



ASWU Meeting Minutes 01/11/2017

In attendance: Executive Vice President - Norma Heredia, Financial Vice President - Jeff Debray, Assembly Secretary - Tristan Renz, Cultural Events Coordinator - Camina Hirota, Senior Class Coordinator - Gretchen Van Lith, Special events coordinator - Rachel Henson, Spiritual Life Coordinator - Mike Christie, Sports/Tournaments Coordinator - Luke Atherton, Natsihi Editor - Michaela Mulligan, Whitworth.fm Manager - Evan Jaeger, Baldwin Jenkins Senator - Shaun Fisher, Ballard Senator - Maddie Gregory, Boppell Senator - Emily Gates, Duvall Senator - Ivan Sole Martino, McMillan Senator - Josh Miller, Off-Campus Senator - Jordan Dale, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Warren Senator - Mae Curtis, Off-Campus Representative(s) Grace Meiners, Laura Mecier and Michael Hafermann, Arend/Boppell Representative - Amber Van Brunt, Baldwin Jenkins/Stewart Representative - Alexander Mowery, Duvall/Oliver Representative - Ethan Clardy, Warren Representative - Alex Fergus.

Absent: President - Breanna Lyons, Activities Coordinator - Bailey Vallee, Marketing/PR Coordinator - Brenna Bruil, Sustainability Coordinator - Whitney Jester, Whitworthian Editor - Karlin Andersen, Arend Senator - Christina Locatelli, Stewart/Village Senator - Abigail Hochberger.

Meeting was brought to order at 5:00pm in the AWSU Assembly Chambers

Mission Statement read by Shaun Fisher.

Motion to approve 12/06/16 minutes by Hannah, second by Ivan, approval unanimous.

1. Club Updates
 - Club Basketball

Justin - I just filled out the paperwork and submitted payment for a tournament we will be participating in at Eastern Washington University next month. In march, we will be participating in a tournament in Eastern Oregon, which I am currently working on filling out registration for. Our team just focuses on playing games and practicing with a team of 10 or so guys.

Shaun - Do you practice against other schools and/or teams?

Justin - We mainly just practice/scrimmage against ourselves.

Josh - When do you practice?

Justin - Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30pm, location varies.

2. FVP Update

Jeff - As we have previously discussed in GE330, we are tasked with going over everyone's positions, including hours paid. We will go through each position, one by one and discuss thoughts and opinions on current responsibilities and qualifications. Then at the beginning of spring semester, we will take an official vote. I'm sure you have all heard about the minimum wage increase in Washington State, which increased to \$11 per hour as of January 1st. If we kept all hours paid the same, we would be

looking at an additional approximate \$22,000, just in salaries. We want to be using student money in the best possible and efficient way.

Jordan - I'm curious about Dayna and Linda's jobs (since they will be departing) for next year and how that will affect the budget?

Jeff - I have inquired about this with Student Life, but we are unsure right now about how this change will affect the budget. Well, let's begin going through each of the positions, and discuss possible changes.

- Dorm Senators

Shaun - I think there should be additional language on point (d) to include the spring retreat, with an approximate date.

Josh - We are currently paid 40 hours per month, which the job description page needs to be updated.

- On Campus Representatives

Alex - Point (d) of the description states that we will serve on a committee approved by ASWU. I think the wording should be changed to say "may" serve on a committee as some of us representatives are not.

Jeff - Are the current 3 hours a week good?

General Conesus - Yes.

There was also talk about the on campus representatives being active in their entire zone. Meaning that some representatives serve multiple residence halls. The recommendation was made to add a responsibility of being active in both the one you live in, and the one you don't. Person(s) unknown.

- Off-Campus Senator

Jordan - 10 hours per week is perfect for the current responsibilities, although it needs to be updated on the final document. Off-Campus senator position is more event planning and less communication with residence hall members. The skills sections of the job description should emphasize "event planning" because a major responsibility of this job is such.

- Off Campus Representatives

Norma - There was some discussion at GE330 about adding more hours paid to the off campus representatives position, to help aid the coordinators with event planning and operation. What are your thoughts on this?

Laura - Everyone feels like we could be doing more. If these responsibilities were added, I think it would be beneficial. 3 hours is fine for the current job description and tasks.

Norma - What would the language look like on job tasks?

Dayna - Assist coordinators as needed.

There was discussion about how this idea would be executed. The final consensus was to have the EVP assign each off campus representative as a "BOB" to multiple coordinators. They would be their assist essentially. Person(s) unknown.

- Cultural Events Coordinator

Camina - In the job tasks portion it states to meet quarterly with the CDA's, which I have not been doing. But I think more effort could be put into that, so maybe more emphasis could be added for the portion of the job. Current hours paid are good. I have been collaborating with David a lot, which in return he has done a lot of the planning. I love programming with him. Depending on who takes on this role next year, they could be doing more work than I have due to the fact I have been working with the department.

- PR/Marketing Coordinator

Norma - Brenna is sick today, but her suggestion would be to add keep the app up to date as a responsibility, and cut 5 hours per week. 10 hours a week would be enough.

- Natsihi Editor

Michaela - On point (g) it says that them should be a media committee, but we have never met. I'm not sure if this is something I should be doing?

Dayna - The meetings were made to collaborate on stories and allow for communication between media departments.

Norma - Are there things you are doing, not on the job description?

Michaela - No, I believe position should stay at 80 hours a week, which may need updating on sheet. Any hour cuts should be made evenly across media positions, as that has how it worked previously.

Jeff - Any feedback on the people under you?

Michaela - I haven't looked at those positions yet, but I will soon.

- Senior Class Coordinator

Gretchen - Remove point (b), as almost all information is shared on the Class Facebook Page. Also the Senior Sendoff should be added to point (e). Add something about planning monthly events, and emailing the senior class committee for suggestions. Add preparing senior cards to responsibilities. No changes to hours.

- Spiritual Life Coordinator

Mike - I think hours are good for responsibilities. About half of my time is spent at the Chapel and half at ASWU, so we should ask Chapel to pay half of the budget for this positions. Budget could be cut although.

- Sports Events/Tournament Coordinator

Luke - Tournaments could be removed entirely, since intramurals are stepping up and planning a lot more of these activities. A lot of my job is promoting upcoming events, so the title could be changed

to Sports Events and Promotions Coordinator. Having tournaments at the same time as March Madness is unrealistic. Being responsible for promotional videos should be adding to tasks.

Jeff - If you remove tournaments should hours stay the same?

Luke - 15 hours a week in fall semester are fine, but might be able to do 12 hours a week to cut the budget more if add the responsibility of working with his/her assigned off campus representative.

Jordan - Some discussion should be made before cutting tournaments altogether?

There was discussion that a thorough conversation needs to take place with the U-REC before making any change, although the general consensus was that it would be positive for the U-REC to handle. People(s) unknown.

- Whitworth.fm Manager

Evan - I feel like a lot of what I do is teach the class, but that is not emphasized in the qualifications. Removing class grades under point (d) would be helpful as well. The committee aspect should be addressed like Michaela said. All of my staff's hours are good, one of them could probably do up if anything.

- Special Events Coordinator

Rachel - There are two point (a's) and two (b's). The second (b) should be removed because I didn't promote events I didn't help plan or help fund. I think that should be taken out. Also the office hour requirement should be changed to 5 hours per week. I think 15 hours a week if fair for the job I have been doing.

Jeff - Overall what is the current office hour requirement feel?

Michaela - Media positions do not require a certain number of office hours.

Mike - I think for Spiritual Life Coordinator office hours is hard because no one wants to talk about spiritual life in a cubical. Most of my time is spent in the coffee shop. We could look at even budgeting a coffee allowance for next year. If we could find a way into the budget and increase office hours but placed in the coffee shop.

Dayna - They are so students who have questions can find you.

Alex F - For on campus representatives, does it require us to be at prime times?

Jeff - It's a suggestion.

Alex - I think it would be great to be active in your zone, not just your one dorm that you live in.

Jeff - Great job everyone. Thank you.

Someone brought up that we forgot to discuss the position of Assembly Secretary.

- Assembly Secretary

Tristan - Current hours is fine for the tasks I am completing. Position could be doing more although, assisting others possible. Would allow Secretary to interact with a greater number of people. On point (d) it says to post minutes in the bulletin boards, which I am currently not doing.

Discussion was on if people would read them in bulletin boards. Conesus was they will most likely not stop to read them, but they do need to be updated on the website in a more efficient fashion.

Jeff - Capital is currently at \$14,416.29 and unallocated is at \$4,458.38.

3. EVP

Norma - Retreat is February 3rd-4th. Meet here at 4pm in Chambers, and we will begin by talking about business. From there we will leave for the night, so pack bags. On the 4th, we will be gone until about noon. We will be going to an AirBNB property, it's a cabin in the woods. It is in Idaho about a 60-minute drive. Any questions? Senators the CBS meetings are coming up during second semester. Please meet with your leadership teams to set up meeting dates, and then a ratification meeting dates as well.

Alex - What are we supposed to do?

Norma - Come up with a new plan or approve the existing rules? This is a mid year reflection. Once you approve it, please email it to me.

Mae - Are all resident required to go or is it like a ratification meeting where it's optional?

Norma - In theory, yes it is required. Everyone should go, but the people who care will voice their opinion. Explain it to your residents.

Jeff - Food always helps get people there.

Hannah - Do we have to discuss values too?

Norma - Discuss it with your leadership teams, that is up to your individual teams.

Norma - Elections are coming up in the spring. SEC sets the timetable, all rules and guidelines. The dates will come out soon, so keep a look out. We want people to turn out, so please encourage friends and residents to attend info meetings. Also timecards will be due soon. Anyone who is here for Jan Term gets paid for the entire month.

4. Reports and Vibes

Camina - On Friday, the Spokane Dream Project Club will be delivering the petition to "Make Whitworth University a Sanctuary Campus" petition to President Beck A. Taylor. We will be meeting at 4 inside the HUB, to walk over and present it, feel free to join us. It would be awesome to have your support.

Shaun - What is a sanctuary campus, many people are wondering?

Camina - It grants protection for undocumented students so that they do not get deported. Basically, in short, the University will not release information that could result in a fellow student being investigated or deported. The next event for my position is MLK day on Monday. We have a bus that will leave at 9am from Hawthorne Hall which will drive downtown. Speeches begin at 10 which will

include our own Beck A. Taylor, followed by the march which starts at 10:45. We will return to campus around 12. Community service opportunity afterwards as well, sign up online. On Tuesday the 17th, there is a Black History 101 Museum Exhibit from 9am-3pm. Presentations in the MPR at 12:15 and 4. On the 19th, at 4:30 in the Crows Nest the Color of Film movie will be shown. In February, two of the people who are in the film are coming to campus. I would really appreciate you coming to these events.

Norma - Newsletters are this week. Due tomorrow by 6pm, posted on Friday.

Mae - Camina, if you could send posters digitally, so we can add to newsletters that would be well appreciated. We have received great feedback from that.

Amelia - Good evening. I am apart of Heat, and I have brought two new members. They will be joining the rotations of people to attend these meetings. Realistic Revolutions next Thursday from 8-9:30pm in the MPR. We will be making new year's' resolutions and setting realistic goals. This could be an alternate to prime times, so please encourage leadership teams to do such.

Luke - Two things, this Friday we are playing University of Puget Sound. Girls play at 6, guys at 8. This will be a whiteout game. Then on Tuesday the 23rd, we are playing Whitman at home. This game will be on television, which will be a booty club night, so we will have raffle prizes. Best sign contest as well, which the winner will win \$50. Any questions?

Rachel - Unplugged will be in the coffee shop on January 23rd. Anyone can perform, email her by the 20th if you want to perform or know anyone. We are thinking about doing Second Chance Prom again this year? Any senators interested in partnering and helping out? This will come out of the Special Events budget, not senators. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Josh - I got an Eco Rep for McMillian and his name is Chris.

Michaela - We have a new yearbook website. It is linked on the Facebook page and the official Whitworth website.

Jeff - I just wanted to check in with people who serve on the Finance Committee and Club Charter Committees. I need two more people for each committee. Anyone interested? 4 people signed up.

5. Shout outs

Josh - Thanks to Norma for being President for this month.

Kenta - Can you impeach a senator?

Norma - You would need 2/3 of the senators to approve the impeachment. Contact me if you are interested in perusing.

Norma - Shout out to Shelby, Asa and Hannah for stepping in for senators as proxies while they are away for Jan Term.

Motion to adjourn at 6:01pm by Josh, second by Mae, approval unanimous.