



2019-20 ASWU Meeting Minutes | March 11th, 2020

In Attendance:

Rohini Vyas President	present
Katie Rose Exec. Vice President	present
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	absent
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	present
Hannah Higgins Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Kaylyn 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
Urzashi Lalwani Warren Representative	present
Aditi Beesani Global Engagement Representative	present

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

Mission Statement read by [Liz](#)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by [Grant](#), seconded by [Hannah](#)

in Favor 18 | opposed 0 | abstaining 0

Motion passes

Guest Speaker

Dr. Aaron Putzke: thank you for having me. Lots of anxiety, too much info with corona virus. I want to talk about basics about the virus. I am not speaking on behalf of the university, but it is important to me. Community health is important to me. It drives me to inform people like you. the more informed the less anxious we are. The corona virus is something new to us. Under a microscope they look like they have e crown. Family of the common cold. Seven types of corona virus. 1 is very common and the other 3 are more serious. They are a little different in how much and how quickly they infected others. Covid 9 corona virus 2019, is about the symptoms of it. It is technically SARS Covid 2. This new thing is going around acting like influenza. Still in the flew season, our flu is towards the end of its life cycle. Bad news is this one is coming up. This sis a virus we haven't seen in people before. Which means we don't have a vaccine. We don't exactly know how everyone is going to respond to it. Follow the data. It shows different age ranges affected by the virus. This one is a great place to go to. Made by a high school student in Seattle. It scrubs the data and collects it all together. The total confirmed and total deceased. Those are people tested and shown to be positive, it doesn't show how many have been affected altogether, we won't know the true number globally. Mild symptoms might stay home and recover there just fine. The first one on the deceased list is china, it was due to response time and the populations that it hit. It was the first data to come out, so the

death rate looked higher. Since then more have been infected, and the higher death rate is probably going to go down in a percentage perspective. In the US the state of WA, confirmed cases is 10% currently. Skewed numbers because the first-place hit was a nursing home. From a data perspective that doesn't apply to everyone. The data coming out about age, distinct curve. It doesn't infect people differently, except in kids. Young kids aren't getting infected at the rate adults are. Strange for a virus. The serious to death mortality goes up over age of 50. Your age range death rate is .2%. For now, the data shows that but it will stabilize your age range assuming you're healthy is low. The people over 80 shoots up to 10-18%. Vulnerable populations. Think about protecting those around you who are more vulnerable. There are also people among us our age who have compromised immune systems. Those people are among us and your health habits are important right now. Respiratory virus which affects your lungs. Larger water droplets. 6-foot radius of someone sneezing that it might get on you. That's why they are making a big deal about washing your hands. If infected wearing a mask will help, if not it won't help. Try hard to not touch your face. If it's on your hands, and you go wash your hands then it's off. Make that effort. These doors are great for backing into and not having to touch it. We don't have knobs handles on campus, so this helps. Accessibility buttons help us to open doors too. Wash your hands. Soap matters. These viruses have membranes and RNA inside. This membrane is made of molecules made of fat/oil. When washing your hands with soap it disrupts the membranes. Hand sanitizers above 60% alcohol. If they are out of sanitizer, you make your own. Rubbing alcohol and aloe vera mixture. Not a stomach virus. 600 rolls of toilet paper won't help you. Rushing to stores does no one any good right now. Overall, what I wanted to do was give you a basic run down on the virus, the number and minimizing exposure. Leaving a couple minutes for questions. Main point is don't panic, it'll get harder to not get anxious. Schools are closing, but Whitworth is working hard to minimize panicky feelings. Most are in the population that if you get infected, you will only have mild symptoms. If this is what the health care system can handle. If it spikes, then it goes past what the health care system can do. Trying to flatten the curve. Trying to lower the amount of people going into the system.

Katie: don't know much about corona, but the flu. People dying of the flu retract a second virus. Have you read anything if this number is because of secondary infections, or just the virus on its own?

Dr Putzke: Its often-older generations, you can get pneumonia symptoms, not necessarily due to a second one. But it does compromise your immune symptoms, that's why they offer antibiotics. The recovery rate is 95%. People not making it are in 75 or older age range.

Jed: have scientist found out the origin, could we ever find it?

Dr Putzke: It often make a jump from animals to human. Often a hard jump for viruses to make. Mutations can happen. Speculations its from a bat again. We have vaccines, we quell these things. Things never really go away. Occasionally a new mutation pops up. Corona virus is like this. We might be able to cheat it. Really dependent on how quickly they can work in the open markets. The first patient wasn't associated with the open market like they thought. Likely a bat.

Student: Are we likely to see cases in this side of the state?

Dr Putzke: Yes, containment is probably past. Seattle weeks behind from the first person. Airports aren't shut down. Its likely in Spokane, waiting for someone to get tested positive. Good questions. It seems likely that it would be here at this point

Student: If we start feeling sick when should we go to the doctor.

Dr Putzke: My medical health professional says if you get a fever and a cough and a flu, call primary physician. Don't walk up to the hospital. If you have symptoms over the phone, they might have you come in for testing of stay home. Again, stomach stuff doesn't apply to this virus

Student: Regarding hand sanitizer, can it build a resistance from access hand sanitizer

Dr Putzke: That deals with anti-bacterial stuff. Viruses aren't alive in that way; they work more like robots. Dissolving their membrane would prevent it from moving on

Student: What do you think it will take the university to shut down?

Jason: Tough question, no written statement. There isn't really a way for us to be sure, lots of factors.

Student: University travel to Seattle, what are they going to do with students traveling there

Jason: University can't tell you what you can and can't do. There could be extra precautions in place for people traveling to those areas. More info coming out around spring break

Jed: Governor Ensley public gathers, apply to us?

Jason: For the west side, talking about that correctly, we have not been told that that is a must right now. There is an incident command team meeting every morning to watch this closely. Your safety is our number one. Lots will see other university closing, they have more factors to consider too, doesn't mean we need to follow suite.

Student: Best to act now, professors are in that range, we should be looking at that for their safety.

Jason: No confirmed cases, so not making that move, but we are preparing faculty. Faculty and staff are included in the whitworth community specific people responsible for specific things, those are what I'm hearing from updates.

Katie: what are international students going to do?

Jason: Concerned with anyone maybe not able to get home. Figuring out who will take care of people on quarantine, lots of insurance stuff I don't; understand. If we cancel classes, we have a task for figuring out what to do with students who can't make it home

Student: If classes are going online will that be for the whole semester

Jason: Depends on the situation

Student: If making students go home, possible refund?

Jason: I don't know, there is a group looking into that

Emily: eastern Washington moved classes online as of today

Jason: We are aware of this. We had a for clock meeting today about that

Student: If online classes, how soon in advance would we know?

Jason: Again, depends on situation. Acting on the best interest of the student. If I were in charge, I would like to give a specific date, but again no specific timeline set up right now.

Student: Do you know what will happen with classes that need on-campus factors?

Jason: There is a group looking into that. Talking with community partners, like u-dub and other who have already made this decision

Student: If classes go online, would they let us know with an initial email?

Jason: Situational, it depends on the factors

Rohini: for these academic factors, I am hosting a town hall at 5:30 to answer questions. Next Tuesday there will be flyers, Dr. Putzke, Dr. Pickering, Dr. Nixon, and Brooke Kiner. Rob 141. Start at 5:30, assuming done by 7

Jason: lots of rumors out there, pay attention to official emails. And whitworth.edu/coronavirus. Pay attention to those things. I've heard a lot of random stuff form people

Club Updates

Sarah: hi, I'm Sarah, the club coordinator.

Catholic Fellowship

Nicole Pichette 22: I'm the pres. Also, the best contact. Lots going on weekly meetings Tuesday nights in ABC 7:30-9. Every Sunday morning, we have mass. Next week big event. St Patrick's day doing pancakes in the hub mpr, green pancakes

Physics Club

Mateo: ill the be best contact, events we have April 11th. Game night Friday April 3rd. working with the astronomy club, soon to be chartered. Later this week wanting to go to pullman for a talk but postponed because of the virus. Also visiting golden dale observatory. Mreynosoroman20@my...

Cool Whip

Tucker: I'm the pres. of cool whip the improv comedy club. Brief update. We have our regular shows, also started up Saturday afternoon live. Wanting people to learn improv with us. Show up to extra practice and play games, not in front of live audience. Almost every Saturday, of course not during break. Usually 12:30-1:30 her in the hub ABC room. This Saturday is in Hawthorne 101. Also have some shows this semester usually \$2. One this Sunday March 15th. Show at 7:30 in cowls auditorium. Also show on Friday April 3rd 8pm, also stage 2. Less then 200 show up. Also, follow us on Instagram @wucoolwhip. Contact twilson20@my... That's T like letter in the alphabet and Wilson like the balls.

President Updates

Rohini: Jericho, looking for people to help with. Conference that began last year. Maybe conference, maybe sharing of cultures. Format is loose. The ASWU town hall got confirmed before this meeting. Next Tuesday the 17th in Robinson 101. Any questions?

FVP Updates

Faizzan:

Capital: \$14,534

Unallocated: \$ 16,285

Finance committee met on the 8th. first rounder wanted 500 for tournaments, they approved the requisition. Second, women's soccer club 316 for tournament, approved. Third, tablecloth for advertisement and marketing, approved. Fourth.

Liz: secret project to put a Ballard smiley, wanting to paint it in April.

Faizzan: Martial arts club wanted to approve mats to prevent injuries. That was approved, 255 from capital. Psychology club, we will vote on this. 700 to attend a conference, to present their research. They want to present the research in a more diverse setting, wanting to network. Further the academies by allowing

student to present their work and participate in discussion. Our ASWU policy says we can fund up to 200 per student, there are 7 students who are attending.

Student: Where and when?

Emma: I think it's in San Francisco. I think in April. WPA is a big deal for psych majors, presenting our senior thesis. It looks good on job applications. April 29th-May 3rd.

Sophie: if it gets cancelled, what happens?

Faizzan: If they already use the money, then it is gone, the budget will be readjusted at the end

Emma: I motion to approve

Seconded by: Hannah

In approval: 17 | opposed 1 | abstaining: 0

Motion passes

Faizzan: fasfa wants to attend a conference, wanting \$657 in order to attend.

Catherine: lots of workshops, lots of other universities, team building and networking. Learn more about our culture and how to apply it.

Nate: co-pres. Reason why, give opportunity for current members to understand what its like to be in a leadership position.

Miranda: what is the money going to

Katherine: Transportation and lodging

Celia: inline with our mission by supporting diverse students, I would encourage people to pass.

Jed: I will probably vote in opposition, because of corona virus.

Katie: vote for Stewart not yourself

Abdul: the original requisition: giving them the money, doesn't mean it goes their way, it just gives them access and the ability to use that amount

Bryn: Remember, you could just as easily get sick somewhere else too

Sarah: I liked what he said about leadership and connecting people with a larger group. Good that they are chartered, but better to connect them to a larger community. A lot of us are student leaders here.

Laura: I want to respect all the voices heard. Want to do student empowerment, we just want to be here to support them.

Motion to pass: Emma

Seconded by: Sean

In favor: 16 | opposed: 1 | abstaining: 1

EVP Updates

Katie: any visitors left, please sign this sign in sheet for more information that I can send you r way. Meals cards are at the end of the meeting, come see me afterwards. Applications open for elections. Informational meeting over in chambers after this meeting. Next week, applications closed, two approved applicant meetings. One-on-ones, wanting to meet with you senators. Please email me if you Haven't been scheduled yet. Student highlight by Miranda: forensics speech and debate team.

Miranda: exact locations

6:30 next week and 3pm the following Thursday.

Miranda; deadline application?

Katie: close 5pm wendesady the 18th

Upcoming Events

Wasted: A Community Lent Project

Bryn: a lent project goes until Easter April 12th. Next workshop is living 0-waste with mason jar recipes and brownies. In Ballard hall

Basketball Viewing Party

Cameron: The men's basketball team are in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2013 and are playing the number one seed in D3 this year. The game is scheduled to start at 5 pm our time, and there will be snacks provided. I am also talking to the super smash bros club to see if they wanted to have some games up on the big screen before the game/at half time. Something else to note is that there will not be any spectators allowed at the game in Philadelphia, but that doesn't mean we can't watch the game from here.

Awkward Middle School Dance

Liz: its going to be this Saturday March 14th 8-11. Wear what you wore in middles school.

Black Student Caucus

Theresa: tomorrow at 5-7pm in crows' nest. Free dinner and free t-shirts

Unplugged

Parker: deadline is this Friday, we are up to 4 people. Top 3 moving onto pirate idol. Possibility to win 400. Encourage students to attend.

Off Campus Movie Night

Emma: tomorrow night at the garland. Knives out. Free entry and popcorn. Start at 6:55

Unveiled

Laura: this Saturday 7-8:30. Mama beans are going to be there. Empanadas were ordered. Free space for people to be there.

Constituency Reports

Baldwin-Jenkins

Emily: ra applications were open, lots of freshman applied. Fire alarm went off Sunday morning

Stewart

Jed: doing pretty good. Fun primetime, playing tella-strations. Due to recent events, we are keeping Stewart clean.

McMillan

Sean: not much happening, people looking forward to awkward middle school dance and mid-terms

Theme Houses

Jorge: residence are good, monthly meeting on Thursday. A couple interested in applying for theme-house senator

Off Campus

Emma: people are kind of sick. Seniors are worried about not being able to go on campus because of corona virus

Ballard

Liz: awkward middle school dance. A resident shaved something into his head. A few residence are wearing face masks, hopefully just colds.

Oliver

Celia: hanging in there, lots of flu and strep. Daylight saving time hit hard. People are quarantining themselves and going home if sick

Boppell

Kaylyn: daylight savings hitting everybody hard. 5 people interested in applying for senator

Global Engagement Representative

Aditi: people are stressed with midterms and assignment coming up. People looking forward to spring break. Celebrating St. Patrick's day with an Irish student

Duval

Sam: doing well, anxiety about the school maybe shutting down and the corona virus

Arend

Miranda: honestly kind of chilling. Our RD is looking for a new ra and new rd and doing ra applications. Our event dates keep shifting our dates around.

Warren

Aeron: warren peace is coming together, we had an ice cream party for one-pine day

Campus Vibes

Parker: Covac met on Monday. New class theology 285 on god and sex. Core 350, 4-3 credits. Core 350, doing a first half and a second half. Core 250 is trying to figure out how to keep d-groups. Try to register for a d-group that's not requirement. Possibly making it 0-credit lab. Covac has no say on what they get to do with the programming. Keep the d-group but try to keep it within a 3-credit class.

Bryn: increase in parking questions and concerns. Parking task force met last week. If you have concerns or questions, contact me or Sean. There will be answers coming soon. Lots of problems going into illegal parking. Security is getting 3 new boots. \$300 fine to remove the boot. Parking passes will increase in the fall. Make people aware, that it's not good to park illegal. It's increasing to \$100.

Jason: the booting information is in the student handbook.

Sarah: self-centered campus vibe. I want to do unplugged. If you know anyone who know how to play piano, let me know. We split 400 together

Rohini: reached out to hose. Reach out to your constituents about the credit load. Email me if you have questions

Abdul: lots of concern with the corona virus going around. Their voices haven't been heard. They have some ideas as to what they would like to happen. Please understand that situation.

Jason: this is something ICT is working with and takes very seriously. Let them know that

ASWU's Awesome Admin Assistant Updates

Amariah: Rohini and Diana

Shout outs

Sarah: I wanted to give a shout out to Cameron. You've been doing a really great job this year, and I don't think anyone could have done a really good job. You have gone above and beyond.

Rohini: Laura for being encouraging

Abdul: Laura has been helping me and the inter-faith community

Laura: just found out interfaith will be postponed until the fall. Delayed excitement

Jason: sitting through hour long meetings on the corona virus

Miranda: I motion meeting to adjourn

Seconded by **Emma**

In Favor 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining: 0

Vote passes

Meeting adjourned: **6:15**