



2018-19 ASWU Meeting Minutes | **February 6th, 2019**

In attendance:

Tersa Almaw President	present
Andrews Boateng EVP	present
Chelsea Shearer FVP	present
Catalina Corvalan EAA	present
Rohini Vyas Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Amber Van Brunt Sports Events Coordinator	late
Morgan Bucher Sustainability Coordinator	present
Ethan Clardy Senior Class Coordinator	present
Jira Hammond PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Abdul Haq Special Events Coordinator	
Talya Jackson Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Utsal Shrestha Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Emily Clemons Oliver Senator	present
James Parrish McMillan Senator	present
Jose Aguilera Warren Senator	present
Katie Rose Ballard Senator	present
Lauren Sfeir Arend Senator	present
Katie Ludlum Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Sarah Haman Boppell Senator	present
Almat Yeraly Stewville Senator	present
Elizabeth Sanders Off-Campus Senator	present
David Martin Duvall Senator	present

Pema Tshogyal Off-Campus Representative	present
Erik Blank Off-Campus Representative	present
Grace Schmidt Off-Campus Representative	present
Christopher Clay Arend & Boppell Representative	present
Mitchell Anderson Baldwin-Jenkins & Stewart Representative	present
Gracey Gonzalez Duvall & Oliver Representative	present
Ehizogie Agbontaen Warren Representative	present
Karen Sobtafo Global Engagement Representative	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM in ASWU Chambers.

Mission Statement read by Jira.

Minutes from 12/05/2018 approved unanimously.

FVP Updates

Capital and Unallocated

Chelsea: Unallocated: \$12,262.56

Capital: \$18,061.42

Budget Renewal Form

Chelsea: Getting a new email from me on budget. It's important for you to read it, all of you! You all have a line on it, so I will need that form back. Senators, because of your permanent occupancy, it's ok. Coordinators, this is especially important to you. New couple of days. You're more than welcome to ask questions. This will be due April 1st, if I don't have it by then, we'll have big issues. I will remind you.

Budget Committee Updates

We've solidified calendar dates. We'll meet April 27th, from 11AM-4PM. Don't worry, this will be on email. Then Sun 28th, 3-8PM. And if needed, Monday, 4PM until we finish. These dates are final, we worked hard so we don't have to have a date where people get to stay until 2AM.

Club Updates

Jubilation Dance Ministry

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Jubilation, means we seek to honor and enjoy God thru medium of dance. Movement, dance is a way to worship, through prayer and movement. We try to teach our community through dance, through classes. We have a variety: jazz, tap, ballet, sacred dance. We meet Sunday through Tuesday, and we're just starting this week. Our schedule is on FB, and IG, and have posters. First big event is *So you think you can dance?* on April 6th, which will be a fundraiser, you just put together a piece, perform it for fellow students. We have judges, Beck Taylor usually comes, winner gets to perform in Spring showcase. That is May 5th, all our different classes put a piece or two in Cowles Auditorium, no price tag yet. We don't have club meetings, our schedule is online.

International Club

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Our goal is to promote international student cultures, share it with non-international community. Educate people, and enjoy having community. We have lots of events. We will have a world dinner, Feb 17th--coming up soon, will alert you next week. We will have a soccer tournament in March, an International Game Night with Amber still working on that. Dining etiquette, will benefit international student, we know how to eat in civilized manner, really beneficial. Working with Dan. Dancing at Satori, we've done it couple of years now do different types of dances. Rafting, day after spring fest, every year. We have other events, don't need to bore you, email me. Hard to say my email, you can find me. If you want to be part of the email list, email me. This is off time, but we have two major events. This Friday, Langston Hughes Project, concert sort of thing. Their performance is jazz, they call it Ask Your Mama, and you will enjoy it. They're rendition of 1920-30's poems. He was really influential at the time, hope to spark new inspiration and have a different performance than what we're used to. Chicken and waffles complementary. Come!

Andrews: That's it for your time on club updates.

Utsal: Give me one second.

On Feb 17, Sunday, right after is Crazy Rich Asians showing. 7PM RTT. FASA has been organizing this.

Teri: That's okay, Utsal, you can do this during campus events.

Spokane Guilds' Schools' Pirate Advisory Board

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Most of you know, Spokane Guilds School helps birth-3yr old with mental disabilities and delays. Away in Garland area; fundraises and raises awareness and advocates for children with disabilities. 2 months ago, we last talked about raising money from donuts to buy toys for their Christmas toy bag, and we got a letter in Jan, we helped 135 families. Thanks to you guys for buying.

As events, we have not locked down dates, but rough outline is: families from the school will share their experience, sometime end of Feb. They will have a Gala event, annual, in spring, our club will volunteer at March 2nd. April is when we have a big event to help families socialize with each other; 2 yrs ago, we had an obstacle course and family party. Easter egg decoration Night last year. Don't have regular meetings, but those will increase through semester. We meet this week, Fridays in Robinson, first floor. Lauren is our secretary. We have a FB page.

Club Chartering Committee

Chess Club

Chelsea: So we have two new clubs that came to Club Chartering Committee. I'll start with chess club. They meet, they play chess, they have a good time, questions?

Lizzie: move to approve chess club.

Erik: second.

Motion to charter Chess Club

Approved: 18

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passed unanimously.

Poor People's Campaign

Alex Mowery | amowery20@my.whitworth.edu

Rohini: A club that talks about four pillars of poverty, racism, ecological devastation, and militarism. We want to raise awareness, and direct action into community.

Erik: Some of the things we do, focus on one issue, and raise awareness. Major thing we did, there was a city council ordinance for ICE out of Greyhound station. We raised awareness on campus, bringing to light border emergency, we built a cage, with survival items for children. Awareness for people to show support on undocumented communities. 25 students came with us, good turnout. Had students call Ben Stucker, city council president, personally called us out and thanked us for showing support.

If approved, we'd promote community engagement, by looking at events through NAACP and teaming with them, get behind them.

Questions?

Teri: So, do you have to leave the room? They don't vote.

Jason: They have to recuse themselves from voting. Their votes don't count. Abstain means to go with majority.

Teri: I need a motion.

Katie R: move to approve poor people's campaign.

Katie L: second.

Motion to charter Poor People's Campaign

Approved: 18

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passed unanimously.

Chelsea: Yeah, that's all my updates. When you get your budgeting, please read it.

EVP Updates

CBS Meeting

Andrews: As you know, they're held at the beginning of each month to set community behavioral standards and quiet hours. Date for this semester will be on Wednesday, Feb 13 at 8PM. Some of you have already set your own, so David, you can go with that. Lauren, you can reschedule if you have night class, like Thursday.

If you need supplies, markers or tape, let me know, or get it from leadership closet. You can print the poster, Sarah can help. Talk to your team this Thursday, and update them on the plan. Ratification for CBS will be following week at 8PM, after these meetings. Do not send the outcome to Tim, send it to me. I'll compile it, and send it to him. Sounds good?

Katie L: do we have a template of what we're supposed to do and say, like fall semester?

Andrews: same one, same process, with values, etc. We can meet, if you don't feel confident, talk to me.

Senator Office Hours Update

I have all of your hours. I'll possibly come to a primetime and interact with your residents, I say that because we'll be having constituent reports.

Sarah, take a sheet and pass it down.

Jason and I, and execs, came up with questions we think are vital and need feedback, specifically bus passes. Go around and take feedback. These questions are the template to follow, and have notepads to take notes. Take one, and go door to door. Hopefully before Feb 20th, our deadline. We'll take a look at the data, and compare, like if we need to cut or continue to support bus passes.

Lauren: what the percent of residents we need?

Andrews: not sure, but it's in the constitution.

David: it's 40%.

Andrews: We'll be taking a look at the total number of people in your res hall, and see.

ASWU Constitution Ratification Vote

The new Constitution will be happening this Thursday, Feb 21st, 8AM-10PM, in Lied Square and online. We did a lot of changes to the constitution. I emailed you all the changes made, and the old constitution, and posters to put on your social media. We will be getting lot of questions. We also want to get a Whitworthian article, get the word, so people are not confused on changes of Constitution. Read the changes, and if residents come to you, you can tell them the reasons. We're all in this together. Top 3 changes are: media being independent, new job positions like theme house senator, and club coordinator, and language clarification, like old mistakes. This is the poster, please check your mailboxes. Lizzie, you have a weird constituency. You can't go door to door.

Lizzie: I'll put in my door.

Andrews: Yeah, and please put it around the HUB. Questions?

Spring Elections

I want you to encourage your residents, anybody you know to apply for leadership. Applications open Feb 11th, next Mon, online. Will close a month from then. If someone would be good at your job or interested in ASWU, encourage to apply. Once deadline is over, it's over.

Jira: I put the job descriptions in ASWU website, look at Job Descriptions and they'll be there for 2019-2020.

Jason: Also, we want to clarify that these are elected positions.

Coordinator positions are Feb 14th at the Job Fair, and deadline is March 1st, different timeline for interviews. 11-2PM in MPR.

Andrews: We're working on a coordinator poster. Don't want to put a lot on you. We have an interest meeting this Friday if you're interested in running, come to Chambers. Feb 8th at 4PM, will go over what to expect in ASWU, what jobs are like. There's a second one too at Feb 18th 6PM. Encourage resident to come to meetings. Questions?

Student Highlight

Our student is Sara Trujillo; Sara has been working very hard for this Leadership Conference, it's a Latinx Leadership Conference. She's going to go to NY, come back and make some changes.

President Updates

Global Engagement Representative Vote Update

Teri: This is just to inform you that we will vote next week on GRE.

Sarah: GER. GRE is terrible test.

Teri: One I have to take. GER, we will be voting on that, if you have any questions, talk to Karen, she can tell you what she'll be doing this semester and how this can help Whitworth's needs.

Jason: One, so you remember, reason we have to vote is because last year's wording was it was approved for one academic year, and we can vote whether we want it out and say it's just this position. Second, we have to be mindful is not what a reflection of a person in this position has done this year.

Karen was put on a new position, where there was no budget, no description, just one on the fly, what we are voting is the promise of the position, and if it is fitting. And don't be judging on what was made, but what impact it can make.

Sarah: I'm trying to find the job description, so we can send it out. Can't find it

Jason: Cat can send it.

Andrews: Karen, do you want to speak on that?

Teri: No, ok, sweet. Quick note on committees. But this time, if you don't reply, I will assume you're doing it again, and if you can't because you have a class, let me know so those who haven't done it last semester can do it this one. I can send an email of where everyone was at.

Upcoming Events

Off Campus Garland Movie Night

Lizzie: We are doing a movie night at the Garland. Not really more to explain.

Will send out a vote on what movie students want. Power to the people. We will be giving candy away on 14th to promote the event, also Happy Valentine's Day, 9PM-Midnight. All invited, even if not off campus, we have enough space.

Langston Hughes Project

Utsal: Already did.

Teri: No, my bad.

Unveiled

Talya: On February 18th, this one will be extra special in MPR 7PM, don't know if you are familiar with Restaurant Moor will be catering, chicken and greens, worship music. Come out whether you're religious or not, it'll be fun.

Nature Open Mic

Morgan: The date is still up in the air, I need to talk to Dan from Sodexo. Nature and environmental open mic in coffee shop, one of the best ways to care about Earth we're living on is to appreciate it, through poetry and short story. So I'm putting together that along with Westminster Rounds, will give out date and details. Food and drinks too.

Sarah: would love to help you with that, also there's a Nature and Environment Writing Class going on...

Morgan: Yeah, I spoke with the professor for that.

Leadership Fair

Jason: Fair will be happening Feb 14th, will be sending out slots to work event, because people who are in ASWU would be great to get people to apply and be in ASWU. All you have to do is talk about jobs, i will have a thing with dates and stuff. We want to push people and show them how cool we are.

Jira: only coordinators will sign up?

Jason: anyone available to help out. Email will be sent by end of week.

Constituency Reports

Ballard

Katie R: Kind of an event, it's Ballard's event. Awkward Middle School dance, March 1st, RTT and Weyerhaeuser lobby, 8-10:30PM. Super fun.

Arend

Lauren: not much going on. Trying to get some for pool cubes, and planning an All-Arend event, but its secret, I have a meeting tomorrow with my team.

Oliver

Emily: nothing too important. Somebody pouring mouthwash on people's doors.

Chelsea: we glazed over that. What?

Emily: There's dark spots, and if you go down, you can smell it.

Chelsea: who was the first to smell it?

GER

Karen: I'm having my first event with international students, this Friday 5PM, will have some Bosnian desserts and Ethiopian coffee, and talk about things we could improve.

Jira: Do you have any promotional ad for that? Send it to me!

Off-Campus

Lizzie: Just planning a movie night, also roller skating night, it'll be March this year.

BJ

Katie L: BJ is good, got a ping-pong table over Jan term. Everybody getting back to get hang of things. Somebody shattered a window doing a handstand, its ok now, they're ok. We also had a resident leave, and threw her a party last night, had cake, and 30-40 residents came.

Mac

James: We projected movies in kitchen in Mac. Watched lots of movies. All of Game of Thrones series. Averaged 4-5 episodes per day. Lot of hours.

Boppell

Sarah: just started Friday, haven't talked to many residents. Lots of new students, excited to get to know them. Change in leadership, new CDA, who will be in charge of the Multicultural Potluck in April, will have stuff to figure out.

Stewart

Almat: Nothing interesting. Updated hair, sorry that was awkward. Trying to get new post-its.

Warren

Jose: Nothing much, had a work order for hanging up whiteboards. We have a new RA and CDA, exciting. Also called about having an icemaker to our fridge. Unfortunately, facilities said they dont think theres plumbing. Might get a toaster, though.

Duvall

David: Duvall and Oliver did a room ball, went well. Toilets in basement floor seem to be overflowing more than should be.

Campus Vibes

Chris: Been hearing lots on Austin Channing Brown, lots of good reception. Recommend we bring more people like that.

Katie: We're having a tub in lounge, to put clothes to donate them. If any residence halls want to also do that, would be really cool.

Sarah: there's an organization that takes that in Spokane, a professor is head of that...

Amber: Forrest Baird?

Katie: Maybe senators can get together and get some buckets for that.

Morgan: I can ask around and see, not sure if they put tubs, troughs for that, and when.

Katie L: Had complaints that people have had washer and dryers trouble with app, not sure if it's trouble with the bluetooth? Very confused, cause no one knows how to work them. I know it's not ASWU, but it's an issue. We weren't asked about it, if it was a good idea.

Jason: I would talk to Alan Jacobs, he works with those companies.

Katie L: Yeah, because we even have money on cards, have to get it on phones. It's a weird.

Utsal: This will be a lot, but last year, there was a survey on international students and conversation feedback of how situations of international students can be improved. Write it down, because next time we talk about it, we don't want it to repeat. Also add emojis, not being sarcastic, just.

Situation for students of out of US changed drastically in the time I've been here. When I was a freshman, we were in on our worlds, almost all have jobs, a lot more engagement, but across different races and classes, which is awesome. There's a better support system, resources available, getting good. Before you start thinking racism no longer exists, because everytime something like this happens you do, I want to point something out. It's not ASWU, and it's not bad administration, it's all individual students. I want to take some names here: Abebaye, Almat, Hussein, Charles, Purnima, Roland, Mutsa some names. Like Mutsa, she works works with HEAT, done a lot for international students. Almat, doing great things, I appreciate his work, for example, this break, students had to pay to stay on campus, due to his efforts, we no longer have to. Purnima, Hussein and Charles, we all know them by their spectacular smiles, and their work with career services, biology. Roland as RA, and leader in political science department, done a lot, Abe interested in everything of color. Abdul with initiatives and special events and parties, he keeps the vibes going. Everyone knows, as long as you're over 21.

My point is students have done this, imagine what could be done with your support from ASWU. There's some problems and conversations from survey, that

are easily solvable by ASWU, and as a student who pays \$150 each semester, you better fix it. Take notes, please take notes, because next time somebody brings these up, they better not be.

First, for \$8.5 a meal, we should not have to adjust to crappy potatoes that you serve here or water that you call soup or phở, that's not phở. That's bone water. Number two, accepting rules, being friends with Americans. Try to comprehend what the other person might be saying, you don't have the courage to talk to someone who calls you a foreign kid. It's not infrequent, it happens often. Last time we brought it up to Lorna and Beck, they said they're 18 year olds, they'll learn, I say no, they're 21 year olds who are about to graduate, and I don't see hope in the school.

Three, making connections. Most Americans, international students don't know people in US. Finding internships, volunteer opportunities, if ASWU can help with relations to create structures, where international students can connect with alumni and field they are interested in, that'd be helpful. I know there's something through career services, pirate link or something, but those are focused on everyone, not particular to international students. And we all know by now that catering to a wide audience doesn't mean it's accessible to everyone. Like flossing--it's true.

Four, cultural shock, especially religion. I know we are a Christian institution, we have an excessive need to be Christian on some things. If you are 21, do some weed, seriously it's too much. This an actual comment from someone--particular about ASWU, when we had a speaker come to talk about Buddhism, there was a comment online, two, back to back, quote, "Just curious, why is a Buddhist apologist coming to a Christian school? How do we glorify God by talking about Buddhism?". One, this guy clearly doesn't know what an apologist means. Two, like, we are the best Christian school for non-Christians, right? Three, if I remember the mandatory Christian class I had to take, you clearly don't know how Christ is glorified. Four, it's been 3 months since that comment, and I don't know if this is oversight, but we have not replied to that comment. It haunts me, pisses me off everytime I see it.

So, five, now, not being able to relate to faculty and staff. And that's not something we can change, clearly, that relates to WA in general, Spokane in general, and Whitworth in general. But we can have more diverse programming, don't have to stick to one way, like Spring Fest one way, and expect things to come. Like Austin said yesterday, if people keep doing chapel like you do, no one new will come in. Think of ways of making it more creative. Six, dealing with Americans with superiority complex. If you don't understand that, then you are what's being referred to, as clearly as that. It's evident, I feel

like we talk too much, like referring to Africa as a country isn't fine. You're 17 when you were in school, you should know better. Seriously--someone wrote, I think I was turned down as foreigner, wasn't vocalized like that, felt it. How does someone learn about culture? Introducing them, if you don't hire them, how are they supposed to know?

Homesickness, depression, having to advocate for myself. What bothered me most about the GER. People talked about double representation, but not existent. Karen doing lots right now, she's trying, whenever I think about that, I think how people talk about that particular thing. It's a democracy, but there's no logic.

Teri: I'm going to give you two more minutes.

Utsal: It's sad, when I see my sisters and brothers from another mother visit a counselor who can't connect, it's ridiculous. Microaggressions, don't get me started.

Getting, traveling to places. Getting a license isn't easy for us, super expensive, insurance and everything is double my rent. Think of inconvenience. Winco takes 15 min. There and back, 2-3 hours for whole process, cold or hot food, gets room temp. Jason said we're working on solution for shuttles, can get accelerated.

Jason: Student life is working on that.

Utsal: Also, on ASWU poster positions, for Americans, there's something like Portland, Oregon, but students, it's just country, city ignored. Not giving proper information. This is also the mentality we are creating, indirectly, having to explain to people. When people keep asking, that gets messy. It's about educating people better. Give me one more second.

Tersa: We have to move to shout-outs.

Utsal: Okay, let me thank some people.

Cat: That can be for shout-outs.

Utsal: It's one sentence. If you want more clarification, I don't have solutions to offer, but appreciate your listening. Thank you.

Amber: quick vibe, with current basketball scheduling, two weeks from now, Feb 21st, if thing stand as they are, we will be hosting first game of conference, 8PM, pretty cool. Cool if we have lots of people, our basketball teams usually do pretty good there. Game will be 21st, if we win, next is Saturday at Whitman. If we could get people to drive down there, too, that'd be cool.

Kevin: Hello, I'm Kevin McCartney, with intramurals, recognize some of your faces. Marketing coordinator.

Next Friday, we have a blacklight volleyball we need your help to promote, will be fun time. Starts 10PM, so after U-Rec closes, it's double elimination, and there's a registration link, and teams don't have to pay now, takes off concerns of finance. Want you to go back to res halls, and promote this, spread the word. Lot of glow in the dark, stakes are high. We got the spring indoor basketball and indoor soccer, but right now is just volleyball. Thank you guys.

Sarah: mini vibe for coordinators, if you want senators to post something in our newsletters, please send it before Thursdays, once we get it after 5:00, too late, sad for everyone. We didn't readdress it.

[Gen Action]: Secretary of Generation Action here, and we are thinking of a reproduction products drive. Want to organize with RA and senators, to maybe set up a box in first floor lounges or lobby areas, collect any products. And will take into consideration about newsletters, and this will be from 25-1st of March.

Mirabel: Hi, I'm with RISE program. Would like your help, word of mouth, since we will have different opportunities with Dornsife. We don't get enough help in spreading the word. Even if it means stop by the table, doesn't work. Please help spread the word wherever you can.

Jira: Do you have any fliers or promotional things?

Mirabel: We have table in Lied square and applications I could send to you.

Katie L: Have heard from some people that for BELIEF they still need some guy hosts?

Mirabel: I'm not in charge, but so far they met their goal. Will have to check back.

Abdul: Spring Unplugged will be in March, date not yet finalized, if someone wants to sign up, let me know about it. You'll know next meeting on details.

Katie L: Is there a date yet?

Abdul: Not yet, will send soon with a poster.

Utsal: Ayaka emailed me about having multilingual admissions tours, need students to sign up, if you want to on the list, email Ayaka Dohi at a be email adohi@whitworth.edu.

Jason: one, don't know if we've talked about, but we hold control over this space, Chambers, and if you plan on having a meeting, contact me, I have a

calendar on it. Not on infosilem, and there's been some crossing of events, so I'm keeping track of it.

Two, you all got email, Rachelle will be leaving us, currently doing a search, people are applying, which is great. Tayla, Tersa, have talked about already, doing a big blowout to her. Have food, drinks, and goodbye. Lookout for some dates for that in your email.

Andrews: Food advisory committee met in January, good feedback, Mirabel was on it, shout out to her. Main chef Tompall was there, and Dan King from Sodexo was around, gave a lot of feedback about food, hours, services and how to be improved. I would say encourage people to be on that meeting, if they have concerns about that, Utsal you mentioned issues on that, encourage people to be on that.

Also there's the flu going. I'm coughing, Cat's coughing. Practice good hygiene. Get vaccinated, Measles shot, for the love of everyone. That's it.

Talya: I know we're over time. I was hoping and been brainstorming, I work at Applebee's, and was talking to my boss about bringing back pancake breakfast as a fundraiser for ISC, I know it won't at all raise enough money for it, but it would be a great idea to invite churches, organizations, community and hungry WU students to get pancakes, it'd be before it opens at 11, like 8-11 AM. Brainstorming currently, hit me up if you have ideas.

Shout outs

Karen: To Utsal, for vocalizing everything that was said.

Chelsea: To senators, sometimes you're half senators and half janitors, can be hard.

Andrews: James, Ethan and Amber in SEC, a lot of hours and things. I appreciate you all. Mirabel for being in food committee. Also Gracey! You too!

Gracey: Shoutout to David because he did go in the middle of the night to clean up the toilet downstairs, used a dustpan to clean water, and he's literally getting down and dirty with the guys.

Utsal: to Amber, Rohini and Erik helping with MLK march.

Katie R: To James, I was off campus, I couldn't reserve rooms, and we FaceTimed and it was a lot of work.

James: To Katie R for rolling with the punches.

Chelsea: They're cute.

Jira: To Jason for the dope sweatshirts.

Karen: Amber for helping me with the poster.

Chris: Teri for making me read the book by Austin C.B.

Katie R: Teri for that intro for Austin C.B.

Chris: To Cata for writing this down.

Erik: Move to end the meeting.

James: 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 6:12PM.