

ASWU Minutes 10.1.14

- I. Call to order- Ian 5:01pm
- II. Mission Statement: Matt
- III. Approve the minutes- Approved!
- IV. Introduce Guests: Brendan, Jessica, Caleb, Maggie, Niko, Sam, Kari, Kira, Maddie, Alexis, Eric, Alma, Kasey, Benjamin, William, Hannah, Kai, Tyler, Luke, Becca.
 - a. Ian: We have new reps here at the table! If you haven't met them yet make sure you do after the meeting.
- V. Recognitions- Ian
 - a. Ali! We really appreciate the hard work you put in each week being so diligent with what we say each meeting, and you had a good TLAC meeting report last week. You work really hard and we are so appreciative of everything you do!
 - b. Keiper! Great work with the harvest party last week, you're doing amazing work with your sustainability board, the committee you serve on, we appreciate your hard work a lot!
 - c. Eli Casteel! I'm giving him a One Direction Valentine. You had quite the week last week with the elections and how it crashed the morning of, you did amazing work. We know you care about your work a lot and your plans for this spring! Thanks for being so dedicated!
- VI. Club Update
 - a. ACM Club (computer science club)
 - b. Hannah: We're a club that promotes coding, learning about computer science in general, website making, game development, encouraging the STEM discipline. Previously for the past few years it hasn't been well known, didn't have a lot of events, etc. This year Lauren and I have taken initiative to attract underclassmen. So far we've done 4 events. We hosted an internship information night, sharing about past internships. We had a web development workshop to teach people how to build a website. People also came to a workshop to learn how to make a game. Had a freshman meet-up, we had food and it was fun! Some perks about this year- We're working with Riverpoint academy which is an alternate school system. Working with students there to help them build their own apps, mentoring them. Facebook likes- we had 25 at the beginning of the year and it has gone up 3-4 times during the year. We have 450 people on our email list. We have 4 VP's and it works well. Secretary, and an EVP and a treasurer and a President. We started a mentorship program for upper

classmen in CS to mentor underclassmen in CS. We have 10-12 matches. We've been doing super well this year, probably like 10 times better than we've ever done.

- c. Kelsey: Will you have shirts this year?
- d. Lauren: Sure!

VII. President **(15 min)**

- a. Survey Results – Samantha
- b. Samantha: Numbers were all over the place. Mostly talked to freshmen and sophomores, mostly females, mostly on campus. Email vs. app: Email was a lot heavier in approval- people did complain about it but it's the best way to reach people. Lots of people said they didn't have a smart phone so the app wouldn't be helpful to them.
- c. Ian: People said they like the emails because its easier to use, and that they already check their email and might not check an app as often.
- d. Ian: Question 3- This question was about protection from discrimination of sexual orientation in faculty. [reads question] The results show that the majority of students said they would like to see the change in the handbook to protect LGB faculty. There were some students that said no, and some that responded with other or did not respond.
- e. Question 4: If Sodexo were to purchase only locally grown or organic food for the dining hall would you be willing to pay more? Gonzaga did this with a positive response. This is just to test the waters on this campus and a slight majority said no. Lots of people said it would depend on the price. We will give this information to Jim and Dan in Sodexo. ASWU wasn't going to do much with this information ourselves but we would hand it off to others.
- f. Jordan: First of all the 3rd question was an uncomfortable question to ask [about the sexual orientation protection language in the handbook]. I would recommend doing it in an anonymous format. A lot of people also answered in groups and that could have changed their answers.
- g. Ian: We thought about that, the possibility of it being "group think". It's a topic on this campus and a lot of students voiced opinions biased or not, we take this as an opinion survey not to make actual policy. Getting the temperature of campus.
- h. Question 1- what events people would like to see
- i. Samantha: I emailed coordinators with what people wanted in their categories. Generally people want more free food events on campus, de-stressing type events especially around

finals, dances and concerts, and having more campus-wide events not just in the dorms. For issues, there were a lot of different ones. Gun safety course was a popular answer, acceptance of the LGBT community was popular, and gender inclusiveness. Smaller issues- wifi at Whitworth, they want to have a Boppell meal plan price for men and others around campus, spending flex money at the UREC, smaller printing budget and parking were issues too.

j. Where do we go from here?

- k. Ian: With the information that we got from this survey, what's our next step?
- l. Jerrica: Not to take action right away, but to really process it. When we ask people the answers depended on who we were talking to. Upper classmen wanted the apps, but freshmen were more indecisive because it's earlier on in the year. Many people admitted that they straight up delete all of the emails.
- m. Ian: We see people choose to have email again in the spring, so many times the answers vary but we can have more conversation about it.
- n. Jacob: I think we have grounds to pursue adding language to protect LGB faculty on campus even if it was groupthink. We made sure to tell people to answer honestly, and I think we can move forward on that.
- o. Laurel: This doesn't reflect my personal views but I saw over and over again there was one vocal person in the group and others would be quiet then eventually answer. Not to say results would be different but it would be smart to move forward with another survey question [more anonymously] and making sure we're representing Whitworth
- p. Ashton L: I think we could use a survey monkey but we have to be careful what we title the survey.
- q. Danny: We might add a few other questions to the survey as well. If you do a single-issue survey only people who are really opinionated will answer.
- r. Jacob S: Finding a means for getting more off campus students to respond to things.
- s. Ian: I would like to see us ask this question in a more anonymous way, campus wide survey for on and off campus students. This was just to test the waters; no statistical information for policy making changes. I think we should have another survey asking specifically about this question.
- t. Sam D: Considering there are reps and senators, they have the responsibility to reach the portion of people during other parts of the survey. Can we take steps to make sure the

- senators don't just survey their closest friends? Also are there any non-convenience based methods for seeking information? (going to a place where people are and asking them.)
- u. Jerrica: Statistically it would be like randomly selecting student ID numbers rather than going into a dorm and surveying them there.
 - v. Bre: A lot of people's response was whether the third question was even an issue on campus, background information would be needed on an additional survey.
 - w. Ian: Some people are looking into doing another survey, maybe in a different way. Going to all campus not just on campus. Also getting some background information on why we're asking this question. I will propose whoever is interested to meet soon, saying let's plan a time to sit down and plan what the survey will look like. Anyone interested in going over these questions? (Erika, Ashton, Alicen, Elaine, Lauren, Ashton) if you guys can stay after we can plan a time to go over this.
 - x. Niko: I was curious what it would mean for ASWU to take action on the language in terms of protecting sexual orientation, what would it take for ASWU to make movement?
 - y. Ian: If this is something we think is important and we get data to show it's important to all campus, we can write a resolution that we can turn into Beck. Our stance on the issue. We can give it to Beck and the Board of Trustees. Last one was about cultural diversity on campus, calling for action on campus to see some change.
 - z. Alma: Adding maybe partnering up with Pirate Pride and all the things that they're doing.

VIII. Reports & Vibes (20 min)

- a. Jacob: Water Pong tournament mentioned last week. Tell your students in newsletters that booty club shirts are here because they're taking up space and I want to get rid of them.
- b. Lauren: Pass
- c. Ashton: We had Markie Hancock come; a lot of good conversations came from that. Thankful to RA's on campus taking those conversations to the dorms. Had first meeting of cultural clubs getting together, I'll keep you updated. IDC hosted Brenda Allen, talked about communicating difference matters. Tomorrow night at 9 in the MPR is the slam poetry event.
- d. Samantha: Pass
- e. Ashton: Senior cards should be here within the next two weeks!
- f. Maryann: Pass
- g. Jenna: Pass

- h. Laurel: Noah Gundersen is coming on Friday at 7 at Pirates Cove. Free hot chocolate and apple cider!
- i. Jordan: Intramurals are going great! Volleyball started Monday. Basketball will start this coming Monday.
- j. Niehls [taking over for Jacob as Outdoor Rec Coordinator]: Outdoor Rec- this past weekend we coordinated with Peak 7 adventures for First Aid training. Did trail building, good student involvement with that. Climbing trip on Sunday. This coming weekend we're going to Stewart Lake for backpacking, weekend after that is mountain biking trip to Beacon Hill.
- k. Matt: Moving on past harvest festival things. Biggest thing- starting to design campus wide composting system. Also sent out a thing about a sustainability tip- Samantha will send it to senators.
- l. Raleigh: Next week homecoming is happening! Disney on Ice tickets are on sale. \$16 a ticket we've already sold 27. We will probably need more. Homecoming- Monday Tuesday and Wednesday I need you all, the sign up sheet I have is good enough. Monday is banner making prime time, Tuesday change newsletters- the badminton tournament from 4-5pm will be in the UREC instead of in the loop. Wednesday Cat Walk 1920's swimsuit competition in the HUB. You do not need to wear a swimsuit. Saturday is the dance- 8:30pm. I will send an email to ask for every able bodied person to help. Senators I need your list of people who want to volunteer for badminton by Sunday night. Monday by the latest. 2 people showing up for the catwalk, people showing up for badminton, etc.
- m. Erika: Pass
- n. Graham: The Whitworth ultimate club Frisbee team has a tournament this weekend.
- o. Danny: We might be creating these 1 by 2 inch square icons of promos for shows you could put in your newsletters. If we had those available you could use them any week and they would still be valid. Some will change at semester. Should I do that?
 - i. Bre: As long as we get an update next semesterDanny: We have a morning show catalog starting up. We are getting an iPod touch to do events with the communications department.
- p. Rigel: Pass
 - i. Ian: what was that thing in front of your dorm?

- ii. Rigel: We had a cardboard castle building prime time and then I ran my bike into it and then I slept in it.
- q. Kelsey: Yearbook- All the writers will be talking to people as much as we can about the dorm pages, trying to get as many people who want to be in the book to be in the book at prime times tomorrow. October 14 and 15 for senior pictures!
- r. Katie: Pass
- s. Sage: Pass
- t. Alicen: Battle of the Bell- October 10, people can paint up 6:30pm at graves. The game is at the Joe Albi stadium. Mead vs. Mt. Spokane.
- u. Haley: Pass
- v. Skylar: Pass
- w. Elaine: Pass
- x. Jerrica: We got a rep!
- y. Aly: This Saturday Stewville will be doing the Walk to End Alzheimer's with us for our service project!
- z. Joshua: BJ Stewville Rep
- aa. Bre: We bought a fuf! It's a beanbag that grows to 8-10 feet. It'll be in the lounge in the next week or two.
- bb. Ali: Pass
- cc. Ian: If you haven't checked your mailbox do so! Reps- Committees. We have openings. Maryann you signed up for finance committee. 3 other positions for reps- Board of Trustee finance and administration meeting. Once a semester you go in, hear about the school's finances. Then we also have the GCATS meeting, planning out the calendar for the school year the rest of the year. Talk to me afterwards or now? (Elaine- I'll do the calendar. Josh- I'd be down to know how much we pay our employees). Sage can I put you down for GCATS? [yes]

IX. FVP (20 min)

a. Club Charters

b. Fly Fishing Club- Tyler and Luke

- c. Tyler: This club idea got started when we passed each other and started talking about fishing. Went to Coeur d'Alene and sparked the idea! Background- fly-fishing is a major passion of mine. I've made a lot of memories and made some of my best friends through

- fly-fishing. I always come back and people ask how it is, what it's like, etc. But they never had equipment to do it. Last year I started thinking it would be sweet to reach out to these people and teach them how, giving them experience. We want to provide knowledge and skills for anyone who is interested. We have a lot of people interested. We already have 30+ people interested on facebook.
- d. Luke: There's a lot of variables for fly fishing, casting practicing in the back 40, watching fly fishing movies, etc. We feel this club would fit the outdoorsy community. The beauty of fly-fishing is that it can be simple yet complicated. One of my favorite things is that you can keep the skill the rest of your life.
 - e. Haley: Would you be able to offer not just fly-fishing or cast and reel too?
 - f. Tyler: For us personally we just like to fly fish. It's something that we really like to do. I don't always enjoy fishing with bait, etc
 - g. Graham: So it would cost \$10 to join the club?
 - h. Tyler: Yeah, there's so many possibilities with it, to get things started we thought it would be nice to get that started with money.
 - i. Luke: Also tying flies ourselves would save money.
 - j. Tyler: Fly fishing is an expensive sport, tying flies and making rods ourselves cuts the costs way down.
 - k. Jacob: Are you aware of how many fly-fishable rivers are close by?
 - l. Luke: There's a lot actually. I'm a freshman but I've heard there are many lakes around.
 - m. Tyler: Within 2 hours we live in a great spot to experience the outdoors.
 - n. Katie: Do you need a license to go?
 - o. Luke: Yes, that's one thing. Our club would be centered around fishing, but not necessarily fishing itself. If it does become something where that's really fun and people would like to invest money into it they can do that, but other things would be covered by the \$10. [step out]
 - p. Danny: I value how passionate these two guys are but you can't actually go fishing unless you have the license. [Jacob: They're not expensive to purchase] They will probably be asking for gear, wondering if this could be woven in to Outdoor Rec in any way. It seems only natural that this is an obvious outdoor rec activity.
 - q. Raleigh: This influence and passion couldn't be developed in outdoor rec but they could partner with outdoor rec to obtain the license in the future, etc.

- r. Joshua: What would be the point of not voting a club in?
- s. Jacob: It's not so much that we're looking for reasons to say no, we're entertaining conversation to it.
- t. Ashton: At the end of the year we give money to all the clubs at budget committee, we're looking at if the club could be productive because if not we could give funds to another club.
- u. Ian: Careful not to put this charter with requisitioning money- that was a conversation last year.
- v. Jenna: When I talked to Tyler, he said he spoke with Brad and Brad hates fishing and doesn't want to do it. It's not his thing. This is a way for him to specialize in that.
- w. Jacob: We could work with the club in the future with trips, etc.
- x. Motion to charter the club, club chartered!

Whitworth Fencing Club

- y. Andrew: The idea is to create a community of honor and sportsmanship. I've met people interested in fencing before coming to Whitworth but had to stop when they came. There isn't space or equipment to do it right now. I have equipment I could donate, we're thinking twice weekly we'd have a fencing meet up. Inviting people to come and engage in fencing.
- z. Graham: Do you have a space reserved for where you'd go?
- aa. Andrew: Cornerstone has several rooms that would work well. Graves Gym or the rec center would work, dependent on what is available when.
- bb. Raleigh: Do you know how much it would cost for 2-4 suits/helmets?
- cc. Andrew: They tend to cost around \$30 each. I can provide helmets and masks. Foils would be the main expenditure.
- dd. Jenna: Do you have underclassmen interested?
- ee. Andrew: My VP is a junior so she would continue the club, and other students entering whitworth are interested
- ff. [ASWU member]: How many do you think would participate?
- gg. Andrew: Many people sound interested, but about 20 people is what I would want each day and I think that goal is achievable.
- hh. Kevin: If we pass this club it will be contingent on them following our insurance and liability.
- ii. Motion to charter, second. Club chartered!

jj. Outdoor Rec Requisition

- i. Jacob and Niehls: Requisition for gear for mountaineering. Snow anchors, mountain hardware, Trango 2 tents for ice climbing trips in January we want to fit more people in the trip, screamers (screws for ice climbing)- out of unallocated, sleeping bag liners to prolong the life of our sleeping bags, rope bags, cargo carrier to attach to the trailer hitch of a van.
- ii. Jerrica: Do you take the Whitworth vans? (yes) and they have trailer hitches already? (yes)
- iii. Jenna: Is the group of people coming to your events the same each time or is it diverse?
- iv. Jacob: It's a diverse group each time. We've had international students, etc. A lot of people who have experience with outdoor activities don't come on our trips because they have their own gear so many people joining us are new to it.
- v. Niehls: Fall break trip to hell's canyon- 90% of the people signed up haven't been on a trip with us before. [step out]
- vi. Kevin: We passed unallocated \$468 worth. This requisition is coming out of capital, request for \$1,662.29. The recommendation from finance committee would be to pass it for \$582.29 without the tents because they already have tents.
- vii. Matt: If we were to pass it for the lower amount, do we know if they would rather have the tents, etc. How would they rather use the money, for the tents or their other gear?
- viii. Erika: Can we pass the rest of the money from capital and the tents from unallocated?
- ix. Lauren: Motion to pass according to the finance committee's recommendation?
Kevin: For \$582.29 out of capital for everything but the tents
- x. Vote did not pass
- xi. Bre: Motion for \$582.29 out of capital and the rest out of unallocated.(vote is tied-)
- xii. Role call vote:
 - Duvall senator: No,
 - East senator: No
 - Duvall/East Rep: Yes
 - Boppell Senator: No

- Arend senator: No
- Arend/Boppell Rep: No
- StewVille Senator: Yes
- BJ Senator: Yes
- StewVille/BJ Rep: Yes
- Warren Sentor: Yes
- Warren Rep: No
- Mac Senator: Yes
- Ballard Senator: No
- Off Campus Rep: Yes
- Off Campus Senator: Yes.

xiii. Vote passed, 8 yes to 7 no.

X. **EVP (5 min)**

- a. Eli: Timecards if you haven't done them, do them! BOBS- Joshua is with Alicen and Jordan, Sage is with Katie and Ian...[2 more sets]

XI. **Speaker:**

- a. Dr. Carol Simon – Executive VP & Provost **(25 min)**
- b. Costa Rica Center – Task Force Recommendation
- c. Carol: On October 7 at 7pm there will be an open forum sponsored by the provost office and ASWU where any student is invited to come and make comments. That will be in the HUB ABC. The other opportunity to announce is that I will be sponsoring a set of conversations about education requirements at Whitworth, leading up to a faculty forum sponsored by COVAC. The point of this is not that we think there are huge problems with general education, but in general students want to know why they have to take certain courses. What I've done is invite pairs of faculty from different disciplines, will be in the crows nest followed by discussion. First two sets are October 14 with Tony Clark and Nate King and November 6 Alan Mikkelson and Cynthia Wright. I invite your participation in that. They will start at 11:45.
- d. [Regardin the Costa Rica Center, this information came from a] task force that I was not on but it was a task force composed of faculty staff and students. We tried to get a representation of people who had direct experience with the CRC but also people who went into the project with diverse opinions about how things were going. These people did a lot

of work on our behalf. They digested a lot of information, they did a student survey, faculty survey, etc. They looked at the history of the programming there, heard from a lot of different people. Their task force report was over 40 pages, had full consensus on the report. There are a lot of different recommendations that are interconnected. One of the main things- they're recommending that we sell the property that we own in Costa Rica. One thing they want to emphasize is there has been a good program and it has bridged into other Central American countries. The educational value is not in question and the quality of the leadership given to the program is not in question. What is leading to the recommendation to sell the property are a set of challenges- one being able to get predictable course offerings that can be advertised well ahead of time so that students coming to Whitworth could plan when they would be there and what would be available. One reason it has been difficult to predict what is being offered- it has been a challenge to recruit faculty to staff the center during the semester. The Jan term program has been a magnet for both faculty and students, but we have limited faculty who can spend a semester some place else. There has also been a challenge for recruiting students and being able to predict what the enrolments will be, especially during the semesters. Students don't have to make a financial commitment up front so if they change their mind late, the only penalty they pay is that they have to scramble to put together a course schedule on campus. We have to go ahead with the program no matter how many students are there. Final challenge has been the relative price.

- e. The task force was asked to think about the financial model of the CRC compared to other Whitworth-led semester programs. They were asked to see if they could think of a way to bring the cost of the Costa Rica program more into proportion with the cost of other semester programs. At the top of this sheet is their calculation of how much it costs per student. Comparison to other semester programs. What you can see is that the difference there is substantial enough that if we doubled the enrollment at the CRC if it's run on the same kind of business model it's still going to be way more expensive than other programs we run. The fact is that that money is your money. Whitworth University is a tuition-driven institution. We have a modest endowment, grateful for generosity of donors so no student has to pay the full price. When you do pay your tuition, that gets distributed to pay the expenses of the university and if you have a high cost center, everyone's tuition is subsidizing the costs of that program. One of the things that make the difference between

- the costs of the Costa Rica program and others is that we own the property, paying utilities, maintenance, etc. The other programs run every other year or so, and house students in property we don't own. So we are only paying for the cost of the housing there while we're using it. We need to pay for the CRC even when it's not full to capacity or students are staying in home stays.
- f. Eli: Would Whitworth ever see itself down the road investing in something similar to the Costa Rica campus again?
 - g. Carol: I think there might be circumstances that could lead to that in the future. The decision to buy was made when it looked as if we were in an upward enrollment trend that would keep going, the picture people had in their mind was either turning the students away or educating them somewhere else. In the jockeying for student market we do have an enrollment cap but we haven't reached it and we're working hard to make the high quality of Whitworth education known. If we were in a situation where we were turning students away we might. We face that if you run the numbers and ask what percentage of a Whitworth student body are likely to want to study in one particular international location, you need a high percentage to keep it fully utilized. The other thing we might want to do is investigate both faculty buy in and interest in making sure we have wide spread interest both with students and faculty.
 - h. Kevin: Did you pursue partnering with another institution at all?
 - i. Carol: Yes. Some institutions were interested in sending us students on an exchange basis. If we had found such a partner we would need to design a curriculum that would benefit both schools. We're continuing to explore those situations because it might give Whitworth students more options.
 - j. Ashton L: Wanting to speak more about the faculty and partnering are both two fold. In order to pay for the faculty to go there it was the department's responsibility and it's hard to convince the department to pay for a faculty member to leave. As far as partnering, we noticed students wanting us to offer general education requirements but that's hard when partnering with another school.
 - k. Alexis: Did you look at partnering with the university in Costa Rica so they wouldn't have to relocate?
 - l. Carol: That was a part of the survey but a large percent of faculty were not interested in joining a large program with a group of mainly non-Whitworth faculty because then the

question of why we would spend Whitworth dollars to learn from non-Whitworth faculty came into question.

- m. Jerrica: When will this recommendation be finalized? For when we will either do it for sure or keep looking.
- n. Carol: There's been a discussion in presidents cabinet and other areas. We will have student forum, board of trustees will talk about it at the board meeting. President Taylor will think about the input and make a decision
- o. Jerrica: Do we have control over who we would sell the land to?
- p. Carol: We have full control over who we sell it to. I think we would have an interest in how the property would be used. It was a hotel restaurant before we bought it but it is a perfectly appropriate place for a conference center, etc.
- q. Lauren: Do you know how easy it will be to sell the land?
- r. Carol: You never know with real estate. We've had it appraised. It's the kind of property where you need the right buyer at the right time.
- s. Niko: There are still options for keeping it as a program to continue potentially?
- t. Carol: Yes. One of the last things I did at faculty assembly to invite faculty members who want to talk about a reconceived Costa Rica program, interest in having that conversation. No reason we couldn't run a Costa Rica program that looks like China, etc. running every two years or so. It's possible we could have year round programming at a smaller scale, largely situated in host families renting an auditorium for classes, etc. I think faculty interest in that is important.

XII. For the good of the order.

- a. Matt: The requisitions have the old mission statement on them.
- b. Danny: The task force came up with 3 potential options for the property. Contingent on faculty interest.
- c. Jacob: I am stepping down and Niehls is taking over my position [as Outdoor Rec Coordinator]. He will do great. I am trying to simplify things and be a fully invested student and I over-committed this semester. Taking initiative to simplify things and focus on quality rather than quantity of commitments.

XIII. Adjourn 6:40 pm