show a stance?
- ◆ Terry: One is affiliate, another one is partner, and another one is to serve. The public will put its own content into these words. This will have external consequences that we don't know right now. We aren't owned or governed by the PCUSA so we don't do the exact same things here as they would. We're discussing the implications of these words in terms of what's going on in the denominations.
- ◆ Molly: When this task force was first put together, it was right around the issue of homosexual marriage. This wasn't about this issue, it was because of the breaking off of the synod.
- ◆ Ian: Is it okay for Whitworth to join a presbytery?
- ◆ Mindy: I think it is an option but it seems like a smaller entity to tie ourselves to. The initial response seemed so local, and we're not fully local.
- ◆ Terry: Another option that has come up is APCU. We're already a member of APCU so Beck and I met with this director. We don't have to decide what structure of the Church we will relate to if we are simply an educational institution.
- ◆ Mindy: There is so much turmoil in the Church right now. My opinion is that we are stuck back in this if we affiliate with a presbytery. I think we should associate with something stronger outside.
- ◆ Terry: One thing that is pretty clear is that we don't want to have this conversation again two years from now on the basis of another change. We're trying to find a way that will clarify.
- ◆ Seth: What is the downside of plugging straight into the General Assembly?
- ◆ Mindy: How would you even do that? The presbytery is made up of ordained ministers.
- ◆ Dayna: Would it be like we're a free agent?
- ◆ Mindy: There would need to be an office completely focused on PCUSA colleges.
- ◆ Terry: This is kind of what APCU is. We already have this link.
- ◆ Matt: What's the timeline for making this decision?
- ◆ Terry: The bill is signed every 5 years in June. We would be deciding this anyway. Our responsibility is to bring the Board up to speed next week. There will be some sort of scheduled plan out of this April.

- ◆ Molly: Beck said this May we will basically make a decision. We would like feedback now.
- ◆ Jonny: If there is a way to do a mini education on how this works, especially something with graphics. Even now I'm a little confused. We can't discuss this without understanding.
- ◆ John: We could make a four minute YouTube video.
- ◆ Molly: If we held an information night, the problem we are running into is would students show up. How do we tell students that they will be affected?
- ◆ Nick: Will people really watch the YouTube video? Most people want to watch puppies.
- ◆ Blaine: Educating residence life teams.
- ◆ Pam: Having a meeting with the 15% would be important.
- ◆ Mindy: We would want your voice to be heard in that.
- ◆ Seth: For those of us not in the 10-15%, I still don't understand how this affects me. What is the motivation?
- ◆ Mindy: Does it matter that this school is a part of PCUSA? It seems as if the Presbyterian students will say yes, others might want to just be a Christian college. We need to educate on the history of this to get a good vote. But we can't convince you to care.
- ◆ Dayna: Straw vote on if it's important to be Presbyterian.
- ◆ Jonny: Students might not understand PCUSA but things affect them that they don't realize would. I'm still confused about this.
- ◆ Molly: If we made a list of specific things and said how it would affect Presbyterian students and non-Presbyterian students and sent it out. We could educate residence life and put it in Primetimes. Do you think a survey would then be affective? Another way to get the students voice.
- ◆ Casey: I think people who care about the issue will respond to the survey and others won't. Even if most don't care, those who it does matter to will get their voice out there.
- ◆ Molly: We just want to make sure that it reaches everyone even if they don't care. We want as much input as we possibly can to make the best decision that we can.
- ◆ Caleb: The results from the survey would be skewed because it would just be the Presbyterian people.
- ◆ Mindy: That's why we're here.
- ◆ Molly: We can revisit this once we reconvene. I would appreciate if you continue to think of this and let me know your ideas.
- Matt: Last week we said we would like one 18 inch bike become an 18 inch bike. We also would like to have bike locks.
- Blaine: That is easily done. \$89.94 will need to be added for bike locks.
- Nick: What is Blaine's opinion on getting a smaller frame?
- Blaine: The most accurate way would be to look at who is interested and average the height. I think both can be usable by the general population. I'm for it.

- Ian: What is the maximum height for a 19 inch frame?
- Blaine: You could be seven feet tall.
- Blaine leaves.
- Matt: Can we approve the previous amount and up to \$90 for bike locks with the frames being moved around?
- Approved unanimously.
- Concord requisition:
  - ◆ Matt: The only thing I did was make the change to the bus.
  - ◆ David: Friday night freshman will go to the camp and will have a speaker who talks about the first 40 days of freshman year, playing games and hanging out. Upperclassmen will come Saturday and will help with a service project on the campsite. After that we will have a few short seminars by Whitworth professors. We will also have an optional worship service before heading back to campus. The new number is \$1,048.35. We tried to knock it down as much as we could. The hardest part is not being able to have exact numbers because we don't know how many students will show up.
  - ◆ Tim: Are you going to limit the numbers?
  - ◆ David: Yes, we will have more freshman than upper class. The camp can house up to 100 students. We will cut the freshman off at about 60.
  - ◆ Molly: What did you do about the busses?
  - ◆ Jaime: The first bus quote was for \$580. We found one that quoted us at \$520. That was the lowest we could find. The reason for having a bus for freshman would be safety and keeping track of people. Not very many freshmen have cars anyway.
  - ◆ Nick: So the bus would be just for the freshmen?
  - ◆ Jaime: Yes.
  - ◆ Tim: Is it two trips for the bus driver?
  - ◆ Jaime: Yes.
  - ◆ Molly: Do you know about Feminnight and Mancation?
  - ◆ David: We know it will be a one night combined retreat in the spring. They are trying to look at friendships between genders. We have no connection with this at all.
  - ◆ Matt: Right now what are you planning to charge for registration?
  - ◆ David: Without the \$300, \$15 for upperclassmen and \$25 for the freshmen.
  - ◆ Matt: What is the \$100 for incidentals?
  - ◆ David: If a professor asks us to provide materials for their presentations and for night games on Friday night.
  - ◆ Casey: Is there a certain point where you decide the trip can't happen because you don't have enough people?
  - ◆ David: Just the bus. In terms of the camp we're good.
  - ◆ Ian: Have you already started sign ups?
  - ◆ David: No.

- ◆ Tyler: How will you advertise?
- ◆ David: Posters, Facebook, and word of mouth is out there pretty well.
- ◆ Molly: Do we get the incidental money back if it isn't used?
- ◆ David: Yes.
- ◆ Matt: If we don't give the \$300 what will happen for registration fees?
- ◆ David: They will go down about \$5 if we do get it, they will stay the same if we don't.
- ◆ Laura: I think by how much work they have put in, they will be good stewards of this money.
- ◆ Matt: Unallocated is just under \$11,000 and we have \$800 for retreats.
- ◆ Laura: I think we should do \$250 from the retreat and have the rest come from unallocated.
- ◆ Molly: I think they could take half if mancation and feminight are combined.
- ◆ Ian: I think those might take more money though because a lot of people talk about them.
- ◆ Molly: This is two nights though.
- ◆ Laura: Who would want half of retreat money and who would want one third?
- ◆ Matt: Who wants to give the full amount?
- ◆ Maggie: I don't want to give the \$300 for registration fees because I think the prices are already reasonable.
- ◆ Aaron: It might give incentive for more students to come.
- ◆ Matt: Any money they don't use comes back to us.
- ◆ Laura: motion to give the full amount they are asking for with \$250 from retreat account and the rest from unallocated.
- ◆ Approved
- Tim:
  - ◆ Newsletters by tomorrow at 5:00.
  - ◆ Ratification for CBS.
  - ◆ New contact information with the four new members.
- Molly:
  - ◆ Board of Trustees lunch is Thursday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> in the crows nest. If you're interested let me know by an e-mail.
  - ◆ One of our jobs this week is to support Jonny. If he asks for help, support him in any way that you can.
  - ◆ Jonny: I have sign ups to help at the dance. I think I need five people to help monitor. They will be two hour shifts: 7:30-9:30 and 9:30-11:30.
  - ◆ UNITE update. Next event Oct. 15h at 7:00 there will be a pornography event. We're showing the relationship between pornography and human trafficking. It will be directed towards both men and women. This Sunday at 7:00 in the ABS conference room we're bringing together everyone who wants to be more involved in UNITE. We will ask them to come to a meeting every other week. If you have any questions let me know.

- Coordinator vibes:
  - ◆ Laura: Have the agenda out sooner with topics of speakers
  - ◆ Jonny: Feeling good about homecoming stuff.
  - ◆ Kira: Casey and I are getting sweatshirts together. I'm working with the RISE problem to get volunteers into Spokane schools. Let me know if anyone is interested.
  - ◆ Kelly: Commencement speaker planning and senior class Christmas party.
  - ◆ Ian: Are we having a theme house rep?
  - ◆ Tim: Yes, we are.
  - ◆ Sam: I'm excited to find hipster clothes.
  - ◆ Rachel: I'm excited to be involved.
  - ◆ Chelsea: Someone wants to revise humans vs. zombies
  - ◆ Aaron: We can record now.
  - ◆ Jonny Whitmore: Booty club shirts are coming tomorrow or Friday. I will hand them out Friday and Saturday. There is a kickball tournament coming up. Next week is GSA week.
  - ◆ Pam: Dorm photos are still going on. Seniors who talked about posters, meet with me after this.
  - ◆ Seth: We've already taken proactive steps to talk with neighborhoods about off campus parties. We have an event scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ◆ Caleb: A week from today I'm showing Brave at 7:00.
  - ◆ Marisol: We have our retreat at Davenport next weekend. I'm prepping for institutional diversity committee. I just secured the first event for cultural awareness week.
  - ◆ Blaine: This weekend I had conversations with people interested in what it means to separate from PCUSA. In a little more than a week, fly fishing is happening.
  - ◆ Tyler: Volleyball, dodge ball, and basketball sign ups end October 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◆ Nick: Mac haunted house plans have started. Hopefully it will be awesome.
  - ◆ Caleb: Midnight showing at the Garland, probably the new Batman on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sky High on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.
  - ◆ Kevin: BJ won hipster games today.
  - ◆ Matt: You guys are great.
  - ◆ Molly: This is my first full week back at school.
  - ◆ Tim: Two pinecones fell by me and I didn't catch them.
  - ◆ Adjourn!

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Molly Hough, President

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Angela Vanderbelt, Secretary

