



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, strive to provide advocacy, a sense of belonging, and communication through grace and a holistic approach. Our members aim to represent the diverse student body and collaborate to produce an environment rich in unity, optimism, and civil discourse; while also empowering students to be their authentic selves.

2022-23 ASWU Meeting Minutes | March 8, 2023

Executive Members:

Georgia Goff President	PRESENT
Christian Aguilar Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Sydnee Lum Marketing & PR	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Grace Johnson Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Jamie Gassman Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Reeshika Sharma Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Micah Cunningham Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Haley Horsburgh Sustainability Coordinator	PRESENT
Larkin Dean Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

Senators:

Samie Schaffer Arend Senator	PRESENT
Sierra Witte Baldwin Jenkins	PRESENT
Kenzie Quinn Ballard Senator	PROXY
Katelynn Diaz Boppell Senator	PRESENT
Katie Chilcote Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PRESENT
Lucien Dallabetta McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Grace Stiger Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Lotanna Akukwe Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Ava Dennis Warren Senator	PRESENT

Representatives:

Gio Coronado Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Maleah Robles Neighborhoods Representative	PRESENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Nick Yochum Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Hannah Sommerville Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:01pm

Mission statement read by Bobbi Jo

Approval Of Minutes from March 1, 2023

Motioned to approve by Katie

Seconded by Lucien

Favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 0

Club Proposal: Skeptics Club

Niraj: Hello everybody. This is the Skeptics Club. We would be a debate and deliberation club about epistemology. It's would be all about how we acquire knowledge. We want to deliberate epistimeolgy to understand how we acquire knowledge to be able to make informed decisions. We want to challenge, solidify and challenge views in deliberation. The concept of religion is so salient at this school, so we intend to talk a lot about these topics. Questions such as, "can religious beliefs and scientific beliefs be reconciled?" These are example questions of what we would talk about. Our agreed advisor is Nate King, who is the 'king of epistemology'. He is as active or inactive as much as we want him to be.

Micahel: I ust wanted to know if it was more discussion or debate based. If it is a debate based, who would look over that, you, the club, or a third party?

Niraj: We have dedicated roles for those moderating debates. They are executive members and their goal is to moderate discussions. They wouldn't be speaking.

Lucien: What is the interest level? And what would the meetings look like?

Niraj: We have 10-15 interested members. Meetings would be about twice a month. There would be a recommended reading before the meetings; not required but recommended. We are still working out the details of how to best go about the format so we are still trying to figure that out but just normal discussion and deliberation.

Lotanna: Quick question, I know the club is about creating discussion. But did you ever notice a need for this club on campus, like what prompted the creation of this club?

Niraj: There is a whole required class, Core 250, at this school and I think that there is a lot of discussion that should be had about this. The point of this university is to have you form your worldview properly. There's an inherent need for this club definitely.

Georgia: I was curious, do you have a plan or a tangible series of steps in the instance that things get out of hand?

Niraj: The first meeting of the club will be basic ground rules. We are talking about ideas, not people. We are adamant about that. In this day and age, we attach ideas to personhood and we do not do that in this club. If things get heated, we will take measures. It's all just about discussion.

Liam: If this club is all about expanding worldviews, why is it called the skeptics club?

Niraj: It's an inside joke with us and how with certain ideas, I am quite a skeptic. We would be skeptical about certain ideas, not just accepting ideas at face value. We just made the name up because it's funny and fun.

Jamie: We will be voting on this next week.

Club Updates

Martial Arts Club

Bailee: We meet on Tuesdays from 7pm-8pm in The Fieldhouse. We have about 10-15 regular attendees. We have a sensei soon coming to Whitworth, teaching self defense skills.

Georgia: What martial arts do y'all focus on?

Bailee: Karate is what I'm experienced in as well as Jiu Jitsu. The Vice President of this club also has background in some of the other arts. We like to have our members/executives experienced in different arts, so we can all teach a little bit of different skills to each other.

Grace: When is the sensei coming?

Bailee: We don't know exactly yet, but it should be sometime in April.

Sierra: What is your email?

Bailee: baileecook26@my.whitworth.edu

Georgia: Do y'all have social media?

Bailee: Not yet but I'm working on getting to that.

Storytellers Club

Caitlin: I am President of the Storytellers Club. We meet weekly from 6-7:30pm. We get together and write, we are a creative writing club. People work on lots of different stories, right now on creative fantasy. Some people, including myself, have been working on illustrations for the stories that we are writing. We have people stop by all the time. Getting together, writing together and talking together. We have 8 regular people each week with some additional others and visitors.

Lotanna: When u say writing together, do you mean collaborating together or individually?

Caitlin: Mostly individually but we do ask people for advice. One time someone was asking for some good name ideas for a character, so we pitch in ideas to brainstorm. We are also potentially looking into writing a children's illustration book.

Georgia: I was just curious, are any of y'all looking to publish your stories?

Caitlin: I know some of us have that goal to publish. We are looking into maybe doing a reading event where these students could read their work to people. Nothing is solidified, but it has just been a thought.

Speaker Approval

Turning Point USA: Andrew Greene

Jamie: Are there any questions that have come up since last week from anyone?

Motioned to approve by Katie

Seconded by Samie

Favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining: 0

Financial Director Updates

Finance Committee & Account Totals

Capital : \$13,900 | Unallocated: \$10,045

Michael: Hi everyone, as you can see these are the account totals. The finance committee did not meet this week but we are meeting on Monday, March 13, so if you have any requisitions soon, get in your forms before that time. Something else I wanted to mention was that I heard people were confused by my giggling last week. I was flustered so i giggled because a lot was going on. Just want everyone to be aware because it probably will happen again.

President Updates

Safety Committee

Georgia: I am proud to announce that Maleah has stepped up in the safety committee. She is stepping up and taking on this added responsibility. Be as curious as you can. She did it because she is passionate and she is a leader.

Board of Trustees Committee

Georgia: It's that time of year again. The Board of Trustees have their meetings coming up, and I'd love to see if anyone is interested in serving as the student representatives for their meetings. The topic of each meetings are academic affairs, institutional advancement, finance and grounds.

Luau

Georgia: I have one other thing. We need 2-3 folks to volunteer to work the Luau. It is April 29th. It starts at 7pm, so I assume you'd be there at 6:45pm ish.

Lucien: It's hard because it's so far away but you can put me down tentatively.

Katie: Also put me down tentatively.

Jamie: I'll be there, if that helps.

Georgia: I'll put y'all in contact with her and y'all can figure that out.

Vice President Updates

Election Timeline

Christian: We are approaching election season which is pretty crazy. Part of what we have to do is approve the election timeline. Applications will open, there will be interest meetings and election meetings, and then campaigning will begin. Then, there will be executive debates. Then, Election Day will be April 13th and results will be that same day as well. Any questions about that?

Jason: Just a point of conversation. The 11th falls during that Board of Trustee blackout time. In the past, they've allowed us to still do election events/tabling, but I'd just double check.

Lotanna: Do the applications open for both senator positions and executive positions?

Bobbi Jo: What are the applications and what do they entail? I ask since these are elected and not hired.

Christian: It just allows for us to get their photo and know that we have quality candidates. We have to check that they're all in good standing and all of the logistical things.

Katie: We will be voting on this timeline next week?

Christian: Yes. With that, think about ways to help with elections. There should be some part of the process that you're helping with hopefully. That can be anything. There will be tabling for election day, and those sorts of things.

Lotanna: Are the mandatory information meetings an hour long?

Christian: Yes, this allows us to give them all of the different types of information pertaining to elections.

Meeting Conduct Committee

Christian: I am heading the meeting conduct committee off to Lucien. Those interested in that committee should be hearing from him soon.

Off-Campus Representative

Christian: We are still looking for an Off Campus Representative, so if you have anyone you know that would be a good fit, send them our way. Hopefully we will know soon.

Reminders

Christian: Just a reminder to be emailing proxy info, not texting me those. I really just prefer that for my own self. Also, I hope that when there is no discussion for votes, it is because we are all very well informed, and not because we haven't looked at the material or aren't familiar with what we are voting on. Just need to make sure we are being aware.

Student Highlight

Christian: The Student Highlight this week is Elysee Kazadi. He was a big help at the Harlem Renaissance event. Just wanted to recognize him this week for his role and help in that.

Meal Cards

Christian: As always, come grab a meal card from me after the meeting and enjoy a meal with the team! Everyone is welcome.

Events: Past Events

Movie Night

Grace: Movie Night went really well! We had 80 tickets and all were picked up and 60 ish people came. This usually is pretty standard with ticketed events, as not everyone who picks up tickets goes. I heard a lot of verbal feedback that people loved the event, especially the free snack combo. Only had one fraudulent ticket.

Christian: Something that I thought was cool was how it facilitated community with some many different groups of people.

Liam: I thought that the event was super awesome and we should do that again.

Events: Upcoming Events

Marine Core Battle Procession

Georgia: On March 9th, Phil Labree will be here for the Marine Core Battle Procession. We are wanting to push this to our students, we want The Fieldhouse packed. Starts at 6pm. Tomorrow night. I will be attending. Tickets are free but get them online.

Katie: Do you know the duration of the event?

Georgia: An hour.

Pirate Mania

Larkin: Pirate Mania is Monday, March 13th in The Fieldhouse. There will be food, games, prizes, and more. It will be from 7pm-9pm. I would love 8 people to help. 3 people for food. 2-3 people helping with game and prize setup, 2 people passing out raffle tickets. Setup is at 6:30. Not tons to setup.

Casino Night

Larkin: This is an "all hands on deck" event. It is March 18 from 8pm-11pm. Half of you will be doing setup, the other half will be doing teardown. Setup is at 4pm. Everyone else needs to be there at 7pm in the fieldhouse. Event itself is from 8pm-11pm.

Grace: Just want to emphasize that this truly is an all hands on deck event. We already have the list of everyone and which tables they will be working, so please follow through and don't drop out last minute because then we will be gone a table that we could be having to serve students with.

Jason's Going Away Party

Georgia: Tuesday, March 14th is Jason's going away party from 3:30pm-4:30pm in the Hub MPR. Come party it up!

Nick: I formally request tissues be available.

Happy Birthday!

Georgia: Happy Birthday Gio and also Happy Birthday to Laurie who had her birthday this past weekend. We love you both!

Constituency Reports

Boppell

Katelynn: Boppell is great. The printer is finally out of paper for the first or second time this whole year. So my constituents have been contacting me to put printer in the paper. So I have gotten to talk to some of them I haven't seen before. This is great. Over the 3 day weekend there was a lot of cooking and people were in groups in the first floor lounge and some went to a prime time

Oliver

Lotanna: We are doing good, I have noticed my residents expressing interest in interacting with resources on campus. I've also heard about them applying for Bucs Bridge and RA leadership positions for next year. I have heard complaints about exams which is weird because midterms are not for another two weeks.

Duvall

Katie: Duvall is finally all together home again. We have all three pods all settled in, since the fire we have not all been together so we are excited to have all of our little family back home. There are still random fans and ceiling tiles missing. Other than that, primetimes have been hopping, and we still have the continuous group up on the third floor lounge vibing away.

BJ

Sierra: Heyo! BJ is doing well. I've heard a mix of excitement and stress about the RA applications as constituents have been filling them out and turning them in this week. We had a great turn out of excited BJ residents at the movie night, who had a blast! As for our daily lives, mold was found in our basement which is exciting (and is being addressed), I've heard some talk about the swim night prime time tonight, and we are in a general agreement that we are ready for the weekend! We are finally putting into works a BJ sweatshirt. Hopefully we will be fully dripped out by April!

Arend

Samie: Arend is pretty calm as well. A lot of students have been quiet, and a little bit stressed about the upcoming midterms. Quite a few first years are in Arend, so it's still pretty new for them. I also figured out the info to get a new net for the ping pong table!

Off-Campus Senator:

Grace: Off campus students are doing well and looking forward to warmer weather and Spring Break. From what I hear everyone is busy with classes and extracurriculars.

Warren

Grace: Ava isn't here, but provided me with the following constituency report to read to you all. She writes, "I haven't seen a lot of people hanging out in the dorm recently. There is, however, someone who is in the kitchen quite constantly. I think that at this point people are starting to get very stressed with school and the cold weather isn't helping our immune systems. Also, I've seen people start to use the laundry sheets I set out and that's exciting to see some cooperation."

McMillan

Lucien: McMillan is doing great. The CMC Mafia game ended dramatically in favor of the Village team. Weekly events are still really well attended. Everyone seems to be doing pretty well, which is super good since this is the time of the semester where the opposite seems to happen. Honestly there's not a whole lot in the negative to mention this week! Milk and Cookies is tonight at 10:55PM as usual in Mac 2nd floor lounge.

Ballard

Sierra (Proxy): Ballard is doing well. there's discussion of future elections, and turning the attic into another hangout spot just like Mac. We've finished our long game of Mafia which everyone seemed to enjoy. Upcoming events include another round of water assassins and water polo, and quite a few of us are somehow involved with St. Joan which opens on Friday.

Neighborhoods

Maleah: The neighborhood students are doing well. My constituents have been enjoying hosting and attending house events this month as well as playing volleyball at the UREC with their RA during their office hours. There has been talk about house and car break-ins in surrounding neighborhoods. We are staying alert and other than that, things seem to be going well.

International Students

Niraj: The international students are good. We have been busy with midterms and also having fun in the events hosted by the CDA team in the ISC. There are a lot of us on a job hunt but that's about it.

Incoming Student Representatives:

Gio & Liam: So, our incoming class has been doing okay so far in Spring. I have noticed that there are a couple of students that have been feeling under the weather and some are just sad and tired. I've noticed lots of students are taking advantage of the weekend and little breaks to go home to escape all of what is going on here which is actually something I had done recently and was happy to see my family. The weather is weird as usual, just making students want spring break more than ever. All in all, life is still going strong, thank you!

Campus Vibes

Katie: I've heard a lot of people slipping and falling on the sidewalk. They're getting pretty icy. I'm not sure what to do about that.

Jason: If you talk to facilities and are specific about where ice is, they are really good about dealing with it.

Gio: I was talking with my sister and she was wondering when and if the ticket lottery is happening for additional graduation tickets.

Grace: We just got an email over the weekend about it. Tell her to check her email for it maybe.

Shoutouts

Katie: Shoutout to Laurie because she is a queen. She is a great person for mom hugs.

Katelynn: Shoutout to Lucien for inspiring so much community in Mac. He is all in with supporting his leadership team.

Christian: Shoutout to lucien for taking on Meeting Committee stuff, as well as shoutout to Sierra for proxying for Kenzie today.

Jason: Shoutout to Sierra and Haley for helping at the movie night event. I appreciate y'all for giving clear instructions and for hanging out.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Lucien

Seconded by Katie

Favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining : 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm
