

## ASWU Minutes 4-2-2014

- I. Call to order- Ian 5:00pm
- II. Mission Statement- Ashley
- III. Minutes- Approved, 1 opposed
- IV. Introduce Guests: Dylan Olsen, Sam, Daniel, Katie, Gabrielle, Jordan, Jess, Naomi, August, Aaron, Alan Jacob, Veronica, Maggie, Rebecca, Sophia (representing Erika).
- V. Big Cheese Awards- None this week because of Spring Break.
- VI. Club Update **(5 min)**
  - a. Maggie with the SciFi club.
  - b. Maggie: We work on campus and give people the chance to hang out and have fun. We do a lot of things related to Sci Fi and Fantasy. We've done a Halloween party with a costume contest and prizes, Dr. Who 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, Lord of the Rings game night, Harry Potter wand-making tutorial night, and a scavenger hunt around campus. Some things coming up: Star Wars party with games while watching the movies, and a stargazing night. We'll also have a finals party closer to the end of finals.
  - c. Josh: How have I never heard of any of these things?
  - d. Maggie: We usually have a booth at the beginning of the year. You usually have to be on our list to get the info about the events but we can work on getting the information to other people and up here.
  - e. Maggie: Are your events open to all of campus?
  - f. Maggie: Yes
  - g. Ashley: Do you guys do larping?
  - h. Maggie: There's a larping club. We've had requests to do some sort of battle but we feel like that's overlapping.
  - i. Chase: Let us know what's happening because I know a lot of people who would love that!
  - j. Daniel: I helped put on larping last year, and Danny Parker will be doing that again this year.
- VII. Alan Jacob **(25 min)**
  - a. Housing Lottery and Changes in Residence Halls
  - b. Alan: The housing lottery is coming up! Hopefully you all received your emails with your lottery numbers. I'm here to talk to you about the housing lottery and the changes for the

upcoming year. You have the initial step- the email. The next step is completing the housing contract if you are going to live on campus next year. After that there's question and answer time in the residence halls during prime times next week.

- c. Ian: Are you bringing your dogs again?
- d. Alan: No but I'll be bringing kettle corn! I'll be answering questions about the lottery. On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> we will have Q&A night and Find a Roommate Night for people looking for a roommate. We play roommate bingo, decorate cookies, eat ice cream, etc. A casual time to meet people still looking for roommates. The first of the housing lottery is Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Same-Room process. Then after that is the 21<sup>st</sup>, which is in-house quads triples and singles. Then we do double rooms on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> we do the remaining rooms. That's the basic process. Questions?
- e. Andriana: Do you know times and places?
- f. Alan: [www.whitworth.edu/housinglottery](http://www.whitworth.edu/housinglottery) is the website. It has all the details.
- g. Rebecca L: For off campus students, which ones should they go to?
- h. Alan: The 21<sup>st</sup>, which is the quads triples or singles night. Regarding the changes in the dorms next year: Boppell is moving from a mixed gender building to female-only. That decision was made after looking at where our current students are in relation to the male-female breakdown. Currently we are about 60-40 female to male. That's the same as last year's incoming class and returning students, and is similar to two years ago. Looking at trends of who our returning and incoming students are, we're confident we will see the same 60-40 split. The problem 2 years ago was that we had more women on campus than what we had floors for. We delineate in groups of 30 not groups of 2, so we look at room by floor rather than by room. Once we reach above capacity for women, we will have overflow. At a certain point our need is so great and we have so many girls in overflow and empty spaces on guys floors, and I feel guilty about that. We were reaching the point where we needed a whole floor of overflow women. We did not max out on male spaces, but we came up about right for predictions of women.
- i. Guest: If it's going to be all female, will there be any difference in price?
- j. Alan: Boppell will still remain more expensive to live there, so the pricing won't change. What is still available is the semi-traditional meal plan. It costs a little bit less to live in Boppell with that meal plan than it would be to live in a double with the Traditional B meal plan. Why isn't Baldwin all female again? When we talked to the RA's there, we heard that

the guys felt isolated. We talked about before that it would be good for the guys, but they ended up feeling overpowered and it didn't work as well as a community. We started talking about this in November and December, and asked if we wanted to consider other options. Talked to the RD's and said if we were to make a switch in your building, what would the pros and cons be? We also wondered if we should switch Mac and Ballard, so the sky was the limit. Then we looked at Boppell, looked at the floor sizes, and the math worked out well. Then looked at how many people return to Boppell. Last year we only had 3 rooms go during the in-house process and only one was male, meaning the majority of that building turns over year after year. As a help to the guys in Boppell, we've made available a theme house. They can choose a non-theme theme house so if they want to return to the same room we can put them there. The same rules would apply, meaning at least 50% of the roommates would have to remain.

- k. Ashton: Do they pay the theme house cost?
- l. Alan: They would pay regular theme house cost, which is more than a regular double but less than in Boppell.
- m. Maggie: Cornerstone- are you keeping it around?
- n. Alan: It will be all freshmen women again.
- o. Guest: What options are there for guys who want that in-between housing that aren't doing same room?
- p. Alan: There won't be any thing like Boppell available. Triples, quads, doubles and standard rooms but not like Boppell because it's unique and there's nothing else like it. If more guys would come to Whitworth we could keep it.
- q. Chase: As a freshman, what is a common confusion that you would want to clarify?
- r. Alan: It is not first come first serve, you don't have to come early because we line everyone up by housing points. Also, have a back up plan or two. Focus on a floor instead of a specific room because as a freshman you're the lowest on the totem pole. A lot of rooms are taken by same-room before the lottery even takes place. If you can't be there send a proxy and have them pick a room for you. You can't trade or sell your lottery number or housing points. Also don't try to game the system by using someone with a lower lottery number and then have them cancel later, because everyone can be kicked out. I try to calculate after the same room process which rooms are still available and we put the map of how many are available in Lied Square around the 15<sup>th</sup> or so.

- s. Rebecca L: There are some theme houses that are looking for roommates, so if you join the theme house facebook page they post that information on there.
- t. Andrew: With male seniors in Boppell, do you know numbers they're looking at?
- u. Alan: Nicole Boymook would be the person to talk to, she is working on applications right now. I know the general breakdown, 21 sophomores 23 juniors 22 seniors in Boppell right now.
- v. Justin: What about students studying abroad for a semester?
- w. Alan: That depends which semester they are gone. If they're gone fall semester, they can't directly participate in the lottery. When you sign up for a room we assume you will be there the whole year. However, it's common for one roommate to be here all year, and one to be here only January and spring term. They come to the lottery with a third roommate who will be there in the fall, so all of them go to the lottery and specify that that person wants to fill that space. We can cancel Jan term/spring term housing assignments as long as you are going with a Whitworth sponsored program. The only time we charge is that if you choose to move off campus and still remain here at Whitworth. That's a \$250 charge.
- x. Chase: When freshmen come in next year, are we able to say that BJ would be 50/50?
- y. Alan: By moving Boppell to all female, the beds we gain there will work throughout campus. It balances it out with male/female. The hall ratios will stay the same as freshmen-upperclassmen. Feel free to email me with any questions!

#### VIII. Million Meals Updates (10 min)

- a. Ashley: Core 150 is offering extra credit for packaging for Million Meals.
- b. Rebecca M: Molly Hough and I have been talking and she sent out an email to 25 schools in the Spokane area telling them about Million Meals and directing them to our website.
- c. Raleigh: Internal engagement committee, we have an anonymous submission box for stories about hunger and need. April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the coffee shop, we will be having the night of sharing these hunger stories.

#### IX. Beck Taylor- Million Meals fundraising update

- a. Beck: We're a month and a day away from the Million Meals project! We knew when we set this goal that God was going to have to do some work. I'm here today to do something fun related to that. I'm here to present a check to ASWU for \$50,000! It says it's from friends of Whitworth. They stepped up to help us do this, they have chosen to remain anonymous but they are very excited about the leadership our students are taking. On behalf of them thank

you for your vision and execution. They hope this puts us closer to reaching our goal! This represents 200,000 meals to the hungry in our community.

- b. Audrey: This alone I think is more than has ever been packed by GA before so with this we are already doing huge awesome things.
- c. Josh: What does that put us at?
- d. Matt: This plus the money we have raised and GA's donor and the money from Whitworth and other community members, we have \$130,000 right now, which is over half way! That's 540,000 meals!
- e. Veronica: Audrey and I met with Melinda Larson in athletics, and she said we could get announcement and fliers at baseball and softball games, she thought we could announce a time that we'd be accepting donations and hand out bracelets as a thank you, and also have tables at the events. She sent me times we could do this, 5 volunteers at each time at the tables and accepting donations so I have that sign up sheet!
- f. Chase: Can I have confirmation that it will actually happen for the winning dorm to go to Silverwood?
- g. Matt: That is probably not going to happen, we've been trying to set it up but it isn't looking promising. It will probably be renting out the Garland with a pizza party as the first place prize.
- h. Gabby: I'm filming a music video as a going away present because I'm a senior, so some people and I are in the process of making it. I'm trying to include a lot of different groups on campus, so I was wondering if you as ASWU would be willing to participate. Next week I will come and have something more concrete, just something to think about!

X. **FVP (2 min)**

- a. Budget Committee
- b. Matt: In 3 weeks we will figure out budgets for everyone! Starting next week I will have a signup for slots to present. I'll pass around a signup to be on Budget Committee. We need at least 4 voting members and at least 2 non-voting members. We will also need a couple students at large.
- c. Mark: What is entailed in that?
- d. Matt: Budget committee is on April 21 and 22, we meet from 5:00 pm to midnight or later. Everyone who gets money from ASWU: that's when we decide who gets how much.
- e. Jordan: If you're presenting can you sit on the committee and then do your presentation?

- f. Matt: Yes
- g. Announcements

XI. EVP (2 min)

- a. Elections
- b. Audrey: Elections are this week! Tomorrow is the Primary vote where the top two candidates for each position will move on. SEC will be at the tables but we also need ASWU members. I have a sign up sheet to pass around.
- c. Lauren: Can people running man the table?
- d. Audrey: No.
- e. Announcements
- f. Audrey: We need to make sure we're remembering to keep side chatter during the meetings to a minimum. Also senators, newsletters are due Thursday by 5 pm.

XII. Reports & Vibes (20 min)

- a. Andriana: My event Liberty in North Korea last night went really well! I've been busy in the presenting group for IDC, met with administration leadership group. We will be meeting with COVAC, and GE 330 in a couple weeks will be large group and we'll be presenting. That's all in April. On April 10<sup>th</sup> in the HUB ABC at 7pm there will be a panel of women in the field of Computer Science, biology, chemistry, etc. Mac meeting this Sunday, we will be talking through Springfest and figuring out what is going on there on the club side of it. You might hear about the We The People petition, which will be tabling at some point. People can sign their names saying Washignton should be the 17<sup>th</sup> state to get on the piece of legislature limiting the amount of money companies can spend on a specific candidate, causing things to be more equal in elections.
  - i. Mark: Is that for state or federal?
  - ii. Andriana: Regarding federal campaigns but it has to pass through the states first.
- b. Justin: Senator campaigns in StewVille is in full swing.
- c. Cody: This weekend there are two softball games. The 2:00pm game we're giving away 50 megaphones.
- d. Ryan: Working on a date for Duvall drive-in.
- e. Rebecca L: Pass
- f. Lauren: Pass
- g. Kevin: Tyrone wells at 8pm in the dining hall this Saturday. Seth Owens is opening.

- h. Ashley: Pass
- i. Sophia (proxy for Erika): Pass
- j. Andrew: Whitworthian is interviewing the top two exec candidates after primary elections and we are live blogging the debates.
- k. Bergen: Outdoor Rec has a day hike on April 12 at Liberty Lake, and a climbing day on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We have a kayak session in the pool on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We also have a trip after graduation. (cost is estimated to be roughly \$5)
- l. Tyler: Frisbee and football signups are going on until Friday! Then there's a track meet on Saturday.
- m. Maggie: Speech and debate team event happening tonight at 7 pm!
- n. Phil: This Saturday 8 pm is off campus unplugged at the Bartlett! It's free, and there's still room for sign ups if you live off campus!
- o. Jacob: Dub Club is April 17<sup>th</sup>! Also on Whitworth.fm I'll be having Core 250 readings the night before the reading responses are due, it's a new plan to get educational programming. Also study sessions before exams.
- p. Josh: BMac talent show is April 26<sup>th</sup> and it's open for anyone to come watch!
- q. Alicen: Warren Peace! Faith will tell you more.
- r. Faith: Apparently it's on the day we can't have events but we're having it anyway. I found sound equipment from WhitPres. April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm.
- s. Lizzie: Pass
- t. Danielle: Checking in on the issue of the café hours vs keeping the coffee shop open: is there follow up on that?
  - i. Audrey: Could you email and ask? (yes)
  - ii. Danielle: I was also wondering who I could contact about the bike racks and theft.
  - iii. Ian: Contact Chris Eichorst first.
  - iv. Danielle: Also the newspapers were in the dorms for April fools day, could we put stacks in the dorms? (Good idea)
- u. Chase: BJ is a sauna right now, we're trying to fix our heat. Also the directory maps haven't been updated with where the UREC is and the prefrosh don't know where it is.
- v. Jacob: Could we also put a request in to put the Kipos community garden on those maps?
- w. Raleigh: Last unplugged is April 5<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm. Pirate idol April 17<sup>th</sup>. Spokane Shock tickets go on sale tomorrow for \$8 (tickets and free hot dog and drink). Shock game is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

- x. Emily: Pass
- y. Ashton: Filling positions for sustainability, working on the garden one right now! And I'm excited about the conference we're going to this weekend!
- z. Jo: I finished submitting 54 pages for the yearbook!
- aa. Samantha: Michael Lindahl has done a great job on the website, so each coordinator has their own thing for their events. Students have the ability to subscribe and get updates. I have to put all the events in by hand, but start promoting it!
  - i. Lauren: When she says subscribe, it'll show up on your phone.
  - ii. Ashley: Where should we tell people to go to find that?
  - iii. Whitworthaswu.com
- bb. Rebecca M: Putting final touches on bulletins, chose colors today. And working on getting acts for the end of the year.
- cc. Ali: I emailed Jim O'Brien about the cereal and the Reese's Puffs in the containers and I haven't heard back yet, but I'll let you know when I do!
- dd. Audrey: I have 2 passes to the Color Me Rad run in June.

XIII. Aaron Kilfoyle (10 min)

- a. Whitworth Triathlon Update
- b. Aaron: I'm in charge of the triathlon. Last year it was successful with 45 turnouts. This year we have registered 30 people so far. For every individual registration it'll be \$11 towards million meals, and for every team its \$10. Allows staff and students to race against each other. I call it a non-traditional sport because it's very unique. Swim- 10 laps or 20 lengths. We have lots of volunteers to help count swimmers. We want people to complete this part within 15 minutes. For the biking it will be 5 laps around campus. Hawthorne Road will be closed to public traffic to ensure a safe riding environment. When they're done with cycling they will go run. It will be mainly road except for one portion. Mostly the same course as last year. This will only be 2 laps. There will be different groupings depending on skill level. For beginners, it is open for everyone. We don't care how fast you swim, it's fun to try. Each person on teams will perform one section of the race, you can also have a team of 2 in which one person does two events (biathlon) and the other swims. We will be leaving campus, access to Hawthorne road will be closed for roughly 2 hours.
- c. Katie: Is College Road closed?

- d. Aaron: The bikers will be on that one so yes. Parking access will not be great. I had to send a traffic plan to the county to close Hawthorne. There will be detour signs for people driving down Waikiki. We will inform campus starting this week by placing fliers on cards, dorms, etc. The main thing is that some parking lots will have road access.
- e. Ashton: I think it'd be great if you could get the visual you have by the roadblocks so people know how they can get off of campus.
- f. Aaron: I'll send it to Audrey.
- g. Josh: My main concern is that that's the time people will be leaving for church.
- h. Aaron: Multiple parking lots will be open for that one morning. Most roadblocks will be gone by 10:30 am.
- i. Raleigh: Can students park in other parking lots the night before without being penalized for not having the right parking sticker?
- j. Aaron: Yes that will be fine.
- k. Ian: I think having an email sent out by all RD's will stick out more instead of an ASWU Announces email.
- l. Aaron: We don't want any bicycle accidents. This is something serious, and last year we had some issues with it. I will have fliers sent out, thinking of doing mailboxes and dorms and cars as well.
- m. Maggie: Have you talked to the surrounding community and possibly giving them a heads up?
- n. Aaron: By law we have to have detour signs but legally I don't have to do more than that. Prizes- we have secured a new bicycle (a gift card worth the same cost as the bike, \$320), 9 winners total can win top 3 tech shirts from Nike. Also, what would you run for \$15 for?
- o. Ashton: Gift cards?
- p. Aaron: Please inform constituents about road closures, get people to register because it would really help the million meals cause.
- q. Jo: Are the maps posted?
- r. Aaron: Every registration comes with the maps.

XIV. President (**2 min**)

- a. Board of Trustee Week
- b. Ian: Next week is Board of Trustee Week. There's a lunch open to all students, contact Stephy Beans if you would like to participate. If you have a meal plan on campus it makes

the cost go down. Put that in your newsletters so students can see they can eat lunch with trustees. Make sure you're at the board of trustee committee meetings if you're on that committee!

c. Aaron: People can register for triathlon in the Hub and the UREC.

XV. Nondiscrimination Discussion cont. **(15 min)**

a. Ian: I'd like to see some action tonight and some sort of decision made on this topic. This conversation started a few weeks ago when I was forwarded an anonymous letter about their experience as an LGBT member of the community who feels ostracized and marginalized. Encouraging Whitworth to add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause. We've been talking about different things whether ASWU wanted to spearhead this in some way by a resolution or talking to constituents.

b. Ashton: (reads non discrimination clause). It would be adding "and sexual orientation" to this.

c. Andriana: I don't see this as a morality issue. This is saying that if someone is discriminated against in the workplace they can tell Whitworth and the university can help them.

d. Bergen: I don't think this is about hate. We all know hate is not a positive thing. Also, I think this is a difficult issue that's emotionally charged so we should treat it in a manner knowing that people have very different backgrounds and views. I don't think we can always say it's bad to discriminate in hiring if we want people to represent certain forms of Christian faith. There's a large spectrum and it's a question of where it lies on that spectrum. I think it is an ethical question. If people think it's morally wrong they can place it close to tenets of Christian faith. Being actively public about that would label under being closer to statement of faith so they can see it as being ok if we discriminate because of this reason. If we accept this ethical issue within a religious institution I think it becomes a religious issue. We should look to people who are experts in that field. I don't think there is a consensus in the theological expert community for this issue, I think it's difficult to make a decision. I don't think we need to make a decision. No one is forcing our hand to make a decision. I agree with what Beck had to say in that it's a difficult issue. Until we have to address it let's just not.

e. Maggie: Ashton can you read the beginning of the statement again?

- f. Ashton: “Whitworth complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions...” Non-profits act different, there’s the ability to choose.
- g. Justin: Dr. Julia Stronks has started her own petition. She acknowledges that its not a moral question, it’s a social justice issue. I think we need to get the constituency’s opinion.
- h. Rebecca M: I’ve started to feel uncomfortable that we are bringing our own opinions, because we are a representative body. It’s not about what we want, it’s about what we think the university wants. We have no business writing anything until we get the constituency opinion on it. I know a lot of students who would be very heated one way or the other and would love to be informed and have the chance to say something. They would be upset if a decision was made without asking the student body beforehand and I think that is very important to note.
- i. Ian: When it comes to possibility of resolution, there’s an option to say as a student body if we talk to them, and an option to say as ASWU.
- j. Rebecca M: Even as ASWU, our mission statement says we represent the entire student body so I still think it would be important to ask first.
- k. Raleigh: I think it was a great discussion and that something needs to be decided in this meeting. Saying no not right now (doing constituency report, etc) is a response and it doesn’t take sides it just says at the moment ASWU won’t take action other than constituency report.
- l. Maggie: A resolution is a call to action, so if we are coming from feelings and letting the administration know this is how we feel, that’s powerful but I think that there are other avenues that could be better.
- m. Rebecca M: I think we’ve had a couple action plans suggested, including the constituency report, but another one is an elevated version of that. That letter, if we could distribute it or not, to put that information out to every student on campus and then do a report because that’s a lot to put on senators in the dorms.
- n. Ashley: When we are doing something, does this need to be done in any sort of time manner with getting constituency opinions?
- o. Ian: If it was done ahead of the meeting that could’ve happened but its next week so that probably won’t be done in time. But there is a time frame because we only have roughly 7 weeks of school left this year.

- p. Jacob: Could we do a straw vote on those options?
- q. Ian: One option is to leave it, or doing a constituency report to educate students on what this topic is (signatures and whether we want to work on this as a student body), or doing a resolution as this body.
- r. Jo: Is there any way for students to work with faculty to have an open forum where people interested in this can go talk about it, so it's all in one place with the same information being given out.
- s. Jacob: Could we do a campus vote?
- t. Audrey: It's hard to remain neutral in something this emotionally charged. I think a public forum would be good, or a surveymonkey with comments and a vote, etc. If you have ideas to take it away from senators that could be a more honest way to get information.
- u. Rebecca L: Could we do a town hall? We could promote it and we could get faculty involved.
- v. Tyler: Are we suggesting that that would be what leads to a decision?
- w. Ian: More like an education of all viewpoints and then a vote.
- x. Rebecca M: Suggesting a vote after town hall.
- y. Daniel: From an outside perspective, it seems like this could sound like an overreaction to one anonymous letter that has been received. Also bare in mind this is a student's perspective; realize the type of firestorm that this could bring and whether we are prepared to handle this. We have wrestled with similar issues in the past and there's the tendency for unproductive conversations to come out of this. Perhaps a town hall meeting isn't the best way.
- z. Ian: It could be smart to have interested members of ASWU and any students that want to join in have a separate meeting in the next two weeks to talk about the options and bring the best options to ASWU to make a decision.
- aa. Andriana: This is just one letter, but throughout my year in this position this has been a reoccurring theme. I've had many students at different times come to me and talk about this issue. I've also heard faculty and admins talk about it and so has Beck. Results from the Halualani survey pointed towards that as well. It's a whole group perspective.
- bb. Audrey: We have only been talking about the one anonymous letter. Passion is important but if we are going to consider the option of doing anything it's important to educate ourselves. This isn't the first time people have talked about this, there's a reason the trustees

have said no. We should consider what has been done so we are fueled by education and resources.

cc. Rebecca L: Last year there was one student who was bullied so much that he felt uncomfortable to be in his own room and other students came to say they felt the same way. We should have safe zones in student communities.

dd. Chase: This is a delicate subject and it needs time. I like Ian's idea, and I'll motion for a separate committee for members of ASWU that are passionate to continue the conversation so they can come back and present to this group.

ee. All in favor of the motion, none opposed.

ff. Ian: I will send out an email tonight.

gg. Tyler: Just ASWU members?

hh. Ian: It'll be open to campus.

#### XVI. Shout Outs

a. Chase: The April Fools Whitworthian was hilarious.

#### XVII. For the Good of the Order

a. Aaron: Get people to sign up for the triathlon.

#### XVIII. Adjourn 6:42 pm.