

## ASWU Meeting Minutes 04/18/2018

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*In attendance:*

2017-2018 School Year (Voting) - President - Jeff Debray, Executive Vice President - Dylan Reyes, Financial Vice President - Shaun Fisher, Secretary - Jordan Coleman, Activities Coordinator - Danny Butler (not present), Special Events Coordinator - Rachel Henson, Marketing/PR Coordinator - Hunter Smit, Spiritual Life Coordinator - Hannah Palmer, Sports Coordinator - Mae Curtis, Sustainability Coordinator - Claire Leveck, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator - Elisha Parslow, Natsihi Editor - Michaela Mulligan, Whitworth.fm Manager - Colin Bondy, Whitworthian Editor - Courtney Murphy, Arend Senator - Amber Van Brunt, Baldwin Jenkins Senator - Alex Mowery, Ballard Senator - Savannah Heath, Boppell Senator - Sarah Haman, Duvall Senator - Tucker Wilson, McMillan Senator - Martin Crocco, Warren Senator - Ethan Clardy, Off-Campus Senator - Gracie Meiners, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Stewart/Village Senator - Shelby Krug, Josiah Gallegos, BJ/Stewville Zone Rep - Parker Daniels (not present), Arend/Boppell Zone Rep - Alexa Ricks, Duvall/Oliver Zone Rep - Jacob Seo, Off-Campus Zone Rep - Lisa Huang, Off-Campus Zone Rep - Hannah Howell, Off Campus Zone Rep - Franklin

Meeting was brought to order at 5:03pm in the ASWU Chambers

Mission statement read by Jacob Seo

**Jeff:** We need to review our minutes from the April 11th. Are there any corrections?

Minutes approved.

### **Women & Gender Studies Program Update: Claire**

I'm the student assistant for the program and basically we are pretty small but focused on women's issues and bringing events. Our theme for next year is gender violence. One of the speakers is Linda.... Talking about the unslut... Women gender studies and Pirate Pride are co-sponsoring a film that is screening next Tuesday the 24th @7pm in the RTT. Our event Take Back The Night is next Friday in the MPR @6pm. There will be speakers and booths and some student artwork and poetry, with a walk of solidarity in the loop. It's to raise awareness of sexual assault on college campuses. We are selling t-shirts and raffle tickets all week. All profits go toward the ....

### **ASWU Restructuring Discussion**

**Alex:** How do we create a platform for all voices to be heard? Whitworth today exists as a lot of different entities and a lot of it hasn't been here years ago. ASWU is very cluttered right now and the only point person to the administration is Jeff.

**Sarah D:** Some thoughts about how ASWU could be better is to be more focused, more collaborative, and more inclusive.

**Alex:** What we did to become more focused and collaborative is how it's easy to see that Whitworth's government is the only way we can see things. But, we looked at other schools of the same size, some that are bigger, some that aren't Christian to see what they were doing. What we found is that we could be more collaborative by having more representation across Whitworth, work better with admin, be more focused meaning pushing the bounds of job descriptions and having specific roles, and also separating out this assembly body with a student activities board. We could have a lot of focus on events or institutional events based on the structure now. We want to separate those.

**Ethan:** One of the proposed positions that we want to have for next year, 2018-2019 is global engagement representative. They would represent international students and their unique needs, as well as serve as an intermediary between international students and admin. (List of job duties)

**Alex:** This is a two-step process and we want to see how it works next year.

**Sarah D:** Our goal is so that there would be a completely different structure for 2020. The ASWU assembly would include 4 executives, 9 directors, 10 representatives...

**Hannah H:** A lot of things won't be changing as well. The roles of the executive members will continue as it is now with 20 hours a week.

**Alex:** The new positions we created were the directors. They head the specific committee of students to field student requests and hear student perspectives. They are the ones communicating with students and going back to admin.

**Ethan:** The reps are in charge of communicating with constituents and have four main duties.

**Sarah D:** The role of the coordinators will remain the same by putting on events, talk to ASWU about student needs, and continue Whitworth traditions. The directors include Academics, Arts, athletics, campus ministry. Community engagement, cultural diversity, global engagement, clubs and organizations, student wellness. These are not arbitrarily chosen.

**Hannah H, Alex, Sarah D, Ethan:** The job of the president will compose of setting the agenda, coordinating with directors and administration, and representing ASWU through major events, Whitworthian articles, community events. EVP help set the agenda of ASWU, serve as chief of staff for all senators and directors, and chair student elections committee. FVP will help set agenda, help run day to day finances and ase clubs, chair a finance committee. Director of academics would regularly communicate with the Whitworth provost, create initiatives, and support events that promote academic interests, chair academic committee with students from every department. Director of arts would regularly communicate with the dean of arts and sciences, create initiatives and support events that support whitwrht's artistic students.

(Same for other directors but with their departments).

Questions?

**Daniel:** have you talked to the chapel about the jobs of the CMCs?

**Alex:** We haven't been operating with the assumption that students are behind this already.

**Hannah H:** All parties involved would confer with all of this. We wanted to get student's input and then go to the other parties?

**Daniel:** What if the students approve and the chapel doesn't?

**Alex:** We have talked to faculty about this a little and they all seem okay with it.

**Hannah H:** Adaptability is tied in with this process

**Alex:** Essentially all of the positions in ASWU line up with the mission statement. We need 2/3 of the students in the assembly to approve and then there are bylaws involved/ Creating something like the global engagement position would need a whole schoolwide vote.

**Savannah:** This is very well put together and I appreciate how extensive it is.

**Shelby:** Because this isn't something that is going to happen before the end of the school year, how are you going to continue the push for this after graduation and a new team?

**Alex:** We have been going out of our way to talk to people on the new team and continue the push without an issue.

**Hannah H:** It's a momentum process as well. It will move on its own once the voting starts.

**Sarah H:** Are you planning on rewriting the bylaws and constitution before we vote on this?

**Sarah D:** Yes we will.

**Hannah U:** Are the job descriptions going to be something that happen now or later?

There's going to be a lot of changes and there needs to be a proper order.

**Alex:** The constitutional changes will be small because there isn't a lot of them. I'm sure we can work up a process. I would say we wouldn't want students vote on something before they have a really good idea of what it would be. We would craft everything before a vote.

**Amber:** the most immediate action that we will be taking is to vote on the global engagement representative correct? Everything else will be focused on next year?

**Alex:** We wanted to present this now and have it circulate around campus. If it's the outcome we want, then we would work on the constitutional changes and maybe next year work on the bylaws.

**Jeff:** What is your ask of people in this room going forward?

**Sarah D:** Talk to people and get their feelings about this. We want more students involved and more voices represented.

**Katie:** Are the directors voted in by the student body?

**Alex:** yes.

**Hannah U:** I'm interested in the arts director because it's like a club and a major.

**Hannah H:** We put it in because it has to do with one of the major spheres that people do here like athletics. We thought people in art would appreciate having a person to go to.

**Guest:** is there a difference between musical arts and painting?

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**Sarah H:** Arts are a whole separate thing, and it's a part of academics, it's excluding a little bit. It seems unclear.

**Alex:** The very first idea was to lump arts with academics but it would be easy to overlook the program and that would be a pretty big fault.

**Michaela:** What if you did a different director for each school? It might be a lot of positions but it could be a way of solving the issue.

**Shelby:** When I think of arts and academics, I don't think of them together. I think it would be overkill to have a director for each school. I think arts is not focused on an areas of study, but arts as an interest.

**Tersa:** If we would add more positions it would cost more money.

**Claire:** I see arts as an artistic expression.

**Daniel:** Would the directors be hired in the same time table as the executives? (YES) When would the representatives be voted?

**Alex:** Campus is very underrepresented right now so the representatives would be those new to campus and be elected in the fall.

**Michaela:** When you said the description of the arts description, it said to talk with someone like the Dean of arts and sciences. But I don't know if that would work.

**Sarah D:** Yeah we are trying to figure things out still.

**Dillon:** Something you could do is talk to a leader of those programs and have someone step up and take up those responsibilities.

**Alex:** We understand this is complicated but we think it's a great opportunity to represent students.

#### **FINANCIAL VP UPDATES: Shaun Fisher**

**Capital:** \$9,861.16

**Out of Unallocated:** \$7,184.19

#### **Club Updates**

##### **Social Finance: Katie**

What we do is we give microfinance loans in third world countries to start their own businesses. We had a fundraiser in the fall that we made money for two loans. During SpringFest we will have a table to raise money. We meet every other Sunday night @6:30pm in Wey.

**Savannah:** Would this Sunday night be a meeting.

**Katie:** No next Sunday night will be the next one.

**Jubilation Dance: Katie**

We provide a space for people to worship God through dance. We have a lot of cases throughout the week. We had a showcase in the fall and we had a show a couple of weeks ago. We have another spring showcase on May 6th in Cowles Auditorium. We have ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, musical theater, Irish dance, sacred dance.

**Tersa:** What is sacred dance?

**Katie:** It's like a worship form of dance with Old Testament and New Testament.

**Filipino American: Ivie**

Our club is to advocate for the Filipino and Asian culture on campus. We want to bring anyone and everyone together to get to know each other. We had an event in January and collaborated with the rock climbing club where we learned to climb and brought food. We just had the event that partnered with Gonzaga and we had a Pacific Islander Graduation Celebration. We had 30 people registered and made them customized graduation stoles. The event consisted of entertainment from different organizations in Spokane such as a Kpop group dance and others. The people graduating also gave speeches. We are having an ice cream social next Friday and it's a general meeting for officers, future events, SpringFest. Our meetings are sporadic for the events we hold. Our officer meeting are bimonthly, every other Sunday night in the HUB. Next meeting is next Sunday.

**Club Charters****Teachers of Tomorrow: Lily**

This was previously a club but it didn't have enough members and wasn't well known. But now Whitworth has the graduate program. We host events, provide different materials, certificates for the education program to thrive more when trying to get certified in the education field. We primarily focus on teacher education students. We will be going alongside the advisory board which is already an established team and they are posting new events. Last week we had a principal panel where students around the area came and talked to our students regarding the interview process, the scenarios at their schools, putting our students out there as a face of new employees in the future. We are hoping to get adjusted to come alongside the advisory board. There's a lot of small stuff regarding it, just ask away.

**Hannah U:** do you guys require a budget?

**Lily:** Yes we will be part of the ... which alone will cost \$10. If students want to become active members for that program, it will be \$29 a year which gives them teacher discounts around several places. The budget will also help with posting events on campus, going across state to conferences, etc.

**Claire:** Is something that you're going to promote to the education department?

**Lily:** Yeah the advisory board is putting up posters to promote this and once the club is on its own feet, it will come alongside as its own thing. We want to help those in the department thrive. The reason we are trying to rebuild this is because students are interested and asking about it. This is the first year that the advisory board is putting on events. Previously it was just for policies.

**Hannah H:** Would the program be open for those not in the TED program?

**Lily:** yes it's for anyone because we want to do service engagement things and such.

### **ASWU Discussion:**

**Alex:** It makes sense to create this program and it will help the department like the clubs in other departments do.

**Savannah:** I know in Ballard there are a lot of education majors who would value this opportunity.

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### **Cool Whip: Tucker Wilson/Dillon King**

There was an event on Monday. Cool Whip has been a nebulous organization in the theater program. But due to new rules, it has become more advantageous for us to be a club under ASWU. We want to have more people come who aren't only at Whitworth. We would have more freedom not operating underneath the theater program like the HUB. As it had been before this year, we were at the bottom of the theater totem pole and would get kicked out if other programs wanted to use the stage. We would only have to charge \$2 for shows instead of \$5 if we were a club. We want to keep giving you improv for you and with you.

**Dylan:** You guys said that you're open to do workshops with other students, does that mean with the leadership of the club?

**Dillon:** yes that means that we would have the set positions would stay the same and then students can come and learn about improv or go on field trips to learn more.

**Sarah H:** Who have you set up for you advisor?

**Dillon:** Aaron Eselsky is our new advisor.

**Katie:** Where does the money for the tickets go for the show?

**Tucker:** The theater department. It does not go to Cool Whip.

**Dillon:** We don't have a lot of freedom of our tickets and shows. We want to be able to raise the money for the club so that we can provide free shows.

**Shaun:** Why would you ever go back to stage 2 if you have to pay so much?

**Dillon:** It's a very good space for improv and it's a place where we have a bit of understanding. Usually people who join improv have experience with the theater department

but you don't have to. We have more communication with those who work there and know what we want to do. We've been there for a long time.

**Dylan:** What is the history of Cool Whip?

**Dillon:** It was started many years ago by students here at the university. One of them is Kevin Benson who is now one of the advisors for the program. Cool Whip Coordinator is one of the positions is sponsored by the McDonalds scholarship which is what I have right now. This position would turn into the president of the club and the scholarship would go away.

**Tersa:** When is the next event?

**Dillon:** April 26th at Stage 2 @ ? The next event will be a long show for about 45 minutes long on May 12@8pm. All shows are \$5.

### **ASWU Discussion**

**Gracie:** It sounds like their situation is bad right now and becoming a club would be beneficial for them

**Jacob:** Cool Whip is a very great club and a lot of people are interested in it.

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### **Budget Committee**

Budget outline will be emailed out soon.

**EXECUTIVE VP UPDATES: Dylan Reyes**

### **Election Results**

### **Student Highlight**

I invited the new team and I want everyone to introduce themselves.

**PRESIDENT UPDATES: Jeff DeBray**

We are 2.5 weeks out from SpringFest, Camp Whitworth. May 5th 12-5pm. There's going to be a concert, a promo video and free stuff.

**Savannah:** The band is called "My Brothers and I."

**Jeff:** Last week was Board of Trustees Week. We had several people go to the meetings and I want people to give us an update on those meetings.

**Shelby:** Student Services- It was basically an adult version of ASWU because it was a lot of updates from Lorna with the introduction to the Diversity Action Plan. It was cool because there were different focuses like athletics, the chapel... It was cool hearing their perspective.

Jeff gave an update about ASWU and the fall constituency report, the resolution, general updates from the different student service areas on campus.

**Hannah U:** Library - It was me and some professors. We were presented with service learning aspects. The most relevant piece for students was that when the university adds programs to campus, the Library gets overlooked because when we add a whole new major, the library has to deal with adding a whole new section and there budget doesn't really change. The journal package that we subscribe to for the research is \$43,000 a year which is half of the library budget. There is some tension with retaining students and getting the materials that students need.

**Sarah D:** Academic Affairs - They had a conversation on faculty salaries because they are not getting paid the same amount that other schools are getting paid. We talked about accreditation and we got 5 praises rather than 2 which is good. We talked about the new engineering program.

**Rachel:** Buildings, Grounds, Technology - They talked about the new buildings, current buildings that they are working on such as the pool, the chapel, and other secret projects. They won't happen for a while but they are in the works.

**Ethan:** Buildings, Grounds, Technology - We also brought up the Stewville windows during the meetings. The money for that project would come out of the budget that some of our tuition goes into. It would take 350,000 which is half of the budget. It's going down the list. When I brought up the ISC, Beck thought about taking out Hawthorne Hall and building something there or putting it where the bookstore is and moving the bookstore to Hawthorne. They don't have a set plan but there is some conversation.

**Hannah H:** Institutional Advancement - The committee is large in membership and breadth. A lot of what we talked about is in the other committees as well. We talked about door affairs, messaging, engagement. They talked about exciting projects for physically on campus and what we want Whitworth to look like later to the world. It's looking at what Whitworth is contributing and that quality.

**Shaun:** Finance and Administration - I feel like everyone talked about the new projects. Everyone is aware of drifting away from the village and building a new residence hall there. With the new athletic center, an extension on to Cowles, Hendrick, PineBowl, and things like that. They have 75 projects to get through and don't have the money. They are re roofing the Fieldhouse as the main project. They talked about the composting. They are optimistic at the enrollment next year. They are setting the baseline for 600 new students. 3.5% increase in tuition

**Hunter:** Finance and Administration - The new athletic center they raised 8 million out of the 14 million dollars. Someone died and left 800 acres to Whitworth. They are going to sell that land to get 3.5-4 million dollars for Whitworth.

## **REPORTS & CAMPUS VIBES**



**Michaela:** Applications for next year's editors are out. We are trying to put them online too. They are due April 27th. We are looking for a photo and design editor. The new contact is [mbooss19@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:mbooss19@my.whitworth.edu)

**Gracie:** Last weekend was the off-campus Mariners night. It was fun and they won. I met with some constituents this week who are doing a survey for off-campus experience about their housing experience this year. I will be sending a survey to students off-campus.

**Sarah H:** Boppell Open House was last week and men and women filtering in and out all night. We met the Boppells as well and how Whitworth has changed over the years and how happy he is with the changes. Multicultural Potluck is this Friday at 5pm and please bring a dish from your culture. Going to have games.

**Jacob:** Duvall Drive in is next Friday and showing the movie "UP." I'm doing my service project by doing a drive for clothes by selling clothes and then donating it to an organization. There's going to be a hammocking event as well.

**Kamau:** Sunday in the RTT @7pm I'll be screening Beyonce's Visual Lemonade album. That Monday is Pride Week programming with a poster of the events in the HUB. There's going to be a speaker on Wednesday and a symposium on Friday.

**Dylan:** Senators put the calendar for Pride Week in your newsletter.

**William:** Super Smash Bros club is having it's final tournament on Friday the 20th at 8pm in BJ.

**Claire:** For Kipos club, we have our earth day festival on Sunday the 22nd @1-4pm at the Kipos garden. There will be posters offline and online. The garden festival is celebrating the garden and anything related to gardening or sustainability. We are also trying to get music performances. Earth week there will be events everyday for the environment.

**Sarah D:** Friday for the seniors it's senior send off about being an alum @5-6:30pm

**Shelby:** I am the project coordinator for LS350 this semester. It's the transforming leadership class and it's Jack Burns' last year here. We are putting on an event called 72 hours for Ethiopia and it's to support a village in Ethiopia for resources and supplies to build a water pump and start a foundation for a school. It's essentially to experience walking for your water. There is also a campout in the loop on May 2nd. There's a Facebook event and a google event. You can donate as well if you want. Looking forward toward the end of the year, I am putting on a closing ceremony to the village.

**Ethan:** We have Warren Peace this Saturday from 12-3pm in the loop. I'm partnering with the Kipos and art club. They will be talking about earth week.

## **SHOUT OUTS**

Shelby - Hannah P. for worship event

Amber - Dylan and SEC

Daniel - everyone helped run the voting booths

**Meeting Ends at 6:35pm**