



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, are committed to promoting holistic growth, safety, well-being, and a united fellowship. We shall serve and advocate for the diverse voices of our student body justly and with compassion, establishing an equitable community through grace, respect, and intentional engagement.

2020-21 ASWU Meeting Minutes | February 24th, 2021

In Attendance:

Parker Daniels President	present
Hannah Higgins Exec. Vice President	present
Faizzan Ul Haq Financial Vice President	present
Jorge Medina Exec. Admin. Assistant	present
Emily Clemons Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Lauren Lorenz Sports Events Coordinator	present
John Haberlin Sustainability Coordinator	present
Katie Ludlam Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sugui Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sam Henson Special Events Coordinator	present
Rachel Ayres Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Esther Brown Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Katie Rose Club Coordinator	present
Emma John Arend Senator	present
McClain Chandler Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Olivia Fowler Oliver Senator	present
Jaedon Tesarik McMillan Senator	present
Meghan Duarte Ballard Senator	present
Jed Young Boppell and Village Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku Stewart Senator	present
Xavier Nila Duvall Senator	present

Isaac Price Warren Senator	present
David Martin Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie Global Engagement Rep	present
Georgia Goff Incoming Student Rep	present
Christian Aguilar Incoming Student Rep	present
Christine Chen Off-Campus rep	late
Jamie Copeland Off-Campus rep	present
Munya Fashu-kanu Off-Campus rep	present
Michael Bedford Off-Campus rep	present
Victoria Viloudaki WhitFlex rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM.
Mission Statement read by Katie R.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Emily, Seconded by Jed
In favor: 17 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 1
Motion passes

Constitution & Bylaw Updates:

Constitution Article I

Proposed change to remove the wording undergraduate from eligibility section

Katie R: Do grad students have to pay the ASWU fee?

Parker: That is up something that is up for discussion and can be decided on later

Motion by Katie, Seconded by Jed
In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion Passes

Constitution Article IV

Proposed name changes from Executive Vice President to Vice President, Financial Vice President to Treasurer, and Administrative Assistant to

Communications Director. Friendly amendment to change all naming from Financial Vice President to Financial Director instead of Treasurer.

Motion by Emily, Seconded by Olivia

Faizzan: for the name change from FVP to treasurer I oppose it because FVP is an executive position and treasurer is undermining that position and creates more confusion. I think we should take a step forward not backward, and some freshmen said they did not understand what it was but the purpose of college is to prepare them for professional life so they should get use to changes. The work we do adds to our resume as well and as a senior I got so many interviews because of my job title and the people that come after me should have that same opportunity. I have a better suggestion; in other colleges this position is often called the Chief Finance Officer and I think that would be more accurate.

Jed: I am in support of all name changes; we have to remember we are serving students and we should have their interests in mind not our own. Faizzan with all due respect we should look at what the name communicates to student. Christian said that he was confused with the title and if we have current members confused then that means there is something wrong. Also, communications director is much more representative as well as VP. Just because we are in college does not mean we have to make things more confusing and help students understand us more. If we are supposed to be a student serving body, then we should have good PR for the students and ask for the yes vote.

Michael B.: Faizzan I do respect your opinion and I was also confused by FVP when I came to whitworth and having an FVP would imply having a financial president and agree with all name changes as they are simpler.

Faizzan: Jed my freshmen year I did not know what ASWU did, yet we shouldn't abolish it and my point remains that if someone doesn't know what FVP is they should find out. Look at whitworth and how they are organized as well. There might be confusion with club treasurers as well.

Georgia: as a first year the part that was confusing was the vice president part not financial so is there a compromise?

Mac: I was going to say financial director because FVP is confusing in general, but treasurer might take away some responsibilities that position has.

Hannah: I want to restate the purpose and our drive was to make ourselves more accessible to students and serve them and consider that when voting.

David motions to extend discussion by 2 mins, Michael seconds
In favor: 16 | Opposed: 2 | Abstaining 0
Motion Passes

David: ASWU mimics government not a business so in government what would this position be titled?

Faizzan: I have seen student governments with this title CFO

Olivia: I want to point out how those names sound to students and CFO may sound less approachable.

Jed: in federal government its secretary of treasury

Katie Rose: I propose to amend our original amendment from treasurer to financial director.

In favor: 12 | Opposed: 5 | Abstaining 1
Motion Passes

Constitution Article V

Proposed changes to Organizational structure and assembly membership

Motion by Jed to approve changes, Seconded by Michael B.

Olivia: I'd like to point out that with the wording each res hall I just think some might ask why place like village doesn't have representation.

Hannah: as it stands right now the village would have gotten a senator instead of a representative

Christian: would it be possible for neighboring halls to be responsible for the village?

Jed: In years past it has been stewville and technically they are under me but its complicated. I fought for a senator, but the rep is the best I can do. Each res hall is unique and jamming them in with someone else is going to dilute their votes.

Katie R: in addition to what Jed was saying it would be like asking BMAC to have one senator because they have different voices.

Christian: as this stands, would the village have their own rep?

Hannah: Yes, as of right now they would have a representative.

Jed: could we do "each residence hall besides the village" amendment

Olivia: I feel like besides the village excludes them is there a way we can do those with a population of a certain number.

Katie motions to extend discussion, Jaedon seconds

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion Passes

Jaedon: can we give village a senator

Jason: we felt like that would be overrepresentation for that small of a population

Katie R: I feel basing it off the number of students would be problematic, and I think numbers is difficult.

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion Passes with the friendly amendment of adding the wording "besides the village" in section 2 after "each residence hall"

Constitution Article VII

Proposed change to remove primary elections and changes to election procedures

Motion by Jed to accept changes, Seconded by Olivia

Jed: I would like to thank Hannah for her insight this will make elections a lot easier

Christian: I don't think it could be any better than this

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion Passes

Constitution Article VIII

Proposed changes for vacancy of office to Vice President and Financial Director Positions to be approved by majority vote of assembly, and guidelines for senators and representatives' elections for vacancies.

Motion by Olivia to accept changes, Seconded by Jed
In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion Passes

Christian: I would like to propose a motion to blanket amend the constitution to have his/her/their instead of his/her pronouns.

Katie R: just a proposal to just say "their" instead of his/her

Christian: the reason I said his/her/their is because a lot of transgender people go through lots of issues during transition and having his her is helpful to them.

Katie: rescinds proposal

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 1 | Abstaining 2
Motion Passes

Constitution Article IX

Proposal to add "remain in good standing with the University" to the code of conduct section, and proper punctuation.

Motion by Jed, Seconded by Christian

Jed: I vote for good punctuation

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion Passes

Constitution Article XIII

Proposed change to add Appellate Process clause for Interpretation of Constitution

Motion by Jed, Seconded by Olivia

Jed: I vote this article because it streamlines the process and includes groups not just assembly members.

Katie R: When I was reading the job duties of EVP one of the points was to interpret constitution and by laws and want to clarify.

Hannah: the appellate process was different in by laws and constitution and so we were condensing that and the job duties were based on by laws and if passed the language would change

In favor 18 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion passes

Victoria: Is there anything that says if the president vacancy can we replace them?

Jason: No because the whole student body votes for that position.

Bylaw Article I

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Katie moves to approve article provided the name change from FVP to financial director, Michael B. Seconds

In favor 16 | Opposition 2 | Abstaining 0
Motion passes

Bylaw Article II

Jed motions to approve, Seconded by Chris

Jason: proposal to change section 2-line item 8 to end with reside rather than belong to.

In favor 18 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion passes

Christian moves to change all pronouns from his/her to his/her/they, Seconded by Olivia

In favor 16 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 2
Motion passes

Bylaw article III

Proposed name changes for Special events Coordinator to traditional events, and Sports Event Coordinator to School Spirit coordinator.

Jed motions to approve changes, Michael seconds

Lauren: I'm all down for the change but I do not like the name school spirit, so I have a list of suggestions, such as sport event coordinator, or athletic relations coordinator.

Victoria: what exactly is your position?

Lauren: from my understanding it is more of raising school spirit and getting fans to game instead of just event of sports.

Victoria: is it just sports?

Hannah: my understanding was we were going to move more to school spirit throughout the school.

Parker: there are things such as homecoming that we do that have more than just sports so how do we keep spirits high. Also misspoke last week Monday mania would stay under the same position.

Lauren: from my understanding that position is going to be broader than just sports and I'm confused if it's all sports or sports plus more.

Parker: with homecoming weekend there are sports but there is more such as the dance and picnic.

Hannah: how far can we expand school spirit beyond athletics while still including athletics

Victoria: what if we did sports and events coordinator?

Katie R: that name would mix with the other event coordinators and school spirit sounds really high school to me is there a way to make it just spirit coordinator?

Christian moves to extend discussion by 4 minutes, munya seconds
In favor 18 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 0

Munya: I worry that with changing it I agree it sounds a bit high school and we won't be representing those in sports and some events wouldn't be about sports

Jed: when looking at this position we found they really only do Monday mania and wanted to give them more to do with school spirit.

Faizzan: since we are adding more, I understand the name change

Christian: I don't love it but what about school/spirit coordinator?

Adaeze: I want to know the context about sports event coordinator and why it was changed so I can understand more.

Hannah: the committee was talking about if it had been obsolete or could be given more and realized there is a need for spirit. The athletic department has tried to do that but are no longer doing that.

Lauren: I love the new duties and description but am stuck up on the name and would stray away.

Propose athletic relations coordinator

Christian moves extend by 6 in favor 16 2 abstaining

Katie R: can I propose an amendment to pirate spirit coordinator

Olivia: I would recommend not doing spirit/sports and I don't fully agree with athletic relations because there is more than the relation part.

Jed: if we want a new name, I want to remind everyone we are serving students and stay away from big words that might be confusing.

Adaeze: I like the idea of sports something because I see no problem with it being dedicated to one thing.

Parker: what we are proposing with this we did it so we are not limited and grow the position. We could also do college spirit coordinator.

Hannah: with athletic relations it sounds a lot like communications director in the committee we talked about how communications director would interact with other departments outside ASWU. Personally, we are a university so universal spirit coordinator throwing it out.

Faizzan: there is a current club already called Pirate pride. How about we change it to something that encompasses it all such as sports activities coordinator?

Xavier: I was thinking Spirit engagement?

Katie R: engagement we don't want super big words- point out these are by laws so we can table this name discussion or article for later to discuss this name.

Jason: we are starting to hire starting Monday so that's why there is a crunch

Emma: can we add to the description if we don't change the name

Olivia motions to extend discussion 5 mins, Emma seconds

In favor 9 | Opposition 7 | Abstaining 2

Motion passes

Lauren: we keep talking about what we want students to know and sports in the name is what I was interested in. the core is a lot of larger sports events so removing sports might turn away people from the job. I propose to keep sports event coordinator

Jed rejects proposal

In favor 8 | Opposition 2 | Abstaining 8

Motion passes

Bylaws Article 4

Proposed changes to the number of assembly members and students at large on committees.

Jed moves to approve changes Christian seconds

Christian: what is a student at large?

Jason: a student not a part of the ASWU organization

In favor 17 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 1

Motion Passes

Bylaws Article 5

Proposed grammar changes

Jed moves to approve changes, Olivia seconds

In favor 17 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 1

Motion Passes

Bylaws Article 6

Proposed changes to Elections

Olivia moves to approve changes, Jed seconds

Katie rose: I am confused why we are removing all election guidelines and am concerned for EVP that would not have any guidelines to go off of and having complete lack of election guidelines to go off of.

Hannah: I agree however, we have a binder with election guidelines, and I am leaving mine and I think each EVP should have to think critically about the guidelines and it is going to be different no matter how it is but I do not think it belongs in the bylaws

Jed: I trust the wisdom of all EVPs and I am not too worried

Hannah: I propose a friendly amendment in the election guideline section to add the guidelines "run off guidelines for specific positions and circumstances" move elections timeline section above guideline section.

In favor 17 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 1
Motion passes

Jed motions to remove article 8, Michael B. seconds
In favor 15 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 3
Motion Passes

Bylaws Article 9

Proposal to change interpretation clause to match that of the constitution
Jed motions to approve changes, Christian seconds

Christian: this is the exact same as constitution, right?

Michael: why is the bylaw in the title not hyphenated

Olivia: what is it in the constitution, since that has been approved?

In favor 15 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 3
Motion Passes

Michael motions to add amendment to change all bylaw spellings to one word,
Olivia seconds
In favor 13 | Opposition 1 | Abstaining 4
Motion Passes

Bylaws Article 11

Proposal to have all amendments Act of God changes to pass through ASWU committee and adding a sunset clause to any changes made through this clause.

Jed moves to approve changes, Olivia seconds

Hannah: I propose that we add a section that reads “constitutional amendments passed by this article may only be in place for the academic year they were passed in”

Victoria: what is the sunset clause?

Hannah: A clause saying that it goes away after a certain amount of time

In favor 15 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 3
Motion Passes

President Updates

Parker: In the past we have talked about having an ASWU forum where members will be able to talk and discuss with other ASWU members. What time works best?

Christian: After GE would work for me best

Katie: I would send out times through an email to make things easier

Parker: I just want to check in with our coordinators so I will be sending an email and after the meeting if you could stay to help film a video to promote surveillance testing.

FVP Updates

Capital: \$17,380

Unallocated: \$ 17,750

Faizzan: Capital account is the same and we did have a finance meeting with a few requisitions the yearbook is requesting funds to distribute the yearbooks to last year's seniors through mail.

Sophie: We are requisition to cover costs of shipping last year's yearbook to last year's seniors. All students pay for them through fees and last year we were unable to distribute until the fall, but many seniors had already moved away. We came to this amount since we sent out a survey to find out how many seniors would want them sent.

Emily moves to approve, Michael seconds
In favor 13 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 5

Faizzan: This requisition was submitted by Emma for a new pool table for Arend.
Emma: To breakdown the expense the cost is \$2000, and the rest is taxes. This is the lowest one I found from a local company and it is a sturdy table. It was mentioned Gonzaga has a few of the same pool tables. A lot of my constituents have been talking about the condition of the current pool table which has many rips on the felt and is not sturdy at all. I did consider re felting it but it has bigger issues.

Hannah: as a senator I tried to get a table for BJ through the same company and did you talk about installation of the table or removal of the old table?

Emma: He said he can install the table as it is already half built.

David: I am looking at prices online and see lots of options under \$1000 so I am wondering why it is so expensive

Emma: that is because the quality and the size it can be small size, and the shipping costs may not be included.

Olivia: Oak is a really sturdy wood and \$2,000 is a lot but those cheaper ones might not last as long.

Victoria: why didn't you get the table last year Hannah?

Hannah: Their warehouse went under construction and COVID hit and they were not able to fulfill the order.

Olivia moves to approve, Munya seconds
In favor 12 | Opposition 0 | Abstaining 6

EVP Updates

Hannah: Reminder to sign up for my office hour meetings and also rep office hours with the form and for primetimes please attend those if possible. Student highlight is Jamie Siegler who broke a conference swimming record.

Jed: I heard that Tim Caldwell rescinded primetimes

Upcoming Events:

Money Moves After Graduation

Katie Luds: On March 4th from 5-7 pm in MPR there will be a walk by event partnering with balance your bucs covering financial topics with \$100 raffle and I might need help.

Casino Night:

Emily: I sent out an email with details so please sign up to help.

Campus Vibes

Katie: hopefully club updates will be starting next week

David: off campus we planned a few events for off campus students on March 17th going to be hosting a hot chocolate social outside WEYR. Also having urban golf competition.

Rachel: Two upcoming events on Friday gospel zoomplosion and next Monday Esau Mccaully will be speaking and will also be in GE on Tuesday.

Shout outs

Emily: parker for being concussed

Faizzan: shoutout to you all for staying here and to the committee who put in a lot of hours.

Jed: it's tough I know there were lots of compromises but thanks to everyone.

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned: 6:55