

ASWU Minutes 2.11.15

- I. Call to order: Ian 5:02pm
- II. Mission Statement:
- III. Minutes: Approved!
- IV. Welcome Guests
 - a. Ian: Welcome! We're excited to hear what you have to say and glad to see you here.
- V. Recognitions
 - a. Ian: Kevin! This is Dr Pepper. We want to thank you for all the work you put into the panel, town hall, working hard to get speakers here and a club fair going on tomorrow. We'd like to thank you and Rachel for all the hard work that you do!
- VI. Club Updates **(6 min)**
 - a. **Gaming club:**
 - b. Ian Chivers: We have a couple events coming up this spring. If anyone is interested in magic drafting, we have a magic draft in March. Whitcon is happening in April the 18th. Not on Easter this year like it was last year. But we still got a lot of people, which means this year will be bigger and better! You'll be able to see people running at each other with foam weapons
 - c. It will be on the 18th-19th, primarily in Dixon. Larp competitions, costumes, games, movie rooms, tournaments for League of Legends, a variety of different things. 24-hour event.
 - d. [other club member]: You should all come!
 - e. Kevin: Do you meet regularly
 - f. Ian: Saturday evenings in Hendrick, 6-10pm. We play board games, video games, etc. You can bring games you want to play.
 - g. Ashton: What is magic drafting?
 - h. Ian: Magic gathering is a card game. A draft is you all sit in a circle, pass around 3 packs of cards, you build a deck and we have a tournament. We'll have prizes. There's a cover charge for fundraising for Whitcon. We will be drafting the most recent set that releases sometime this month. There will be an email going out soon, \$15 for participation covering packs and participation. We will be at the club fair.
 - i. **Business Club:**

- j. Henry: Our goal is to provide students with opportunities outside of the classroom. We meet every other Thursday for about an hour, 11:45-12:45. Our next event we will have Kyle McEachran and some other seniors coming to talk about the best way to navigate getting a job and exiting your senior year. Tomorrow we will be at the club fair. Upcoming events, mock interviews for marketing, general business, and accounting. We will also have some executives talk to us to have small group dinners. We've had Exxon, Chevron, etc. If you're interested in getting a job or you know someone funnel them our way and we will try to help out.
 - k. Ian: Proxies for tonight:
 - l. **Moses: for Elaine**
 - m. **Emily: for Graham.**
- VII. Speaker: Mindy Smith & Allison Maus **(15 min)**
- a. Mindy: I'm the campus pastor, and this is Allison- she is representing the interns and what they're doing. Update in terms of campus ministry- new dean of spiritual life: Forrest Buckner. He will begin July 1st. Excited that he is coming. In the chapel we are going through a sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount and on Thursdays we have communion. There's someone visiting from the Taize community in France. Collaborating with Gonzaga tonight at 7pm there's a service. There's a pastor named Amy Butler- first female pastor at Riverside Church in NYC. She had connections with faculty members and will come to campus April 7 to hopefully preach in chapel.
 - b. Allison: Through my internship I work with the SGC's. Right now they're getting back into the rhythm after some being gone for Jan term. Almost 300 students in small groups this year. Hosanna is starting the semester off strong, first service last Tuesday. Jamie Meyer is the intern that works with them. They're doing well, going along with the sermon on the mount series that we're doing in chapel but focusing more on prayer. Tuesday nights 9:45.
 - c. Mindy: 9:30pm on Wednesdays is Awake. A little different, they're going through the parables. We will start the hiring process with everyone else next week at the leadership fair, if you know anyone who wants to be an SGC we encourage them to apply. Spoke with Ashton about this- in the fall we only have 12 chapels but 13 in the spring. We will invite 2 seniors to reflect on their experience in that last chapel.

Hopefully a male and a female. If you know anyone who might be interested please send nominations to Ashton

- d. Ian: Would that be more of a sermon or general reflection?
- e. Mindy: Typically take a text and say why this is important to me as I think about my time. It wouldn't need to feel like a sermon, it would be reflecting and using a text to enhance it. 5-10 minutes.
- f. Mindy: The church Amy Butler is at has never had a female head of staff. She's in the heart of the city, we're excited that she's coming here.
- g. Eli: About the SGC program, for people looking to participate can they live off campus?
- h. **Mindy:** We have a male and a female that live in every dorm community... Oh I thought you meant having an off campus small group. We had a pretty large shortage of males apply to be SGC's last year so we had two males living off campus willing to do it for this year. That's been the only time we've done that, it's not ideal but Tyler and Brad made a commitment to be in the dorm at least 5 hours a week and doing prime time too.
- i. Eli: Should people still apply even if they're moving off?
- j. Yes. If there's someone who can uphold those commitments we will be open to that.
- k. Eli: Is there any off campus ministry?
- l. Mindy: I think we just do a lot of invitation. Awake does a lot with athletes. They do a lot of work off-campus, athletic small groups, at games, etc. And meeting their groups off campus and inviting people to our on campus programs.
- m. Allison: We also have a lot of off-campus SGL's.
- n. Josh: Who should I direct people to if they're interested?
- o. Mindy: Either of us. We will have a table at the fair but we would be the direct point people. Our emails are on the website with the FAQ's as well.
- p. Ian: Last year we were able to talk about the general faith climate. Book group/small group on evangelical identity that Whitworth has, can you speak to that?
- q. Mindy: Last spring there was a group of about 75 students who signed a letter written to the dean of spiritual life search committee saying what they're looking for in the next dean. Many of them said they wanted the next one to be more evangelical, scripture being held in higher authority and more emphasis on sin. I

thought that was interesting, because we feel like we're pretty faithful in preaching Jesus Christ but they were saying we're not focusing enough on evangelism on campus and reaching out more to non-Christian students. I think they just needed to be heard. Allison and I sent out an email to about 10 of those on the list that we felt would contribute to a conversation. Met every other week to get a better idea of where they were coming from. That was helpful—hearing how they're trying to learn how to live in a more diverse community.

- r. But we are also not a church; we are open and welcoming to a diverse population. If a student lives on campus that's their home. We need to do evangelism thoughtfully and not do it in a way that would embarrass Jesus himself. I think they appreciated being heard and want to continue the conversation in the spring. We found there was mistrust with the evangelical students and student life. That feels like good work to get both sides in the room and share stories to build some trust back. There's some mistrust with administration as well, administrators want to enter the conversation as well. Trying to get those parties in the same room to say how do we live together and express our faith in a way that's not hurtful.
- s. Alicen: At the beginning of the year there were students interested in a prayer room, is there one?
- t. Mindy: Terry McGonigal got a \$1,000,000 grant, which means we have no prayer room. We were able to open the Office of Church Engagement. He hired 3 other support people that are helping him run the grant and that work, so we had to use all of the office space. That prayer room was an old office that was vacated the year before. So that's opened up a lot of conversation. We had Muslim students who were able to use it privately and we've also had Jewish students who wanted to use it. His office may not stay there and if they moved him we could revisit it, but this year with the transition the room got taken away.
- u. Josh: When you mention the distrust from the administration, referencing the tension between students and student life what did you mean about administration?
- v. Mindy: I meant the students feel that the administration is talking a lot about diversity, the students were saying they hear a lot about diversity but not about evangelism even though they say that's one of our key identities. They're not seeing what we say we're about being lived out. Ecumenical- that's a church word, means

we're open to a diversity of Christian faith in the sense that we are rooted in Christian heritage but that might look Presbyterian, non-denominational, etc. The students are saying I hear all this but a lot of times they don't see it being lived out. Other students say they do but this group doesn't.

VIII. FVP (15 min) Club Charters:

- a. **Teachers of Tomorrow:** Alli, Mary, Lauren
- b. Our purpose is to bring together the school of education. All grade levels, all content areas, together to become a united force on campus and come to the community for a good name for Whitworth. Also to bring new opportunities and new things to all people on campus. It's open to everyone on campus, working with kids, outreach in the community, etc.
- c. Lauren: Event coordinator, some things we as a potential club have been planning is a lot of service learning. There's a new charter school being built, so we want to be there to support in even the small things like painting their walls. We also want professional development, fundraisers to send students to conferences, etc.
- d. Mary: Our affiliation is with a group of principals and superintendents and teachers who talk about how education can improve, etc. Our next step would be to be a chapter of this organization, members can put that on their resume.
 - i. Katie: Student outreach- teaching in classrooms. How will it be different than the RISE program?
 - ii. Lauren: We meant more with students on the campus if they're interested in education, my co-event coordinator
 - iii. Ashton S: How do you plan to work with SFER?
 - iv. Mary: We want to do stuff with SFER and RISE and BELIEF so once we become a thing we can reach out to them and see how we can work together.
 - v. Alicen: How many students have you had interested?
 - vi. Our current list has over 50
 - vii. Moses: Requisition- so for a conference like you said would you come requisition for it?
 - viii. Mary: We would eventually like to provide financial assistance for people but right now we're not there. So for conferences we would work with them to see how they can get there, who to talk to, etc.

- ix. Step out
- x. Bre: Motion to approve
- xi. All in favor, club chartered!

e. Basketball Club

- f. Kyle: Senior, played basketball freshman and sophomore year.
- g. Cody Wright: I'll be coaching this year as a special education and kinesiology major.
- h. Kyle: Raise your hand if you played on a team sport in high school. Jacob, what's one thing you learned?
- i. Jacob: Every day I had a group of guys that I could hang out with and they would go on to be my best friends for a long time.
- j. Jordan: I learned how to work with others to achieve a common goal.
- k. Kyle: With basketball club we're looking to do all these things along with networking, teamwork, camaraderie, etc. Talking about the Spokane area- there's a great sense of basketball culture. Spokane has one of the best players ever played, Whitworth and Gonzaga are proudly supported every year, and even to the high school level. That's definitely reflected with basketball club. On the team there's a wide variety of ages and players representing a good portion of the student body. We play in this big tournament at EWU with big schools coming and we play for bragging rights. We beat WSU twice, almost beat EWU off a buzzer beater and almost beat Oregon. The success our team has is great compared to the size of our school. Basketball in Spokane is a great community; through basketball we're looking to hone skills as a team sport. As of now our advisor is Duff Bergquist.
- l. Cody: Last year at the tournament we loved representing Whitworth, most of the kids had no idea where Whitworth was. We finished second and we got a sportsmanship award. As a coach I'll hold the kids to high expectations and hopefully we can win that award again this year.
 - i. Samantha: You're both seniors right? Do you have plans for leadership for next year?
 - ii. Cody: We have 6 freshmen on the team and Cody Davis is a sophomore, he's vice president. There's enough expressed interest.
 - iii. Haley: Are you co-ed?

- iv. Cody: It's open to everyone. We don't really have tryouts, the tournament you can have girls on the team, etc.
- v. Jacob: Do you do cuts?
- vi. No
- vii. So anyone can come?
- viii. Cody: We don't do cuts, We would hopefully spread the word better. You can only take 12 to the tournament but all the scrimmages and practices anyone can come.
- ix. Kyle: Anything over 15 it can get a little hectic so we kind of have to be strategic with our team.
- x. Josh: Do you participate in hoopfest?
- xi. Cody: I have since third grade
- xii. Niehls: Is it seasonal or do you practice all year?
- xiii. Cody: There's not really a league, we didn't start practicing until this past month.
- xiv. Step out
- xv. Motion to approve, second
- xvi. All in favor, club chartered!

m. Updates

- n. Kevin: Gave Adopted Pirates and Fly-fishing club \$300. Requisitioned for money for the club fair. We got the gift cards all donated from STCU. Club fair is happening tomorrow from 11-1 in the MPR. 30 Clubs there, \$300 worth of gift cards. Good chance to win! You just need to meet 5 clubs and get their initials to be put into the drawing.
- o. Ian: Senators should put this on your facebook page tonight.
- p. Kevin: Free cupcakes!

IX. Reports & Vibes (15 min)

- a. Katie: Pass
- b. Kelsey: Pass
- c. Ashton S: 11 bathrooms that are currently single stall locking we will change the signs by next fall. Dick Mandeville also said we have permission from facilities to have a HUB experimental bathroom.

- d. Ian: Men's restroom in the hall will be a private bathroom within the next week. There will be a lock on the door. That's cool to see that the conversation we had starting here is being heard.
- e. Jacob: 2 nights with basketball games, Friday night against George Fox as a blackout. Saturday teams play pacific. Pirate spirit night. This week is especially special for the teams, putting on a coin drive for para-sports Spokane both Friday and Saturday. Currently in contact with Daniel Khoe who is the president of Bangarang Ultimate Frisbee, Gonzaga wants to play an exhibition game here. I'm working on getting the football field.
- f. Moses: For Elaine, pass
- g. Ashton L: Pass
- h. Samantha: Pass
- i. Marianne: Pass
- j. Raleigh: Unplugged is next Monday, 7-8:30pm. Free mugs. Plans for the gala to be on the 13th of next month.
- k. Saige: Pass
- l. Jenna: Zipcar meeting last Thursday. Next step is figuring out if it's a wanted thing on campus. Survey came out today
- m. Skyler: Pass
- n. Niehls: Snowshoe hike this Friday, it's full with like 20 people on the waiting list. We have to cancel a lot of our ski vans because there's no snow, we'll find other ways to recreate. Our spring break trip is full. Another trip to Bishop, CA and Lake Tahoe, skiing, rock climbing, bouldering, etc.
- o. Jordan: Intramural sign ups end this Friday for indoors soccer basketball and volleyball. Had a meeting with a guy who launched a new intramural system so we might be switching from IM leagues to a system that's more user-friendly and allows for more social integration with no ads.
- p. Jerrica: Pass
- q. Jessica: Pass
- r. Haley: Awkward Middle School dance is this Friday the 13! It will be in the climbing wall, senators pick posters up from me. Starts at 9:30 after the basketball game. No shoes.

- s. Bre: Are they climbing or dancing?
 - t. Haley: Dancing!
 - u. Alicen: Working on getting a long board rack in the UREC. Also working with people doing the Washington student leadership forum, requisitioning soon to send students.
 - v. Josh: Pass
 - w. Emily: Pass for Graham
 - x. Erika: Pass
 - y. Lauren: Boppell- Event Monday at 8 in the movie room
 - z. Matt: Group in Kipos has been working on divestment, did activities over Jan term. They had a meeting with Rosetta and other admins talking about it and it went well. Lots of signatures on their sheet. Next Wednesday at 7pm is Ben Lowe. Christian environmental activist creation care person, RTT 7pm and also speaking at awake at 9:30pm and the next morning Thursday there will be a meet and greet breakfast thing. Let me know if you're interested. RTT 7pm is core 150 extra credit if you want to put that in your newsletters. Also Ben donated 60 of his books for students, in the Kipos sage corner in the MPR. 2 books- Green Revolution, and Doing Good without Giving Up.
 - aa. Bre: Primetime for this Sunday for the dorms- we're postponing that to put it closer to the housing lottery.
 - bb. Danny: Pass
 - cc. Benjamin: Pass
 - dd. Ali: Pass
 - ee. Eli: Vibe- talking to some people about the rock wall. Prices have jumped up from 0 to \$1 to rent. Nothing else requires that you use additional money for
 - ff. Niehls: The climbing shoes require upkeep. You have to resole them every couple of years and it adds up. That dollar isn't much for the student but it helps us keep up that cost.
 - gg. Jacob S: The shoes we had last year blew out by the end of the year.
- X. **EVP (5 min)**
- a. Updates

- b. Eli: Timecards are due before the 15th, then for senators reiterating the importance of prime times. That represents your office hours, collect information from your dorms and give knowledge to them. If you think there's a better way to do office hours let me know. In house theology conversation has taken a turn into the faculty's houses. Looking do to conversations that are organically occurring. You'd need to go and talk to a theology professor to talk to them about that.
- c. Regarding GE330 assignment- we realized that some people might not actually agree with the last chunk and if you don't, explain your reasoning and give your perspective. The idea behind the 8 steps to change would require an agreed upon vision, and if you don't believe that explain your reasoning.
- d. Jerrica: East Explores next Thursday, religious diversity on campus.7-9 on the 19th.
- e. Erika: Choreography class- they need people, open auditions for casting on Sunday the 22nd 1-3:30. Student choreography concert at the end of the year, each student choreographs a dance and they need people to help them.

XI. President (20 min)

- a. Ian: Susan G Komen walk for breast cancer, a student here is working with that group. Challenge for all schools up through college- want to know if Whitworth wants to be a part of that. Is anyone interested on working on a fundraiser to work with that?
- b. Jenna: What does that entail?
- c. Ian: I'm not sure I haven't met with them. I have an email I could forward that on to you.
- d. Raleigh: Can you forward me the email? (yes)
- e. Ian: last Friday I met with Rosetta Rhodes talked about financial aid and grants that are need-based. Getting rid of some of the programs, taking money from the SCOG and putting it to a pell grant. The ICW is against this because it'll offer less money for people who need it. We need to get the word out if students want to sign a petition. Goes straight to state legislator. Is an email the best way to get this out? Facebook pages?
- f. Eli: What's the motivation to switch to this different method of distributing funds?

- g. Ian: Rosetta said it would be an easier system. This would simplify it in a way as to how to give it out. All the independent colleges pretty much that are in that ICW group are against it.
- h. Raleigh: You could also put something in the leadership fair, a general flyer to say read your email, etc.
- i. Policy Timeline**
- j. Kevin: Hopefully you all read your email with the synopsis about dates. By the end of this week Ian will be providing you with what you will say and go over in constituency report. Informative one. Then you will have until Wednesday the 18th to bring back X amount of signatures.
- k. Eli: That's just to show you talked to them.
- l. Ashton L: It's going to be a script right?
- m. Ian: Yes we will write it up. Senators and reps will get it by Friday. You'll take it with you in your dorm, senators and reps its good to go together. Say ASWU is going around to let people know about this policy. If they have comments or questions, write it down and get back to them within a week. Providing information, not recording anything unless they have questions.
- n. Kevin: In those reports you'll say what the policy is and informing them of the dates that are coming up. A more progressive and a more conservative approach to LGBT issues. 22nd of February- progressive theologian.
- o. Jenna: In our script can we include why ASWU is getting involved?
- p. Kevin: The second date is the more conservative theology side, Julie Rodgers (Lesbian, but has committed to a life of celibacy) she has a conservative theology.
- q. Eli: She works with students in a group called Refuge with Wheaton students who associate with LGBT. Associate pastor. March 9th.
- r. Kevin: Right after that we will do a campus survey. Then the week before spring break we will have a resolution drafted by then and vote on it in the meeting before spring break. Administration needs to see that before sending it to the board of trustees. After that we will work on springfest and elections is right after spring break. Think about what committee you'd want to be on. Minimum of 7 on each team.
- s. Ashton L: Do you think it would be more useful to have more people on some?

- t. Ian: When it comes to marketing we will need people to go out and do posters, etc.
- u. Kevin: We had talks of doing table tents, etc. Also stuff in the bathrooms, etc.
- v. Ian: We also realize that if we're meeting outside of ASWU not everyone will be able to go.

w. Committees

- x. Marketing: Ali, Danny, Bre, Matt, Laurel, Haley, Jordan, Saige, Samantha, Jacob. Kelsey.
- y. Campus vote: Erika, Josh, Alicen, Skyler, Marianne, Benjamin, Katie, Graham.
- z. Resolution: Raleigh, Ashton S, Niehls, Ashton L. Jenna, Jerrica, Jessica, Lauren

XII. For the good of the order

- a. Kevin: Shout out to Rachel! She's been helping out a lot with the club fair.
- b. Eli: Shout out to the three guests who are left!
- c. Shout out to Kevin with the clubs and our proxies!
- d. Jacob: Shout out to everyone for wanting to get involved
- e. Josh: There have been people wondering why we don't have a compost bin in saga.
- f. Ian: Make sure you pick up garbage.
- g. Erika: I had a conversation with an alum and she was asking what Whitworth is doing to combat sexual assault. I couldn't answer that that well.
- h. Eli: Green dot is working on it, if you want to get involved more in green dot for stuff like that I can direct you to that person.
- i. Ian: They tend to do something big each semester.
- j. Eli: They're looking for people who want to join their advisory committee.
- k. Chase: If you see mugs or anything Sodexo related make sure to return them cause they're on a shortage.
- l. Jacob: I saw Jim and Dan testing out the 14oz glass
- m. Eli: They got them! They ordered them.
- n. Lauren: motion to adjourn
- o. Adjourn: 6:25pm

XIII. Adjourn