



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, are dedicated to representing our diverse student body with integrity, empathy, and respect. By engaging in open dialogue, we aim to cultivate a safe, inclusive, and supportive campus community, lead with authenticity, advocate for equity, and strive for every student to feel valued and heard.

2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes Nov 13th , 2024

Executive Members:

Isaac Price President	PRESENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Salwa Mehreen Communications Director	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Chloe Crandell Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Gwen Brantner Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Sophie St. Jacques Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Sierra Pauley Senior Class Coordinator	PRESENT
Jude Ruetschle Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Aubrey Lathrom Traditional Events Coordinator	ABSENT

Senators:

Aloisa Morales-Saldana Arend Senator	PRESENT
Abby Ruffcorn Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Kenzie Lebsack Baldwin Jenkins Senator	PROXY
Eli Roberts Boppell Senator	PRESENT
Jordan Voigt Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PRESENT
Michael Barnes McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Abi Prather Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Avery Hamilton Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Eli Harris Stewert Senator	PRESENT

Representative:

Madalyn Dotson Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Harmony Pakootas Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Ben Veith Neighborhoods Senator Representative	PRESENT
Austin Read Off Campus Representative	PROXY
Esperanza Gui Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Jayce Palm Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Cheyenne Rodgers Off Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:03 pm

Mission statement read by Eli H

What's up Whitworth

Sophie: So this is just like a kind of precursor I guess so I'm thinking about the need for an official aswu DEI committee so I've been thinking about it for a bit and I feel like recent events such as like the flag incident and then just kind of like constant like growing tension on campus has kind of highlighted a potential need for this and so I'm hoping that the committee would give students a safe and legitimate way to bring DEI concerns to aswu as well help streamline the process as we talk with committee councils that just kind of centralizes all the students opinions around this issue in one place and that really makes the process easier to raise concerns and so it's hopefully making sure every student's voice is truly represented and heard and that we go to you know falling back on our mission statement of creating a safe inclusive environment for everyone so I was just kind of hoping like see if anyone is interested knowing that we have like a decent amount of new members when you guys do have to sit on the committee, if anyone's like interested in something like this please let me know. I have Niraj, Eli H, Avery and Cheyenne if someone else were raise hand and I didn't see you I'm sorry. I'll probably bring it up again soon but thank you.

Isaac: so I've received from doctor Clark as well Meredith in dorsife there is an opportunity with Flett middle school they're looking for Whitworth students to meet with a new club that's centered on dr. kngs speech that meets Thursdays ranging from tomorrow all the way halfway through January and they're just looking for more students to engage with students on memorizing that text and presenting it, so maybe if anyone is interested could let me know about that let doctor Clark know or Meredith.

Gwen: Okay everyone, Clear your schedule on dec 8th 7 pm , cause you have to come to the Jubilation showcase. We are all dancing, it's really fun and it's really slay and a really good way to connect and even if that's not your thing, you get to see the cool pieces that we worked really hard on. Personally I have choreographed 2 hip hops pieces actually. So fun. And there is also musical theater, tap. The door's open at 7 and starts at 7.30. Definitely get there at 7 so you can be ready and locked in.

Isaac: Where is the location for that?

Gwen: Its on the main stage. So Ill see you all there.

Niraj: Another thing to clear your schedule for is Ifest, we are having the 39th annual ifest, it's happening on Friday 7pm, Nov 22, so if you could have that in your newsletters, and info about ticketing, ill report it next week. It's in RTT.

Special Guest

Devyn: Hi everyone thank you for the introduction my name is Devin and I help manage and run go bucs game day if you don't know what that is where social media account mostly on Instagram that does the promotion media for all athletic events and specifically focusing on the student section trying to get people to come to the game and just support the athletes they compete and so we recently reached out to ASWU to start doing appearance so we can get more people to the games because we think we have a lot of people on campus and Saturdays are normally free and so people can show up to the games and cheer just other fellow students on as they compete and so two big things that are happening this weekend is we have the conference tournament for volleyball they were just named the conference championship champions and then now they're playing in conference champion tournament which is right here at Whitworth and so Friday is the semifinal game at 7:30 and then if they win that then they'll play on Friday they'll play at 7:30 and then Saturday they play at 6 and so we wanna try and get as many people there as possible and then Saturday is the conference championship game for football and then they'll be playing Linfield and both are undefeated in regular season so this is a really big game as well and that is gonna be at noon So what I'm asking of you guys is to try and tell as many people in your resident halls and put it in the emails you guys send out to just really promote this and then along with that I just got news today that we have 100 free T-shirts that were handing out to

the first 100 students at the games so that will be Saturday for the football game and then basketball just emailed me too of how they're doing rally towels which is a towel that has the Whitworth flag on it they'll be heading those out tomorrow night at their basketball game at 7:00 PM in the field house to then they're also trying to promote so you guys can use it for the volleyball games and football games this coming weekend and then with that I'll be showing up kind of more regularly to just give you guys more information about athletic events and maybe kind of tailgate ideas that we have to just make the athletic atmosphere and just game days more fun here on campus. so any questions?

Meg: I run the ice cream club and we can talk about this later but ice cream club can collaborate with you guys.

Michael: yess

Devyn: Oh yeah perfect. yeah we talked about it with clubs where it's like clubs will be at games and stuff like that just really getting as many people there and as many different parts of Whitworth as possible so yes definitely talk about getting ice cream at the games. Thank you.

Student Highlight

BobbiJo: Our student highlight this week is Caleb McGeever, he is doing such a great job with this the Whitworthian stuff, Grace, if you wanna speak about that as you work so closely with him.

Grace: Yeah, Caleb is dope. He does a lot of hard work some of which you will see on December 2nd

BobbiJo: Also if you guys don't know, that's Grace uppendahl and she is our whitworthian EIC, and also my best friend.

Club Updates

Gwen: Okay, we will get started, first we have update from human performance club.

Sydney: Hi! My name is Sydney, I'm president of the human performance club, we are in our second year this year, so we're pretty new. We doubled our membership from 64 last year to over 120 students this year so we are growing really fast. It's really awesome and our biggest event this year is happening tomorrow night at the human performance lab, we are doing performance testing , conditioning and strength and just kind of overall fitness. Previously we have done group workouts, we did the Halloween costume competition , we're partnering with you can feel that baseball to do testing for their teams. We're gonna do the pre season, during season and post season testing for them. We're also doing a research conference during Jan term. Say it's just super fun we have a lot of upcoming events but tomorrow please feel free to join.

Meg: as I said I'm the president of ice cream club, this year we have 230 members so we have about 10% of the student body in ice cream club so we have I think 5 events so far. And we had pretty good turn out in each of those events between like 35 to 60 people in each event. And we're planning on having a Thanksgiving event coming up, we're figuring out the date right now but it should be on the calendar soon, we're gonna have a bunch of weird ice cream flavor like mashed potatoes and gravy ice cream, so if you guys wanna try those feel free to come. We're probably gonna do some partnership with clubs and stuff so if you guys are interested feel free to reach out. I think that's about it they're probably gonna request for more funds as we have a lot more members than I expected.

Gwen: OK so as you guys remember we had speaker presentation last week from business club and this week we will be voting on the 2 speakers, Do you have any Questions? Clarification?

Eli h: can we get like a quick refresher?

Anu: yeah sure so the two speakers are Mark Lupton and Michelle Williams, Mark will talk about Financial Advising and michelle will talk about their internship program.

Motioned to approve Club Speaker: Mark Lupton by Eli R

Seconded by Eli H

Favor: 15 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Motioned to approve Club Speaker: Michelle Williams by Eli H

Secoded by Madolyn

Favor: 16 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Gwen: we had a new club proposal last week, it was for magic gathering which is a card game, like associated with gaming club but they wanted their own club so that it won't interfere with the gaming club meeting time. Yeah that's pretty much it they're constitution has been looked over by the committee and Todd and Rosetta and all of them approved. So we're gonna move to vote. Any questions?

Motioned to approve New Club Proposal: Magic Gathering by Eli H

Secoded by Abi P

Favor: 16 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Communications Director Update

Salwa: OK so someone reached out to me for changing the size of the T-shirt so this is my last call and I believe other than the new off campus reps and senators, is there anyone who hasn't got their ASWU t shirt? Alright, again this is the last reminder to fill out the form and send me any change in your T-shirt size. And for photos the weather is not getting better but I still have to take pictures of the people elected in fall. So I'm just gonna see if you guys have any existing photos that looks like this with that backdrop you can just send it to me otherwise I just have to schedule meetings. Any questions? Thank you.

Financial Director Update

Michael: hi team the Finance Committee didn't meet this week so the account total is same as the last week. In terms of budget committee we have decided it will be next week 4 to 6, if there is anyone who feels strongly about being on that committee please let me know. Do you have any questions about that? OK great thank you.

Vice President Update

BobbiJo: so during fall retreat we talked about changing the constitution to have a subsection for rep position with multiple openings, candidates only need to receive the highest number of votes to secure a seat, we already kind of discussed all of this, I did learn that coordinators don't get to vote, im so sorry guys, but this is just to get it approved so that we can move forward with the tabling and get voted on by the entire student body. Do you have any questions?

Motioned to approve Constitution Change by Eli R

Secoded by Eli H

Favor: 16 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

BobbiJo: And then I have a Bylaw change as well, so that voting goes smoother. So, this is a different bylaw change than the one after the constitution change gets approved. So in section 9 of the bylaws, it on part 3 of section 9 it says to get majority vote of the entire student body or two thirds of the student body. But that doesn't happen, we never get the entire student body to vote so I want to change the bylaws to say of the students casting ballot. So it will be two thirds of the students who vote. Does anyone have any question about that?

Niraj: I see like in the future that kinda cause like people who happened to be in the hub might be the people to cast their vote I don't know.

BobbiJo: So the problem is that nothing would get passed so we are gonna do all this work for constitution change and then won't get passed because not everyone votes and the people who do come into the hub half the time its aswu voting people. I understand and its something I took into account, but its really hard to get hold of 2500 students at whitworth, so we just wanna make it easier to make a change.

Motioned to approve Bylaw change by Eli R

Secoded by Aloisa

Favor: 15 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 1

BobbiJO: Now I need people to table next Friday, on 22nd , we are gonna be tabling all day from 9 to 5. Hour blocks, so we can set that up real quick, atleast get some people on it and then I will post it on teams. Niraj: 9 to 10, Sophie: 11. 30 to 1, jude: 9 to 10, eli h: 11 to 12, michael: 10 to 11, isaac: 1 to 2 , Salwa 11 to 12. Perfect. Thank you.

Now gift exchange, more like white elephant. ASWU does a christmas party and we wanted to do a little gift exchange we are just wondering how many ppl will be interested. It will be after the final ASWU meeting on dec 4th, so please raise ur hands. That's most of you. Okay, I will send out more info about that. Thank you.

President Updates

Isaac: hello everybody. First we have update on safety committee, We met for the first time on Monday, please raise your hand if you were in that meeting. So we had a first meeting on Monday then second meeting on first week of december, and there we basically talked in circles, shared areas of concerns.

BobbiJo: so, we came up with some things that we are prioritizing for atleast the next couple of months. Lights on campus arent strong enough as how dark its getting, we are working on that, then parking with safety, I know we talked about parking and there is not a lot that we can do but we are trying to figure out the safety issues and how security can help us, we also talked about blue lights with parking being so bad. More blue lights would be fantastic.

Isaac: Then the university council, we met today and couple of things we discussed is student retention, then belonging in students, specially the bipoc community and low income students, then climate survey and lastly I heard after the university council that they are looking for a student representative for tree committee that works with environmental issues. In ASWU we used to have a sustainability coordinator position that no longer exists so if any of you or anyone you know would be interested in sitting on that committee let me know. That's all from me.

Upcoming / Past Events

Abby: Ballard Tea was in the chapel last Friday. And I think it went really well. Someone counted and apparently, we had 60 people show up which is good. It was really fun, we had the student dance club come, we also had a lot of talent show throughout the event. But yeah it was really fun we had a lot of good food a lot of people. So it was really good.

Eli h: yeah, so stewert's Mario Kart tournament was on nov 9th, we had a really good turn out, about 30 people, most people stayed for the entire time it was quiet passionate. People interacted a lot so I thought it was a really good event.

Jude: We met last night, it was a really small group of people but I ended up feeling really grateful for that because we were able to have that very personal deep discussion just felt really grateful for the people willing to tackle really heavy subjects. Yeah it was great we had tea and great discussion.

Chloe: guys the pancake social is tomorrow. Please come and there is gonna be a lot of pancakes and a movie. It's how to train your dragon and it's gonna be really fun in the MPR from 9:00 to 11:00 and if you're already coming to the hub for late night you might as well stop into the MPR as well so please come to the event.

BobbiJo: hey guys. It's Aubrey it's actually not. So winter carnival is on Friday. We have two more positions to fill out there both from 6:30 to 8:30 one of the floaters, if we can get those filled that would be awesome. If you are working the event you need to wear your aswu shirt and name tags. There is also pizza for all of the workers.

Michael B: BMAC thanksgiving is essentially where we set tables and chairs in BMAC res hall. And we just eat Thanksgiving dinner as a community. It's mainly for BMAC residence but anyone can come. Yeah so a ton of talking good dinner together.

Abi p: so off campus movie night is this Saturday in two weeks. You just have to come. I need to check downstairs but I'm pretty sure we sold out all our tickets. But as of right now there was at least less than 10 tickets. Make sure you don't lose your ticket you will get a new one when you're coming to grab your popcorn and drink.

Eli r: so I thought I will introduce our event really quick. We will send an e-mail about it but avery and I have a event. So everyone loves Costco pies, so we're gonna have a pie night it will be on November 25th 8:00 to 10:00 PM on the 1st floor lounge in Oliver. And then I thought I will be fun to have kind of like a competition like who hates their senator most or who hates their RA the most, then they will get paid so if you come in you will be able to vote no matter which resident hall you're from. Then we will pie people in the face. So when you come in we will give you a piece of paper where you can write down the name.

Elih: what if I come in with different disguise

Eli R: yeah each student get to vote for one senator and one resident assistant.

BobbiJo: what if I vote for a senator twice

Eli r: I was gonna do different colored paper.

BobbiJo: what if I took more than one?

Eli R: what if I have security at the door?

BobbiJo: security likes me.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Aloisa: Arend residents are doing great! I did an Arend check-in survey, and most constituents didn't have any issues. Expect the fact that some want paper towels in the bathroom. I will try and get more information about that. Other than that, most of them had a fun weekend as they explored the outsides of Whitworth.

Ballard

Abby: Ballard had an amazing week preparing for Ballard Tea and being excited about it! Ballard Tea went very well and we had an amazing time with the talent show and dancing. We had around 60 people show up and I was very happy with this turnout!

Boppell

Eli Roberts: Boppell students are doing well. Residents are attending prime times and last night's event *Cookies and Conversation* was well attended. Residents are excited for the holidays coming up and can't wait to be home and with their families for breaks.

Duvall

Jordan: The constituents of Duvall have been doing good. Leadership team is meeting to night to assign roles to help out with the senator event schedule for Thursday, November 21. Prime times have still been popular and we are trying to get as many residents as we can to attend sporting event around campus.

International Students

Niraj: The international students are well, and excitement is in the air as we gear up for this year's I-Fest! With an overflow of applications to perform, I-club has had to create a waitlist to accommodate all the talent. I, myself, am on the waitlist! The ISC is buzzing with energy as students practice dances, songs, and more, from all over the world making this I-Fest, one to remember.

McMillan

Michael Barnes: McMillan Residence Hall has had a good past week. Some residents have been gathering in the kitchen to watch movies and others are grouping up and playing games on the second floor. Many residence attended Ballard tea and had a blast either performing or watching their friends perform. Everyone who went had nothing but good things to say about it. The sweatshirt design contest is underway and a winner will be announced next week.

Off-Campus Students

Abi: Off campus is going fine. The weather has made many who walk to campus a bit soggy and sad. For those driving, make sure to slow down when seeing others walking to not have a tide wave splash on them as they walk. Our event is coming up and we are all so excited for a free night to relax and hang out with friends at the movies!

Stew-Ville

Eli: The residents of Stewart and the Village are doing well. The recent event has made the dorm a little more social, a lingering sign of success. While the week has seemed to slow a touch, exams and projects loom out in the distance. On top of all that, we're doing our best to avoid getting sick, especially as the weather gets colder. Still, we're doing pretty well.

Baldwin Jenkins

Makenzie: Bj has been enjoying the indoors as we slowly come to winter! BJ's Jon Bone Jove has been practicing his piano skills a lot lately and our prime times have been fun and educational!

Oliver

Avery: This week in Oliver has been well despite frustrations about registration for spring semester. There are lots of upcoming campus events that are being advertised in Oliver and everyone seems excited. Eli and I have finally decided on a date for our combined event and got it approved and im excited to advertise it to Oliver and Boppell as I think residents will really enjoy it!

Incoming Students

Harmony: This week has been a slow one for the incoming students of Whitworth university. Things have seemed to settle into more of a groove as the weather becomes more consistently cool and the nights colder and darker. A lot of students are focused on homework, while some are just working to make it through this hard spot in the semester. Still, there are plenty of things going on around campus that are keeping spirits high now that the temperature and light is low. Students are particularly excited for upcoming events like this weekend's football game, the masquerade, and most of all the winter carnival.

Neighborhoods

Ben: Neighborhood residents are doing well. They have been enjoying the sunshine that helps alleviate the growing cold. Neighborhood residents are still feeling very busy with homework. This Saturday there will an Around the Block Potluck event.

Shoutouts:

BobbiJo: I have one.the chiefs game is on Saturday I posted the carpool list on Teams not too long ago check that and get in contact with people in your car. You guys are going to see me and grace on the ice. Because I'm doing an intermission game because you guys are there.

Grace: if anyone wants to be a part of the intermission game please send me an e-mail.

BobbiJO: That's G uppendahl or as I like to say guppendahl 25.

Eli R: Sorry hockey doesn't exist where im from. What is an intermission?

BobbiJo: so like if there's three periods there's three times of play it's the periods between when they're playing so it's like a half time. Since there is 3, you can't call it a half time. I have meal cards as well.

Eli r: that girl right there(bobbijo), Just taking over winter carnival for Aubrey, and just I noticed that you were really involved with your job and thank you for taking the time, it's very admirable so thank you.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Niraj

Secoded by Eli H

Favor: 16 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM
