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### 2025-26 ASWU Meeting Minutes [04/15/2026]

#### Executive Members:

[Abby Ruffcorn]   President	PRESENT
[Eli Harris]   Vice President	PRESENT
[Jasmine Arevalo-Amaya]   Financial Director	PRESENT
[Chloe Jane Crandell]   Communications Director	PRESENT

#### Coordinators:

[Michael Barnes]   Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
[Gwen Brantner]   Club Coordinator	PRESENT
[Vernon Glass]   Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
[Avery Hamilton]   Senior Class Coordinator	NOT PRESENT
[Jasmine Schmidt]   Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT

[Ellie Woods] | School Spirit Coordinator PRESENT

[Aubrey Lathrom] | Traditional Events Coordinator PRESENT

Senators:

[Halle Price] | Arend Senator PRESENT

[Katayanna Glavin] | Ballard Senator PRESENT

[Seth Phillips] | Baldwin-Jenkins Senator PRESENT

[Azalea Vlietstra] | Boppell Senator PRESENT

[Bennett Johnson] | Commuter Student Senator PRESENT

[Grace Reynolds] | Duvall Student Senator PRESENT

[Nina Susin] | International Senator PRESENT

[Kaleb Capellar] | McMillan Senator PRESENT

[Cristian Martinez] | Neighborhoods Senator PRESENT

[Emily Edstrom] | Oliver Senator PRESENT

[Aloisa Morales-Saldana] | StewVille Senator PRESENT

Representatives:

[Isabella Gicole] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Logan Roy] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Laney Thomas] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

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Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

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Mission statement read by Cristian

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Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 04/08 by Kaleb

Seconded by Bennett

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Minutes have been approved.

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Special Guests:

Ken Brown: I'm Ken I am the COO anything financial and operational usually lands in my lap. I understood that there were some questions regarding our cost clarity on how it affects you financial aid and rewarding. I can talk about what approach and why we took it. As you're aware we decided it was no longer sustainable to continue with the \$56,000 pricing. It goes up 3-5% every year and those of you who were here last year you know it went up. Generally your financial aid rewards remain stable even though we raise our fees on you. It meant you were going to pay an extra \$2500 next year. We knew we had to try and fix a couple of things. You are all the exception that you figured out you wanted to come to Whitworth and how the sticker price is not the real price you pay. That there was money available to soften the amount and that's a combination of aid packages with scholarship, discounts, and the housing grant as well as federal and state need grants. There is all sorts of money that helps with education. You may have also taken loans or your parents did. We know through studies that if the price goes over 40,000 the 70% of families don't look that that school because they don't know how they can afford that school. So we wanted to fix the price to look like what you normally pay. There are other things that help with family need or housing grants. The second goal was that if we lower the price we could stop raising the price 2,500-3,500 price increase. We wanted to be more predictable for the 4 year cost. We are heading towards the 1,000 range instead of the 3,000 range. The question is how does it apply to the students already here. I know exactly how much each and everyone of you were paying us. We call that the net tuition rate. You take the total cost and the financial aid you get and we can calculate what we're getting this year what what we would get from you next year. I can calculate what's necessary for the university to get that would be the same as the whole model. The reality is this coming Fall the pricing will have the same impact or even less. Nobody is paying more but some are paying less depending on their case. The price is capped at 26,900 so those who paid more will be paying less. That all got bundled into one number even though I have all the individual

numbers. But for simplicity sake we shared a matrix with you last week on what the old model looked like compared to the new model. I know that can be concerning for people regarding awards but for calculation purposes we put that all together. We're already presenting to the Board of Directors for the following year and we are proposing a 1,000 increase instead of the 2,500 increase. That is our expectation for the cost so we could get back to rational pricing. We are prepared to meet with anybody individually and answer any questions. We understand the value of the aid packages and the awards and we want to be clear that we understand that. We are working with the music and drama department to get that figured out. We want to get numbers for you all for next Fall. We want this to be easier and easier for the students coming in. I'd be happy to answer any questions. You can ask them of me or the experts later on if that's more comfortable. We want to support you in anyway we can. We are very excited for the students and alumni that get a quality education.

Nina: If people want to meet with your team how does that work?

Traci: The financial counselors are sitting up Booking on their email. You will email your counselor and they will get back to you and you can then book an appointment.

Ken: We know this is a hard year this year due to the state imposed need grants getting lowered. We encourage booking an appointment so we can work through solutions. We have some options to mitigate those challenges.

Traci: You will also get your own grid that shows you what you will be paying. If you look at the grid it's the same as last year. Just different numbers.

Ken: We raise tuition rates and we know that they were getting out of control. It's not anything different we are just fixing it for the future

Jasmine A.: Eventually we will creep up again. What's happening with that?

Ken: Our idea is to do a fixed price increase instead of a percentage increase. It would take 30 years for us to get back to this spot again. In the future they might have to look over this again. Some of the other schools in the state are working on this issue as well. We just needed to wash away the noise to make it possible for the admissions team to tell you what's the cost. It's much saner for us to do this. We realize this will be messy for the first years a they've never dealt with this before.

Jasmine A.: Does the gpa merit scholarship only relate to incoming students?

Ken: That's how we're explaining to the incoming students what they could expect to pay. And it's working. Students and families are going "Oh, I can see myself going to this school

now.” I think Josh could say that they’ve had great success with family’s and we’ve had many families want to come here now. A lot of high middle class families might not make enough for paying but make too much for aid and now they can see themselves here. You’ll have more people you can enjoy being with.

Jasmine A.: Does that affect current students?

Josh: No this is just for incoming students. Current students will have a personalized calculation. We are with Traci’s helps will get you everything you need.

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### Student Highlight

Eli: Our student highlight this week is Gavin Hoaglund. He helped out with tabling for elections even though he didn’t have to.

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### ASWU Highlight

Eli: Our ASWU Highlight this week is Aubrey! Last Saturday she was very go go go for elections and then had prom that same night.

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### What’s Up Whitworth

Gwen: Cool Whip is this weekend. We have a show at 6:30pm in stage 2 in Cowels Auditorium.

Eli Chapman: Whitworth’s Got Talent is coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm in the MPR. If you are interested in a talent show event have them email me or the Whitworth radio email. There will be free pizza and prizes. It will be super exciting.

Cristian: Let your constituents know if they have cars to be careful. My window got smashed in and they stole my track bag. They just see a bag and take it.

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Club Updates:

Swim Club:

Levi Davis: The club just started. It's pretty small and only a couple friends show up consistently. Hoping to have more advertisement for incoming students next year.

Colin: How often are meetings?

Levi: It's 3 days a week so Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 – 9:30pm and sometimes it goes a bit longer than that.

Catholic Fellowship:

Jacob Luciano: It's a bit hard to judge our club but people don't really show up to things. We have 2 weekly things now. The only people that really show up are my friends. The most successful things are usually Mass. It can be hard to have them though because our chaplain is very busy. Next year we want to advertise for the year instead of add things throughout the year.

Ice Cream Club:

Colin Fairborn: I am the president of the ice cream club. Our last minute meetings tend to just have 9-10 people but other meetings are around 50. Unfortunately I haven't rechartered this year as I do not know my schedule but I hope to have someone take over in the fall.

Gwen: Make sure your clubs are rechartering so they can get a budget.

Jasmine A.: It ends today. I will not look at the budget requests after 12am.

Gwen: They have to recharter by midnight. We have at least 25 clubs who are mostly recharged and 5 clubs who filled out the form but still need to update us.

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Athletic Updates:

Christian:

Looking back:

- Baseball wins against Lewis & Clark down in Pasco
- M&W Tennis dominate against UPS & Willamette
- Baseball wins their series against Linfield (3-0)
- LAX mollywhops Linfield 18-4
- NWC multievent championships
  - 2 women were top 10 in the Heptathlon (2nd & 9th)
  - 3 men were top 10 in the Decathlon (5th, 6th, & 8th)

#### AWAY TEAMS

- M Golf
- W Ten

Looking ahead:

Tomorrow!

- Track and Field
    - Alumni Meet/ Whitworth Twilight
  - WTEN
  - MTEN
  - LAX
  - Baseball
  - Softball
  - WGolf
  - MGolf
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## Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: The cutoff for finance committee is 12pm on Friday. The last finance committee is on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Budget Committee is tomorrow and Friday.

Unallocated: \$7,847.72

Capital: \$16,877.68

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## President updates:

Abby: Our serve day is on April 25<sup>th</sup>. I just updated the calendar. It's mandatory for everyone unless there is a valid reason. Please answer the calendar invite.

Nina: Are we doing carpooling?

Abby: They are requiring their team so we are requiring our team to go. They have a lot of volunteers too. It will be super fun. I'm asking you all to be there until we get back here. We will be giving them a tour and we will get a tour from their facilities. Please wear your sweatshirts or just bring them for a photo. There is limited parking down there. Ideally we can carpool a little bit.

Bennett: I cannot afford gas. Is there a way we can get some gas reimbursement?

Abby: Jasmine says yes.

Team goes over carpooling for event.

Abby: We will be eating in Sodexo for free. The next thing is BOT committees. Does everyone know what their committee is? Everyone should have an invite. We had signups earlier on.

Team goes over Board of Trustee Committees.

Abby: If you have questions let me know. If you are on a committee we will be talking about what to wear. If you remember we had a Cane's drawing and the winner is Cristian!

Cristian: We are catering the athletics end of year awards party.

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## Past Events

Prom:

Aubrey: Prom was Friday and it went well. Out of the 150 tickets we had 140 people come. There was a few problems with food and sound but those were eventually fixed,

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## Upcoming Events

### Chalk the Walk and Grab a Treat

Chloe Jane: Chalk the Walk is next Thursday. It's an event to celebrate spring! We will have ice cream for the first 50 people and will have chalk available for everyone to chalk on the Hello Walk. I will be there from 11-12.

### Henna Night:

Vernon: Everything is in motion for this. It will be in the ISC lounge and it will be split in 2 for one side being the Henna stations and the other being the chick-fil-a.

### Oliver Twist:

Emily: There's been a murder and you have to find out who murdered our AC Aaron. You guys have to come figure out who murdered Aaron. There will be fun dancing and mocktails. If you solve the mystery and enter the raffle there will be Lego sets.

### Taco Bar + Raffle:

Katayanna: It's just a taco bar and a raffle. When you go in there is a raffle for the games.

Cristian: We will be having 3 different ways to get raffle tickets. ERF finally got approved.

Michael: Who's making the food?

Cristian: I am making the food,

### Steward Feud:

Aloisa: We will be playing family feud and everyone can make a team to win coffee cards. There will be a bracket and we will have Little Caesar's and Mod pizza as well as chips and soda. There will be a lot of food.

### Caffeine and Competition:

Michael: This Sunday from 1:30-4:30 in the MPR. There will be board and video games with free coffee. ...

### Juneteenth BBQ:

Vernon: My event is right after Michael's and it will be outside the chapel. The first hour we will have the BBQ portion and then watch a documentary and have a discussion.

Commuter Mini Golf Event:

Bennett: We are finally in motion and the ERF got approved! If you are planning to come please bring your student ID. I can't buy you alcohol or guarantee parking,. I am very excited about this event.

Floral craft Night:

Seth: This will be next Monday and we will be making tulips out of pipe cleaners.

Unwind:

Kaleb: What's gonna happen is there's going to be a selection of teas from Revival Tea Company. We are also working on trying to get the rights for the first episode of Downtown Abbey. There will be a lot of tea, cookies, and charcuterie in the MPR from 6:30-8:30pm on 4/29

Spring Fest:

Aubrey: We have senior celebration as our first spring fest event.

Michael: Student market is a traditional event for my position. We have seller signups out right now. I don't have a due date but earlier is better. We want as many people as possible selling this time. We have art professors and art students wanting to table. It will be 12-3pm on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Setup starts at 11:30.

Aubrey: We will be checking in again next week to get spots filled.

Gwen: Are you doing the work more get more raffle tickets?

Aubrey: We will get back to you on that.

Grace: Duvall Drive in will be on the Duvoliver lawn and we will be watching the Lorax. It will be from 7:30-10 and the movie starts at 8.

Jasmine S: En Christo is doing care packages kind of like En Christomas. We will be making care packages for the homeless downtown. The main event will be making the care packages and the bringing them downtown.

Aubrey: The big event is the loop-a-palooza. This will be an all hands on deck. We have various things from different sorts of the team. As well as the food trucks and you guys get

free food. Keep an eye out for the calendar invite,. Any questions send them to me or Michael.

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## Constituency Reports

### Arend

[Halle]: With elections behind us, Arend is ecstatic to announce that our own Haylee Norris will be taking my place next year as the Arend Residence Hall Senator. I am so excited to walk alongside her and watch her blossom into this role like a *Bellis perennis*. Aside from elections, this weekend was full of fun as long dresses and suits flowed from Arend's doors to attend the Second Chance Prom. We also loved hosting incoming students and showing them around the campus we call home. Unfortunately, it can't all be sunshine and *Rosa rugosas* as registration and housing lottery has loomed like a grey cloud on these recent sunny days. Arend looks forward to spring classes and rooms being set and dealt with so that they can focus on finishing strong and entering summer break.

### Ballard

[Katayanna]: Ballard residents are doing amazing and connecting more than ever as a consistent group of people are always on the second floor, or the first-floor lounge. Many are anticipating the warm days ahead as spring is approaching, and the magnolias are blooming on the hello walk. My residents and I are excited for tacos and games this weekend, and overall, the Ballard residence is doing just fine.

### Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ is doing great so far this week. Residents having been touring dorms all around campus including Warren! Which I saw many of my residents over there. I have spoken to a few residents about my Floral craft night coming up soon where we are making tulips. And they are excited to attend. Residents are stressing about registration for next fall. Many people that I have talked to want to switch major, so they are going fourth with that process. All in all, BJ continues to remain swell.

### Boppell:

[Azalea]: The sun came out this last week and the residents in Boppell are blooming like spring daffodils! Many are spending time outside playing spikeball and studying in the sun, making it hard to focus on preparing for upcoming exams and ultimately finals week. With Oliver Twist and Boppell Breakfast Club this week, there are plenty of fun events residents are excited to attend as well! Overall, spring is in full swing for Boppell!

#### Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuters are doing well this week as we start to enter the last month of classes. Many are feeling fresh as daises as I was able to finally begin advertisement for our Flatstick Pub Event! They are reposting and sending the post to others, which is always a great sign. A not great sign commuters have been seeing is the big signs warning about construction. We hope this doesn't provide too much of a struggle. Many are excited for Springfest as we look forward to warmer weather.

#### Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall has been very poppy! We are excited to welcome Isabella as our new Duvall Senator next year and hope that she feels ready and welcome to lead this awesome community. With the beautiful and sunny weather, everyone has been enjoying their time outside. Overall, Duvall is doing well.

#### Incoming Class

[Logan]: The incoming class is excited for the spring and the summer ahead while being thankful for mid terms ending and a slight break in workload. With the sun shining there's hammocks going up and spike all competitions and spring music like roses by OutKast. Housing lottery has some of us stressed and others excited for a change of scenery next year all around our campus. Overall, were praying for the sun to continue and the rain to stay away so we can finish out the rest of the semester motivated and free of seasonal lethargy.

#### International Students

[Nina]: The ISC has been busy and full of energy, with international students enjoying time together and making the most of the new pool table. It's been a bright week, like a sunflower, with a great sense of community. This week will be filled with events, including our I-Worship night, a trip to Leavenworth, and a pool day on Sunday. Overall all is well in the ISC.

## McMillan

[Kaleb]: With clovers and dandelions in bloom, Mac Men have been enjoying the warm and bright weather through spikeball and hammocking. Primetimes have been a bit sporadic in quality and consistency in time, with our schedule board not being updated regularly and some RA's even missing their primetimes. McMillain's hot water has once again been fluctuating, causing frustration among the men. The Milk and Cookies turnout was massive last week with the running executives each giving elevator speeches to address the crowd. So many people showed up, in fact, that a quadruple batch was deemed necessary. The quad event was a jackbox night with a few prospective freshmen, which was a great success. McMillan is well.

## Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: TULIP, The neighborhoods residents are quiet this week but also cheerful as we welcome our newly elected senator for next year. I am confident he'll do great. The RA's and AC did some house walk throughs the other day to look for areas in need of improvement, and even though our community is already awesome, there is still room for improvement in the houses. On the bright side, because of this walk through, the houses are getting some makeovers this summer to make it an even better place to be. Lastly we have a few more house events including the joint event with Ballard left to finish off the month which are coming up soon and are going to be awesome events!

## Oliver

[Emily]: Exciting news in Oliver, we officially have our own spikeball set! RAs and residents are excited to use it as the weather gets warmer. Although the weather is getting warmer, the water in the showers is getting colder. Residents have continually experienced problems with the water heaters. The 2nd-floor whiteboard's current question asks residents what their favorite flowers are. Lilies and daisies are currently taking the lead. We're also gearing up for Oliver Twist this Friday, and hoping that if we work together, we can solve the mystery of which suspect committed the tragic crime in Oliver.

## Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: In Stew-Ville, everything has been going great. Constituents are very excited for the summer and love the Spring weather as the cherry blossoms bloom! The Stewart constituents read all my newsletters daily and have come to my office hours for the

incentive of a coffee card. They also love the primetime, and many of them are excited for my upcoming event.

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#### Shoutouts

Chloe Jane:

Azalea: Saturday Morning from 9-11am we are having a breakfast event. It's mainly for Boppell events.

Cristian: Come to my event this weekend there will be a lot of food.

Nina: I-worship is this Friday at 7pm so show up.

Gwen: Jubilation showcase is 4/26 in the auditorium at 7pm. The dance team showcase is 7:30 on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Bennett: Avery is needing help for senior celebration from 4-6 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. I just need 2 people.

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Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb

Seconded by Logan

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [6:09]

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