



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, are dedicated to building an inclusive and equitable atmosphere by serving the holistic student body. We will advocate for the well-being of all students, collaborate with campus partners to provide proactive support, and uplift the diverse experiences within all aspects of our community.

## 2021-22 ASWU Meeting Minutes | March 2nd, 2022

### **Attendance:**

Rachel Ayres   President	present
Chris Clay   Vice President	absent
Abby Douglas   Financial Director	present
Grant Hill   Communications Director	present
Hannah Sommerville   Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Georgia Goff   School Spirit Coordinator	present
Tristy Osbon   Sustainability Coordinator	present
Aidan Walsh   Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sugui   Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sienna Buster   Traditional Events Coordinator	present
Jenna Breedlove   Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Jessica Lopez-Ramirez   Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Jamie Copeland   Club Coordinator	present
Christian Aguilar   Outreach Coordinator	present
Grace Johnson   Oliver Senator	present
Hans Tamminga   McMillan Senator	proxy
Katelynn Diaz   Ballard Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku   Boppell Senator	absent
Larkin Dean   Duvall Senator	present
Logan Spencer   Warren Senator	present

Samie Schaffer   Arend Senator	present
Rebecca Kay   Stewart Senator	present
Kyle Marquez   Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Reeshika Sharma   Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie   International Student Senator	present
Payton Wyatt   Neighborhood Senator	present
Munya Fashu-Kanu   Off Campus Rep	late
Marie Fenske   Off Campus Rep	present
Courtney Cossette   Off Campus Rep	present
Jamie Furr   Off Campus Rep	present
Makayla Pugmire   Off Campus Rep	present
Michelle Lie   Incoming Student Rep	present
Elisa Vigil   Incoming Student Rep	late
Hannah Loesch   Village Rep	present

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Meeting brought to order at 1700.

Mission statement read by Jamie C.

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**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Moved by Kyle, Seconded by Jamie F

Discussion: None

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

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**Club Coordinator Updates**

Jamie C: Today we have Pre-OT club for club updates.

- Pre-OT

Tiana: Hi I am Tiana the president of Pre-OT club. Last semester we had our first semester as a club, so we have been getting things done. We had events last semester and our biggest was the pre-OT info night. A group of people from the doctorate of OT department were present to talk about their jobs. This semester

our big event is not set in stone yet, but it is a panel of speakers to spread the word about OT and bring more to campus. I am hoping faculty from the doctoral program will join us. One idea we had was an OT demonstration event to show students what we do and the job to get people interested in the program. Our email is on the screen.

Jamie c: Any questions?

- Club Chartering: Association of Minorities in STEM

Jamie C: I sent the updated constitution last week. Look in your emails, we are also voting on a speaker artist proposal next week.

Luis and Esther are here to tell us anything additional and answer questions and then we will vote.

Luis: This is Esther the VP. We changed our name to Association of Minorities in STEM because feedback we realize we want to be as inclusive as possible and opening it to all STEM allows for more people to join. We will have the same goals and values, but more people are included.

Makayla: Last week you mentioned speakers and things, after expanding, how will you tackle the speakers you will hold this year?

Esther: This semester if approved will be more medicine focused because speakers were booked with pre-med in mind but through expanding to STEM, we will have more science or lab speakers rather than just physicians or professors in medicine. We are expanding to include engineers or physicists or other fields.

### ***Motion to Approve the Association of Minorities in STEM***

Moved by Makayla, Seconded by Larkin

Discussion:

Grace: I think it sounds great. It opens the door for more people, and I think minorities in stem is a good way to connect with the community. It's a great idea and I like the progression from last week.

Georgia: I love the idea and it's something necessary for our campus and its demographics. Also, by reading the tone and body language of them, they

seemed open to being more inclusive which was great. I can't vote but I'm for it.

Makayla: I hoped they would diversify by us tabling and its exciting to approve this because one thing we tend to narrow in on when we focus on one club is that we miss overlap with fields. STEM is broad so it's great to see how pre-med interacts with engineering and math etc. Students will be able to cross horizons they wouldn't thought of previously.

Jamie C: I realized this week that bringing in female aspect of minority in stem will be good. A freshman emailed me and asked if we had a female in science club and disappointed that we didn't. I brought up this club and she was excited.

Georgia: Does the term minorities include women in STEM?

Jamie C: It hasn't been said whether or not, but I assume yes. It doesn't say not in the constitution.

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0  
Motion passes

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### **Financial Director Updates**

Capital: \$19,090

Unallocated: \$16,450.35

Travel: \$4,780

Abby: These are the account totals as of March 1. We had an approved requisition for gen action's sex jeopardy event for 20 dollars. Reminder that the deadlines for requisitioning are next Tuesday and March 22.

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### **President Updates**

- Sodexo Appreciation Cards

Rachel: Today Chris is not here. I have updates from Chris and shoutout to Christian for writing names on the board. We have cards for Sodexo and Abby

handed some out. We are writing things we are thankful for about Sodexo. You can address it to specific staff or someone you know so personalize it if you can. If you did not sign it, please grab one and fill it out and it has to be done today.

- Office Hours and Primetimes

Rachel: From Chris- remember office hours and attending primetimes. Office hours are set up and make sure you are interacting with constituents and different locations to reach people. Send times of your office hours to Jason and Chris. For primetimes attend once a week at least to hear vibes and interact with people. If your budget allows you, you can buy snacks.

- Leadership Applications

Rachel: Applications are open. I recommend if you can apply, do it. No matter where you go next year you are valued but ASWU would love to have you. Tell freshmen and constituents about the process. March 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.

- Meal Cards

Rachel: We will provide meal cards to those, prioritized for off campus and neighborhoods, who came to the meeting today. They are for Sodexo to eat dinner with us as a team.

- Student Highlight

Rachel: Ibu Diop is our student highlight this week. We are thankful for him; he is an RA and on the track team and a BSU leader. We appreciate him.

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### **Past Events:**

- BSU Harlem Renaissance

Jessica: We had 157 people come to the dance. We catered from feast world kitchen which was yummy. The event was 6-8pm and lots of fun. Some professors stopped by with family that had children. Thank you to everyone who came or helped work the event. I have not done the math yet but maybe 9 dollars a person.

Georgia: I loved it. I helped with set up. It was a great community atmosphere. The event was fantastic. There were lots of welcoming and you didn't have to dress up, but you could enjoy yourself no matter what.

Munya: It was great, I couldn't be there, but it was great especially for the Black students on campus who appreciated this event.

- Interfaith Dialogue

Jenna: It was awesome we had 175+ people. It was about \$2.50 per person in terms of cost. Students seemed to be engaged and curious on the topic and lots of people mentioned it impacted them. The speaker had a great time over the last two days and thank you to those who came to the workshop. It went well.

Makayla: I talked to some constituents who enjoyed it and liked that it was calm and not an escalated event. It was very intellectual. Some people raised concerns on how safe the space was for the Muslim speaker because in the chapel it is in a Christian space which can be intimidating, and they said for future events maybe put it in a neutral space with a more neutral set of speakers because the Christian speaker knew people at the event and it may have been isolating for the Muslim speaker

Jenna: The main event was in the RTT. Were they referring to the chapel as the not safe space?

Makayla: I thought it was in the chapel we can talk more after.

Sienna: I went and heard it was great. The speakers brought in lots of unique perspectives and to see how kind they were was great. Some people thought the moderator was weird and pointed questions to the Muslim speaker. Not any other negative comments

Georgia: I also appreciated it, it was a great space for all students to go and be in a generally safe space for most. I appreciate there were books provided from both theologians. It provided more insight into that world and outlook.

Jamie F: Echoing that. it was facilitated as well as possible with what we had. Jenna received a well-deserved shoutout, there were lots of logistics for that. I

sat next to someone who came for food but was drawn into the conversation. The pizza was a good idea.

Rachel: That was a lot of pizza.

Jason: 26 pizzas.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- Club Fair

Jamie C: Tomorrow from 11:30-1:30pm there will 17-18 clubs there. It is in the MPR. If you are around, stop by. I don't need help but if you happen to be there at 11 and want to move tables for 5 min you can stop by.

- Off Campus Mixer

Reeshika: We have an event on March 10th from 7-9pm in the MPR. There will be lots of games, prizes, shirts decorating, and food like tacos with other snacks. Spread the word and post the poster on your Instagram stories. I will need some help so let me know if you are available.

Grace: Can on campus students come?

Reeshika: You can work it and get in.

Rachel: Are sign ups next week or now?

Reeshika: We can do it now. I need 4 people for set ups, 3 for food and drinks, 2 for check in and shirt distribution, 4 for tear down.

- Awkward Middle School Dance

Katelynn: It is a BMAC event but open to all campus. It is on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-11pm in UREC. It is like a dance like middle school but cooler. There will be foursquare and prizes with a raffle for prizes. There will be food and drinks. I will need people to help if possible. I need two people for food and drinks, two for decorations, two for foursquare refs, two for raffle. Arrive at 7pm. If you want to help set up as well let me know.

- Casino Night

Sienna: It is on March 12<sup>th</sup> which is Saturday from 8pm to 11pm in Graves gym. We need 25 dealers and there are 31 ASWU employees amongst other roles needed. You will all be there. If you absolutely cannot come, let me know. We will have poker, roulette, craps, blackjacks, mocktails, \$2000 in prizes. If you have ideas for marketing let me know. There is no dress code. Wear your ASWU t-shirts and name tags.

Aidan: When do you want us to be there?

Jason: We will split the team in half, half will do set up and half will do tear down. I am waiting to hear from the company on arrival time but if you have a preference let Sienna know and we can figure it out. We will have to move a lot of tables so it will take everyone to help.

Sienna: If you are setting up it may be closer to 6:30. Tear down you would be there until 12 or 12:30pm. Thanks for helping. Posters are in the mailboxes. I will scream if you don't take those.

Georgia: Will you send out a group email?

Sienna: Yes. Let me know take down or set up preferences.

Katelynn: Who is an off-campus person to send emails and neighborhood person? I will send a poster to you to send to off campus people

- THRIVE Week

Rachel: This is in two weeks. The execs and I planning yoga, rage room, panel with awesome speakers and mac and cheese, and the culminating event is the Duvoliver pajama dance. More to come next week. Get excited and ready to thrive.

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## **Constituency Reports**

### **Incoming Student Reps:**

Elisa: Majority of people I asked said they were excited for spring break. A few more people said they looked forward to diversity monologues and to be real there. There is a huge lack of engagement right now and some would rather stay in their dorms than be out with the community.



Michelle:

**Off Campus:**

Reeshika: People are ready to come to our event. Please come to the event; you get free food. You are starving on a Thursday without free food.

**The Village:**

Hannah: Most people are excited for spring break. A couple are excited for club fair tomorrow.

**Warren:**

Logan: Warren is excited for the weekend and spring break. We have a few athletes out of seasons now from winter sports. We are having extra time to relax a little bit.

**International Students:**

Michael: Most international students are looking forward to March 12<sup>th</sup> with no masks and spring break. International student retreat is coming up and the CDAs are taking them to Bozarth mansion.

**Neighborhoods:**

Payton: Lots of people are excited for the weekend. Similar to everyone else, the upcoming theatre show is exciting as well.

**Ballard:**

Katelynn: My gals were excited for water polo so that's fun, we do it every week. One of my constituents is a main person in the play so she is excited for that. They are also excited for the events coming up.

**Boppell:**

Not present

**Duvall:**

Larkin: We are excited for a 3-day weekend and the nice weather. They want the sun to come out so we can lay in the grass outside. They are stressed so also excited for break.

**Oliver:**

Grace: Oliver has been doing well. We've had really engaging and interactive primetimes that the residents have been loving and the three-day weekend is definitely a relief for most. When asked what my constituents have been looking forward to right now besides the three-day weekend, I received responses such as springtime and the sunny weather, spring break, summer, easter, and more. The largest being the sunny weather to come. That's all I have to report on tonight.

**Arend:**

Samie: Arend is great as always. When I asked constituents about what they are looking forward to, I got answers like three-day weekend, casino night, and spring break.

**McMillan:**

Christian: I'm the proxy for Hans. Mac is doing well. I know we are tired of cold walks from mac to the hub, so we are looking forward to warm weather and a DnD session this weekend. Also, people are doing the Godspeed lent devotional which is exciting.

**Stewart:**

Rebecca: We are feeling the pressures, except in the bathroom because our water pressure is bad. I turned on the sink and the handle just goes down and shuts off. When I asked people what they are looking forward to, tonight the Stewart team is doing intramurals. There is Duvoliver dance excitement and other ASWU events.

**Baldwin-Jenkins:**

Kyle: BJ has been a force as of lately. The building is fighting back to the bathrooms especially multiple shower faucets are broken. Sinks are broken. Bathroom stalls are broken. Our spirit has not been broken. BJ has been doing okay. A lot of constituents have been looking forward to resting and going out and doing things. One constituent had a track meet this weekend.

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**Campus Vibes**

Jason: I just wanted to address things I have heard questions about and wanted to update you. As we know Inslee moved up the removal of the mask mandate

to March 12. The university has not decided on things yet. We are hoping to announce things soon but covid response is meeting with the regional health district to have a best move moving forward. Second thing, some of you may have seen tweets or posts last week about Whitworth not caring about rape culture with some representatives of USAS and gen action getting involved. There was a poster up that said sex without consent is sexual assault. They wanted us to change the language on that because by definition it should be rape. There is a requested meeting with Rhosetta Rhodes. She met with them Monday and addressed concerns and we have changed the poster language and there was some reasoning why that language was chosen but we did not make the poster. The definition in Title IX is a formal legal definition. I could see why they would choose that but we as a Title IX committee talked and decided to change it. There are updated flyers. We will be sending out a survey on sexual assault on campus. We are anticipating some more regulations of Title IX standards in April specifically addressing prevention efforts which is something Whitworth has lacked because our green dot coordinator left. The Title IX committee is addressing these concerns. I encourage you that if you have questions, reach out to Rhosetta our Title IX coordinator. If you don't hear anything, go to Tim Caldwell, myself, Jennifer Toulouse-Lee, or Goldie Brown on the Title IX comm for answers to questions.

Christian: This Saturday March 12 is the Real Talk Real Action conference from 9am -1pm. I am running a workshop so I would love if you could be there. In GE you need to come for a special project. Grant will send out an email with the link to registration. Lunch is provided. Also speaking to Elisa's point on freshman involvement, Georgia and I felt that last year too. Spring is an awesome time to encourage freshmen to get involved for next year with applications being open. Encourage them to apply. Sophomores are doing great things on campus because upperclassmen asked them to be involved. Encourage them.

Rachel: We signed up for lots today so if you signed up, please email the times and places for everyone. Also, in my job description as president I get to come to primetimes in residence halls. Senators if you see fun primetimes in res halls, I would love to come and get to know people and feel the vibes in res halls. Email and text me if you have a cool one coming up and hopefully it will work. Primetimes are the coolest thing at Whitworth.

Jamie F: I have 3 separate constituents who I was hanging out with this weekend ask about casino night. I could not answer that then but now I will so lots of hype off campus for that.

Aeron: Coordinator applications close Tuesday. The link is on our website and Instagram link. Continue to promote ASWU and the positions. Voting member positions are opening soon.

Makayla: One heavy note and one not so heavy. Most of you may know there is war in Ukraine, and it is becoming more toxic, and I want to encourage everyone to reach out to constituents especially international students from Europe to check on their mental health. I have talked to people expressing different things in class after reading the news each day. Be mindful of the world and we are excited for events but know that we are having candid conversations about world affairs and the impact on students. There is an awesome peaceful protest downtown to protest the housing crisis for homeless in Spokane. If you are interested, I have flyers if they want to collaborate for carpool, it is from noon-1pm and the rally we will be talking about stats and awareness to issues downtown. I recommend stopping by it will be at the train station.

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### **Shoutouts**

Elisa: Shoutout to Michelle, I am grateful for you to be the other incoming student rep. She is hardworking and sweet and charismatic and funny. Glad to work with you.

Rachel: Shoutout to Tristy. It's been a while we are glad you are here and thank you for your role in the community.

Christian: Shoutout to Jenna, I got to go to the leadership training with the interfaith dialogue and it was an hour but did not feel like that. It went fast and there was so much knowledge. Cool event.

Georgia: Shoutout to Jenna, your events were great. They were needed on campus, and I appreciate that. Shoutout to Jessica, she killed it. It was great to see a good turnout to the event and how many students were active in it. Shoutout to Grant Abby and Aeron for the behind the scenes work and the organization.

***Motion to Adjourn Meeting***

Motion by Larkin, Seconded by Grace

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1749