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2025-26 ASWU Meeting Minutes [03/18/2026]

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 PROXY

[Seth Phillips] | Baldwin-Jenkins Senator PRESENT

[Azalea Vlietstra] | Boppell Senator PRESENT

[Bennett Johnson] | Commuter Student Senator PROXY

[Grace Reynolds] | Duvall Student Senator PROXY

[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 PROXY

[Laney Thomas] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

Mission statement read by Halle

Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 03/11 by Vernon

Seconded by Kaleb

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Minutes have been approved.

Special Guests:

Rachel DuPont: I work with alumni engagement. I am a Whitworth grad myself and my daughters and son in law who are alumni as well. I have only been in this position for 3 years and it's been fun to see our focus go from outward facing to alumni working with our current students. That's actually why I'm here today. We have an event that's coming up in April, April 14 – 16 and we're calling it career week. It's being sponsored and facilitated by the Whitworth Women's Leadership Network. We kind of put a pause on an event for the last academic year. Every semester we used to have 3 luncheons every semester. We had it located downtown for everyone who worked down there. This year we are kicking off a 360 luncheon on a Tuesday. We are flying in some alumni. I have a list of some of the employers. Up in the crow's nest there will be a couple opportunities for free lunches. Some of the locations are Zillow, Providence Health, a Microsoft art curator, etc. Just kind of a wide range of people who are coming here. This is a different strategy for us and or alumni really like connection. They may not be in a place to give financially but they can give their time and really care about Whitworth students. I have a draft poster and QR code that I will be handing out. If you could share this opportunity to students, I would highlight what's happening on Wednesday. We will also be offering free professional headshots as well. We really want to prepare you all for the great beyond. Have any of you seen anyone from the alumni department come and talk to you? We used to have your first appearance with alumni when you picked up your cap and gown but now, we want that way earlier. Please share with your friends and come to the luncheons. I will also add our office does some mentor matching. If you have a really unique career opportunity, we have 25,000 Whitworth alumni who are alive and are eager to help you out. We can help find alumnus who are working in pretty niche fields and help you connect. You can always email alumni@whitworth.edu and we would be happy to help you out. Thank you!

Student Highlight

Chloe Jane: Our student highlight this week is Belle Mork. I wanted to highlight her because she's using ASWU as a topic for her Writing & Design class and she needed some of the information from the documents on our website and helped us figure out that they are outdated from 2021. So since she was able to help with that I wanted to highlight her!

ASWU Highlight

Chloe Jane: Our ASWU Highlight this week is Nina!

Aubrey: I started setting up Casino Night at 5pm and before I even asked she emailed me asking if she could help and was there from 5pm to 11pm. I really appreciated your help Nina, thank you!

What's Up Whitworth

Vernon: The Olympia trip made the Whitworthian. Also randomly in the student parking lot by Duvalliver the lights went out. So I'm not sure what happened.

Kaleb: A few nights ago the parking lot by Graves Gym had lights down for a bit as well.

Halle: The lights outside Cowels were out during the windstorm.

Abby: I have also noticed that and the lights were out by PACCAR. Chris said that they hired a new electrician for April. So if you see more of that email me a picture.

Aubrey: My mom sent me this. It was an advertisement on facebook. We are hosting Temple Grandin; she will be hosting a presentation on her work. She is doing a panel, Q&A, and book signing. Tickets are online and this will be at Whitworth on May 6th in Cowels Auditorium.

Jasmine A.: What time?

Aubrey: 8:30am – 12:30pm

Happy Birthday Chloe Jane!

Club Updates:

Gwen: I am here as the president of the K-Pop club. This semester we've had more consistent meeting on Fridays at 4pm in Westminster 113. We just did a bracket night so that was fun and next we are doing a concert watch night and will be ending the year with karaoke.

Lauren Jane: I am the Jubilation president. This semester is going really well and we've had an uptick in people and classes. We are hosting 7 weekly classes. We are working towards pieces for our showcase in 4/26 Cowels at 7pm. It will be a larger show than we've in had in a few years. We also have a chapel piece that we are performing 4/30. Another thing we are doing is working with Judy Mandonville who is a founder of Jubilation. She's became one of my mentors recently. It's been really beautiful to work along side her. We are training 3 people to be official teachers for next year.

Halle: Can anyone still show up for classes?

Lauren: Right now, our classes are set because of showcase but if people in other dance classes miss a class they can come to a jubilation class even though we are working on showcase. We also still teach something new every class even with showcase which is a lot of fun.

Athletic Updates:

Christian:

Looking back:

- **LAX won @ Eastern Oregon**
- **WTen wins against College of Idaho**
- **Track & Field**
 - **Sent 3 Women to nationals**
 - **came back with 3 All Americans**
 - **Buc Scoring Meet: WENT AWESOME**

Looking ahead:

Thursday

- **LAX vs Kalamazoo @ 4 PM**

Friday

- **Track & Field - All Day**

Saturday

- **LAX vs Chapman @ 1pm**

OTHER AWAY

- **Swim**
- **Baseball**
- **Softball**
- **WTen**

Communications Director Updates:

Chloe Jane: I am just reminding you about the feedback form I sent out. This one is not mandatory but I would really love if you filled it out. The only person who's done this one is Vernon. On another note we also have the ASWU Recognition awards. This form is mandatory and you all must fill it out. There are 5 different awards we will be handing out. The first one is the member of the year award and anyone can be nominated. The next one is the change maker award and everyone but the exec team can be nominated for this award. The third one is the event of the year, this can be any event we've had whether that's a coordinator, senator, or rep event. The next one is the heart award which can be anyone and finally we have the

servant leader award which can also be anyone on the team. Please vote by our next ASWU meeting on April 1st. The last thing I wanted to talk about was redoing our team photo. I wanted to redo it over a day during Spring Fest but if that doesn't work let me know.

Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Finance committee is on Friday. The next one won't be until the middle of April.

Unallocated: \$8,897.72

Capital: \$16,940.68

President Updates

Abby: One thing I have is that Isaac took some people to the leadership conference at Gonzaga. This is just an experience to see how other universities are doing their student government. This is over spring break but let me know if you're interested. We are doing serve day with Gonzaga on 4/25. If you are doing SIRC then you don't have to do the the serve day but otherwise we will be seeing their campus and they will see our campus and eat lunch with us in Sodexo.

Vernon: Have you heard anything about Habitat for Humanity with EWU?

Abby: Johnny told me because of the weather it was canceled but we are hoping to get it rescheduled. I will let you guys know

Past Events

Casino Night:

Aubrey: It was fantastic. I was so appreciative of everyone who helped. I put something in everyone's boxes. On our feedback form we were told that they want more of this so if you want to do a mini casino night then feel free to do it. Shoutout to Nina, Tim Caldwell, and Traci. I have. A card for you all to sign.

Emily: A lot of people were intimidated with poker. Idk if we can have. A beginners table at some pointy so people could be more comfortable playing.

Halle: If there is a way to be more clear about only winning one thing that would be great because people were very confused about that.

Nina: Your idea of getting a free raffle ticket for the survey was so good!

Isabella: I was also at a poker table and more people wanted more black jack tables.

Aubrey: Email me if you have anything else.

Ballard Tea:

Belle: Ballard Tea went AMAZING. We had a turn out of roughly 80 people, and all of the food except for a few scones were eaten which then were put in ballard for anyone to eat. People complimented the decorations along with the intentionality behind it, as well as the itinerary during the 2 hours. The talent show went surprisingly well as I was super worried about getting people to sign up, but it ended up taking up the 30 minutes I had set aside for it. There were several issues that arose but all were solved. The swing and dance club did amazing during the last hour teaching the dance and overall had such great communication. I would recommend collaborating with them in future events. Overall it was an amazing event.

Kaleb: This was a blast I had so much fun. It was my first time singing in front of an audience but the event went so great. I really applaud Katayanna because she put so much into this. I am thinking about the next one already. Men in white tees was really good. I will go more in depth in my constituency report.

Isabella: I thought it was great!

Slime Jam:

Aloisa: This event went really well. We found out that more people wanted to make more slime than just play with slime. We had a lot of people. It was very popular. We played music and had a lot of fun.

Azalea: I think next time we will be more prepared with the messiness.

Upcoming Events

Just Dance:

Seth: This is in Duvall in the 2nd floor lounge. There will be a tournament and we will have a prize at the end for the winner. And then she also wants to do Italian sodas.

Pizza and Praise pt 2:

Isabella: This is tomorrow night. Let your constituents know that this is for everyone.

ISC 15th anniversary:

Vernon: This is set in motion and everything is happening now. Great way to dive into spring break.

Spill the Genes:

Emily: This will be so much fun. We are doing DNA extraction kits. SO please stop by and you can watch the DNA in real time and then bring it home.

Arend & Commuter Didier's Night:

Halle: This will be so fun. We will only be paying for Arend and Commuter students. We will be there for shifts that night. It's my first time doing an event outside Arend.

Holy Wednesday Service:

Jasmine S.: This service got moved to the Hosanna time period. That will be from 9:45 – 10:30pm. It will be a quieter service.

BMAC Combat: The Forge

Kaleb: I am calling this the forge this will be from 7-10pm on the 31st and we will be building weapons for BMAC combat in early April.

Constituency Reports

Arend

[Halle]: Arend is abuzz with excitement over RA and CMC decisions coming in soon, the upcoming election season, Pizza and Praise, and most ardently, Spring Break. I have two students I know for sure are running for senator positions, and I have been able to help answer questions the best I can, as I did not go through this exact process myself. Our Arend poker ring also won big at Casino Night this weekend. It was so fun to see a group of my constituents who normally don't come to events light up when they heard of an event that was practically

catered to them. I personally can't wait for my event with Bennett after break, as it is an event type I have never tried, and I am curious and hopeful to see who all comes.

Ballard

[Belle]: Ballard is thriving as a much-needed spring break approaches. Many residents attended Ballard Tea, dancing, eating, and taking a break from a boring school week. BMAC had a surprising rise in milk and cookies in the past week, and we hope to keep those numbers rising. Residents are hoping to get new pool equipment soon and look forward to pool tournament prime times in the future.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ is ready for spring break. And it's no surprise. While the snow was still on the ground, residents were out doing winter and snow activities. On Friday many of my constituents went to Casino night. For many of them it obviously was their first time ever attending. Safe to say they absolutely loved it. Exams are wrapping up but for most residents they are a bit burnt out. All in all, BJ is doing great and we are ready for a nice spring break.

Boppell:

[Azalea]: The residents of Boppell are determined to make it to the end of the week and the long-anticipated spring break. Many have already had at least one mid-term, with some continuing to prepare and push through these last two days. A few stopped by on Monday night for the joint event with Stewart where we made tons of slime (and a few messes) while others spent most of their time studying around campus. Residents are looking forward to better weather and time with friends and family in the upcoming week!

Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuter Students are looking to Spring Break this week as they continue to march through group projects and long essays. Commuters that were able to attend casino night very much enjoyed it and took home some good prizes. Some were unfortunately hindered by the snow that randomly decided to fall this week. Commuters look forward to a Didier's night put together by Halle and I that will occur on the 31st where we will pay for the \$2 Tuesday for our constituents. We look forward to spring break and are excited for the weather to warm and hope it doesn't decide to snow again!

Duvall

[Ellie]: Duvall is doing well. Residents are excited for spring break where they're able to escape homework and visit family. I have only had a couple people now talk to me about being Duvall senator, and I am planning on following up with them. Overall, we are ready to finish the rest of the semester strong.

Incoming Class

[Isabella]: The incoming class had a great time at Casino Night and Ballard Tea this weekend, and many said it was a nice break from studying for their midterms. Many people are excited to hear back about their RA and CMC interviews and are hoping that they got the job. As the countdown to spring break is coming to an end, many students are excited for a much-needed break and are already packed so they can leave the second their last class is finished.

International Students

[Nina]: International students are definitely counting the minutes for spring break, as this will be the perfect chance to relax, travel, and recharge their energy after a busy semester. Also, this past weekend, our filing for taxes workshop was great, and we were able to assist so many students. And everyone is very excited for the ICS's quinceañera + luncheon this Friday.

McMillan

[Kaleb]: Ballard Tea was a massive success, with most of the performances being Mac Men. Men in White Tees performed, with classic skits such as "Initiation", "Napkin", and "Bacon". In fact, Mac Man Cash Kelly won the talent show prize, even though he doesn't like Redbulls. The BMAC Olympics are wrapping up, as gold and silver pinecones will be handed out on Friday. Milk and Cookies turnouts have remained consistent, and last week's Quad Event was changed to be Casino Night- so a large amount of BMAC people attended Casino Night at once. There has been continuous interest with 2 of my men for Mac Senator, so election season for Mac will be full. While some are hunkering down to get through midterms, many Mac Men are celebrating the final push to Spring Break.

Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhood's residents are finishing up the week with spring break in our sights; we're looking forward to the break. But before we can do that, we have some final

events to get through and last second cramming. I recently found out that our neighborhoods is going to be getting smaller with some houses being sold, on the bright side the money we are getting from those houses will be going back into our community for some summer projects to renovate our houses and additional amenities to make our community a bit nicer.

Oliver

[Emily]: Last week, Oliver residents enjoyed showing up for Casino Night after the challenging week of exams and midterm projects. Residents are eagerly anticipating the chance to recover from the lost sleep accumulated during midterms next week. On the first day after spring break, I'm excited to host "Spill the Genes," where residents and others can have fun doing science experiments together. Looking ahead toward April, the LWG team is excited to decorate the building for Oliver Twist and the murder mystery game we'll be running across the hall.

Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: In Stew-Ville, everything is going fantastically fun! A few of my very own constituents made it to the Slime Study Break event that Azalea and I hosted. It was such a blast as everyone played with slime. It was surprising that many of the constituents were eagerly waiting to make slime from scratch! Now I know that slime can bring people together. Lastly, everyone in Stewart is so excited to relax and have fun.

Shoutouts

Chloe Jane: I want to shout out Gavin for coming in today and being a proxy for Logan. Thank you so much!

Vernon: Shoutout Emily. She is always traveling and doing presentations.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [5:44]
