



## 2018-19 ASWU Meeting Minutes | **March 13th, 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	present
Morgan Bucher   Sustainability Coordinator	present
Ethan Clardy   Senior Class Coordinator	present
Jira Hammond   PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Abdul Haq   Special Events Coordinator	present
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

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

Honored original caretakers of the land.

Mission Statement read by Amber.

Minutes from 03/06/2019 approved unanimously.

## **FVP Updates**

### **Capital and Unallocated**

**Chelsea:** Unallocated: \$11,732.56

Capital: \$ 18,061.42

## **Club Updates**

### **FASA**

#### **Nate Idica | [nidica20@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:nidica20@my.whitworth.edu)**

In Feb, we were supposed to hold NorthWest FASA retreat at WU. Due to weather, we canceled it; we were initially having all Eastern clubs and Central, and GU, but had screening of Crazy Rich Asians, kept going. Even with poor weather and Sunday night, 60 people came. In April, WUFASA will go to Oregon State University, for Conference, will have workshops to learn more interpersonal communication skills. Northwest FASA Alignment meeting happening too, our rep will update us on other reps with future events and stuff like that. On April 26, we will have 2nd annual WUFASA and Asian Alliance with GU's counterparts to form event, in MPR. Open to volunteers, if interested, contact me after. In May, for Springfest, we will have a Lumpia Fundraiser, check us out then. Questions?

## **Ultimate Frisbee Club**

**Scott Maxa | [smaxa20@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:smaxa20@my.whitworth.edu)**

Had 3 main events, team traveled to Stanford, tournament there; next, we traveled to Puyallup, did 2019 PLU BBQ; and 3rd was this past weekend, went to WSU. Plan on continuing semi-regular practice indoors, and outdoors as it warms up. One main tournament remains in Puyallup, and depending on interest, we might do that one.

## **Physics and Engineering Collective**

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So our club has professional side, where students can learn about internships, grad schools, and careers, we also have a fun side. Friendly competitions, pizza, Had resume workshop, especially for underclassmen, as they try to find internships this summer, an often requirement. LIGO trip, super fun went with 10 people.

One of his professors and his wife came. Participated in blacklight tournament.

**Mateo:** for this semester, lot of fun activities. Last semester was more focused on professional, think of internships, and helping freshmen with four year plan. Now, we're doing dodgeball, board games, will be part of Springfest, need to define end of year party. For next year, we need to find new faculty advisor, currently 2 undisposed, hard because of all the paperwork. Want to include voting for new officers, so we can expand the officers for the club.

## **Pokemon Trainers**

**Timothy Bruggeman | [tbruggeman20@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:tbruggeman20@my.whitworth.edu)**

Over winter, it was cold, had a couple of members. Had booth during fair for the 15th, 7th of April. Tournament on the 31st in MPR. Other event is movie night, April 10th, will have annual showing of Pokemon movie.

## **Promise Dance Collective**

**Katriel Sahlstrom | [ksahlstrom20@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:ksahlstrom20@my.whitworth.edu)**

*Not present.*

## **Swing and Ballroom Dance**

**Colleen Bell | [cbell20@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:cbell20@my.whitworth.edu)**

New things this semester, have actual new locations. Previously, used several gyms in Grave's, now in Fieldhouse. Last event was Yule Ball, which was our

largest ever. Planning for Spring now, we will have a 20's themed dance, May 3rd. Other than that, have some things in work, since GU's attended Yule Ball, we wanted to get together more. Some workshop or events in Spring.

## **Black Student Union**

### **Alex Montgomery | [amontgomery20@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:amontgomery20@my.whitworth.edu)**

Had black history month, in February, Murder of Emmett Till, partnered with Dornsife. Issues affecting us today in Warren. Get tickets to see Kimberle Crenshaw talk about intersectionality. In the future, look out for ads and emails, we will have a Bump Set Unite (BSU, get it?) in the loop April 6th, 11AM, a Sat, a fun tournament to celebrate each other, might have corn haul, and spikeball in future. Will try to bring speaker, from the Spokane Regional Health District, the Birth Outcome Taskforce, and have event about bearing while black, with Dr. Robyn Pickering, who's an amazing professor. Black women have worse disparities when it comes to complications and infant mortality. 230% more likely to die, will have discussion on that. Talk about impact and causes. Also focus on Spokane data. Will be in Eric Johnston, and also do plan to have booth at Springfest. Will sell hush puppies and green beans. Selling shirts as well.

**Jira:** When does the club meet?

**Alex:** Changed to 2x month, 2nd and 4th week of each month, next time is 14th of April, ABC room, for closeness to HUB, 4PM sunday. Give your input, we'll have elections, so take my spot.

## **Speaker Proposal**

### **Young Americans for Freedom: Ben Shapiro**

**Chelsea:** So we're gonna get to this discussion, but before let me remind you of some things. As you all know, this specific portion of the agenda today has gained a lot of attention from all sides of campus and beyond. There's been tremendous pressure on all of the Assembly, but we want to remind you all that this is just another speaker approval process. Thus, as a reminder, we will follow Robert's Rule, per dictated in the Constitution. We want to be respectful of people's views and times. Each speaker will have a maximum of 2 minutes to speak, while everyone must actively listen. After that, we have the right to cut off and move on to the next one. We will hear from every representative and senator in their respective communities first, and then open up for general discussion. Lauren, you will have 5 minutes to present and we will move on.

**Lauren:** Good evening, I'm the YAF chair. It's an honor and please to speak issue of great importance, bringing Ben Shapiro to campus. As political commentator and lawyer, graduating from Harvard at the age of 21, 9th most downloaded podcast show of 2018, editor in chief of the Daily Wire, and wrote the book, "The right side of history: how reasoning and moral purpose made the West". As the chair, I'm here to defend our choice of speaker.

First, look at speaker thru apolitical lens. Allowing personal opinion to be absent, I don't believe it's in the ASWU tradition to vote based solely whether we agree on speaker's ideas, but, most importantly to vote on their presence on campus. I think this will help find common ground on why Whitworth should hold Shapiro. I'd like to present a few reasons. We all know the ASWU mission statement, "We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, in order to meet our students' needs, aspire to empower our diverse community by fostering personal relationships, translating open dialogue into holistic programming, and pursuing an inclusive campus environment". I would like to single that last part, "pursuing an inclusive campus", important on this vote. Inclusivity means for all students to have a voice, to share their ideas with campus, have equal opportunity to invite like-minded speakers. It's the pursuit not of the same ideas, but same opportunities, and to conflate these two goals would be an educational tragedy.

Mr. Shapiro is an opportunity for differing ideas to be shared in campus that cherishes diversity. Not mandatory to attend, but those who choose, there's an opportunity to engage through an extended session of Q&A, his motto is if you disagree with him, come to the front of the line. Why? For the sake of diversity of thought. He wants to be challenged, and his ideas not to be taken at face value and be in an echochamber, and he be stimulated as well. He is not adverse to changing his mind, rather, admitted and explained in sessions that his stance has shifted. He responds to questions the best he is able.

Second, I'd like to address the point of not bringing Shapiro led by umbrella term "divisive". I call it umbrella term because it's generalizes issue that rather be articulate, shuts down discussion. Merriam Webster defines divisiveness as "causing disunity and dissention". Dissention is all too prevalent in our society, and it's dangerous to propose that Shapiro is the cause of it. He is no more divisive than the extended list of speakers that come every year, just like they do, he steps into the divisiveness that plague our lives, and presents arguments with as much logic and intellectual honesty as able for positive progress. He distinguishes his personal and governmental beliefs, and demonstrating that they're not one and the same, and shouldn't be. At the heart of his lectures,

there's arguments on national ramifications of sexual and political choices, not vendettas on individuals that disagree with him.

Finally, I want to stress why Whitworth is the place to host Ben Shapiro. Beck Taylor, when addressing during Fall Convocation, said "another promise that comes to mind is to stretch you and your education. Our faculty want you to grow and learn. There's no shortcut to that process, and it will be painful at times. Whitworth offers a liberal education, one that at times, will give you new ways of thinking, alternative perspectives, all to have you expand your view of the World". It's only from that point that you can critically discern own values and commitments. Mr. Shapiro is our opportunity to exposure, engage with ideas of the world. Are we so weak as a campus that we cannot face differences of opinion---

**Chelsea:** That's time. Like I said, let's open to Senators and reps, and then general.

**Lauren:** By the way, Alaina, the vice chair, is here to help me address questions.

**Emily:** General question, where would this event be, if approved?

**Alaina:** I've taken extensive responsibilities. It'll be in the fieldhouse, we'll be able to collapse the visitor stance, and we've already filled a temporary FRF, and filed report. So were good.

**Emily:** To my understanding, someone said 1800 people invited?

**Alaina:** That was an assumption, a GU student made a facebook page, Bring Shapiro to Gonzaga, and people jumped, it was misinformed that he was going until last night.

**Andrews:** will it be open to just WU students, or community in general. What measures?

**Lauren:** So we're thinking of VIP session, and possible fee for that. Still looking into ways for that, still brainstorming. I'm willing to work with people, don't feel qualified to take all that by myself..

**Lauren Sfeir:** will you be selling tickets to come in, what is the cost?

**Lauren:** Will be free for WU students and faculty, were thinking of fee on public, still to decide.

**Alaina:** have to think about how many seats we have too.

**Jose:** what will the talk be about?

**Lauren:** We don't have a solidified comment, but he often comments about political and conservative values, like freedom of speech, limited government, will get back to you. YAF has some say.

**Karen:** what would you say to students that went to Mattera talk, and say that conversations weren't productive, not good rep of how Whitworth should talk on these values.

**Alaina:** Yes, happened last fall, I was there, I almost have to say, I do apologize about how he talked to some people, to a specific person in general. I think it was not brought about in a way that we could talk about something like that. Been to multiple talks on campus, seen way that during Q&A session should be. That one didn't get to hit everyone's expectations. I can assure you that Ben Shapiro's Q&A won't be like that, I've done extensive research, feel as though, he won't approach those topics like Jason, has more respectful way of doing that. So not to attack their person, but trying to negotiate ideas with facts. He is known to address his mistakes in podcasts and articles.

**Almat:** In the email I received, it costs \$30,000, in that case, did you guys pay it already? 2nd question; you said that YAF has their say in topic, but which one, general or WU YAF?

**Lauren:** So Ben is a part of the speaker series through foundation, foundation would pay for fees, and we have a say in what we would like him to speak about as a board. He would ultimately have the say, but we have leverage. He wants to stick with his series.

**Utsal:** There could be some concerns with security. How do you address that, which is estimated at 1800?

**Lauren:** Good question. Been talking back and forth with foundation, Ben has own bodyguards, included in fees. Campus security should be sufficient, WU is the environment that won't stimulate violent behavior. Also, to add, for events that Ben has turned violence, are in schools that are in different location.

**Utsal:** Didn't ask about speaker, but with audience, since it's public, and a priority since we're inviting people from outside.

**Lauren:** We can talk to foundation, for advice, will be corrective on.

**Erik:** of all speakers, why Ben Shapiro?

**Alaina:** He was offered to us, turned down by Zags, this is a way to reach out to them, they were looking forward to that. Also, our chapter is small, and we don't have enough funds to bring speakers, and Ben Shapiro is big name, and since he's getting payed for, being offered to us, it's a great opportunity. Otherwise it'll be a while before we get this again.

**Erik:** So for productive dialogue--in what way do u see that happening?

**Lauren:** Ben has mentioned that if you disagree with him, you can go to the front of the line, and try to ask a question. We plan on an event after this to discuss, have panelists, have open discussion.

**Alaina:** Other clubs do that, I believe after Austin Channing Brown, there was a panel, we'd like to do something similar, because I heard lot of great things came out of that.

**Chris:** So what does extensive research mean, can you please say what you did?

**Alaina:** bouncing ideas off of people. Understanding that what I'm reading isn't just biased, taking considerations on what was said with people with multiple views. Spent several hours, watching lectures online, recent ones, and threads. He writes several articles, as well.

**Chris:** Along with that, on titles, he's had divisive rhetoric within them. Can you explain and how it would affect campus?

**Alaina:** can you explain what divisive rhetoric means here?

**Chris:** He uses word such as destroying, dismantling, etc. and not things I think would be productive in contributing to dialogue.

**Alaina:** I think those are just titles to grab attention. I'm sure some of you have taken marketing, know those things. It's what the organization is thinking, common thing. I'm not sure that it's Ben that does those, some social media coordinator, and we shouldn't blame Ben for that.

**Chelsea:** will move to Senators and Representatives, and speaking about constituencies. Do we have an order?

**Andrews:** raise your hand and I'll start taking your name.

**Sarah:** We only heard about this last week, didn't know personally what to think, so I turned to my constituency. How I will vote, will be according to what hall wants, and I do want to assure you I spoke with as many people as I could, and I reached out in person, doors, email, 4 hrs this week, I got to talk 50 out of 75 constituents, recorded responses. I want to share that personally, Boppell is very concerned.

**Lauren Sfeir:** In Arend, had a mix of views, people have asked questions, brought to me, gotten different emails. In general, there's mix of views from both sides, puts me on difficult spot from majority and most people want. I'll make that decision on what Arend wants, and the answers given.

**Katie L:** Hello, I'm BJ senator. Talking to my res hall, we had a primetime, talked to 50+ residents about situation, very controversial, and there was a mix of responses. So I'm personally looking at what's best for the constituencies, there was not a clear majority, but people did care about this issue.

**Jose:** Warren Senator, people I've talked to during my office hours and emailed, gone from both sides, some feel iffy on it, will vote based on what's best for Warren, and for WU as well. Good to represent my constituents, and mind the underrepresented voices on campus.

**Emily:** I've talked to people, emailed them. No majority, will vote based on what I've seen, and have heard concerns from both sides.

*(Student faints in audience, short break in Chambers)*

**James:** I'm the MacMillan senator, have talked to my residents face to face, texts, emails, survey sent out, people on both sides, both have opinions, there was a majority, and it will come out in my vote.

**Katie R:** I'm the senator for Ballard. Smallest res hall, so I have very personal relationships with them, thus had personal conversations on issue. Able to get a majority on this issue, want to say that however everything turns out, will not be because of personal bias on personal account, it will be because WU was represented.

**Almat:** Hi. I'm the Stewart senator. Talked to many of my constituents, from what I'm getting, a mix, goes both ways, but I want to point out something, those that want to see him see, said it was just for the memes. Those that don't wanna see him here, were really, felt uncomfortable with those that did want to see him. My vote will be on what Stewart and WU need, and it's important to me to represent mission statement, will be based on those things.

**Lizzie:** Hello, I'm the off campus senator, to start I think many people are being vague, which is representative of how divisive this issue is. People are scared on the fear of people being mad at each other, being so divisive on an issue that doesn't need to be, we can have a conversation on this without hating each other as people. Not to summarize students, on how you should vote, Today I think it's really important to note that this vote is not about whether we ideologically agree with Ben Shapiro or not, is it about the power we have as a governing student body over what is allowed to be said on this campus, as well as the precedent we are setting for future ASWU assemblies. I have found myself torn this week, that 18 students are really deciding to what level Whitworth upholds free speech. As a senator, my constituents are mixed. I have spoken with various students who are extremely hurt by this proposal, as LGBTQIA+, students of color, and other minorities on campus find his rhetoric to be divisive, wrong and harmful to their identities as WU students. As an individual--I wholeheartedly agree.

I have heard from a majority of my constituents, conservative and liberal, that want Shapiro to come to campus, based on WU commitment of exchanging ideas, advertised to us when we applied to this University.

On a personal note, I think it's important to look at what it means to have difficult conversation on campus. What does difficult actually look like? We often say we like it until it's actually difficult. I worry sheltering students from these ideas, rather than giving them space to stand up against injustices and talk about them. We are doing more of a disservice.

As a member of philosophy, we learn about John Stuart Mill, and exchange of ideas, he explained that even unpopular and divisive opinions contribute to the marketplace of ideas by allowing the best and strongest to emerge supreme. Allowing different perspectives doesn't mean we support them.

I hope in the future that YAF chooses to bring speakers that promote better conversation and strive towards productive civil discourse. Their goal of conservative views taken seriously on campus will be better served by inviting speakers whose rhetorical strategies are more charitable than Mr. Shapiro's. YAF has right to invite him, but puts university and students in difficult position. I was elected to and promised to reflect the views of the majority of my constituents, I also have other reasons for my vote--

**Andrews:** not to cut you short, we need to keep it going.

**David:** Glad to go after her, to put it shortly, in numbers, Duvall was leaning to one side. I will represent those numbers and in conversations and feedback, students on one end of political spectrum would, let me say, conservative students would often vote against this, and more liberals in favor of it. Found it interesting. Some students did not want to be misrepresented, others defend freedom of speech.

**Teri:** now open to anyone.

**Andrews:** We'll start a line on the end of all.

**Teri:** Please be respectful, and quiet, some people have 6:30 night class. Also, Ivan, no recording, some people don't feel comfortable with that.

**Andrews:** 2 minutes.

**Damian:** I'm a brown immigrant, son of immigrants, considers liberal, vote Democrat, I want Shapiro on campus, I think I speak for most when I say I don't want to pay \$50k a year to go to an echochamber. Best approach to confront someone I don't agree with is not to censor them, but take them to intellectual woodshed, and challenge them intellectually, why their views are ignorant, and unethical, not a shutdown. One example, is of Ruth Simons, 1st black president

of an Ivy League, Brown, who brought David Horowitz, who's like Ben Shapiro on steroids, and when confronted she did it "because free exchange of opposing viewpoints is in the DNA of collegiate enterprise."

**Addy:** I would like all of you here to close your eyes, take a deep breath, I want you guys to picture the most important part of our identity, is it faith, race, gender? What's the most important thing of your identity? Now, think how you would feel if someone was asked to come to campus and say that was a mental illness. I'm Addy, I'm transgender, and Ben Shapiro is blatantly transphobic, I feel personally, if he came, WU doesn't accept transgender, I can transfer, this is not my only place to come to school. The queer people I found on campus, have provided amazing support. So let's consider other people's identities when we vote.

**Boitu:** I'm a South African international student on campus, I feel we've reached a tricky place, this is first time we've had a conversation on race relation and identities. This brings about different aspects of your identity. Leonard Oakland spoke about challenges that will push you to the edge, I feel like when it comes to this, so many people that haven't come to ASWU meetings, shows how deeply felt this is. Take into consideration that this is a vital time on campus, where some students who have been marginalized for the longest time. Important for you guys to think that it's not about people silencing you, but about whether bringing someone to campus that shakes things up can be detrimental.

**Madison:** What an amazing opportunity this is; universities willing to engage in conversations are fewer and fewer, especially private Christian ones. Gonzaga, Northwestern, have all recently denied conservative reasons, one being they are being too divisive, but it's a slippery slope. What's too dangerous? What shouldn't we engage? Important to think critically of them. Whitworth has amazing environment to debate those things, and to consider difficult issues. Whitworth has taken a strong stance of freedom of speech, and civil discourse was last year's theme on colloquy. This discussion doesn't stop when people leave event, fears of Q&A volatile--we're all adults. We've learnt management techniques, to control that. These ideas don't die, people have one on ones, last talk with Jason Mattera, sparked a lot of conversations. It's why we come to a university, to discuss difficult ideas. Urge for yes.

**Jordan:** Hello, I'm the president of Generation Action, seen as a club that has opposing values than those conservative. With that, I have very conservative friends, and I'm liberal, while I'm still their best friends, I have the duty to speak on behalf of those that cannot. I love talking about things that are different from my values, but I think there's a way to better do that is more effective and is representative of civil discourse and is beneficial to conversations than Ben Shapiro. In just 2-min, you see he aims to attack and destroy that aren't and don't reflect him. Simply destroying someone else to show your views is not beneficial for conversation. Bringing someone that represents conservative values completely reflecting free speech we advertise and support. But we know discrimination is illegal, so why should speech that is discriminating be legal on campus? It's what I said to the Whitworthian yesterday--we want someone that can reflect values we want to sway, not that divide us.

**Jesse:** My name is Jesse, I don't think that divisive topics are problem, we should have divisive conversations. I don't think bringing people to campus that are transphobic, racist, sexist, list goes on. Let me read a quote I feel i stereotypical of Ben's rhetoric, "Israelis like to build, Arabs like to bomb crap and live in sewage" don't think that dialogue is productive. You can get in line at the Q&A, but you won't get a word out. He will just be a similar experience to Jason Mattera event. We should bring people that operate within academic facts such as, racism exists, experienced by people, transgender people do exist, there's medical evidence, and I think conservative speakers coming to campus is great, those not grounded in reality, and speak based on fiction is not. Someone I think would be ok is if they ask should we mandate armed teachers in schools, which is an opinion not a fallacy.

**Rachel:** I'm the junior secretary of Gen Action. Ben Shapiro doesn't represent ASWU or WU mission to ask hard questions and . We want WU students to examine their world, with discerning and academic mind, and loving heart. Videos titled, Shapiro destroys transgenderism, only encourage people to destroy other people, their experiences and POV. In the words of pro-life speaker Timothy Brahm: if you get a rush of videos so and so destroys so and so, then you're doing it wrong. There's a video on youtube, Jason Mattera v. Liberas, Whitworth University, this type of war like attitude will be fostered. I implore you to vote no.

**Dean:** This event is being sold on freedom of speech, and diversity of perspectives and ideas, but true event of this fashion, there should be a speaker

of opposing viewpoint, have students figure out. I reached out to speaker who is willing to debate, and asked to come here, all the logistics are there, YAF wouldn't have anything to make this event happen. Asked YAF to turn it into debate, and they refused, they said--national foundation wouldn't allow them to make it a debate, but that is irrelevant, because this was sold on free speech. If not willing, through own volition, or through mandate by national YAF and Ben Shapiro, shows their reasons are not true. Don't bring him if it's not about what it says.

**Chandler:** I am bisexual, transgender man, and president of Pride Club. One of my responsibilities, is that all students feel safe and comfortable, I see here members, allies, hurting right now, because someone wants to bring a speaker that is anti-trans, homophobic, racist. We have a responsibility to every minority group and make sure they are safe and welcome. I encourage to vote no, keep minority students safe.

**[student]:** I believe that all of you that want Ben Shapiro are doing this out of good intentions, which a good thing, you think this is best. Also good to see past surface level. Just because someone asks them to come to front of line, doesn't mean it's an environment that promotes open dialogue. Using tactics to belittle people, make them feel dumb, is not what our mission statement is about. Not that I do not want conservatives, I'd love to have them. We all deserve a voice, however, we need to do it in respectful way.

**Gabe:** Founding member of YAF, Tanner, founding VP, I have heard Ben Shapiro speak, I have a picture on my phone, I hear their concerns, they're worthwhile, I feel for everyone. I'm here to reassure that he is not homophobic, racist, or xenophobic, he has a conservative standpoint that is wrongfully paired with those things. I am not any of those things, that is a fact, and he's none of those things, he's an intellectual, graduated from Harvard Law School at 21. I'm 21 and I haven't done that...Please feel free to talk to any of us involved with YAF. We're not here to isolate, not here to debate. That's the foundation, wish we could do different things, if I could post something with YAF, we have to clear through them, they're very straight...

**Tanner:** We're not envious of you, this is quite the decision, we want free speech, want free dialogue, but silencing something now, for future generations, I believe YAF won't go away, has quite the following, when we

started YAF, people said who'll join that, we were the largest, at least by email list. Be open-minded on this.

**Lauren:** I'm not part of any club, here as no one but myself, I'm a liberal, and I came to decision that it would be an injustice not to bring him, it would be a challenge. I have a question, on Jason Mattera, and that was a frustrating talk to me, not because of what he spoke, but the inaction of YAF members in stopping and resetting the conversation, and resetting it, so, my question to you, as community members, what is your responsibility to us if it happens again?

**Alaina:** We sincerely apologize, we didn't expect such a strong response to that. We thought not many would come to it. Not prepared to what he was going to say. We've proposed, we would like to have a panel after Shapiro, if you didn't or did think there was productive conversation, we want to continue that. We look forward to it.

**Lauren:** My point is not for an answer now, but to reflect on that if it does happen again.

**Alex:** I'm one of the leaders of Poor People's Campaign, and work for chapel. ASWU is not a democratic body, half of our people live off campus, and we only have 3 reps for that. For each to vote on constituency is passing the buck, cannot claim democracy when it's not the reality. How can you say, us as ASWU have responsibility to protect minority voices, but if you take the majority opinion, minority goes out. Second, this event would not be possible without the money of extremely wealthy people funding YAF, this would not be possible, crazy to think about, if you want that money to influence Whitworth, keep that in mind. Third, it's misleading to categorize Ben Shapiro as divisive; he holds positions that are racist and homophobic, if you realize that you hold the same position, it's not outlandish to say that some of us hold positions that are posed to the interests of minority groups. Instead of empowering people, maybe have a conversation of how to talk about these things better. We can lean in or out, want us to make the right choice.

**Tim:** I see some mischaracterization to clarify; quote brought about from Israelis and he specifically mentioned, On a podcast, he remembered how he was debating transgender individual, but he didn't publish it, called and checked if they were okay. These are not actions of someone who wants to do harm, but of a man who wants to share an opinion. I was excited to come to this university, I was paying hefty amount of money, in order to be challenged, I think I come

from a town that is fairly conservative, and to deny Ben Shapiro is a disservice to Whitworth, and how Beck Taylor talked about civil discourse.

**Ivan:** I'll keep this short, I came here when I was 16, I was a senator 2 years ago, I voted in every meeting, almost. I know we had speakers that were literally opposite of left, and I voted for them, cause I thought they were good, don't remember the names, but some were anti or pro abortion, I voted yes. One of the most beautiful things about America is 1st amendment, people are willing to let people speak. There's a majority view, and everything outside is offensive, that's not a good thing.

**Lauren:** Wanted to leave some final thoughts. First, point out a definition of white supremacy is "person who believes the white race is inherently superior to other races, and have control over others". None of these, if you watch his videos and speeches, you won't find any that expresses hatred towards group of people. Disagreement, maybe, but everyone entitled to their own opinion. Also, pointing out about the idea of a debate earlier, I agree, I have heard what was said, in the future we would like to hold that. But because this is part of a speaker series, not possible.

**Teri:** Okay, so now we will move on to the vote. If YAF members could please step out for this part.

**Michaela:** All members or just leadership?

**Tanner:** What if you founded it, but aren't a member?

**Andrews:** before we vote, we ask that you do not record anyone, and are respectful of voting members identity. Do I hear a motion?

**Sarah:** I move to approve the YAF speaker.

**Chris:** Second.

**Andrews:** this is voting members only.

### **Motion to approve YAF Speaker**

**Approved:** 9

**Opposed:** 9

**Abstained:** 0

**Andrews:** It's a tie. According to parliamentary procedure, once there is a tie, the president will be the tie-breaker.

**Teri:** Thank you for all who've spoken, to all the emails I've received, and based on that, the motion did not pass.

## **EVP Updates**

### **Mandatory Elections Meetings**

**Andrews:** First mandatory elections meetings, this Thursday at 4PM, If you cannot make it, there's another at on Monday 6PM.

## **Student Highlight**

Lajhaya, I made her wake up at 5:30am to run errands for SEC. Thank you.

## **President Updates**

### **University Council Meetings**

**Tersa:** That was today, they will have a financial townhall, to inform students on where money is going. Will give you dates next week on those, just had discussion today.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wasted Project**

**Morgan:** Still going on! Gets students together, to go 0 waste during Lent, we've had a workshop on Monday night, made cleaning products, shampoo and lip balms. I brought a jar of all the waste in just 1 week.

## **Unplugged**

**Abdul:** Will be happening this Sunday, 7PM, Dining Hall, we will have performances from students and a guest. Tell your residents about it. Free mugs, coffee and pastries.

## **Unveiled**

**Talya:** Happening this upcoming Monday, it is a worship event I'm spearheading with awesome dedicated team, this 7-8PM in MPR. If you want to get lit with us, come through.

**Ji:** Define lit.

## **Cultural Jeopardy**

**Utsal:** Tomorrow. CDA's organizing, looking for officers with their new model. Can have teams of 5. This Friday is Lu'au. looking for officers, send me a short description of why you're interested, and a picture.

## **HEAT**

**Michell:** Event where we talk about sexual health and practices, contraceptives and religious intersection, March 21st, MPR, will have 7 professionals represented from chapel, with Craig Chartrand, and Robyn Pickering. Important event for students on campus!

## **Constituency Reports**

### **Ballard**

**Katie R:** No report.

### **Arend**

**Lauren:** Pool table fixed.

### **Oliver**

**Emily:** No report.

### **GER**

**Karen:** No report.

## **Off-Campus**

**Lizzy:** The Spokane Chief's Game on Saturday was super cool.

### **BJ**

**Katie L:** No report.

### **Mac**

**James:** No report.

### **Boppell**

**Sarah:** No report.

### **Stewart**

**Almat:** No report.

### **Warren**

**Jose:** No report.

## **Duvall**

**David:** No report.

## **Campus Vibes**

**Almat:** Diversity monologues awesome.

**Sarah:** Breaking Boundaries will be on Tuesday, 7-10 in MPR. I will be reading a poem.

## **Shout outs**

**Teri:** Before anything else, I applaud you guys, stay strong no matter what. You are all amazing, all who spoke.

**James:** she stole mine.

**Jose:** to Tera, Ji and those who did diversity monologues, you were amazing, and Abdul too, and for ASWU members that attended.

**Talya:** to Dr. Jamaica Osorio.

**Erik:** for Teri, for making hard decisions.

**Amber:** All senators and reps for putting in the hard work this week, good of you guys.

**Ji:** second Amber. We made it through, alive.

**Utsal:** to the two people who answered questions, from club, it took courage.

**Sarah:** for fighting for what they believe in, and for bringing good conversation.

**Erik:** move to adjourn.

**James:** 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 6:32 PM.