



2019-20 ASWU Meeting Minutes | February 5th, 2020

In attendance:

Rohini Vyas President	proxy
Katie Rose Exec. Vice President	proxy
Faizzan Ul Haq Financial Vice President	present
Amariah Adams Exec. Admin. Assistant	present
Emily Clemons Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Cameron Rutherford Sports Events Coordinator	present
Bryn Redal Sustainability Coordinator	present
Astrid Le Roy Senior Class Coordinator	present
Sophia Lizberg PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Parker Daniels Special Events Coordinator	present
Laura Waltar Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Theresa Chowa Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Sarah Ogren Club Coordinator	present
Celia Vigil Oliver Senator	present
Sean Duarte McMillan Senator	present
Aeron Sugui Warren Senator	present
Elizabeth Puskarits Ballard Senator	present
Miranda Leger Arend Senator	proxy
Hannah Higgins Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Kalyn Gill Boppell and Village Senator	present
Jed Young Stewart Senator	present
Emma Edmonds Off-Campus Senator	present
Jorge Medina Theme House Senator	present
Sam Thackston Duvall Senator	present

Ali Brandt Off-Campus Representative	present
Behzad Barami Off-Campus Representative	present
Grace Fleming Off-Campus Representative	present
Grant Hill Duv-Oliver Representative	present
Timothy Leslie Stew-B-Ville Representative	present
Diana Diaz Theme-Bop-End Representative	present
N/A Warren Representative	absent
Aditi Beesani Global Engagement Representative	present

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

Honored original caretakers of the land.

Mission Statement read by [Liz](#)

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Motion to table voting on 01-15-2020 minutes by [Emily](#), seconded by [Hannah](#)
in Favor 18 | opposed 0 | abstaining 0

Motion passes

Speaker

Rhoseita Rhodes: good evening. Thank you for having me last minute. Be aware that we have changed overload from 17 credits to 16 credits. If you go over, you will incur a fee. This decision was reviewed by chairs, board trustees, presidential cabinet. It does not impact those who are double majoring you should be able to graduate on time. Same with credit heavy. There is an automatic waiver, those courses keep those waivers. If you are unable to graduate on time, there is a way to get a waiver and take 17 credits without paying extra. It should not impact you and your ability to graduate on time. Some will be able to graduate 3-3.5 years early. Last but not least, advisors will be talking with you about it as well. And when you register for fall as well. Faculty has already discussed this as well. They are in the process of designing the waiver and will put some one in charge of that later. I will let you know.

Why is the change being made?

Rhoseita: Currently other schools are at 86-82 percent. Whitworth at 92. There is an extra cost when students are taking the 17 credits. We want students to succeed. Without having running start or transfer credits, 92 credits needed to

graduate, 84 for Gonzaga and 75 for U-Dub. Lowering our fee brings us down to 86.

Why was this a change that was needed to be made?

Rhoseita: We were looking at retention and students who don't succeed when taking overload. It helps us provide the right education and guarantees more success, since we aren't such an outlier, impacting admissions. We recognized we needed to align with the other schools and retention.

Does retention rate go up when overload goes down?

Rhoseita: Not automatically, taking less credits might help students succeed more. Some of the students with overload weren't as successful, hence the retention rate.

Will there be changes to credit requirements?

Rhoseita: No, not at this time, because we still think graduation is doable even with this change.

What about students graduating early?

Rhoseita: You could do it. Or if you need a waiver, we will have that set up. After a certain time, you will have to pay the fee, but you could still graduate early.

What about students hanging major in sophomore year?

Rhoseita: It depends, even currently

What about leadership GE not counting as overload, will that continue?

Rhoseita: Yes, all automatic waiver courses will continue. Additional questions... get them to Jason or I'm down the hall in the corner. Advisors will also be talking about it too

FVP Updates

Faizzan:

Capital: \$16,947.58

Unallocated: \$ 17,160.56

Finance committee meeting on the 9th of February. Sophie please post on social media last day to submit requisitions is Saturday at 5pm.

Did you send out an email for this?

Faizzan: It might still be a draft still, since I made some changes

EVP Updates

Ali: Voting on election timeline tonight. I have the visitor sign in sheet, please name and email. After meeting we have free dinner cards for you for saga.

Elections... on March 4th applications open. Week later info meeting.

Wednesday March 18th applications close, approval the next day. Primary on the 30, after spring until April 2nd. Primary elections on the 3rd of April. General campaigning starts on the 4th of April Saturday senatorial debates at primetime, then executive carousels at primetime. Then exec candidate debates. General election Wednesday the 8 till 10pm on the 9th.

Motion to pass election timeline by **Hannah**, seconded by **Tim**

in Favor 18 | opposed 0 | abstaining 0

Motion passes

Senators should be doing CBS spring meetings this week, during constituency reports, please announce date and time. Need more SEC members for those meetings. Looking for student awards. Working on getting a warren zone rep. student highlight for HFS.

President Updates

Katie: provost search committee going on right now and the reason she is gone. She sent out an email with provost visit dates and times for the meetings. Please advocate for that and help lots of people to show up and ask good questions. Currently the plan is career services will go to the bookstore location. Bookstore done in March and grand opening. Not sure which location that is though. It puts thinking about future career and makes the services more visible.

Jason: career services opening downstairs March 21. Bookstore café done in August of 2020. Wanting to modernize and put in interview rooms, making it bigger and better. To show how important getting a job and prep for career for you guys. Student success in Lindeman will move up to career services, so student services one stop shop. That could be changed tomorrow too.

Katie: mental health, less talk by the counseling center has lots of attendance. They are very busy and are creating mental health training academy. It'll be faculty, staff, alumni, and us students. Don't know when but keep an eye out for that.

Sarah: provost search committee... what are they looking for from the students

Katie: They are mainly for the students to ask questions. Ask things about the academic program, or things they think can be improved on.

Laura: I got to go today, there are 3 visiting this week. She shared a bit about herself. We asked questions and it was a great dialogue. It's only Monday and Wednesday.

Jason: Encourage people to know that Let's talk is not group therapy, it's a short one-on-one with trained therapists

Upcoming Events

Black history month mobile museum

Theresa: its black history month, main events is a mobile museum. It'll be February the 26th hub mpr 12-4pm. He has a lot of great historical artifacts and also extra credit for some classes too

Iconic duo dance

Emma: off-campus is doing a dance, iconic duo theme. Come dressed as ketchup and mustard. Jason and chewie. It'll have a contest Friday the 21st 9:30-12:30. Just for off-campus. It'll be at the "chateau reve" a wedding venue.

Laura: I liked what Daniella did posting a sign to make sure there isn't cultural appropriation

Emma: Also, It is not free. I haven't figured out a price, but it'll be cheap.

Casino night

Emily: It's on the 29th. it'll be all hands-on-deck. You will get training on the games. We bought prizes today. Also today, I planned a week after casino to do A silent disco with headphones. I talked to tony, doing it in the pirate room. Where global connections. Casino night in the dining hall on the 29th 8-11. I need everyone in here at 6:30 and will need people to help afterwards take it down.

Constituency Reports

Theme Houses

Jorge: we are doing good. CBS meeting is Monday at 7

Oliver

Celia: we had our CBS meeting yesterday at 9:30. People wants sleds, we also changed the policy about the communal. We also have an appetite for printer paper.

Stewart

Jed: next Wednesday at 9. Lot of people leaving Stewart this semester. Life happens. Did a prime time core 250 where people were winning m&m's

Duval

Sam: cbs at 9 tonight, if anyone wants to come. Doing a broom ball event.

Global Engagement Representative

Aditi's Proxy: everything is going really well. Everyone looking forward to upcoming spring events hosted by ASWU

Off Campus

Emma: things are good. People are getting sick. Senioritis is hitting hard.

McMillan

Sean: we are doing good. Cbs Thursday at 7. People are excited for the next mac combat in the future. Had a few complaints about parking over by the building. Have talked to security and gotten some not so great responses. Ra's talking to their people about that

Baldwin-Jenkins

Hannah: lots of complaints about the printer. Looked into cleaning it and it stopped mis-printing. Pool table is still under construction, so no pool table. People confused about why we were getting cheeseburgers for 7 days in a row. The leading theory is that maybe saga thinks that if they make more cheeseburgers, the rest of food will improve. Cbs at 9:30 tonight

Warren

Aeron: we are chilling. Met with Hailey. Planning on doing cbs Monday at 8pm, expecting a new zone rep soon

Boppell and village

Kaylyn: tonight at 8pm, tomorrow at village 8pm

Arend

Miranda: tonight at 7, ra's back from Jan-term

Ballard

Liz: CBS meeting is Thursday from 6-7

Campus Vibes

Parker: house mate had his car broken into. Computer science people a little annoyed about HFS instead of TextMuse.

Jason: it is not an official app of Whitworth. It doesn't allow spaces for clubs to promote themselves. It allows for attendance tracking, that's why we went this way instead. It is nothing that is owned by whitworth and we have the control of the privacy

Liz: dryers not working. Mac using our paper

Katie: call facilities about the dryers and they will help you out

Jed: HFS, my roommate said he did the group thing. He has had it crashed a few times. He thought it was a joke that we launched it with bugs. He thought it would have been better to wait for bug fixes

Tim: for one, there is nothing can do about it now. We have already launched it. At this point, there's no purpose considering it. Had a 50/50 response from people.

Hannah: I could join groups through computer on the website

Emily: I could join it. Sophie and Jason, it's amazing

Sophie: most people I spoke to were pretty excited. We can't expect to get everyone the first round. Apps have bugs that's why they update. Improving the bugs and hopefully ours, that's on campus groups end to do. We felt the launch

was the right time before ending the year and restarting with freshman. Hopefully sophomores and juniors will get freshman more involved next year. Also had the comment about emails. Maybe we can work on that.

Sarah: the app has been amazing so far, as club coordinator. I've been waiting for it my whole life. A lot of clubs are excited about it. First place to join clubs in central space. Been getting emails about interests and now they can do everything on the app. All on the same program. I know the clubs are excited about it too. It'll make both our jobs easier.

Sean: launched the app 163 views about recent post. A couple residents have had the same comments as Jed's seeing the bugs on the apps.

Katie: towards the people who have negative thoughts, think about the really cool things this allows us to do for all of our clubs. Try turning it around to the positive side of things. Trying to plug the good things, even if they will come with time.

Jason: I hear you guys. We are turning around a cruise ship. It won't be perfect overnight. Next year working to get the new students really involved. We hear your concerns and are doing everything we can to address. Senators: tomorrow talk with your working groups about what you're going to do with your app. Use that time tomorrow to discuss using it for good

Cameron: plans to better leverage the app? People saw some information but are wanting more documentation.

Jason: we have one video that went out today

Sean: where did this video go out to?

Sophie: on Instagram, please share

Faizzan: something I learned in my marketing class. New things get a lot of resistance. This app has everything we need as aswu and students at whitworth. If you look at whitworth there are 2,000 people, and realistically only 15.5 percent will use it. Don't expect success overnight.

Parker: people like having a central point

Admin Assistant Updates

Amariah: Celebrating birthdays for myself, Sophie, Faizzan, Kalyn, and Jorge

Shout outs

Emily: Hannah and grant for coming to buy stuff

Sophie: Emily for prep

Hannah: Sophie for everything she's done

Emily: Jason for all his work on the app too

Bishesh: Faizzan and his fiancé

Tim: Areon for taking over as senator

emily: I motion meeting to adjourn

Seconded by: **liz**

In Favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining: 0

Vote passes

Meeting adjourned: **5:50**