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## 2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes [11/19/2025]

### 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	PRESENT
[Jasmine Schmidt]   Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT

[Mary Penfield]   School Spirit Coordinator	NOT PRESENT
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[Aubrey Lathrom]   Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT
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Senators:

[Halle Price]   Arend Senator	PRESENT
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[Katayanna Glavin]   Ballard Senator	PRESENT
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[Seth Phillips]   Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	PRESENT
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[Azalea Vlietstra]   Boppell Senator	PRESENT
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[Bennett Johnson]   Commuter Student Senator	PRESENT
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[Grace Reynolds]   Duvall Student Senator	PRESENT
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[Nina Susin]   International Senator	PRESENT
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[Kaleb Capellar]   McMillan Senator	PRESENT
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[Cristian Martinez]   Neighborhoods Senator	PRESENT
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[Emily Edstrom]   Oliver Senator	PRESENT
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[Aloisa Morales-Saldana]   StewVille Senator	PRESENT
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Representatives:

[Alea Tabi]   Incoming Class Representative	PRESENT
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[Logan Roy]   Incoming Class Representative	PRESENT
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[Laney Thomas]   Commuter Student Representative	PRESENT
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[Hayden Rosdahl]   Commuter Student Representative	PRESENT
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[Swachha Deb]   Commuter Student Representative	PRESENT
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Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

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Mission statement read by Kaleb

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Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 11/12 by Vernon

Seconded by Kaleb

Favor: 15 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

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Special Guest:

Dr. Bert Emerson: My name is Bert Emerson. I teach in the English Department, direct the honors program, and serve in other various roles on campus. I was invited to talk about the Democracy lab. It launched in 2021 with a few students. It started to see how social media impacted democratic operations but evolved into some new ideas. We want to have something like STEM labs and bring in different disciplines but especially for students in humanities and social sciences who are interested in issues pertaining to civic engagement. Like summer stem programs it will be a stipend over the summer to work. We got another round of funding this past year where we had 3 students and 2 faculty members. The vision is to invite students to develop projects. One of the biggest projects is to see how the campus climate on democratic involvement exists. Last year we had a democratic speaker series. Often in the years without presidential elections we have a lot of smaller things being worked on. We had a banned books club started up over the summer. We think that the work you do here goes with you. We are looking for other things we can be doing on campus. We had a student going around campus with survey on

campus climate. We're looking forwards to figuring out what we are going to do with the results. We want this to be an opportunity for students to work over the summer in a different type of lab setting.

Alea: Where can I reach you? Is there an email I can reach you with?

Bert: We have a website right now that lists a few of our projects over the years. Sometimes honors projects are put on there. We don't just think of democracy as politics but as community as well. It's in infant stages at the moment. Funding this summer isn't super clear but in a couple summers I hope to get 50k for student work. I want a model like the STEM summer research. I'm also working with the office of church engagement right now.

Kaleb: This type of elbow deep work in social studies/ demographics has always interested me. I'm really excited to see where this goes. I think this is an amazing project

Bert: it's a new kind if thing. We want it to be multidisciplinary. We want to think about so many things. At the end of the day the goal is to strengthen everyone's voices. Thank you for that encouragement. Thank you for all that you do and your engagement I'm sure this is challenging work. I think there's a reason for people not to get involved but we can do things differently because we are on a college campus.

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### Student Highlight

Eli: Our student highlight this week is Mary Penfield. Mary did a lot of work as an ASWU representative and a URec employee. She was a great help during Winter Carnival.

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### ASWU Highlight

Eli: Our ASWU highlight this week is Nina Susin. She got the cotton candy machine working after calling people and working on it throughout the night.

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What's Up Whitworth

Vernon: TikTok committee had our first meeting today and it went well.

Bennett: Tabling has been going really well.

Kaleb: What am I supposed to do with people who drive around the bollards?

Abby: Maybe you could call security and ask them what to do.

Vernon: If you are apart of ICW committee I will be sending a calendar invite for meeting tomorrow.

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Birthday:

Happy Birthday Mary!

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Club Updates

Club Speaker Vote:

BSU:

Vernon just explained who the speaker was briefly before the vote.

Motioned to approve club speaker by Kaleb

Seconded by Nina

Favor: 15 | Oppose: - | Abstain:

Club speaker is approved.

Club updates:

BSU:

Vernon:

Pre-health:

Nick: I am the treasurer of pre-health club. It's going pretty well. We had an Mcat presentation and a recruiter come by. We had a study night that we did. Next week on Monday 6-7pm we have a turkey decorating event. We meet on Mondays every other week on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Robinson at 2pm. We haven't had the best attendance, but we are working on that.

Business:

Raegan Mack: We've had 3 meetings this semester. Mostly just having on campus individuals. We have a speaker coming from the west side coming tomorrow. She will be talking about what its like working in finance. We are working with Gonzaga to put this on. We have 26 students registered.

Vernon: Are you going to be doing any marketing events?

Raegan: Yes, we will be focusing on that during the spring.

New club presentation:

Swim club:

Levi Davis: I have been in the process of getting a club started. I have a list of people who are interested. It's going to be very casual to start and will be during open swims. Our advisor will be the swim coach swim. He will send me practices. We require no funding at the moment. But in the future, we may look into that.

Eli: How many people are interested?

Levi: Around 9 but the more people who hear about it I think more people will be interested.

Katayanna: When are the practices?

Levi: We will be doing them during the open practices so some time during those.

Michael: Is this geared towards normal swimmers? Or team swimmers?

Levi: This is for pretty much anyone.

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## Communications Director Updates

Chloe Jane: Hi guys, I wanted to give you all a reminder about the sticker contest. I changed the date again and it will end December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit a design if you are interested! Another thing is that I've been talking with Todd, Laurie, and the front desk and I've decided to start stamping and signing ASWU posters. That basically means that I will be emailing you twice about the progress of your ERF and room reservations before I stamp and sign. Once for when I approve your poster and a second time for a screen shot of your approval of your ERF and room reservation. The last thing is that you all got a calendar invite for the ASWU Christmas party. That will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> right after the meeting. We are doing a White Elephant and the budget for that will be \$15-\$20 and then each exec minus Eli and then Todd and Laurie will be hosting a game! There will be a prize for every game. We will be catering dinner. I haven't decided on where yet but when I do, I will let you know. Any questions?

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## Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Last finance committee is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finance committee does not meet in January. Please submit a requisition before hand. I will be presenting the grants that were approved next meeting.

Unallocated: \$8,151.24

Capital: \$19,244.01

Motioned to approve budget by Halle

Seconded by Kaleb

Favor: 16 | Oppose: - | Abstain:

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## Vice President Updates

Eli: Our constitution changes got ratified. Thank you for helping me table. I will update it tomorrow.

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## President Updates

Abby: town hall is dec 4<sup>th</sup>. The posters have been around for a while. We have 25 questions submitted! I would like more. That is in the RTT. There will be prizes again for both students and ASWU. For every person you bring you get a ticket. We also need one female and one male for the spring convocation. The football game is this weekend it is optional.

Bennett: What are we doing for lunch?

Jasmine A.: I'm waiting for numbers first. ASWU is sponsoring 100 student tickets. If you have any questions let me know.

Nina: How do the students get free tickets?

Jasmine A.: Todd is working on marketing for that.

Abby: Thank you for everyone who tabled. We've had 134 responses.

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## Past Events

Bracelets and Brownies:

Azalea: It was really good. I had all the brownies eaten except the gluten free ones. The bracelets were super fun, and people really liked that. This was a really good way to connect on. A low-key level.

Chloe Jane: I went and had a really fun time!

Native American Heritage Event:

Vernon: It was amazing. About 50-60 people came. The speaker did go over time, but we had a lot of people stay and listen. Probably some negatives were that people wanted it earlier, but we couldn't due to Why Whitworth.

Winter Carnival:

Aubrey: It was fantastic. You guys did absolutely amazing. The cotton candy machine was being a problem, but we fixed it.



Alea: It was really great! So many people showed up.

Cristian: Check-in could be simplified a lot more.

Aubrey: Feel free to email me if something else comes up

Traveling Thanksgiving:

Cristian: I had a little more than 10 people. We started at the first RAs house. We then moved to the next RAs house and kind of stayed there due to rain. Overall, it was a fun time. We had a lot of fun playing Wii games.

Thankfulness Tree Prime Time:

Katayanna: It went really well. My goal was about 20 people. I had more than 20 people come. I wasn't expecting many people but even people from Mac came. I filled up all my string and had a full group the entire time. I got to talk to some people that I haven't yet met with so that was super nice.

Kaleb: It was an amazing event. It brought a lot of warmth. It was a very soulful event. It was really nice and cozy.

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Upcoming:

BMAC Thanksgiving:

Kaleb: It's tomorrow its at 6pm till 10pm. Hopefully facilities brings my things. I will be getting Martinellis for dinner. They will provide for up to 100 people. I'm hoping for 30-40 people. I'm really excited. I want the RAs to set up some crafts for after dinner.

Commuter Thanksgiving:

Bennett: This is tomorrow essentially; I am paying for people to go through the dining hall. The hub info desk never passed out my tickets so I'm not sure what the turnout will be. I am raffling out \$100 of flex.

Vernon: Is the flex for spring?

Bennett: I'm not sure but maybe fall or spring.

Hot Cocoa and Cookies:

Grace: This is also tomorrow at 8pm in the Duvall lounge. I will have a cocoa bar and cookies.

Pizzas & Praise:

Logan: It is an entire incoming class worship team. There will be free pizza and drinks.

S'mores Night:

Aloisa: I am going to be making cookie s'mores for the event. I also bought a puzzle for people.

Pie Night:

Halle: It's super chill except for when we pie people. Evan will be getting pied. We are just hanging out and every 30 minutes someone will get pied.

Painting Christmas Ornaments

Emily: This is on Sunday, and it will be painting ornaments.

Advent Yoga:

Jasmine s: On the Monday after we get back from Thanksgiving. We will have a yoga session. It's free for everyone. If you need a yoga mat let me know. It will be a good way to get ready for advent and finals.

Finals Support bags:

Michael: This will be happening Dec 2 I will be handing out goodie bags for finals.

Trivia Night:

Seth: This is my first event. The leadership team has been super helpful

Senior Christmas Party:

Avery: At Indiana coffee from 6-8pm. I will be having prizes, hot cocoa, pizza, and a senior ornament for seniors to make. If anyone has any suggestions for people to do let me know.

Gator crawl:

Halle: It is 8-10pm it is a prime time. We will have karaoke, cookie decorating, cup pong, and chill activities. Music, snowflakes and more vibes. I am in contact with Sodexo, but I haven't heard back from them yet. I will resend an email for that.

BMAC Christmas:

Katayanna: We are planning on having it in the chapel or Ballard. It will be a white elephant event with snacks. More focused on conversation and community.

Kaleb: Outside of haunted house this was my favorite event. I want to put all the love back into it. I also want to do an ugly Christmas sweater competition. It will be a lot of fun. Thinking about having it be RSVP.

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## Constituency Reports

### Arend

[Halle]: So many exciting things happened this week in Arend. We got new pool cues, cue chalk, and our printer is completely fixed! For my office hours, I hung out in the main lounge, built a Droideka Lego set, and listened to the Star Wars score, and it drew out more people than I expected, so that was exciting. I decided to check out a side of Arend I had never seen before and stayed up late this week to see what nightlife is like. Apparently, it's popping in the AMs, and I got to help a resident make paper snowflakes to decorate the hall.

### Ballard

[Katayanna]: As thanksgiving approaches, many residents are eager reconnect with their families for the long-anticipated holidays along with eating home-cooked hearty meals. More and more people are attending primetimes with a slow, but steady increase. Milk and cookies is still attracting a large enough crowd to fill the 2nd floor lounge, though we'd always love more:). Many residents feel frustrated with the lack of available tools for connection in Ballard. And finally the printer is FINALLY fixed.

### Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: The mens bathrooms in BJ continue to be a problem with cleanliness. Work is being put in though, and a meeting is being held tonight in order hopefully resolve the issues. As for everything else. Things have been good. With many residents mainly excited about the Pizza and Praise night. With Thanksgiving break residents are eager to get back home to their families and enjoy some time off. Overall BJ is doing just fine.

### Boppell

[Azalea]: This last week in Boppell, residents really enjoyed making charm bracelets, devouring brownies, and chatting with their senator last Thursday night. Engagement was

high, and it was really great to see residents coming out of their pods and even just stopping by for a few minutes to chat. Additionally, everyone is grateful for the printer, washer and dryers working as they should. Overall, residents are feeling regenerated and ready for Thanksgiving break!

#### Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuter students are locking in before Thanksgiving break. Many have large essays or projects due before the break and are working hard to complete those before a well earned break. There is a big event for commuters tomorrow, so we hope that they feel supported and encouraged in fellowship with others while eating some great Thanksgiving food. During this event they will be filling out the survey for a chance to win some flex, so we look forward to implementing their feedback to better the commuter experience!

#### Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall has been livelier as residents have been using the kitchen to make wonderful home cooked meals and baked goods. I am preparing to host my event tomorrow have had people tell me they are excited for the hot cocoa and homemade cookies that will be there. I have loved hearing about everyone's plans for the break and answering questions about the survey on security. Overall Duvall is doing very well.

#### Incoming Class

[Logan]: The incoming Class as a whole is overcoming homesickness and academic rigor while we head into Thanksgiving Break and Finals Week. Everybody I've talked to is excited for our freshman event and continue to strengthen their relationship with God and each other. As a whole the incoming class is doing well and continues to paint itself into the picture of Whitworth University.

#### International Students

[Nina]: Everything has been running normally at the ISC this week. Students are especially excited as we get closer to I-Fest, and there has been a lot of preparation happening throughout the week. Many students have been rehearsing their performances, and everyone has been getting ready for the biggest international festival of the year.

#### McMillan

[Kaleb]: Mac Men have begun to hunker down for finals, spending a lot of time in the lounge around the fire. Katayanna's Thankfulness Tree Prime Time brought some much needed spiritual warmth back into McMillan. Milk and Cookies turnouts have been high, and there

was no Quad Event last week due to Winter Carnival. Finally, a donor portal for more traditional, small-scale events like Milk Mondays and Mac and Cheese Mondays in the Quad, has been set up. The senior-most members of McMillan have been stoked about this, as it signals the return of potentially more community involvement.

## Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: Now that its the week before thanksgiving, Neighborhoods residents are are making sure all that needs to get done before the break is getting done so they can properly enjoy this break before the horrors of finals. We just celebrated my last event of the semester this past sunday and it was a successful event full of wii sports, conversations, and a 3 course meal. Other than that the neighborhoods will enjoy more house events this week to finish off the semester.

## Oliver

[Emily]: Lately, Oliver has been filled with the smells of residents baking cookies and brownies in the kitchen to escape the stress of this time of year! I am looking forward to having a relaxing craft night on Sunday before break with my residents. We will paint Christmas ornaments, enjoy hot cocoa, and eat some delicious treats!

## Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: Stew-ville has been peaceful as constituents are cooking it up in the kitchen. The smell of pleasant food makes everyone happy. Stewart is also well decorated with a Christmas tree, lighting up the lounge. Constituents are so excited about my S'mores night event, and so am I!

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## Shoutouts

Vernon: I-Fest tickets are available at the HUB Info desk. I also wanna shoutout Todd. After something devastating happening and then coming back takes so much courages. Thank you for instilling hope in us.

Bennett: I wanna shoutout Laurie. She always has my back.

Kaleb: There is a donor portal Venmo for smaller events. If you are at all interested in funding them let me know.

Abby: Shoutout to Nina for fixing the cotton candy machine.

Alea: Shoutout to Logan for putting so much effort into Pizza and Praise night.

Vernon: Shoutout Aubrey! Winter carnival was amazing!

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Motioned to adjourn meeting by Aloisa

Seconded by Kaleb

Favor: 15 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [6:05]

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