

ASWU Meeting Minutes 04/25/2018

In attendance:

2017-2018 School Year (Voting) - President - Jeff Debray, Executive Vice President - Dylan Reyes, Financial Vice President - Shaun Fisher, Secretary - Jordan Coleman, Activities Coordinator - Danny Butler (not present), Special Events Coordinator - Rachel Henson, Marketing/PR Coordinator - Hunter Smit, Spiritual Life Coordinator - Hannah Palmer, Sports Coordinator - Mae Curtis, Sustainability Coordinator - Claire Leveck, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator - Elisha Parslow, Natsihi Editor - Michaela Mulligan, Whitworth.fm Manager - Colin Bondy, Whitworthian Editor - Courtney Murphy, Arend Senator - Amber Van Brunt, Baldwin Jenkins Senator - Alex Mowery, Ballard Senator - Savannah Heath, Boppell Senator - Sarah Haman, Duvall Senator - Tucker Wilson, McMillan Senator - Martin Crocco, Warren Senator - Ethan Clardy, Off-Campus Senator - Gracie Meiners, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Stewart/Village Senator - Shelby Krug, Josiah Gallegos, BJ/Stewville Zone Rep - Parker Daniels (late), Arend/Boppell Zone Rep - Alexa Ricks, Duvall/Oliver Zone Rep - Jacob Seo, Off-Campus Zone Rep - Lisa Huang, Off-Campus Zone Rep - Hannah Howell (Tersa Almaw - proxy), Off Campus Zone Rep - Franklin (late)

Meeting was brought to order at 5:02pm in the ASWU Chambers

Mission statement read by Claire Leveck

Minutes approved from April 18, 2018

GUEST SPEAKER: Norma Heredia WA Student Engagement Networks

The independent colleges of Washington received a grant from the Melinda Gates Foundation. I'm working along the director to make education more attainable for all income levels. There will be an event in Hawthorne Hall #105 from 11am-1pm on May 5th. We want more students to go to Olympia to share their stories to state legislatures to share why they think the grant is important. There were 22,000 students that qualified before but couldn't receive it due to lack of funding. This year, 22,000 students will have access to this opportunity, but we need more student voices to keep that pressure going. I want to recruit more students from Whitworth to attend this Eastern Washington clinic.

CLUB CHARTERING POLICY

Jeff: We are finally going to approve the club chartering policy from the beginning of the year.

Claire: Were new clubs made aware of this new change?

Jeff: Yes they will be informed for next year.

Alex: My concern was that Rosetta's position is still involved in the club chartering process. It seems to me that the only reason that her position is still involved would be to strike down

another club like Generation Action. I had a meeting with Rhosetta and she told us that she wouldn't strike that down, which was good to know. I think we are strengthening the ties toward admin.

Jeff: Another thing that we discussed as a committee was about advisor responsibilities.

Hannah U: Are we just in conversation about the whole thing?

Jeff: We need to vote on this as an assembly. I want to hear if there are any other questions or concerns.

Hannah U: I'm still hung up on the bit that we have to approve the speakers brought to campus. There's a lot of discord among the document. I don't think that we should have the power or be involved in clubs' processing. Clubs having power is important. I've talked to residents about this and other people in the community and I haven't heard any support of this part of the club chartering policy. Other students have expressed worry for biased.

Tucker: I think that there's a difference between following the mission statement and approving the speakers. Any speaker will fall under the mission statement as long as they are respectful. It's easy to have any form of view or stance and be on campus if they give options. We are all people and we are all going to have biases but all we can do is try and separate ourselves as much as possible. The mission allows for us not to have the ability to shoot down a speaker unless they are a jerk on one side or the other. Our mission statement is broad enough.

Sarah D: To understand the idea of maintaining student autonomy, Rhosetta said that we should think about how speakers don't go directly against the mission statement rather than thinking about if it goes with the mission statement. We want to make sure that we are reflecting the university

Jeff: I think this is empowering and I am hopeful that for the future that student leaders won't be biased and commit themselves to that. Last year showed us that we needed a process and hopefully this is the right process.

Savannah: I'm going to read the mission statement of Whitworth...

Claire: A suggestion is to have a statement at the end of question 1 that we should disregard the religion aspect of the speakers.

Hannah U: I don't think that we should have the power to pick and choose the mission statement.

Savannah: It does say to "think and consider" it doesn't say that we have to. We just need to look and see if we agree with bringing someone on campus by considering possibilities.

Sarah H: I move to approve the proposed changes of the club chartering policy.

FAVOR: 16

OPPOSED: 1

ABSTAINING: 0

PASSED

FVP UPDATE: Shaun Fisher

Club Updates

Pokemon Trainers: William Tadlock

The biggest thing we do on campus is our Pokemon Go raids. We enjoy Pokemon and have

about a meeting once a month where we play the main series games or play a pokemon tournament. At Springfest we are planning on having Pokemon lures in the loop.

Dylan: Do you have plans to incorporate the card game in your club?

William: Yes, our next year's president is planning on having trading card workshops and workshops of how to play.

Smash Bros: William Tadlock

We play Smash Bros. We meet once a week on Saturday night at 7pm in Eric Johnson #233. We have had three or four tournaments this year with about 30-40 people and then we had Whitcon with 60 entries. Someone from SCC won this year so next year we will step it up. We will have new leaders next year. At Springfest we will be in the MPR playing Smash Bros with a tournament if there's enough interest or we will just have free play.

GWH Students for Academia: Daniel Miller

The general purpose of our club is to be a place where we provide a welcoming aspect to honors and non honors students. We provide more opportunities to students who don't know about things we do. Some events we've had is a Jan Term Food Drive where we got 100 pounds of food for a shelter. We had an event in the Fall where honors and regular students had an opportunity to mingle. We have roughly 15 students. We don't have anymore events for the year and we are just focusing on our normal meetings. They are in the Westminster Lounge every other week and based on works best for everyone. We discuss academics, what students might want to do, what they want to bring to campus.

En Christo: Philip Bax

One of the big things we are doing right now is we are accepting applications until May 4th. We make 100 lunches every Saturday in the HUB dining hall and bring them downtown to Park Tower. We build relationships and long term friendships. It's a great opportunity for students to get out and see what poverty living conditions are like in Spokane and to experience service by getting to know people. We won't be doing anything at Springfest.

William: How long has this been at Whitworth?

Philip: 27 years

Budget Committee Presentation

These are all of the budgets and salaries that ASWU supports. Some of the main points that I want to point out is our mysterious unallocated capital money situation. Rachelle and I did some digging. We found that there's been a fund that has been there since Linda so about 28 years that every so often ASWU doesn't use all of the funds given to them. It goes into a pooled account year after year. There's been about \$110,000 of funds that have been pooled into an account from underspending or being fiscally responsible. Over the past few years it has gone from about \$50-70,000 and this year it's up to \$110,000. I would like to make the change so that it reflects the ASWU budget. Our current budget is \$516,000, however the budget currently reflects about \$530,000.

Alex: The bus passes are getting implemented next year and that will take up \$20,000. We are currently under budget and allowing future ASWU to stay on track. This year the business office doesn't want to increase the student fee. Although we are in a deficit, this

won't necessarily affect us.

Shaun: This puts us about \$110,000 over budget but now with this new rollover, we are at \$516,000 and is balanced. "Talking about unallocated and capital accounts"

Also there were updates to the executive administrative assistant. Jordan presented the new job description earlier in the year. The new salary is from 3 hours to 10 hours increasing the salary. She increased the job description to meet with coordinators, senators, and executives.

Shelby: We never voted on the hours of the position for administrative assistant

Jeff: When we vote to approve the budget, that's when we will go over that.

Shaun: That's all I had to present. Is there any desire to look at other specifics such as clubs or specific coordinators' budgets?

Alex: For a clarification, when looking at the club budgets, some were either decreased or zeroed out because they have become self-sufficient.

Shelby: Will the residence hall budgets change at the beginning of next year once finances are looked at, for example Stewart is still supporting the residence halls that aren't in use anymore. It won't be Stewville anymore it will just be Stewart.

Jeff: How many residents did you have this year?

Shelby: I had 77 including those in the village.

Jeff: Okay so your budget still fully accounted for the residents you have.

Shelby: The budget should take out Shalom and Tiki.

Sarah H: Something to keep in mind. Also in Warren the basement isn't being in use but I don't know how long that is for.

Dylan: We need to reflect the name change for Stewart as well.

Shaun: There were a couple of name changes such as for Rachelle's job title from bookkeeper to Program Assistant.

Shaun: Now we are going to look at the FSOPs. We made a couple changes with updated job titles, and uniform subsidizing. We made the decision that we will not fully fund uniforms or t-shirts but we will provide some money for apparel for a club.

Michaela: Is this just for clubs?

Shaun: It's for everything including coordinators unless it's for a required job uniform.

Michaela: The yearbook has t-shirts that we distribute. Some of my editors are unpaid and some are paid and they all get them

Colin: Same for radio. Everyone involved gets t-shirts.

Michaela: I think that media should be excluded from this because we have the funds to give them the shirts for paid and unpaid staff. What was the reasoning behind this change?

Shaun: It was very vague and confusing to understand what exactly was a uniform. Some clubs need jerseys or shirts to perform or play a game compared to others where there are just shirts they want.

Hannah P: And saying that they are not fully funded just means that they have to pay something so that they are not getting all of their money given to them. The only thing that we could think of was for sports and pep-band.

Sarah H: The only thing I can think of is that maybe since media is under ASWU is different from other clubs.

Michaela: Yeah media is just a separate thing because we are a class. I don't want it to be that some people get shirts and then others don't. I don't know if we need to explicitly say

“excluding media” or not. Is it going to be letter of the law or spirit of the law?

Shelby: I move to adjust (H) to say “excluding ASWU media.”

Sarah H: I move to adjust (H) to say “unless mandatory for hired position or ASWU media”

FAVOR: 15

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINING: 1

Shaun: Under section 3 (A) of ASWU accounts #1: we changed to add “until the 30th will be paid through the current fiscal year’s account.” We changed (C) from dorm to residence hall. We changed the capital amount of a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$20,000. We also added that “any remaining funds zeroed out at the end of the fiscal year will be transferred into the ASWU unallocated account. For chartered club accounts, it was unclear how much clubs could requisition for. It originally read that there was a \$300 cap on initial requisitions. I took this as that the club couldn’t requisition more than \$300 without a sustaining budget. But we changed it to adding “Outside of budget committee” in the beginning. When looking at club budgets, we found it odd that if a club was unchartered that the budget would go to a similar club or organization. We changed it to where the budget committee will determine where the extra funds go which would be into the unallocated account. Under the budgeting process, we made the difference regarding how this and the bylaws do not line up. The bylaws say that the budget committee makes up “specific members” but we changed it to create a better range of voices that are represented on the committee. It was vague before and it seemed like it would only be ASWU students. We would need to make a change to the bylaws so that it closely matches up with this section. We need an ASWU vote from the assembly.

Jeff: I suggest we wait just like with the rest when we vote.

Shaun: We also changed the amount of the unallocated account saying that the amount should not exceed \$600 instead of a percentage of the unallocated account, which would be \$7,000. The ASWU assembly wants to keep their role of hearing about the requisitions that are somewhat larger than basing it on the percentage. The very last change is the name change of ASWU Program Assistant of Student Activities.

Shaun: We had a couple of requisitions from clubs like UMOJA and Oliver Hall,

Capital: \$9,861.16

Unallocated: \$7,684.19

Shaun: Finance committee is done for the year.

EVP UPDATES: Dylan Reyes

Student Highlight

Hunter Smit and Hannah Palmer for designing the new hats for Springfest.
Shaun Fisher for work to lead endless amounts of things.

PRESIDENT UPDATE: Jeff DeBray

ASWU Restructure Process Check-In

Voting on this next week but wanted to give anyone the opportunity to express anything from the past week.

Sarah H: A lot of people are interested in the potential but not comfortable with approving it without necessary documents.

Alex: I've had conversations with administrators about what they think about it and it's interesting. I think they're excited about students getting their voices heard. Another conversation about how this doesn't go far enough about the concern of students not getting their voices heard. It went deeper and broader than I might have anticipated.

Sarah D: We got to talk with various directors on campus and they are very excited about this.

Jeff: The other update is that next week the new execs will be leading this meeting. It's also the execs last time leading this meeting. There's this quote I like about a Holocaust survival story that has inspired my life...

REPORTS & CAMPUS VIBES

Mae: I'm on the Gen Ed task force and the entire force is getting reworked right now. They have proposed a general education update and they want student feedback. There will be a meeting in the next week or two to hear what students think. Let students know to email me about participating in the meeting.

Tucker: Have you ever wanted to watch a movie or be outside or both? On Friday at 7pm we will be having the Duvall Drive-In. Events are going to start at 7pm and food donated from Sodexo. There's also going to be games outside before it gets dark. The movie will start at dark which will be around 8:15-8:30pm. The movie is "UP" and bring your own blanket.

Gracie: The off-campus slip n slide will be on Hawthorne lawn at 4-8pm with free snow cones. Open to all students.

Rachel: Second Chance Prom is on Saturday from 7-10pm at the Bozarth Mansion. You need your ticket and student ID. We still have 50 tickets and they are free. There will be three photo booths and better food.

Sarah H: The Springfest shirts have arrived and there are a colored and a white version. The reason for the white version is that there will be tie-dying station to make the shirts colorful. There will be a sign put up to buy the white shirts.

Sarah D: Take Back the Night is happening on campus on Friday in the MPR to bring awareness to sexual assault by the Women and Gender studies department. There's going to be a walk of solidarity on campus.

Hunter: Springfest hats are also on sale, 80 left. For the team next year, there are blue

shirts. Shirts and hats are \$5 at the HUB info desk. There are also popsockets and fanny packs that will be sold the day before Springfest.

Ethan: We had Warren Peace this past weekend which was successful. We had about 100 people come in and out of the event. We had several performances and activities.

Shelby: Stewville is hosting a picnic tomorrow with food and volleyball and kickball at 4-7pm. The 72 hours for Ethiopia Event is next Wednesday starting at 10pm. The campout setup starts within 8-10pm. We have 23 students signed up to participate and there's more room to sign up in the HUB or online. Prime times will be held in Steville and Duvall to talk about the event. We would love more support whether it's money or donations of time.

Rachel: Pirate Idol is next Thursday night May 3rd at 7pm in dining hall. It's similar to Unplugged but it's the top three performers from the other Idol events. First come first serve free mugs and there will be snacks.

Sarah H: Tomorrow night at 7pm in RTT poet Jerika Brown is doing a reading from his new book. He is extremely successful and it's a great way to get invested.

Michaela: The yearbooks are coming on Friday but you can get them on May 10th.

Dylan: The Nikita Oliver event is at 7pm in the RTT. She was endorsed by Macklemore and does amazing things. She ran for Seattle mayor.

Sarah D: It's also Pride Week with events the rest of the week. It's also Earth Week.

SHOUT-OUTS

Shaun - Budget Committee

Sarah H - Ethan for Warren Peace

Gracie - Budget Committee

Ethan - Shaun for helping with Warren Peace / Warren leadership team

Jeff - Amber for Spring and Shout

Hannah P - Hunter for putting promo video together

Meeting adjourns at 6:34pm