

ASWU Minutes

3/13/2013

1. Call to Order: Molly Hough, ASWU president
2. Mission statement: Faith
3. Minutes: motion, second, approved
4. Guests: John, Mike, Justin, Kevin, Katie, Troy, Katie, Sarah, Kasey, Josh, Linnea, Joel, Sergio
5. Star Award:
 - Jonny Strain and Caleb, you guys have been putting on tight programs, so here's a tight shirt!
6. Speaker:
 - Larry Burnley, diversity committee
 - I serve as the vice president for diversity and cultural relations. Back in September Beck Taylor called into being the institutional diversity committee that reports to the university counsel and it gives leadership to the development and implementation to the objectives in the strategic plan. It also serves as an advisory to Beck's cabinet. It's representative of faculty, staff, and students. We've met and Beck called for us to establish a subcommittee to assess university practices and policies as it relates to bias and harassment. The diversity committee had a day long retreat during Jan term to develop a sense of team and visioning for that group. You may or may not have heard of the consultant we have secured to help with our assessment process. We want to assess the activities, programs, and initiatives that seek to develop intercultural competency. We're doing a campus wide assessment with data going back five years asking the question of what we are doing to achieve our objectives in the area of diversity. We want to see how effective we have been and how we know that. Now we're launching this data collection process that will go through early May. We are hoping to have some findings by early June. One has to do with general education requirements as it relates to American diversity and global perspectives. We're asking how effective these courses are in achieving the goals for these two areas. We are looking at syllabi and it is a very ambitious undertaking. We're hoping to raise a greater sense of awareness of what we're doing well and where we can still improve in the future in regards to development of programming and allocation of funding. We also want to look at a comprehensive campus climate survey. Under the leadership of Esther Louie and Doug Sugano we have looked at the climate for underrepresented students. This survey will be interested in all groups of the Whitworth community. There will be a lot of PR about developing incentives for student, faculty, and staff participation. These assessments are geared towards us having a better sense of where we are and having a more inclusive community for

all staff, faculty, and students. We believe that everyone benefits from this type of community and an increasingly multicultural society. The article today that talked about harassment I thought was well done. We're just now getting started and looking at what the university has made for recommendations. I'm actually leaving the University for a Job at Central Michigan University, mostly because my family is there. It's clear that is the best decision for us, but I'm thankful to have contributed to the mission statement here. I'm here through the middle of June and I will push to collect this data and advance these assessments. Thank you for the opportunity to come and share.

- Tyler: Would you want senators to go to the dorms to ask these questions?
- Larry: Yes, we can't have too much data! We are talking about the best way to funnel the data. I want student feedback.
- Jonny Whitmore: How can we as student government help with this whole process that you're going through? What can we do to help students report these incidents?
- Larry: For one, just be familiar with what we already have in place. You as student leaders get information that often doesn't come to our attention for real and or perceived instances of bias. Create the space here to talk about where we are strong as an institution and where we are lacking. Come to the university counsel, student life, and staff with recommendations. Your voice is significant and very powerful and influential. Talk to your counterparts at the institution to see what works and what doesn't work. Let your concerns be known in voice and writing. Encourage students to report though! We want to make reporting safe, we're thinking about anonymous options. We want to instill confidence in the students in terms of responses that they might have witnessed or experienced personally. There is a lot of ignorance out there about a lot of different groups still and I think we need to create a safe place where students can engage in these topics, which will hopefully reduce some instances that are done largely through ignorance.
- Sergio: How will the survey be targeted and will it have to do with different interest groups on campus? Will it seek to compile that data as well?
- Larry: The actual instrument will be created by Whitworth and the consultant. There will be focus groups to decide on questions that the community wants to address. Surveys are meant to be anonymous for safety, but if we have a category of African male administrator, there is no anonymity there. There are ways in which to protect anonymity without excluding perspectives from various groups around. The reason why we're doing this in a comprehensive measure is because we don't want anyone to think that their lens of how they see Whitworth is not important. We will be able to see how different groups experience Whitworth in different ways. It's kind of an anxiety producing experience because we need to

be moving more towards what God is calling us to be. The data that we find will be held up against national benchmarks, and we're going to learn from that. The consultant will come with their findings and recommendations. We'll take that data and will use it to strengthen the arguments. I know we have a senior leadership team that I believe is authentically committed to advancing and this data will give us clarity and validity. We're going into this as objectively as possible.

- Maggie: Will the results of the surveys be available for student access?
- Larry: Absolutely! Same with the climate survey.
- Molly: Is self-reporting in place currently or is that something that's being worked on?
- Larry: I don't think the anonymous reporting is up and running yet. A number of universities who have implemented it are now backing off of it. There is a little more research we need to do on the pros and cons before we jump right in. The short answer is no, it is not up and running.
- Molly: Can you share some of the reasons of why some universities are backtracking with the anonymous reporting?
- Larry: It's giving the opportunity for some students to report things that aren't actually happening. It's hard to verify and people have really abused it.
- Dayna: I think each institution is responsible for reporting in an official report instances of discipline and I think the institutions are afraid of this because you would have to report them.
- Ian: With you leaving in June, have you already started the process of looking at someone to fill in your position?
- Larry: The cabinet decided, and I think this was a good idea, to get the data before they decide how to move forward with the position so it can be utilized in the most efficient way. I'm the first person in this position and the position has changed in a number of ways for various reasons. There hasn't been a decision for an interim, but Rosetta Rose will be the point person for the consultant. The hope is that sometime early to mid-fall there may be a search that is launched. That's my hope, not Beck or the cabinet.

7. Yearbook editors, Pam and Linnea

- Pam: We are starting to talk about how we will distribute yearbooks this year. It is completely different because everyone is getting a yearbook.
- Linnea: We are thinking 5:30-7:30 on Monday the 13th in the multipurpose room. Do you think this time is good? Last year we did it during Primetime. We also want to talk about incentives to get students to come and how to get the word out.
- Jack: In the past haven't you done yearbooks for several days?
- Pam: We have one premier event and then they are at the Info desk for the rest of finals week. How does the time sound to you guys?

- Tyler: I think that 5:00 might work better since dinner starts then.
- Ian: So there are three times as many yearbooks, do you think it will get really crowded?
- Pam: I think it will help to have it in the multipurpose room, but that is something we're looking at. Does dinner time sound good to people? (yes nods)
- Larissa: Do you think dinner time would be difficult for off campus students? Maybe do it during the day like 3:30-5:30? I think both times are good though.
- Maggie: You could probably do like two sections, like 3:30-7:00.
- Jonny: What about working with the off campus senator and rep and their barbeque?
- Ryan: Yeah.
- Pam: What are thoughts on incentives? We talked about having Beck come or a panel of professors. What would make you want to come?
- Tim: The fact that I've already paid for them, which is a good thing! That wasn't supposed to sound bad!
- Ian: I think a photo booth would be cool.
- Jack: Why do people need an incentive?
- Pam: We've had people who have paid and still didn't come.
- Seth: I think a Sunday sundae thing would be kind of cool.
- Caleb: Is the goal to have a big event or just to get them out?
- Pam: We want to make it more of a celebration.
- Caleb: If the goal is just for people to get them, what if you put a certain amount in each dorm and had them hand them out.
- Ian: I think it would be kind of fun to have it outside.
- Larissa: Senators can put in in newsletters for advertisement.
- Blaine: Could we get a Whitworth jazz band to play during it?
- Seth: Yeah, then it's really like an ice cream social!
- Rachel: Could we have dinner on the lawn and a stage for music and stuff?
- Guest: Our theme is retro this year, so if you can plan that into advertisement at all that would be good.
- Jonny Whitmore: Is it a possibility to just tell them they have a package waiting for them? HAHA!
- Joel: Will you be making a YouTube video to advertise?

8. Spokane Bloc Party, Caleb

- Caleb: Kasey and I went to the Service Station to talk about our ideas last week. In the café we will move the tables and there will be a small stage against the wall for small Whitworth bands and whatever we want to do. Here is the event center. We are talking about doing all the booths during the day around the perimeter of

the room and having pipe and drape in front of the stage so that bands can set up during the day. Then we will set up for the benefit concert at night.

- Kasey: There is also a conference room that can be utilized upstairs.
- Seth: Good.

9. Coordinator reports/vibes

- Ashton: The heads of the different committees should send everything they have to me so we're all on the same page.
- Samantha: Jonny and I are working on a social media campaign. We're going to do a drawing for the people who have liked our page. The winners will get a \$10 gift card, so tell your friends to like it!
- Ian: My starbursts are melting in here. Expect e-mails soon from myself about Warren Peace. We will send out information about people who want to perform.
- Mackenzie: Pass
- Jonny Strain: I'm trying to bring in a spoken word poetry night at the end of April. Next Thursday at 7:00 is Unplugged.
- Caleb: Friday there will be a magician in the dining hall at 7:00.
- Ryan: Next Wednesday at 7:00 will be McClain's night for off campus student. We will take up half the bill for food.
- Seth: The Environmental Studies minor is official and we are having another committee meeting next Thursday.
- Chrissy: The Whitworthian had the story on harassment come out today, so please read it and tell other people to read it. We place either first, second, or third for best non-daily newspaper in the region. If we get first we go to nationals!
- Pam: Next week online we are having our senior photo challenge. The winner gets a \$100 gift card. It is 79 degrees in the media office.
- Chelsea: Saturday is Green with Envy in the Hub expansion from 9:00-12:00. You will need your ID to get into the dance.
- Rachel: BJ/Arend Unplugged possible this Friday.
- Marisol: Adding on to Burnley, we have split up into separate subcommittees to supplement what Halualani is doing! It's to supplement the different objectives under the 2021 plan. The last MAC meeting is coming up, it will be more of a passing of the torch thing. Similar to how UNITE is the cover of Springfest this year, I was thinking that the MAC could be the cover of this event next year. So if you guys could think about that! With PostSecret, entries are available at the Info desk and can be submitted daily. I will be posting them in the HUB on posters every two days. That will only be up for about three weeks and will be a lot more personable. The whole MAC voted to continue doing this.
- Tyler Coopman: The conference I was at last week was wonderful! Intramurals are going great! I'm going to start sign ups this Sunday.

- Hillary: We had our committee meeting for Mr. Whitworth and will have advertising out on Friday.
- Larissa: We want Mr. Whitworth to be on April 12th at 7:30 and we would like the senators to get us nominations. We would love to have the nominee by the 23rd of March, so before Spring break. You can do this however you want, but maybe have them vote on the top three.
- Samantha: Would you guys be willing to maybe move that back one week? I don't know if other students are overwhelmed.
- Larissa: Since that is a response we're getting we could probably do that. We can try to push it back a week.
- Kelly: As of this week, we have all of the student slots filled for graduation weekend. Senior Reflections is that weekend and that will be a big event that I'm putting on.
- Maggie: Cornerstone is going to have another CBS policy meeting tomorrow night.
- Nick: I had a couple residents talk to me about being upset about having us vote the way that we did on the requisition. On a more positive note, I helped to put on the silent five at the basketball game.
- Jonny Whitmore: The Whitworthian knocked it out of the park. Everyone needs to go see The Laramie Project. With the basketball game Saturday, everything is the same. Doors are going to open 5:30 and hopefully we're buying 500-700 tickets. Also, I'm going to be doing a bracket for March Madness. After Spring Break I will be doing a barbeque for every baseball and softball game. It's going to be a classy white out at the game.
- Blaine: Ian looks like Riff from Westside Story. On April 13th and 14th from 9:00-3:00 is the Spokane Bike Swap. If you bring a bike you can trade, or you can buy a bike for cheap. There is a \$5 entry fee. It's at the Spokane Fair Grounds.
- Aaron: The Triathlon price has been lowered to \$5 for each participant and each participant will have a chance to win a bike. Team registration will end on Wednesday the 20th. Individual registration will end on April 5th and the event is on the 7th. They did their t-shirt contest and there were two winners. They will be giving away some concert tickets.

10. Requisition: basketball game, Jonny Whitmore

- So far I have put \$1,500 towards tickets and ASWU has put \$500. I originally wanted to ask for \$500 from you guys, but I heard that unallocated got boosted a little bit so I might boost that up to \$1,000. I want to help as many students as I can get in for free as possible. We would like to add 100-300 extra free tickets which is why I'm asking for \$1,000. There is a possibility that depending on the donations that Aaron has brought in, he might let that go towards letting in all students in for free or giving money back if we have extra. If I do get money

back, obviously I would love to give it back to student government. It's coming down to the end of the semester and I think this is a really worth-while cause.

- Nick: So if given the \$1,000, how many students would that be?
- Jonny: Well, 200, but I would be able to let it 300 from my budget.
- Blaine: Is there any way to address the behavior complaints that Dick Mandeville brought up?
- Jonny: I will try to talk to the people beforehand, but you can help by being proactive and calling people out on things. I'm also going to do some posting and advertising a little bit. I think most of that will have to do with the culture that we set in the games.
- Joel: Security will be up in front too this time.
- Ian: I think it would be a good idea to have someone send out an e-mail campus wide. I think that would help to get people to call students out on that.
- Nick: As far as areas where I've seen it the most is the added bleachers on the side.
- Tim: That's where the first incident came from too. And the last one was from behind parents.
- Pam: Do you have any idea where the donors are at?
- Jonny: I have no idea, it would be after the game because we would basically have our bill to pay.
- Maggie: So from your budget you're giving \$2,000?
- Jonny: Total for all the games, yes, but for this game \$500.
- Matt: So any unused money would get paid back?
- Jonny: Yes, if I do get any back. But as it is with requisitions understand that if you do pass it you're giving me that money and there is no guarantee. I think it's a good use of the money personally.
- Ian: Where is this coming from in your budget?
- Jonny: Extra money from the Booty Club and the shirt sales. I also have several other accounts so like spirit items and team appreciation. It's kind of a combined thing of all my budgets. Before the start of the games I had about \$5,000 left total and that will be used for the salary for the mascot and other things I'm supporting and all the barbeques for the spring.
- Pam: What happened with unallocated going up?
- Matt: Yesterday we looked and the account was sitting at \$7,500.
- Blaine: I think that there are events that are more directly effective to the student body. And since we're having reports of hate speech that has been going on, we should have students pay and then it will mean something if they get kicked out.
- Motion, second, not approved
- Ryan: What if we had to pay something like \$2?

- Larissa: He did say that he was pretty positive that the money wasn't going to bring down the numbers.
- Tyler: I was thinking \$750 just to give a compromise.
- Troy: I think \$1,000 is a great investment. This is maybe going to be a once in a lifetime.
- Jack: I think about a third of the student body will attend this game, so that's a lot of people.
- Faith: There is no outcome here that is not going to be helpful to a student.
- Blaine: Except hate speech.
- Tim: There have been proactive steps to counteract that.
- Ian: I think that since unallocated jumped up we should go with the full \$1,000.
- Jonny: I think it will be packed no matter what, so I think \$500 is a reasonable number.
- Caleb: I think we should make the students aware that ASWU did it if we do give the full \$1,000.
- Molly: Is there a way to ensure that proactive steps are being taken for this game? I agree with Blaine that the behavior is just not acceptable.
- Chris: I've just seen a lot of money going to things that don't have a big impact on students, so I just hope you think about how much money this is.
- Maggie: motion to pass the requisition for \$500, second, split vote.
- Nick: motion to pass the requisition for the full \$1,000, second, split vote.
- Tyler Coopman: I am not at all saying that the bad talk is not something that needs to be addressed, but I don't think that we should put that on Jonny. I don't think we've bought anything else this year that will bring the community better.
- Maggie: Can I see a straw vote at the full amount.
- Larissa: Motion to pass for \$750, second, not approved.
- Mike: I'll just say, I do sit where a lot of these problems are happening, and there has been a big improvement that security has taken care of.
- Ryan: I think just the fact that looking this year at what we've spent money on, whether it's educational or not, the Sweet Sixteen is a big deal. A third or almost half of the student body will be at this game.
- Faith: We're definitely here to represent the students, and who wants more than free and basketball when you're a college student?
- Troy: I don't know of any other event where people are showing up like three hours early.
- Nick: There were 150 people lined up an hour and a half before the game even started.
- Jonny Strain: I think it will be packed no matter what we spent so I vote on spending less money and having it be packed.

- Rachel: I was originally opposed, but not I feel like it shouldn't be Jonny's fault.
- Mackenzie: the people who have been causing problems will be there no matter what, so I think the entire student body will be happier if they get in for free.
- Pam: I think it comes down to being good stewards of our money. The basketball game is very quick and very disposable.
- Tyler Jezierski: Two years ago I was in the HUB watching the game. It is a lot better to be at home, people don't want to spend money, and for people to show up it is representing the students and I think we should do this.
- Nick: If we spent \$1,100 on paintings that we showed that people didn't even want... and it is clear that people want this.
- Motion to approve the full amount, second, approved.

11. EVP

- Next week on Wednesday at 9:30 in here there will be another informational meeting for elected individuals in this room. There is no GE-330 this week, but you still have your journals. It is a response to what Dick talked about yesterday. I e-mailed senators, so if you could get me CBS papers tonight and newsletters tomorrow at 5:00.

12. President

- Originally we intended to do a local, a state, and an international non-profit. Would you like to cut out the state non-profit to give more to the local and the international? Partners International just agreed to fly a woman from India our here to speak at Whitworth University, which will help to build some more momentum and will allow people to put a face to a name. Lutheran Services is the local non-profit and we're going to try to get Mabel into ASWU to tell you more about what they do and who they are. My question is, do we want to keep the state or cut that out?
- Straw vote: cut out the state, approved
- Make sure to e-mail me who will be the head of your committee and deadlines of your committee.
- For the Spokane Bloc Party we talked about having it be a celebration and education. Now that we have the conference room upstairs, we were wondering if it would be beneficial to do workshops in there so people can choose to go to them throughout the day. We could have a diversity of workshops going on. Part of that is trying to get childcare. There is a non-profit childcare center that could maybe come and make this a family friendly event for that.
- Seth: What else would we use the conference rooms for?
- Molly: Currently nothing is being used there.
- Marisol: I think it's going to be a lot already, so I don't think that it would be a really good use of our time and energy.

- Ian: I have a feeling that it might be a battle for the workshops and what's going on downstairs.
- Molly: I know you had talked about wanting multiple things going on at one time, so keep that in mind as well.
- Dayna: If it rains, it might be good to have that place as a second.
- Molly: We will hold off on this conversation.
- Caleb: I forgot, I'm showing The Hobbit on Sunday.
- Matt: Budget committee is April 15th.
- Tyler: At the new Rec Center, they are going to have crazy equipment!!

13. Motion to adjourn, second, approved