

ASWU Minutes

4/17/2013

1. Call to order: Molly
2. Mission Statement: Tyler
3. Minutes: motion to approve with the changed spelling of a name, second, approved
4. Speaker:
 - a. Beck Taylor, update on Board of Trustee decisions
 - b. I wanted to update this body on two important decisions that the board made last week. One was anticipated, one might have surprised you a little. After a year-long conversation on campus and the seeding of a task force that studied how Whitworth relates to the church, the Board of Trustees decided to maintain our connection with the PCUSA and to acknowledge that we do live in a post denominational world. We are going to begin thinking how to expand our relations beyond the PCUSA. The Board acknowledges that we can do a lot better at talking about what these identities mean to us. As we were going around and talking with students about the ways in which Whitworth relates to the church, we heard three major themes: don't change Whitworth, be careful about student scholarships, and keep Whitworth Christian. I think the decision will encapsulate each of these three concerns very well. The second decision was to better align the cohab policy in the Whitworth Handbook. The Board made the decision to remove some wording around the definition of marriage, but to not change anything in the actual cohab policy. The institution thought that this would allow the institution to focus on Christ but to allow students to disagree. That decision also protects the identity of the institution. It was a great day for Whitworth. We also passed a budget and did a number of other actions that the Board needs to do in the spring.
 - c. Megan: In 2011 I believe, PCUSA agreed to ordain homosexuals in the church, so does that mean that we would think about putting a non-discrimination clause?
 - d. Beck: That is something that is always under consideration and I don't know what the Board might do in the future.
 - e. Seth: Can you maybe talk a little about the wording that was removed?
 - f. Beck: Under the cohab policy, it says that there will be no cohabitation, the Board affirms the idea that sex is a gift from God and that it should be exclusive to marriage, and then it goes on into a very descriptive definition of marriage, in particular one man and one woman. This body has often come to me and said that they don't quite get this since Whitworth is supposed to be a place that allows Christians to debate issues. The Board decided that it did not need to define marriage, particularly in the Student Handbook. It did put the policy at odds with one of the components of the Whitworth mission, to create space for thoughtful dialogue and not privilege particular positions. Not just around homosexuality, but any other issues that

Christians disagree on. Last year in the chapel we had an event with two Trustees and two faculty members, and they all come to very different conclusions around sexuality and sexual identity. I think that that conversation gets devalued if the university decides to take a particular stance after something like that. The Whitworth that I'm trying to defend is to allow ample space on issues that divide Christians today. One distinction is that we often talk about Whitworth being on the narrow ridge, and that doesn't mean that individuals can't come with their own ideas. We don't call you to be neutral on these issues, you can come at issues from a variety of different angles. I don't like when people equate the narrow ridge with neutrality, because that is exactly what we don't want to have with this narrow ridge. That is the context of the decision that the Board made. This removal also does not affirm or endorse gay marriage.

5. Guests: Taylor, Amanda, Andriana, Meredith, Sergio, Zach, Kevin, Mathew, Megan, Cody, Emily, Dana, Chris, Caleb, John, Josh, Laure, Cameron, Justin, Tyler, Lucas, Raleigh, Ryan, Bryce, Lian, Krista, Ruthy, Joel, Courtney, Lauren, Cassy, Jack, Catarina, Evanne, Alex, Tory, Jeremiah, Lauren, John, Patrick, Weston, Haley
6. Star award: Ryan and Seth, you weren't monkeying around and you did a beary good job! They have put on things such as McClain's night.
7. Jack Dunbar, Jamaica trip
 - a. I came in the fall to ASWU to requisition for some money to send students to Jamaica. We took 14 students this year over spring break, and we would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$1,500 to help cover plane tickets. I brought members from our team and would like to ask all of you to stand (7 people stand). These guys did some fabulous work.
 - b. Names and thank you to ASWU from Jamaica team: Matt- these issues are tough, and I just have to say thank you because it was great to be a part of these children's lives. Cassy- I've always wanted to go on this trip, so thank you for helping with that. This helped me to grow in my spiritual life in ways that I didn't expect. The trip identified exactly what Whitworth's mission is. Catarina- Thank you for a life changing experience like nothing I've ever had. Tory- Thank you for helping to send everyone on this trip. Jeremiah- Thank you for investing in the lives of students and in the work that this mission does. A lot of people didn't know that people who have disabilities face a lot of struggles in Jamaica, and we got to see firsthand the work that this mission does. Weston- Thank you for allowing this trip to be more affordable for all of us and helping us to go on this trip that opened my eyes to a lot of issues that changed my perspective a lot. Haley- This was my first mission trip and I was really touched by the investment that we got from Whitworth and that we could spread that out in Jamaica. I think it was great to step out of a culture that I am comfortable in and to enter a new culture that really stretched me and allowed me to grow.

- c. Jack: So those are some of the experiences that these individuals had. Thank you ASWU, I hope that you guys see that your money goes way further than a plane ticket. These ideas of service, love, and community that are learned with an experience like this is not just for a week, and it is worth way more than \$100 per student.

8. LS-350

- a. We wanted to talk to you about the project that we are working on. We are going to tell you about the CHE project and how we are helping them and how you can get involved. The problem is that every year in Ethiopia, 271,000 children die mainly from preventable disease. It would take Whitworth 394 more years to have that many graduates from Whitworth. CHE goes into Ethiopian communities and trains community leaders in community health. These leaders can take this knowledge and take it back to their communities to pass on. This is basic stuff like washing their hands and boiling their water; stuff that they don't know is connected to disease. They have had a lot of success doing this. So what we're doing as a class is helping CHE to establish a children's program tailored towards training children.
- b. As a class, we need to raise \$3,875 to establish the CHE Children's Program. Through Sodexo, we can do a six meal fast. We are going to try to simulate an Ethiopian orphanage through a campout. We are asking for at least 35 volunteers to participate. Each person needs 10 people to sponsor them out of the orphanage by signing up for the six fast, which can be done with meals, flex, or cash. Once you get sponsored, you can leave the campout. If you volunteer, we are very respectful of your time, so please leave for class and meetings or previous obligations. When you're not at those things, we really want you to stay so that people can see this and wonder what is going on. So this will start this Sunday at 9:00 pm and go until Tuesday at 9:00 pm. So you have 48 hours to get your ten sponsors to sign up for the fast. The fast will take place the following week from Tuesday dinner through Thursday lunch. Immediately following the fast, there will be "The Amazing Race Ethiopia." There will be a series of games that represent community challenges that CHE is working to overcome through the training. You can sign up for this when you sign up for the fast.
- c. You can help make a difference! If you have any questions at all, please come and talk to us after the meeting!
- d. Ian: How much does a sponsor have to pay?
- e. Bryce: \$12.
- f. Cody: How are you finding the original orphans?
- g. Bryce: That's where we need you, we need volunteers.
- h. Sergio: Could you please walk me through the concept of the orphanage? How did that idea come about and why?

- i. Bryce: Often times in Ethiopia, children are sent to these orphanages and then sent out of the country. The idea is to try to simulate bringing these orphans back into their community.
 - j. Caleb: Will there be rice provided for fasters?
 - k. Bryce: Yes, there will be rice and water provided.
9. Coordinator Reports/Vibes
- a. Kevin: The BJ Bash is going to be super cool.
 - b. Nick: We're moving BMac concert to next Saturday.
 - c. Jonny: With the Competition and Games Committee we got a great deal with a lot of bouncy stuff and a dunk tank. We're having some minor setbacks with getting portable basketball hoops. We're trying to get a lawn golf putt. The Humanist club is putting on a speaker tonight and that is Core 150 extra credit.
 - d. Kelly: Senior gown pickup is next Tuesday and Wednesday in the MPR. Advertising Committee, if you could send the alumni office the posters, they will send it to area alums.
 - e. Jonny Strain: Tomorrow Unplugged, May 2nd Spoken Word Poetry Night at 7:00 in the MPR.
 - f. Caleb: This Friday there is a concert in the MPR with Hey Marseilles, Terrible Buttons, and Cellar Door at 7:30 and it is free. Zeal is opening at the Spokane Block Party.
 - g. Blaine liaison: On April 27th there will be a mountain bike ride from 10:00-2:00.
 - h. Maggie: Sodexo is having a Sustainability Challenge that will start this Friday and go through Sunday. It's a competition. You get cards that you have to fill out with five sustainable actions. There is an Earth Day event on Friday with KIPOS and IJM.
 - i. Hillary: We finally got more posters for Mr. Whitworth.
 - j. Larissa: East and Duvall are planning a lot of PrimeTimes in conjunction with each other. Mr. Whitworth is coming together and we are really excited.
 - k. Ryan: We're sticking with May 10th for the Off Campus BBQ.
 - l. Seth: Thank you for the star award. Also, Molly, I sent you a detailed schedule of what I suggested for Spokane Block Party.
 - m. Marisol: This Saturday at 6:00 in the chapel is Ministry at the Campus with praise and different community groups. On Thursday the 25th is the last women's film series at 4:30 in the conference room, there will be a free meal included. The Girl Rising film that we are bringing to campus will be on the 29th at 6:30 in the RTC.
 - n. Aaron: We're going to go with a dark blue theme for lighting for Dub Club. Think of it as a neon party, so wear bright colors. That is on May 11th after Pirate Idol. It is in Lied Square.
 - o. Tyler: Boppell Coffee House update. There is going to be a donation center. We're going to have five students from Inland Massage come in. I already have a few people set to sing. Sodexo said they would provide tea, hot chocolate, and coffee.

- p. Kira: The Department Chairs Committee meeting was thrilling. They talked about the Honors Program for a long time. The Stewart kazoo band is officially playing at Warren Peace.
- q. Mackenzie: Saturday night East PrimeTime is s'mores at the firepit. I'm supposed to be looking into transportation for the Spokane Block Party. Next Wednesday the CDAs are putting on a program about privilege issues.
- r. Ashton: This Saturday we were planning on having a joint PrimeTime with East of Capture the Flag. May 3rd is the Duvall Drive In and we are playing Lion King at 8:00.
- s. Chelsea: Institutional Advancement Committee talked about how the overall giving has gone down from last year, they talk about advertisements, the Discovery Program, and where the money is going that they are collecting from donors.
- t. Samantha: Spread the word about Spokane Block Party. Do the LS-350. There are a lot of events coming this week.
- u. Ian: Today at the University Council, Beck gave us an update on the diversity survey for next year. They are going to get an update on June 6th. Dr. Burnley talked about Courageous Conversations for next year. There wasn't time to ask about student input on that. For Warren, next Wednesday night is Warren Peace. We decided to do it inside so it won't be too cold. It will be in the lower lounge at 8:00. I have posters for senators to put up in your dorms.
- v. Pam: Yearbook editor applications are due on Friday, and we are doing our MEME contest online.
- w. Chrissy: The Whitworthian got 1st place in a competition and will be going to nationals! (clapping and cheering!)

10. FVP

- a. Requisition for Spokane Block Party t-shirts
- b. This year we are going to go through Perspectives because they are Fair Trade. Also, going through Perspectives we are supporting a local business here at Whitworth. Finance Committee members listen up because this is new, Cody told me that we can have pre-orders for \$8 online before the event. There will be bro tanks and t-shirts so people can decide which one they want. ASWU, if you want to change those prices, you totally can. This will be a fundraiser for the non-profits.
- c. Joel: What sizes are available?
- d. Samantha: I'm pretty sure we will have XS-XL.
- e. Maggie: Where is the money going?
- f. Molly: Lutheran Services and the other nonprofit.
- g. Guest: How many t-shirts were sold in the past?
- h. Samantha: I'm not sure, but last year they didn't sell as well. Last year they ordered 138. This is going more towards the Jamaica style shirts, which sold out a lot quicker and faster.

- i. Guest: What do they look like?
- j. Samantha: They have blue, yellow, and red stripes and it will say "Spokane Block Party 2013."
- k. Kevin: If they don't sell well, will that take away from what we can give to non-profits?
- l. Samantha: No because this is coming out of unallocated.
- m. Maggie: What is unallocated at?
- n. Matt: \$7,350! So this would bring it down to \$5,450 that we would have left for the rest of the year, anything left over would roll over into Capital.
- o. (Samantha leaves)
- p. Matt: Finance Committee was worried about whether or not they would sell and if it is economically worth it from a fundraising standpoint.
- q. Jonny Whitmore: One of the things is the unknown. Obviously I think it's an awesome shirt, and it's a great idea, but that doesn't mean that we have to go all out on it. What if with transportation we can't get enough people to the Service Station? If the event goes super well and we raise a lot of money through that, we kind of know for future years what we've done well. If we can't get that huge support like we're wanting to, are we putting in too much money? We have put a lot of money into the event, and I'm thinking that the marginal utility of adding one more thing on might not really be a selling point to get more people there and to put money into it. Should we put \$2,000 forward or maybe \$1,000 and get less shirts?
- r. Aaron: What if we had the advertising group go out to community businesses and ask if they would donate an amount towards purchasing shirts? Then we could put their logo on the back of the shirts.
- s. Mackenzie: If we want to do less shirts, we could just get 100 t-shirts and 100 tanktops, which would cut the cost \$720.
- t. Andriana: Is there a way that we could do the pre-ordering and then buy an extra 100 shirts on top of that?
- u. Matt: Since it is a community event, there will be more than just Whitworth students. So were you thinking just students?
- v. Andriana: I was thinking just Whitworth and have more for the event.
- w. Tyler: Whenever I go to a concert or event, I look for t-shirts because I want to keep it in memory. It might be too late, but if we cut it down to 150 tank tops, we could use the money towards wrist bands and sell them for cheap.
- x. Tim: Is the price based off of how many are ordered?
- y. Cody: Yeah, but it wouldn't go up too much if you went to 150 tank tops.
- z. Courtney: How were t-shirts obtained in the past?
- aa. Matt: ASWU funds that.
- bb. Courtney: Can someone explain what the block party is?

- cc. Molly: Every year we hold Springfest, and this year we are breaking away from that a little bit. It will be a celebration of what we have done for human trafficking this year.
- dd. Courtney: Where will it be?
- ee. Molly: At the Service Station. Advertising will be coming out in the next couple of days. This is still planning.
- ff. Caleb: I had an idea about the shirts. Would it be possible to open pre sales online and then based on how well those do order more for the actual event?
- gg. Cody: The only problem there is that we want to order these by Thursday because it will take time to process the orders and get them shipped. You could do pre sales online and they could then pick it up at the event or the info desk if they can't go.
- hh. Caleb: What if as an incentive for people to buy shirts, they got to go into the concert before everyone else or something like that?
- ii. Mathew: How many other things at this event will be raising money?
- jj. Jonny: A lot of the sports and games will cost, and concessions will cost small bits of money.
- kk. Maggie: There will be a raffle for prizes and baskets.
- ll. Molly: The benefit concert will be donation based.
- mm. Mathew: Where do you want your money to come from? If I walk over there with \$10, would you rather me buy a t-shirt or something that will give more profit to those donations? We might not make a ton of money necessarily, so I would encourage you to think about if it is the donation or the t-shirt that is more important.
- nn. Maggie: Why are the tank tops so much more expensive? What if we just get rid of tank tops. Even if you get \$300 t-shirts you are dropping the price like \$700. That would be my recommendation.
- oo. Ruthie: Are you putting the Perspectives name on the shirts?
- pp. Cody: No, we talked about how we tag all of our clothing with a tag with UNITE on it with a synopsis of what they are doing. The hope with that would be to have this shirt that puts the Perspective tear off tag that supports this company and UNITE.
- qq. Ruthie: So then will they be on the Perspectives website to sell them?
- rr. Cody: I don't know.
- ss. Jonny: I know one issue we had was are they going to sell. Another issue is if the students will have cash with them.
- tt. Molly: That was something that came up. The Square was something that we thought would be very beneficial.
- uu. Cody: We're doing it online, so you could still buy them there if you didn't bring cash.
- vv. Matt: I think overall what I'm hearing is that t-shirts sound like a good idea, but we don't know how many, what kind, or how to sell them.
- ww. Maggie: motion to order 200 black t-shirts (which would cost \$920 if the price stayed the same per t-shirt), second, not passed.

xx. Ian: We did 138 t-shirts last year and didn't sell them all, so I think we should go a little lower than 200.

yy. Matt: So this is to say to have them at the event?

zz. Cody: It's too late to just to do pre orders and then sell more at the event.

aaa. Audrey: Is it possible to pre order tank tops but only ASWU funds the t-shirts?

bbb. Ian: motion for 150 black t-shirts (which would be \$690), second, not passed.

ccc. Ashton: I think that the tank tops are really popular. A lot of people asked about them and I think it actually really is a selling point for the event, so I would really encourage them.

ddd. Ashton: motion for 100 tank tops and 100 t-shirts (which would cost \$1,180 assuming prices stay the same), second, approved.

11. EVP

a. Senators e-mail me about service project ideas tonight. I'm going to e-mail you about a mini ASWU retreat. We are thinking about just taking a Saturday afternoon and hanging out. May 1st the new execs will be running the meeting. May 7th is going to be passing the torch to the new leadership. May 8th is going to be our ASWU banquet.

12. FVP

a. We had the budget committee and next week we will vote on this. If you have any questions on that e-mail me.

13. President

a. Molly: Guests, did you like having the meeting here or would you rather have it in the Chambers?

b. Ruthie: I would definitely say microphones.

c. Kevin: It is kind of cold in here.

d. Molly: Can I get hands raised of who would keep it in here? (the crowd is split).

e. Molly: If you could help put this room back to normal, please stick around and help with that.

f. Motion to adjourn, second, approved.