

## ASWU Minutes

11/28/2012

1. Call to order: Molly
2. Mission Statement: Seth
  - a. Jonny: Amen
3. Minutes: motion (Ian), second (Seth), approved
4. Guests: Evan (Whitworthian), Kerry (sustainability committee), Jack Dunbar (lead health advocate), Niko, Dan (community garden), Tyler, Braden (running club), Kasey, Jill (SAC), Emily (green dot), Joel (security officer), Kari, Nick, Pam (green dot), Krystal
5. Clubs
  - a. SAC, Jill Pecka
    - i. Annual coin drive on February 9<sup>th</sup> and men's and women's basketball games. The money will go to "Something to Eat", where 25 cents pays for a meal for someone. The coin drive will be a competition between classes, and there will be four tables for each class at the games. There will be a thermometer to measure progress. We want to let people know about the coin drive before Christmas break and would like to get signs out in the HUB and the dorms during January. We want to raise awareness about the poverty that surrounds us and we hope to raise \$5,000 and find a donor to match that, so \$10,000 total. What would be the best possible incentive, or do we even need one?
    - ii. Blaine: How about a button that says "I won!"
    - iii. Jonny Whitmore: With all of the different faculty advisors, you could do a party with the men's and women's teams afterwards. Maybe like an ice cream thing.
    - iv. Molly: Are other schools involved?
    - v. Jill: Every college in our conference has a SAC group, and every year we have this competition between each college in the conference. The college that wins gets a cool banner. The money is totally for Generation Alive though.
    - vi. Maggie: You could have it so that pennies count against the other classes.
      1. Seth: That's really cool!
    - vii. Jill: We were thinking maybe that every shot that is made could donate a dollar or even parents versus the students. What do you guys think?
    - viii. Larissa: Are you going to advertise to parents at all?
    - ix. Jill: Each year we have athletes walk around with helmets or something and that is when the money doesn't go to the classes, but just to the cause in general.
    - x. Ian: Have you thought about advertising at the game before this one?



- v. Ian: Are you a senior?
- vi. Braden: Yes.
- vii. Ian: Do you know who is taking over next year?
- viii. Braden: I do not.
- ix. Ian: I was just thinking the indoor track could get more people.
- x. Jonny Whitmore: Is Ryan a part of that?
- xi. Braden: I have not worked with him.
- xii. Joel: Are you willing to bring a special guest or athlete to run with you guys?
- xiii. Braden: I am not against that but I haven't looked into it.

6. Star award:

- a. Kelly, just like Rudolph, you saved Christmas for all the seniors!
- b. Ashton, you were the brightest crayon in the box and you had really good ideas about your service project!

7. Speaker:

- a. Kerry Breno (2021 Plan)
- b. The sustainability committee has been around for a while. Most recently it is a group of faculty, administrators, staff, and students. Its purpose is to be a sub group of University Counsel. We can give advice to the president about how to raise awareness and improve our campus sustainability in many areas. The president has signed onto the climate commitment. There is an entire climate action plan that we report on every year. That means things like electricity, water, students driving to campus, and athletes flying to games. We've taken that report and our commitment to the climate action committee and made this an action plan. The sustainability committee is looking at all of our recommendations and seeing what is the most feasible to act on now. We want to incorporate this into the educational component as well. There are subcommittees within the action plan. The first one is on how much stuff we use, thinking about resource conservation. We've been able to start metering our electrical and water use in a more localized fashion. We now have three different stations to monitor how much is being used. Some buildings can track how much electricity they are using. Within facilities we have been working on changing out the light bulbs and there are solar panels on top of the aquatic facility. Whitworth brought in outside investors for those solar panels, which offsets an entire building's worth of energy for Whitworth. Waste purchasing food service and operations is another area. Sodexo is working hard at making us more sustainable. They know exactly how much waste is left in trays so that they can have less next time. Right now the university gets money for our recycling, but once the initial costs go down with the city we may do single-stream recycling. The sustainability challenge is going on through Sodexo and there are good prizes. There is a new Environmental

Studies minor starting next year. It will be led by Grant Cassidy. There was an academic research conference this fall to network people who are interested in doing research on environmental concerns. The last section is things like transportation and travel and funding of sustainability projects. There is a need to prioritize what are our most important projects. Brian Benzel has been very clear about things they are saving on in facilities and that the money goes back into the project. We don't have a great connection as a committee to the students, so we would like to have more participation and feedback on what you would like to see. If you have any ideas I would love to hear them.

- c. Blaine: Are you at all partnered with the garden club?
- d. Kerry: We have a cross-list of people involved.
- e. Ashton: Have you considered increasing the places where you can recycle? I think people will be more likely to recycle if it's easier.
- f. Kerry: The more places we put, the more places it has to be picked up from. Right now we don't think that there are more places that we can support.
- g. Jack: The Costa Rica Center is pretty involved in sustainability as well, can you talk about that?
- h. Kerry: They have solar panels and wind power. They've been doing a large sustainable garden with integrated pest management and not using pesticides. A lot of the topics in Core 350 have a sustainability focus.
- i. Dan: What is the status of the property with Whitworth?
- j. Kerry: We've located some of the astronomy equipment there and there has been a lot of field work out there with the water supply. The goal of the property is to build a retreat center for 12-20 people. Right now we don't have that built; it will take a little more time.
- k. Jack: Grant uses a lot of that land for research.
- l. Laura: Where is that property?
- m. Kerry: About 40 minutes north of Whitworth.
- n. Nick: Last year we did the Avista challenge.
- o. Kerry: That was just off of electricity and was per dorm. We may still do an Avista challenge in the spring depending on how we do our metering.
- p. Tim: Will there be a way that off campus students can take part in the Sodexho challenge?
- q. Kerry: Yes, all students can participate.
- r. Molly: Is the Sodexho challenge still happening? I know they announced some winners last week...
- s. Kerry: If it happened I was somehow out of that loop.
- t. Meredith: Do you know if there is any plan to bring water bottle filling stations into the dorm?
- u. Kerry: They will be slowly brought in because they are about \$1,000 each.

- v. Meredith: Our students are paying money to bring water in right now because they don't like the quality of what they are getting out of the tap.
  - w. Taylor: What else in the dorms do you plan on changing?
  - x. Kerry: We want to be really careful that our first changes bring immediate resources back so we can put more money into projects. We are encouraging automatic door closing on exterior doors and lights changing. We will then work on figuring out where we have a lot of waste.
  - y. Seth: I think that the water bottle filling stations in the dorm could have a competition or fundraising for this. Some of the dorms really do want that and it might be a way to get the money without spending the money.
8. FVP
- a. Green Dot Requisition
  - b. Taylor: We're requisitioning funds for Green Dot, which will launch in February. The initiative began last spring and we've laid groundwork. Specific sub groups have been exposed and so have several people at the table right now. We're requisitioning for money for posters, giveaways, other little expenses. We want to get lanyards, cups, stickers, and a big poster. There will be contests where these will be given away.
  - c. Emily: Right now we don't have any money for marketing supplies. We have gotten money for Dorothy Edwards to come in; she is very sharp and passionate. Speakers and Artists are bringing her to campus on a Wednesday evening. The Business Affairs office has paid a small amount as well. We were also given \$5,600 to launch the whole thing. The grant has been limited to three areas and can't pay for the marketing.
  - d. Taylor: We wanted to ask ASWU to grant this money because we believe that it will uphold the mission of ASWU and Whitworth University. We hope that this will help our community grow and will increase security and safety.
  - e. Matt: The official number is \$2,000.
  - f. Caleb: Have you guys looked at things that have been done well at Gonzaga?
  - g. Taylor: They have really cool posters that are placed throughout campus.
  - h. Emily: Pam started meeting with Gonzaga and other schools to talk about the launch and getting advice from them.
  - i. Caleb: Has there been quantitative reports of decreased violence?
  - j. Pam: The reports actually go up because people start talking about assaults that take place.
  - k. Nick: How are students going to be involved specifically?
  - l. Taylor: We're hoping to get students involved to be green dots who will stop the violence, not only on campus but off campus as well.
  - m. Emily: There is bystander training that is six hours, other students could come to hear Dorothy, and the Green Dot committee can do short sessions in classes.

- n. Nick: Do we have any idea as far as things that have happened in our community?
- o. Pam: Legally all reports have to submit a report. They've noticed that you can teach statistics, but they weren't coming down. They found that 60% there is a bystander who could have stopped the situation from happening. It is practical and do-able. It is a proactive intervention.
- p. Jonny: Is Sodexo donating a lot of money for the appetizers?
- q. Pam: We didn't know how many people we would be serving, so it's a hard number to get.
- r. Emily: The total cost is good, but the quantity is wrong.
- s. Jonny Whitmore: So a committee was formed about abuse and assault on campus, are you working with them on any initiatives?
- t. Emily: Yeah they really do overlap. One of the things that has come up is the use of language and intimidation. We haven't formally been a part of that specific committee, but there have been conversations.
- u. Tyler: How are you planning on giving away the prizes?
- v. Emily: The hope is one per person, which is why there are so many.
- w. Nick: What is unallocated at?
- x. Matt: \$6,500.
- y. Maggie: Can we suggest that they don't do temporary tattoos?
- z. Jonny: Some of the items on there I'm not sure about.
- aa. Seth: And I don't understand the cups.
- bb. Meredith: Part of their training is like, are you watching your cup? All of these items make sense with their program. Emily has been working so hard on this.
- cc. Molly: Green Dot sent out information about the assaults taking place to everyone who has taken part in the program.
- dd. Joel: I have seen this prosper in other colleges. Now they no longer need the student government to fund them. I think it's a great way for Whitworth to make ourselves safer.
- ee. Matt: How about a straw vote for the full amount. I'm seeing a lot of thumbs down, can we talk about that?
- ff. Laura: I think we should take out the temporary tattoos.
- gg. Dayna: Would you rather have that money go towards another item on that list?
- hh. Laura: Well this would be a third of unallocated.
- ii. Matt: Would we feel better if we take out the tattoos.
- jj. Seth: It saves us less than \$100.
- kk. Samantha: I just feel like students won't really use them.
- ll. Blaine: What if we recommended with the tattoos that they put them on right on the spot because it would be a good marketing tool.
- mm. Matt: Is there a different amount that someone wants to put out?
- nn. Maggie: Just take out that \$82.

- oo. Rachel: Could we suggest something else that people could wear?
- pp. Ian: Is this a bulk thing or are they buying it all at the same time?
- qq. Molly: I think it would still be individually bought.
- rr. Larissa: I like the pin idea.
- ss. Nick: I don't think I would use any of that stuff, so I think we could spend a little bit less money and lower the amounts and it would still have the same effect.
- tt. Pam: The price could go up if they ordered less.
- uu. Jonny Whitmore: It might not impact it that much, but could we ask them what it would be if they cut the quantities in half?
- vv. Ian: Do they have time to rework that and come back?
- ww. Molly: I think since the launch is in February and we only have one meeting in January, they are just trying to be as prepared as possible.
- xx. Dayna: If there is an amount you feel more comfortable with, you could give that to them with your suggestions.
- yy. Nick: What about \$1,200.
- zz. Ashton: I think \$1,700.
- aaa. Maggie: Why?
- bbb. Ashton: I want to change just the giveaway items. I feel like \$1,700 would just reduce this area. Motion to pass this for \$1,700.
- ccc. Kevin: Second
- ddd. Approved for \$1,700.
- eee. Matt: So we don't like the tattoos and we want pins. I need all receipts turned in by the Friday before finals week.
- fff. Ian: So if we don't have a receipt for the holiday party can we turn it in later?

#### 9. EVP

- a. There is an opportunity to put on a service project on December 8<sup>th</sup> right before break. He would like us to set an example during the season of giving and maybe get specific halls involved.
- b. Jonny Strain: Did he have projects in mind?
- c. Tim: Not really. This is a more campus wide service project. He knew it was an ambitious goal. We will have our meeting next Tuesday and our Christmas party next Wednesday. Wear Christmas sweaters if you have them. We're going to do a white elephant, so a gift between \$5 and \$10. Senators, we will have two more newsletters.
- d. Ian: Just put a big picture of Tim!
- e. Tim: That would be weird!

#### 10. President

- a. I apologize for the miscommunication on communion. I'm going to give you a handbook update. The cohabitation wording has been passed on to the board of trustees, and they are struggling with that quite a bit.

- b. Ian: What is it changing again?
  - c. Molly: The definition of cohabitation. We also were in the student life committee and because of marijuana being passed in Washington it was decided to be put in the student handbook. It will be put right under alcohol. This decision will go to the board of trustees. Blue poles are being implemented on campus as another safety thing. UNITE is currently applying for a grant for up to \$2,000 for the capstone week. We're also working on a video and a vision to present to all of you. This Sunday we're having the Dream Workshop. We're inviting anyone and everyone. We'll give a 15 minute presentation and then you will split up into groups and come up with your best ideas about how to combat human trafficking.
11. Coordinator Reports/vibes:
- a. Kevin: Christmas party is this weekend.
  - b. Ryan: Sky High is coming up.
  - c. Caleb: I'm showing The Grinch next Tuesday.
  - d. Maggie: The Christmas decorations look great and the Christmas party is this Saturday.
  - e. Kelly: Senior class Christmas party is next Friday.
  - f. Laura: East Hall Ball is this Friday. It is 20's themed and it will be awesome.
  - g. Hillary: The choir Christmas party is this weekend.
  - h. Larissa: Excited for East Hall Ball.
  - i. Aaron: The radio station is sponsoring East Hall Ball.
  - j. Blaine: Don't work with Schweitzer.
  - k. Marisol: I finalized the Chinese New Year's event. Act 6 senior presentations are on Friday at 5:00.
  - l. Nick: Christmas party Saturday.
  - m. Rachel: Deck the Halls is in Arend this Sunday.
  - n. Chelsea: I'm picking up sweatshirts on Friday.
  - o. Kira: We're decorating Stewart on Saturday.
  - p. Samantha: Let me know about last minute events for December.
  - q. Ian: Warren holiday party is on Sunday night.
  - r. Jonny Strain: Monday there is free ice skating.
  - s. Ashton: Department chairs committee meeting did a survey of things students want at the library and they talked about summer school. They also talked about the honors program. I'm excited for the service project. Duvall will be showing White Christmas on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - t. Jonny Whitmore: Three home games this weekend.
  - u. Tyler: Intramural championships start on Sunday.
12. Adjourn: motion, second, approved