



## ASWU Meeting Minutes 04/26/2017

*In attendance:* President - Breanna Lyons, Executive Vice President - Norma Heredia, Financial Vice President - Jeff Debray, Secretary - Tristan Renz, Activities Coordinator - Bailey Vallee, Cultural Events Coordinator - Camina Hirota, Marketing/PR Coordinator - Brenna Bruil, Special Events Coordinator - Rachel Henson, Senior Class Coordinator - Gretchen Van Lith, Spiritual Life Coordinator - Mike Christie, Sports/Tournaments Coordinator - Luke Atherton, Sustainability Coordinator - Whitney Jester, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator - Elisha Parslow, Natsihi Editor - Michaela Mulligan, Whitworth.fm Manager - Evan Jaeger, Whitworthian Editor - Karlin Andersen, Arend Senator - Christina Locatelli, Baldwin Jenkins Senator - Shaun Fisher, Ballard Senator - Maddie Gregory, Boppell Senator - Emily Gates, Duvall Senator - Andy Weeks, McMillan Senator - Josh Miller, Off-Campus Senator - Jordan Dale, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Stewart/Village Senator - Abigail Hochberger, Baldwin Jenkins/Stewart Representative - Alexander Mowery, Warren Senator - Mae Curtis, Off-Campus Representative(s) Michael Hafermann, Grace Meiners, and Laura Mecier, Arend/Boppell Representative - Amber Van Brunt, Duvall/Oliver Representative - Ethan Clardy, and Warren Representative - Alex Fergus.

*Absent:*

*Guests:* Laura, etc.

Meeting was brought to order at 5:01pm in the ASWU Chambers.

Mission Statement read by Alex F.

### 1. Team Appreciation

The current ASWU Executive Officers brought cookies for the team as a farewell to the 2016-2017 ASWU Team for a great year.

### 2. Planned Parenthood - Follow-up

Breanna - I would like to continue the discussion about Planned Parenthood and any feedback or reactions that you have heard from residents to the forum.

Alex F - In regard to the town hall that was held, I heard a lot of students left discouraged, both students that were for or against the decision. There was a feeling of dissatisfaction from multiple sides.

Andy - Of the people I have talked to have said that they understood the purpose for the forum was to learn more about how the decision was made by administration. However, that did not happen. These individuals felt that the event relayed information that they already had previous knowledge of.

Alex F - I have also heard, that some of the students who could not make it to the forum did not read his remarks he sent out afterwards. I am not sure what to do about other than just encouraging people to read them.

Laura, Guest - I have heard that several students felt frustrated that the announcement was only 8 hours

prior to the start of the event.

Josh - I asked my constituents how they felt about the issue over the past week. I asked them whether they agree or disagree. It was about 50 percent split between the two and many did not know this decision was a discussion topic. I would say that 90 percent of the people I talked to were not affected by the decision.

Mike - One Small Group Coordinator I talked to made the comment that the location of the forum was a different option for the administration to take.

Michaela - I talked with one faculty member about the comments on social media dealing with this subject. He states that once you leave Whitworth, you lose perspective about what's happening on campus. Most would see Whitworth as either being extremely liberal or conservative, but not a lot of in between. I think this was an interesting thought.

Jordan - There is confusion on what constitutes a formal relationship with the university. It was brought up about the relationships that we have currently and how to navigate that discussion.

Rachel - During the forum, there wasn't a distinction made between two issues surrounding this decision. It seems as if the club charter issue and the internship issue is being morphed together. I think it is important for ASWU to maintain the independent autonomy to make decisions. Beck made it seem that the administration was very involved in ASWU, but I had not heard that before. I have always heard that the administration was not involved very much.

Alex M - I understand that Beck was in a delicate situation, however his answers to questions made it feel like he was brushing off the responses. Almost like it was going in one ear and out the other.

Mike - In his email and statement, he made it seem that if he had known that there was a partnership in the first hand that it would have never been approved. I do not think it is a black and white situation like that.

Laura, Guest - Whitworth is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). There is a lot of confusion on the issue. As Christians we can discuss and disagree on issues and there is ever disagreement between denominations on this topic.

Luke - I was appreciative of his comments; he didn't have to do that. He made the comment he was doing what was best for Whitworth University, which I appreciated. He also closed with that this is not reflect his personal stances, but the university. I think we need to remember to separate personal from professional.

Breanna - I agree; we need to keep these topics human. He told me that he has lost multiple nights of sleep over this issue.

Jeff - I have talked to some students who want to see a campus-wide feel on this issue to get a perspective. It would not be completely accurate as not everyone would respond. They want to see how campus is feeling by conducting a survey.

Norma - I think it is important for students to be informed on how clubs are chartered. I don't think

many students have the knowledge on how that process work.

Jeff - I do not think it is clear that ASWU has a different position on this than the administration.

Karlin - I think this is a great thing to talk about in the greater community as well as among students. There is confusion currently on the difference between the Whitworthian and University Communications. We should work to make the distinctions between students and administration.

Breanna - Karlin, what is the best medium for that clarification to reach students?

Karlin - I think through senators. There is confusion on who made this decision. It is up to people in this room who are already talking to students. If you want to put out an official statement, that would work as well.

Michaela - Question about the task force, what is the purpose? Timeline, who's on it, etc.?

Breanna - We are meeting next week to begin that discussion. Right now it looks like new executives and old executives will be a part of that initial discussion, but I am not sure who she is recruiting for that.

Alex F - In response to Karlin, I talked to a Board of Trustees member and he mentioned that the board was not a part of the discussion and decision, they just confirmed it. In response to getting across information, there is confusion that Students for Life is being lumped together with Young Americans for Freedom. There is a difference in the goals, ideology, and mission between the two.

Laura - When I look on social media, the reason that those two organizations are being viewed as together is because they are two clubs that are affiliated with national organizations.

Breanna - If you have any other thoughts, please email me

### 3. Club Updates

#### a. Gaming Club

Laura - Almost every Friday night throughout the year we have met from 6-10pm to play board games. Whitcon was last weekend, which is our large two-day event in Weyerhaeuser. We have alumni visit and members of the community participate. We also hold primetimes in the residence halls. We are known for creating a place to help students make friends and have had training for that purpose. We are trying to implement that idea that everyone can feel safe. If you are having trouble socializing, you can come to us. Questions?

Jeff - I really appreciate all the hard work and dedication that you have put into so many clubs during your time.

Laura - I am also helping put on Spring Swing, which would be great to see you guys there.

#### b. Hawaiian Club

Tiffany - Our mission is to bring Polynesian Culture to Whitworth University. Our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Luau is this Saturday. This year we lowered the price from \$15 to \$2. If you have a meal plan, it costs a swipe and the dance performance is \$2 at the door. Camina is dancing for her final year. Come support people. We

have focused on bringing students together as a family this year. We have put on a lot of activities with food this year coordinating with theme houses. We want to get the word out that Hawaiian club is not just for students from Hawaii but anyone who is interested. That is a big goal for us. We are excited for Saturday.

#### 4. FVP Update

Breanna - I want to start out by saying that Jeff has done an incredible job the last few days. Also should out to everyone that was on budget committee.

Jeff - It was a total of 16 hours of work. We will start with the Financial Standard Operating Procedures changes. I am going to give a fly over version as we don't have time to go through everything. The first thing we proposed to changed was to add the word "day" students for those who can requisition for funds to distinguish from continuing studies or evening programs. We propose a new line to the Requisition Process that will become Point Q that reads as follows," Any full time, undergraduate, traditional students who requisition for funds outside of budget committee to attend conferences or professional development opportunities cannot receive more than \$100 per student." Please look over the changes and we will vote next Wednesday. Any questions?

*Please reference Budget Committee Minutes if inquiring about reasoning behind the reasoning for a certain allocation of funds.*

*Please see the attached 2017-2018 ASWU Budget.*

*Jeff went through the proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Any Questions?*

Rachel - I did make cuts for most of the categories in my budget. I am working with Alumni Relations and we are trying to make Homecoming a bigger deal this year. Having \$5,000 is limiting what we could do for that, since it is split between two semesters (\$2,500 each). I am wondering what the possibility of an increase is?

Breanna - We granted you the same amount of money that you had this year. We thought we would not have you make a profit on ticket sales. You can change line items as needed.

Hannah - For the club section, if they did not charter last year and did not request funds, why are they on the list.

Jeff - They are inactive, but we have to wait for four semesters before we remove them from the list.

Maddie - I am concerned about the Ballard Budget. We have one big event that cost a lot of money. That took more than half of the budget this year. I am concerned that it would be really tight.

Shaun - Committee's goal was to increase requisitioning. We are wanting Senators to make sure that they are smart about budgeting their money throughout the year. You can come requisition for funds if you need.

Jordan - Give less, more money for requisitioning.

Alex M - I do not think the dorm budget will affect the newsletters, that's a separate budget.

Jordan - What is unallocated currently at?

Jeff - It is currently at around \$1,700. Your job for this next week is to take the budget around and get feedback. This is really important. Please over the next week do this and we will vote next week.

Bailey - We don't want to miss out on this opportunity to be transparent.

Jeff - Last year I sent out an email list to my residents, you can send one out too.

Breanna - Constituency report is due Friday. If you're not going to have it in, email me tonight please.

#### 5. EVP Update

Norma - Timecards due this Sunday. In addition, Senators, it is up to you to figure out who is making the newsletters for this week between you and the Senator for next year. Please email them to Dill for approval by or before 6pm tomorrow.

#### 6. President Update

Motion to approve April 19, 2017 minutes by Christina, second by Hannah, approval unanimous, 1 abstention.

Breanna - Reminder that April is Spokane Gives Month. I know a lot of you are volunteering at some capacity. Regardless, please send me your hours for the month of April. If you think of things, please email me. I want to get credit for what we are doing.

Erik - H.E.A.T. is having a 5k on Saturday. We have 125 people signed up currently. We need a lot of volunteers and would love your participation. Sign ups are at the info desk.

Breanna - H.E.A.T. is ridiculously organized. There is a giant party at the end also which no one is talking about.

Erik - Senators, can you please send out an email with the link to sign up and talk about the laser tag prime-time prize.

#### 7. Reports and Vibes

Lacy - I am apart of the Spokane Dream Project in which we advocate for Undocumented Students. May Day is coming up which is essentially an Immigrants Rights March. We are partnering with Eastern to march downtown. We will be meeting in the HUB at 11:30pm on Monday to carpool down there. Also on Sunday at 5pm in the ISC we will meet to make posters.

Michaela - Yearbook Distribution is in two weeks on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. There is a Facebook event. The yearbooks are free, so you should pick them up. I have put posters in Senator's boxes. If you have more that you need, please put them around campus. Yearbooks get delivered tomorrow.

Gretchen - Senior Graduate Fair is tomorrow where seniors pick up their cap and gown from 11am-1pm.

Gretchen confirmed with volunteers who had signed up previously. Also, the Senior Class Gift (hammock hangout ) is completely funded. It is being installed right now outside of Arend.

Michaela - Also, the past 3 year's yearbook will be passed out tomorrow at the Senior Graduate Fair as well.

Mae - I sit on the General Education Task Force and we go through the curriculum for these courses and requirements. We have been re-evaluating and we will be doing a student discussion. We have two meeting times available: Friday, April 28 at 3:00-4:00 in ROB141 or Monday, May 1 at 11:30-12:30 in ROB126. If you could come or get residents to come, we would appreciate the feedback. Also, Warren Peace is coming up this Sunday at 1pm. It is supposed to rain so it could possible be moved to MPR. Come see the talent.

Brenna - Shout out to your sign in Lied Square.

Whit - Earth Week is almost over. It has gone well so far and our events have had good participation. Tomorrow is the Climate Change Panel at 4pm. Encourage people to go to this, and please share the event on Facebook.

Breanna - Board of Trustees meetings happened last week. I have heard good feedback. If you can give the team a quick summary by e-mail to me this Friday so we can get them sent out, that would be great.

Andy - This Friday is the Duvall Drive In, which we are playing Moana. It is coming up really fast. It is not supposed to rain, however If it does rain it will held inside on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Sodexo cannot use trailer but we will have hotdogs, veggie burgers and fruit kabobs. It starts at 7pm, Movie at 8pm.

Alex M - I noticed that there was quite a few Cup of Cool Water donations bins around campus. They provide clothes to homeless people, which I think is just really cool. I finally found out that Forrest Baird is running it. His wife works for Cup of Cool Water. The fact that there is a professor going around collecting clothes that is awesome. One resident that keep telling me to say this, so I am going to. They want to see the graduation rate increase.

Alex F - Shout out to everyone who worked on the Budget Committee. I am blown away by how much work went into that. Also, shout out to Breanna and Norm. It has been a great year and you guys are amazing.

Luke - Shout out to Jeff for the tough discussions that you have had to have recently.

Michaela - Shout out to Rachel for Second Chance Prom.

Brenna - I posted the Budget Excel to Facebook. Also, please help set up for Springfest. If you signed up to make posters for Saturday, please join us.

Andy - Monday was the deadline for the KIPOS Cookbook. We did not get any new submissions since we extended the deadline. You can pre-order right now. We will be selling them for \$5. You can use flex bucks to purchase this as well.

Breanna - This was a very powerful year with people sharing their stories. I think about how random my

experience to join ASWU has been and how that has changed my life in incredible ways. ASWU has such a platform and I think of the incredible faces behind the process. I get scared with so many of us leaving. Don't let it die. Grow, learn and change things. Thank you for all the gifts you have given me. I have all the faith in the world for the new team.

Motion to adjourn at 6:24pm by Josh, second by Alex F, approval unanimous.