

ASWU Minutes

2/13/2013

1. Call to order: Molly
2. Mission statement: Marisol, this past weekend we decided to come up with a new campaign for Postsecret, which has stimulated a lot of passion within our council. Tyler, passion was lived out when I saw Green Dot.
3. Minutes: motion, second, approved
4. Guests: Clint is here representing Warren today, you will be voting on whatever voting issues come up. Curtis, Austin, Troy, Eli, Daniel, Amanda, Aubie, Hannah, Evan, Lori, Eric, Sammi, Remi, Tyler, Nathan, Nathan, Reed, Tyler, David, Jack, John, Kasey, Tad
5. Speakers:
 - Chef Tim here to talk about Sodexo. I've been with Sodexo for about five years, and I've been a chef for about thirty five years in various places. I worked on a ship on the Columbia River and I really liked it in this part of the country, so we decided to come here. I want to develop a promotional calendar of events of things that we're doing more. For example, a Japanese promotion where we have things that are connected with a contest nationally. We can connect more through the school newspaper and social media. We're also going to work on more healthy dining options. Healthy Wednesday will feature healthy desserts. We now have cards at the stations with the nutritional information. You can also scan the cards to get information on your smartphone. We've also added an action station that we're doing Monday through Wednesdays. This week we had chicken crepes. These are like made to order items. To improve communication we created a new position with Jill Rankin.
 - Jill: I'm now going to be working with campus based marketing strategies. Students are our main market. We have already re-launched our Facebook page and I'm working on posting the daily specials every day. We'd love to interact more with the Whitworthian and to build engagement with Sodexo staff and students. Those are great relationships. We'd always love to hear feedback. I'm a good liaison between students who might have a question.
 - Ian: What's the Facebook page?
 - Jill: Whitworth dining by Sodexo. I know everything seems to have a Facebook page, so feel free to share our page! We'd really like to get out there!
 - Aaron: The little barcode things have made one class a lot easier! In Personal Health we have to do a daily food log, and trying to find all of the information for Sodexo used to be really difficult, so thank you!
 - Daniel: Sometimes you have what's available displayed on the TV's at the stations and sometimes you don't. It's great when you do!
 - Jill: Those are a little finicky; sometimes they just don't go up!

- Tyler: I just want to say I appreciate the work you're doing!
 - Maggie: I've heard a lot of positive feedback on the sandwich bar so thank you so much for bringing that back!
 - Jill: Jrankin13@my.whitworth.edu, timothygrayson@sodexo.com Contact us with anything!
 - Molly: Guests, just know that you're input is welcome too!
 - Ian: When we fill out our FRFs, do you want us to go through the website for Sodexo or do you want us to come talk to you?
 - Jim: I think it's best to come talk to us.
 - Blaine: Will you be doing any flex dollar promotions?
 - Jill: We'll do food oriented promotions.
 - Tim: I want to run different types of specials, like weekly sandwich specials. I'd like to see us keep it fresh and new all the time in there.
 - Jim: If we can fit it, which I think we can, in the Fall we'll have Jamba Juice in the Café!
 - (loud cheers and applause!!!!)
 - Molly: Are you going to be doing more of the sustainability challenges in the spring?
 - Jim: There is another sustainability challenge scheduled in the Spring. April is our "green" month.
 - Maggie: Can you speak a little bit to your sustainability coordinator?
 - Matt: Sodexo has offered to pay the salary for the sustainability coordinator, so we will have this position on our team!
 - Maggie: Will that take effect next year?
 - Dayna: Yes!
 - Molly: For budget committee, the best time ever, that is when we will divvy out the salary and everything.
 - Dayna: We added a much bigger coordination with Sodexo and the Whitworth sustainability committee.
 - Jim: ASWU will send me a note about what this position will cost, and then we'll send funds from our budget to cover this cost.
 - Sammi: I have allergies and you guys are so great about always providing options!
 - Jim: There may be some people out there who don't know what we can offer, so we'd like to continue to get the word out about this!
6. Star Award: Jonny Whitmore gets a big foam hook! He does promotion for all of the basketball games and tournaments, and he just rocks his job! Thank you for all your work! Aaargh! Aaron has been putting a ton of work and planning into the radio station

and he is just rocking it out! You haven't been a fuzzy fingers and you've been working hard!

7. Requisitions:

- Hannah Charlton, assistant for Whitworth University permanent art collection
- Most artwork that you see around campus actually belongs to the university. The four paintings that are currently in the dining hall were done by a Whitworth professor. They are valued at over \$8,000. The artist has offered to give us two paintings if we buy the other two since we don't actually own them yet. We're asking for \$1,100 to purchase these paintings and put them in the permanent art collection.
- Tad: Since these are painting of Whitworth professors by a Whitworth professor, they are very valuable, especially as parts of Whitworth history. If we don't buy them within the next few months we will have to give them back to the artist. The class of 1991 gave half of the cost, and another anonymous donor gave a fourth of the cost, so we're asking for the last fourth of the cost. The art committee brings its full support of these paintings, but there is no university budget for purchasing art.
- Blaine: What are the guiding principles by which you determine which pieces of art are of interest of the university to acquire?
- Tad: Mostly because these artworks are done by a Whitworth faculty member and are of Whitworth faculty. We are certainly interested in collecting artwork that is connected to this community. We also want to get pieces that will educate students about artwork. We used to not have very much art permanently displayed, but over the last ten years as we've constructed more buildings, we've worked really hard at putting up pieces that are a good fit.
- Tyler: What do these paintings have on them?
- Tad: The four pieces that are already hanging in the HUB. They have faces on them. The lighting in this location was done to have art there.
- Maggie: Can you walk me through the math, it's not working out in my mind.
- Tad: The numbers are a little slippery because money has come in at different times. The numbers are approximate.
- Larissa: If this money isn't obtained, they will undoubtedly be taken away from Whitworth?
- Tad: Yes, and the other money that has been given would go to other things.
- Kevin: If you weren't able to buy these four frames, it would be a lot more expensive to replace four other pictures?
- Tad: It depends. We want it to be artwork that the students would be interested in and that the Art Committee approves of it. What you don't realize when you're standing there is that those are very large pieces. To find other pieces that large would not be inexpensive.

- Tyler: What are the policies on hanging student art?
- Tad: The institution doesn't necessarily purchase student art to have as a permanent piece. Only one piece of art is added each year from a senior student. We are always looking for work with a connection to the university.
- Tyler: If you didn't get the money by the deadline, what would you do with the money?
- Tad: The contract with the artist was buy two, get two. But that doesn't mean that we couldn't revisit that conversation. Part of the interest in our committee was that they are a set of paintings that look good together. At this point there is not provision that we've made in the gifts to purchase less than all four.
- Marisol: So there hasn't been any student voice to the Art Committee on this purchase?
- Tad: There are student representatives on the Art Committee.
- Jonny Whitmore: Do you have any data on the student reception of this art in general?
- Tad: I don't have any data of student reception of art on the campus in general. We like to purchase art that will add another layer of experience and exposure to things that will cause you to think differently about art in general.
- Ian: Is it possible just to have student art fill up the HUB over these areas?
- Tad: You would have to work out as ASWU who would make those decisions. If it is a temporary installation, it isn't really part of the Art Committee. You won't find a lot of interest in something like this in the Art Department. You can't guarantee what the quality of the art will be, and you'll have to have a budget because bringing art into these areas requires a lift. There are a lot of issues you'd have to address with that over time.
- Ian: We decided to table this on Sunday, because we didn't feel like we had enough information from students. We just don't know what student response would be.
- Pam: We talked about whether or not students were positively responding to these paintings. On the survey earlier in the year we had a lot of negative feedback to these paintings.
- Jonny Whitmore: Just because they have done a lot of work doesn't mean that it is a good use of our money.
- Matt: This would come out of capital that is sitting at over \$13,000.
- Tyler: I think it's beautiful art, but I don't really have a connection to those professors.
- Maggie: In talking to students about the art, I haven't heard any positive responses.
- Ryan: This is hard for me, because I'd rather have a picture of like a waterfall. If we had a huge art division of the school, I think that would be better than in the

HUB where a lot of people don't really understand it or appreciate it. I don't think a lot of people have liked it as far as I've heard.

- Jack: I think since it's coming out of capital, you should go ahead and spend it because it does add to the history of Whitworth. They are pretty artfully done, like the tone of the paintings and the shading and stuff. The faces are very well sculpted, even though I personally don't like them. That's the beauty of art. Just because they are in the HUB right now doesn't mean you have to keep them there.
- Hillary: I kind of second what Jack said. I think the art has been well done and it is connected to the Whitworth history. All of those paintings go together, so when you hang them up in a spot that is meant for four paintings to be hung, it's good that they can all relate to each other. It will be unlikely for four other paintings to look good there.
- Jonny Whitmore: I don't disagree, but I think that for the use of capital, I don't see very much value added to the students.
- Caleb: Most people won't know that it's connected to an art professor, even though that's cool. If they do know they probably won't care.
- Aaron: Is it possible that we could table it and see what the student reception is? We could do a survey of the students.
- Tim: We already do have hard data, but we can discuss that.
- Jack: A huge part of the money comes from donors and I think it would be really frustrating for them to not see the money that they put forth for that project go to that.
- Molly: I would just echo what Jack said. They didn't come to us first. They have gone to a lot of different avenues first, which is important to keep in mind.
- Evan: Because you didn't ask specifically about this on the Temperature Survey, you aren't getting accurate data on this, so I wouldn't use this data.
- Tyler: Going along with that, if we give them money and later on we find out that people didn't like it then that is bad.
- Jonny Strain: I would be in favor of tabling it and sending out a survey.
- Mackenzie: I'm just worried that if we don't give the money we won't ever get any paintings there.
- Matt: Does anyone want to motion to table?
- Motion, second, approved.

8. Requisition:

- Duvall is requisitioning for a TV because theirs is currently broken. We're requisitioning for \$1,049.
- Ashton: I'm willing to contribute \$400 from my budget, and the RAs set aside \$150. The cost of the TV we are looking at is \$1,599.
- Troy: I've spent about ten hours doing research on this TV. We have a really big room on fourth floor. TV will work best to fill this space. Also, we need a TV that

has a wide viewing angle. We need a TV with a lot of inputs, this TV has four HDMI's. This TV has WiFi and Netflix built into it, and these features don't cost extra. We are TV that is the best bang for the buck. This TV is energy efficient. IT's LED so it uses less electricity; it costs \$21 to operate per year. This TV has good reviews. This TV has 4.5 out of 5 stars from Wal-Mart. Amazon also has 4 out of 5 stars, which I think is really good. Vizio claims that his LED panel will last thirteen years if it is on for five hours every day. We can secure eight to ten years out of it.

- Eli: Our movie room is probably our number one physical asset in our dorm. It is pre booked way ahead of time. We put up a calendar and it is filled up way ahead of time. We have Bachelor going on right now with over forty girls and a couple of guys. I know you are asking if this is excess, but it will last a long time. There are 160 people in Duvall, and we're asking for about ten percent of capital. We don't ask for this often.
- Troy: If you give us this amount right now, we're going to road trip to Oregon this weekend to buy this TV without sales tax.
- Tim: What's the price difference between a sixty five inch and a seventy inch?
- Eli: It depends.
- Caleb: I think that's a really good price for the size and brand of TV.
- Tyler: Comparing to other dorms, what is the size of their TVs?
- Troy: I don't know.
- Tyler: Did you look at the military base? I've heard they have good prices?
- Troy: Costco extends their warranties and they're right down the road.
- Maggie: What did you have that broke?
- Eli: A fifty five inch.
- Maggie: Has it been sufficient?
- Troy: We want to go bigger.
- Kevin: Do they make these things refurbished at all?
- Troy: This is an investment; we don't want to buy a refurbished TV.
- Eli: The TV we have right now is pretty clearly on its last leg.
- Ashton: The warranty doesn't stand the same for a refurbished TV.
- Tyler: You're going to hold events right?
- Troy: We have people from all over come to watch TV in our movie room. That is part of the investment.
- Jonny Strain: How long is the warranty?
- Troy: Two years. We will mount it for security reasons.
- Caleb: What are you planning to do with the old TV?
- Ashton: It doesn't work.
- Caleb: You could probably sell it to somebody to make at least \$100.

- Mackenzie: Have you looked into how much mounting it will cost?
- Eli: We will do that with our RA budget.
- Tim: Can RAs spend their budget in this way?
- Eli: This has been given the green light by Emily.
- Meredith: It is student money that funds our budget. As long as the money is still going back towards student use.
- Jonny Whitmore: With a seventy inch, it will make it more desirable to be there. Is that going to really benefit the campus community? I don't think that's necessarily a valid argument.
- Samantha: I've gone over there a lot and used their movie room, so I think other dorms really do use that space.
- Ryan: I think seventy is excessive. Year to year you never know if it will really get used or not.
- Jack: I think you guys should do it.
- Nick: We did look up a sixty inch of the same brand, and it was \$600 less.
- Tyler: I saw that a sixty five inch was \$100 less.
- Daniel: In terms of dorm jealousy, we have to understand that Duvall was crafted specifically with a movie room.
- Ian: I know they've put in a lot of research, we're just saying that seventy inches seems like a bit too much. But I do know you guys need a new TV.
- Larissa: The only thing we're saying negative I think is the money, so I think we should probably just spend it.
- Jonny Whitmore: I'm just curious about how much of a difference the sixty inch would make in this huge room.
- Tim: If it's true that they're similar in price then I think it would be worth it.
- Matt: Does anyone want to make a motion?
- Maggie: Motion to table this until a time that they have looked into a smaller TV, sixty inches.
- Second, approved.

9. Coordinator reports/vibes:

- Seth: Ryan and I have been discussing doing an off campus night at McClain's to rent out the restaurant for the night.
- Tyler: Intramural signups are still going.
- Jonny Whitmore: Home games are done for basketball, and I'll update you next week with what is going on for playoffs.
- Maggie: Awkward Middle School dance is on Friday.
- Blaine: March 1st we have a ski van. No Valentine's Day plans.
- Kevin: A lot of people in BJ are looking forward to the Awkward Middle School dance.

- Hillary: I had a meeting with Cameron Williams the other day and we talked about getting some theme houses involved in the Spokane Block Party. We also talked about organizing an end of the year barbeque.
- Marisol: We decided to continue doing Postsecret. I took it down because of Green Dot, but it will be coming up really quickly. This is a campaign where you submit cards with a secret part of your identity and the cards are posted up. I also secured that Cas Haley will be coming in a few weeks.
- Seth: I think Postsecrets were forcibly taken down a few years ago.
- Marisol: From what I understand, this was a fight that they didn't want to have last year.
- Ashton: What's the MAC?
- Marisol: The multicultural advisory council.
- Kelly: The senior fair is next week.
- Pam: Senior photos are next Tuesday and Wednesday for free and you don't need an appointment.
- Chrissy: The first issue comes out next week!
- Caleb: There is a coffee shop show tomorrow night at 7:00.
- Aaron: Expect a schedule to show up in your boxes soon.
- Tyler: Saturday the 16th Boppell is going to do mini golf. I went to the Daniel Carter memorial and it made me really sad.
- Kira: Stewboppage had a mini retreat and it was good.
- Chelsea: We've been having really good discussions in Arend.
- Jonny Strain: Unplugged is next Thursday the 21st at 7:00.
- Ian: Today at the University Council we talked about a survey that only goes out to freshmen and seniors. We're going to be changing some of the goals.
- Samantha: I'm throwing away the Primetime website, send me events for March!
- Ashton: The Green Dot event is tonight at 7:00 so you guys should all go. There are Crush sales downstairs for the New York mission trip to be sent to your friends for Valentine's Day.
- Tim: Newsletters. One on ones, my office hours are going to have to change and I'll have to resend stuff out. The leadership fair is coming up, we'll talk about that on Tuesday.
- Molly: Spokane Block Party will be forming committees for the next GE330. Think about which committees you would like to be on. I'm going to send out an e-mail, but on the 20th we are doing the temperature survey. Please take the time to send me questions that you would like to have on that survey.
- Matt: The sustainability coordinator position is pretty cool.
- Motion to adjourn, second, approved.