

## ASWU Meeting Minutes 09/13/2017

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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, Special Events Coordinator - Rachel Henson, Cultural Events Coordinator - Kamau Chege, Marketing/PR Coordinator - Hunter Smit, Senior Class Coordinator - Sarah Dixit, 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 Mowrey, Ballard Senator - Savannah Heath, Boppell Senator - Sarah Haman, Duvall Senator - Tucker Wilson, McMillan Senator - Martin Crocco, Off-Campus Senator - Gracie Meiners, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Stewart/Village Senator - Shelby Krug

Meeting was brought to order at 5:03pm in the HUB MPR

Welcome to the second ASWU meeting of the year, thank you for coming.  
Make sure to sign up if you are a guest so that we can get emails to send you information.

Introductions by the audience and ASWU members

Announcement for Intramurals - sign up on Friday, games start Sundays

Rachel Henson reads the ASWU mission statement

Jeff introduces Sodexo for announcements: Dan and Megan

“We want to introduce ourselves and get to know you. Our doors are always open for suggestions, compliments, improvement ideas. Pop in if you are hearing things from the residence halls, let us know. We want to build the food service based on what you want. Not a lot of changes this year from last year. Gluten free and sandwich section is moved to the main dining area. We will stock anything that the gluten-free individuals prefer. ‘Simple Servings’ is a gluten free option that is there all of the time now. Don’t be afraid to ask for food preferences. Any station that isn’t pasta, can be converted to gluten-free.”

Savannah Heath: “What is the best way to make the food preference needs?”

Megan: “Depends on the request. Some are very easy but one can come into our office and make an appointment with us.”

Dan: “Look for the events calendar. We are having special food at the special events. We are searching for a new executive chef as Tim took a job somewhere else.”

Claire Leveck: “Are you still using your comment box?”

Dan: “Yes we love getting comment cards and we do use those suggestions.”

Dan: "Senior discounts for Saga include a 20% discount all year round when purchasing a meal plan. Also, all year round you can add as much money as you want, rather than being required to add at least \$200. The rest of the student body loses the 20% discount at the end of September."

Everyone on ASWU must be bringing at least one guest for ASWU meetings.

Jeff transitions into the club charter policy conversation. This Friday for the first time we will be having the club charter task force meeting. Some students last year were confused and wanted to know what the policy consisted of, so with the feedback from students and admin, we have been called to put together some reforms to our policy and more organization in effort to provide more equity and a better process for this policy. We will vote on it as an assembly and the students on the task force can bring them to the task force on Friday.

Basically there are 4 different sections we are looking at here.

1. National Affiliations
2. Role of Club Advisors
3. Club chartering going through Director of Student Activities instead of Vice President of Student Life
4. What is the process for approval for clubs who want to bring speakers on campus?

Jeff read the ASWU bylaws...changed from VP of student life to VP of student activities - speaking to student empowerment and student involvement. The vp of student activities already has a foot in the door with students, while the vp of student life is more of an outsider in this area.

Alex Mowrey: Is the change of that position really being made for practical standpoint or do we just want the staff member to agree based on what we want. I don't understand how this is effective. Is the director of student activities more willing to make a decision versus the director of student life.

Jeff DeBray: The idea is that they have a stronger involvement and better insight in this situation.

Mae Curtis: Is the reason we are taking the vp of student life out of the position and replacing it with student activities us taking the say away from that decision?

Jeff Debray: No, this is just creating a different person make the decision.

Our intention is to just allow more people to be involved and it brings in an accountability piece as we need an admin.

Rachel Henson: Why did we originally have vp of student life versus the vp of student activities? I think that we should understand the reasoning for this before we change it.

Dylan Reyes: I think we need to understand that there was a completely different vp when it was originally made and the roles have changed since then.

Sarah Dixit: I was a part of this committee and when we were making this choice we were trying to come up with a way to create a balance between students and admin, but we think

that the director of student activities job is more involved with ASWU and students rather than the director of student life. The director of student activities is the person we turn to more.

Alex Mowrey: Let's say that the director of student activities is to disagree with our decision in the future, I feel like we would be in the same position that we are in now because they are disagreeing. If a conflict arose, we would be changing positions once more.

Kamau Chege: Why would the director of student activities agreeing with us before the assembly votes instead of after because it disempowers students in the say that they have. You should give the director of student activities like a veto power. This allows people to see where everyone stands and then they can make a decision. Seems ambiguous for the director of student activities to be able to veto the decision before we vote.

Danny Butler: Rhosetta isn't at all of our meetings compared to the director of student life. We are giving more power to someone who knows us better and what we want.

## 2. Role of Advisor Responsibilities

Jeff DeBray: In the past club advisors haven't been very involved, so this is a chance for us to come up with a way for us to change the process. Club Advisors must attend a meeting one time per month and provide a written report at least two times a semester.

Alex Mowrey: Do all clubs currently meet one time per month?

Jeff DeBray: We are making the club requirements that we have each club meet at least once per month to be chartered.

Mae Curtis: I remember when I was on a club charter, not everyone wanted to meet as often. I remember a lot of clubs asked for advisors but the advisors were tentative when agreeing because of the time commitment.

Micaela Mulligan: I think that if we are requiring clubs to have advisors, this makes sense because there's a reason for them to have the advisors.

Claire Leveck: Maybe an idea is just to ask current club advisors about their view on how they can realistically be involved with students in these clubs and make sure this wouldn't be a major issue. If they see the logic behind this, then maybe this would cause them to agree, but if not we may need to go back on this.

Jeff DeBray: We are voting to get one message so that we can bring it to the task force. It doesn't change it automatically. We want every voice to be heard but we are going to bring what happened at this meeting to the official task force meeting.

## 4. Clubs bringing speakers/artists to campus

Jeff DeBray: There was a lot of controversy on campus between clubs last year based on the speakers/guests who came to Whitworth. We don't currently have a process for this and so we are trying to make sure we follow the Whitworth statement.

Alex Mowrey: I really appreciate all of the time that was taken in making this. It is a big foundational shift. For any of the coordinators bringing speakers, why are they not facing the same bar of scrutiny?

Jeff DeBray: I don't have an answer to that question. The clubs bringing guests on campus will not happen that often.

Celisse: All of the coordinators events go through me so I would already have the ability to have that conversation if it would be in line with the mission of the college, ASWU, and to the students. I think that there is more of a limit for coordinators for the events that they plan.

Hunter Smit: Do you think that someone's political bias would affect the vote in negative way?

Jeff DeBray: You were hired to these positions for a reason in order to be unbiased and we all signed up for that.

Sarah Haman: Usually when we have a vote and somebody disagrees, there's a question of why do you disagree, and we can judge if the disagreement is biased or backed by facts.

Jeff DeBray: Reiterating the mission statement. It will be pretty clear if the clubs and events follow the mission statement.

Mae Curtis: I agree with the mission statement but sometimes it's hard to determine what a speaker is going to talk about. Sometimes the speakers get off track of what we thought they were going to talk about.

Hannah Palmer: Even if the projection of information, posters, google search would tell you if the demeanor of the way she spoke will tell you. This is why the FVP will be notified so that they can research if this person is a good fit.

Brendon: I feel like the club itself should be researching who they are bringing on campus and should be giving the information to ASWU instead of the assembly doing the work. Accountability.

Rachel Henson: Make it more than 48 hours for the FVP to research these speakers so they can have a thorough idea of who these people are. It allows for more time for residents to give their opinions as well.

Shawn Fisher: I felt like 2 days was enough depending on how much research they wanted to do. It can be more but it depends on when the planners wanted the information.

Sarah Haman: Us asking the residents what they want to see context wise is different than seeing their opinion on campus and whether or not they are controversial or not.

Alex Mowrey: Did we have any insight on the students for life president to decide if a speaker could come last year?

Celisse: Not any person can come to campus. There was a speaker last year that was slated to be on campus but they were banned from the UK so administration caught wind of that and so there was no official process but there's also talk and conversation about whether we want the person on campus. There's never going to be someone here that is so against the mission of the university.

Alex Mowrey: I believe in all of the people that are here and part of ASWU right now. My fear is that 4 year from now that creates a different mission statements that discriminate against other ideologies...This would be bad if the assembly could restrict clubs events and speakers through a mission statement.

Jeff DeBray: No one is ever going to be here that is blatantly and forcefully against minority populations. We are adding a process, not a requirement.

Celisse: We can't control who is going to be elected in 5 years. The person in my position should be on top of that and should be calling people out and stopping those negative tracks before it gets crazy.

Hannah Underwood: It's not our job as ASWU to vote on club speakers. I think it would be better for them to check with Celisse instead like coordinators do. ASWU shouldn't have control over the clubs and choose for them. I think it disempowers the students and their clubs.

Elysha: Announcements for the Urec

Tomorrow in the Loop 10:45am-1pm there will be a slackline event  
Free prizes for walking the line  
Leavenworth

#### 1. National Affiliations

Jeff DeBray: Is it equitable if some clubs are nationally affiliated and others aren't because some receive more money. The committee decided that all clubs can be nationally affiliated and must inform the FVP on the donations they receive.

Brendon: What if these clubs are getting incredibly large donations from these affiliations and the other clubs see this?

Jeff DeBray: The hope would be that the smaller club could find a national affiliate and apply for more money the next year.

Based on what the committee put together, are there any other questions or motions about this discussion?

Alex Mowrey: Based on conversations I've had with people, if we were to have an election for executives next year, I think there are people who will only vote one way or another based on a decision that the assembly makes about the club speakers. I think that the community would only elect people who follow their beliefs and values.

Amber Van Brunt: To clarify, the vote we are about to take on this is a possibility to make the changes on this policy not to actually make the changes?

Jeff DeBray: Yes, we will bring these ideas to the task force meeting and say that the ASWU assembly agreed on these terms.

Motion to vote

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Hannah Underwood: I voted to oppose because we shouldn't have the power to have people come on to campus or not and I think that director of activities decide.

Savannah Heath: I also think that it should be in the hands of Celisse. We are students and it can get muddy.

Jeff DeBray: We will give you updates on what the decisions are and now you can be more involved.

### **FVP UPDATES**

Shawn Fisher: We are still looking for non-ASWU members to be part of the club charter committee and the finance committee. Go around and ask people around campus to be a part of these clubs. Email me. First club council meeting is at 3pm in the ABC room on Sunday September 17th.

Hannah Underwood: What if one of our residents is interested in being on a committee and a zone representative, would their student at large status be voided?

Jeff DeBray: You would just have to add another person onto the committee.

Dylan Reyes: Bring more people to the meetings

### **EXECUTIVE VP UPDATES**

Dylan Reyes: Representative elections are coming up. There isn't information of how to apply on the poster because I want those people to be interested in those positions to take the initiative to ask the senators more about that. We want to get at least 2-3 candidates per resident hall. The link to apply to the zone representative is super easy.

Sweatshirts: I want to say that we can get creative. They don't have to be sweatshirts, so you

can make other things like t-shirts, hats, scarves etc. Make sure there's an option that is cheaper so more people can buy them.

Time Cards: Due on the 17th. Get them done before then.

## **PRESIDENT UPDATES**

Jeff DeBray: check your mailboxes for events

## **VIBES AND REPORTS**

Hannah Palmer:

Lots of events coming up for spiritual coordinator. Things to note, on the 24th, there are three churches downtown that are meeting at New Community to worship together and then go to three different locations where ministry is happening within the city and prayer walk. Cool opportunity to get people excited about Spokane and ministry.

27th event

October 4th - JareSwiggart is coming and he is the director of Global Immersion and talking about waging peace in the dividing world.

October 9th - ugm event for world homelessness - experiential for people who are homeless and experience the lifestyle. Spend a night on the street on a Monday

Micaela Mulligan:

Res Hall photos are next Thursday 21st. Senators I emailed you, check your mailboxes.

4pm is boppell

4:10pm .....

Senior Class photos are taken by the yearbook rather than submitting them. It will look better. Email me about concerns and questions.

Savannah Heath:

Ballard Tea is happening this Saturday at 8pm. Senators don't tell your halls because it's not open to everyone. Bring a snack if you are planning on coming with more people.

Mae Curtis:

September 20, first home volleyball game - giving away prizes.

Daniel:

Ultimate frisbee tournament on Saturday at 10am - Hat tournament, don't need to know anyone and we mix up the teams, senators get the word out - games start at 10:30am.

Intramurals are lacking and we have the worst turnout ever. Only 12 people signed up versus last year where there were 100 people. We'll have to push back the playing time if we don't get more signups. Last year the senior class was 60% of the participation. We get the information out the same way with posters, social media, word of mouth...

Rachel Henson:

Homecoming is 22 days away - Senators can help with unplugged which is the talent show during homecoming. October 6th, 8pm in Pirate's Cove if it's good weather. Talk to your

residents and get people to sign up. Looking for 10-12 people. Post in your newsletters. Email her to sign up by September 29th. Share on Facebook from your dorm pages.

Danny Butler:

Saturday is the Amazing Race. Sign ups close tomorrow at 12pm. The race starts at 10am on Saturday at the Campanile. Please sign up to help for Saturday.

Alex Mowrey:

Enchristo is Whitworth's oldest club and is up and running. You need 5 hours of your day to participate. We meet at 1:30 every Saturday in Sodexo to make sandwiches.

Hunter Smit:

430 active users on our new ASWU app. Download at [app.whitworthaswu.com](http://app.whitworthaswu.com)

Kamau Chege:

Last Sunday the Spokane Dream Project talked about DACA and there was a good turnout and it was great. It got tough but fair coverage from the Whitworthian. Another event at Salem Lutheran Church tomorrow at 6:30pm. Past Tuesday people called Congress and complained and talked about their feelings. Spokane Dream Project will be doing their event every week. September 20th people will be meeting at Gonzaga at 1:30pm and strolling to a member of congress' office and sharing what we think about what is going on with their staff.

LGBTQ lecture on campus at RTT at 7pm September 18th

Marc Robinson sponsored event regarding housing laws calling Racial Injustice on campus on September 27 at 7pm at RTT

Shelby Krug:

Alcohol awareness event on the 23rd - have to know one of the facts on the poster to get in

Guest student:

Event tomorrow in RTT Ruth Farmer at 7:30pm

Move to conclude - passed