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### 2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes [02/25/2026]

#### 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	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 PRESENT

[Grace Reynolds] | Duvall Student Senator PRESENT

[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 Gichole] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Logan Roy] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Laney Thomas] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

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Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

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Mission statement read by Vernon

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Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 2/18 by Vernon

Seconded by Bennett

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

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Special Guests

KG Students:

Todd: I have friends here from Japan for the next 2 weeks. I like to bring them to assembly to say hello. You may see them around on campus. I will let Taizo speak. This is his 32<sup>nd</sup> year coming to campus.

Taizo: This is my final visit with my students as I am retiring. This is my amazing group of students; they are juniors and all education majors. They are very good at English.

Students introduce themselves.

Todd: Over the next 2 weeks they will be visiting private and public schools. This week they have home stays. Next week March 7<sup>th</sup> we have the farewell event for them. I will also be recruiting for my Japan trip next week at the Study Abroad Fair.

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Student Highlight

Abby: Our student highlight this week is Julia Rupke. We chose Julia because she is a great example of what it means to be a Whitworth student and always makes everyone she meets feel comfortable and welcomed when they come to Whitworth.

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### ASWU Highlight

Eli: Our ASWU Highlight this week is Bennett!

Jasmine: I liked how Bennett did an event on our community. This was not required but you went out of your way to coordinate something outside of just the Whitworth community and that's what our mission is all about. I know at the beginning I fought very hard for our mission to be focused on our Whitworth and external community, and you were able to embrace that so congratulations.

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### What's Up Whitworth

Kaleb: Curious Incident of the dog in the nighttime is opening soon.

Cristian: I've had a couple athletes come up to me asking to get access to the WALT over the weekend.

Avery: The Gonzaga BSU had an issue with students using slurs and being destructive.

Vernon: There were nonmembers throwing around the n-word all night.

Avery: Their BSU made a statement on their IG

Bennett: With Honors scholarship weekends we can't find parking. That has been really frustrating for commuters. Even with Why WU it gets full

Vernon: Last week Micki was here. She gave you all information about the events happening. I highlight recommend that you go to them.

Bennett: I asked some students for ideas for rebranding, and they mentioned they don't know where or when events are happening. But I market my events in 4 different ways. So, I don't know how we can fix that.

Jasmine: I think that's one of the reasons we are pushing the calendar.

Aubrey: We had a speaker talking to us about how he went to every door to talk to them.

Logan: What was happening with the paper plates in the dining hall?

Chloe Jane: The dishwasher was broken.

Happy Birthday Grace!

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## Club Updates

New Club Vote:

The Giving Garden:

Motioned to approve new club by Bennett

Seconded by Cristian

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

## Club Update

Westminster Round:

Olivia Blank: As nervous as I was to take over as Westminster Round's president at the beginning of last semester, I would say that things have gone incredibly well and have allowed me to enjoy time with those in and adjacent to the English department in such a way that fosters a very warm community. We have had four of our monthly events this far into the semester, with our fifth coming up this Friday. I had told myself no one would show up to our September event, but we ended up with nearly twenty-five students in attendance and each event has been similar in energy and environment. We started with a collage night in September, utilizing the craft supplies gifted to us by Thom Caraway. In October we had an Apple Feast, celebrating the incoming season, and November was our annual Poetry & Pie night. This was our highest in attendance so far, nearing thirty-five in attendance. Our last event of the semester was our Christmas Party hosted at Bert and Jerusha Emerson's house. They have been hosting this event for the last couple of years and we are incredibly grateful for their generosity. This was probably our most lively event of last semester, with families of professors and so many students wanting to take a step away from the stress of

finals – it never fails to bring us all a welcome moment of joy! Due to many of our officers being abroad during Jan Term we did not host an event during this month, but our February event will be this Friday, celebrating love all month long rather than only on Valentine’s Day. We will be hosting it with Storyteller’s Club and will have the supplies for love letters, poetry, and collage. Looking forward to the coming months, we will be hosting our Power Point Night, Off-Campus Reading, and Garden Party. As I reach the end of my time as President, I am so grateful for the community that Westminster Round has offered me during my time at Whitworth. There is such a wide range of students who find themselves at our events, creating a diverse community and opportunity for connections to be made throughout the disciplines.

#### Entertainer Presentation

#### Swing & Ballroom:

Jennie: Our club is hoping to have an event on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> where we host a Lindy hop dance. We are hoping to bring a dance teacher in for our event and pay him. Tom Hamming

Logan: How much does it cost?

Jennie: It will be \$75 per hour

Bennett: Will you be requisitioning or do you have the funds.

Jennie: We have the funds.

Aubrey: Will it crossover with Casino Night? Because that might influence your attendance.

Jennie: Yes, but unfortunately that was the only date we could do it.

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#### Athletic Updates:

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- Cristian: Looking back on the past month **Tennis, Baseball, and Softball are starting up**
- **Men & Womens Swim NWC Champs!**
- **Men & Womens BB end regular Seasons on a high note**
- **Track wraps up indoor season, with 3 exceptions**

Looking ahead

## Friday

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- **T&F vs Whitworth Early Bird — Spokane, Wash. | 2:30 PM**
- **MBB vs Willamette vs Puget Sound — Spokane, Wash. | 5:30 PM**
- **MBB vs Lewis & Clark — Spokane, Wash. | 7:30 PM**

## Saturday

- **MTEN vs Lewis & Clark — Spokane, Wash. | 11:00 AM**
- **MBB vs NWC Tournament Championship — Spokane, Wash. | 5:00 PM**

## Sunday

- **MTEN vs George Fox — Spokane, Wash. | 11:00 AM**

Michael: Do you know about the game on the 6<sup>th</sup>? What are the requirements to not have the game?

Cristian: If they win out, they will have another game.

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## Communications Director Updates

Chloe Jane: One thing that I would like you all to start doing is personally inviting people to apply for ASWU. It's something that we see ACs do with people for the RA applications. So, I thought that might be nice for us to start doing as well so that we can get more people to apply.

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## Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Finance Committee passed \$424.98 in capital for Aubrey. Next we have 2 recommendations one is Halle's with taking \$790 out of capital for a Nintendo Switch, controllers, and some games.

Kaleb motions to approve

Aloisa seconds

Favor: 11 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Jasmine: The next one is for Nina. Nina is requesting to purchase a table that is a 3 in 1 game table it is \$799 out of capital.

Cristian: Wouldn't you need more for tax?

Kaleb motions to approve

Aloisa seconds

Favor: 11 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Jasmine: I have a couple things changing in the FSOPs. Presenting proposal for changing the FSOP.

#### e. Emergency Fund

1. The Emergency Fund shall be maintained to ensure the long-term financial stability of ASWU in the event of structural operating deficits, legal liabilities, or extraordinary institutional emergencies.
  2. Any ASWU member may propose use of the Emergency Fund by submitting a formal request to the Financial Director. The Financial Director shall present the request to the ASWU Assembly. Approval of Emergency Fund usage shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASWU Assembly.
  3. No more than eighty percent (80%) of the Emergency Fund balance may be withdrawn within a single fiscal year.
  4. The Emergency Fund may only be used in the event of: Structural operating deficits, Legal liabilities, Emergency campus closure, University-mandated financial obligations, A revenue shortfall exceeding projected income, When ASWU is operating at a deficit, When ASWU is projected to operate within \$20,000.00 of a negative balance as identified during Spring Budget Committee review.
  5. The Emergency Fund shall not be used for: Travel shortfalls, Event deficits, Programmatic overages, Non-structural discretionary spending
  6. A minimum balance of \$25,000.00 shall be maintained in the Emergency Fund at all times.
    - a. If the Emergency Fund balance falls below \$25,000.00, the following replenishment process shall be required:
      - All fiscal year rollover funds shall first be allocated to the Emergency Fund until the minimum balance of \$25,000.00 is restored.
      - If rollover funds are insufficient to restore the minimum balance, a minimum of five percent (5%) of the projected ASWU revenue for the subsequent fiscal year shall be allocated to the Emergency Fund during Spring Budget Committee.
      - This process shall continue in each successive fiscal year until the Emergency Fund balance reaches at least \$25,000.00.
- a. In accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws, any proposed amendments or revisions to the FSOP shall be submitted to the Assembly and shall be considered for a vote at the subsequent regular meeting.

We are just approving the language for this. You guys will be voting on this next meeting. If you have any questions let me know and schedule a meeting with me.

Unallocated: \$10,402.72

Capital: \$18,529.68

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### President Updates

Abby: For the UGM serve day these are the people who have not responded to the email. Other news we are having a serve day with Gonzaga. The service part is mandatory while the other stuff is not. It will be really cool to bond our two teams. You will be getting a calendar invite from me tomorrow.

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### Past Events

#### Rock the Mic:

Grace: This went really well. It was super fun and everyone was singing the whole time.

Vernon: It was cool. I was there for a minute.

Ellie: It was a fantastic event. Everyone was either singing or hanging out the entire time.

#### Cards for Meals:

Bennett: As an event it well. I unfortunately had issues with Amazon and stuff did not come in time. I had a lot of ASWU people come. Other than that, there were 5 people who came. We made over 400 cards.

#### Tea Social:

Kaleb: This event went really well. I had like 25-30 people come through. I had a group of 7-8 who stayed the entire time. I even had a commuter student show up. I'm really excited for the larger event of this that I am planning

#### Club Fair:

Chloe Jane: Gwen wanted me to tell you all that this event didn't go very well. There was barely anyone there and not many clubs either.

Bennett: I had. A lot of people who didn't know it was happening.

Kaleb: When I think of club fair I think of a large event, but I didn't see a lot about it.

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## Upcoming Events

Mario Kart Tournament:

Seth: This is tomorrow from 8-10pm. I have some prizes and food. Should be a lot of fun.

Cupcake Catchup:

Aloisa: I will be making cupcakes that people can decorate.

Despicable Me in the U-Rec:

Michael: This will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be watching despicable me in the Urec and there will be raising canes. There will also be big candy bars and popcorn. Please dress up s a minion. It will be a great time.

Casino Night:

Aubrey: Just. A few reminders. I pit posters in your mailboxes. Please continue talking to your professors. I would still love some more people. Reminder of the dress code that we went o we last week. I just posted the job sheet. Please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns. I will also be sending an email out with instructions on how to do everything. Night of we can shift if you can't figure it out.

Kaleb: I have a conflict. The sound designer never showed up so I am filling out for the stage manager.

Vernon: What is new phone who dis?

Aubrey: We have 4 non casino games this night.

Ballard Tea:

Bell: This will be during prime time with tea and pastries. There will be a talent show and then a dance with the swing and ballroom dance club.

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## Constituency Reports

### Arend

[Halle]: Arend is doing well. We got to have breakfast with our janitors this morning to get to know them better and foster more community in Arend. Our lounges are still always full of students studying, playing pool, and hosting movie nights. My standing appointments have been a fun change having them Thursday evenings because I see different people from who came last semester.

### Ballard

[Bell]: Residence of Ballard are feeling very swamped with jobs, assignments, sports, and other commitments. Recently people across all the floors of Ballard have complained of the football players blasting music and using the scoreboard horn at 6 am on Tuesday and Thursdays. After talking with Irman (our AC) we reached out to the football coach and the situation was quickly resolved without issue as of yesterday. Hopefully when Thursday comes residents won't be woken up to the score board any longer. Other than this issue Ballard has been spectacular.

### Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ had the fire alarm go off 4 times since last week. Besides that, the week has gone well for BJ residents. People are studying hard for midterm exams. Which has made the lounge a little less popular recently. Still, no update on the pool table and office hours continue to stay consistent. People are excited for my Mario Kart Wii Tournament event. Being hosted tomorrow at 8pm. All in all, BJ is doing just fine.

### Boppell

[Azalea]: This week started off strong in Boppell but has now become a stressful environment as we do not have hot water in the building as of yesterday. Facilities are doing their best to solve the issue as quickly as possible, but all of us are overly eager to shower again. With this being the biggest issue and complaint of the semester, residents are still going strong with their schoolwork, attending primetimes, and sports events. We are praying for warm water of any kind soon!

### Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuter students are digging in and working hard this week. Many have been assigned group projects or have engaging in internships to complete their education. We had some commuters come to our Create a Card Event and engage with the Spokane

Community. Students still express frustration with parking, especially with Honors Weekends and Why Whitworth weekends and visitors taking up some parking on Fridays. I have received ideas for desired events such as a slime making night, and luckily for everyone, I ordered a bunch of glue for my event that didn't get here until after it occurred, so look for a future slime night!

#### Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall has been amazing this last week. My event was very successful, with everyone singing songs the entire night and enjoying all the food I bought. The Kitchen Aid mixer that residents requested finally arrived and is already getting a bit of use. Residents are also enjoying the new pool cues and ping pong balls I bought for the game room. Overall, Duvall is doing good.

#### Incoming Class

[Logan]: First Years have suffered along with the rest of campus from the frat flu and have been pretty quiet as of late. There's a general excitement for the three day weekend as well as Basketball Conference events. There's also talk about college work week and a large number of us are going to volunteer and grow as a community and closer to God.

#### International Students

[Nina]: Life continues to be busy for international students. Many have already started with exam season, and the ISC has been having late nights where students are helping each other study and prepare. Also, many are very excited for our first luncheon of the Spring Term, which will be this Friday, and will have Karen dishes and the Ice Cream Club.

#### McMillan

[Kaleb]: Tea brings together people- and it is no exception in McMillan. My tea event saw plenty of Mac Men, both regular attendees and people I haven't seen before. A consistent party of 7-8 that stuck around kept motivations and energy high, which made the event greatly successful. A presentation primetime saw everything from how you know you have dementia, to hear-me-out lists. Both Milk and Cookies and Quad Events have seen new faces, but turnouts have still been a little low. Overall, Mac Men are thriving.

#### Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhoods' residents are grooving; we are finishing up the month strong and excited to go into march. Tomorrow one of our houses will be an affirmation night

where residents can share positive words and affirmations with each other as a way to encourage each other as we march through this semester. We are also going to have a Trivia night where residents can flex their random fact knowledge and enjoy some cookies. Other than that some residents are glad the snow has cleared up because one of my constituents and one of our exec members had a slight fall, but they are alright.

Oliver

[Emily]: At the end of last week, the upper two floors of Oliver were found without functioning hot water, and residents were asked to limit their water usage until the problem was solved, much to their annoyance. Aside from the maintenance issues, our residents have been gathering in the common areas for late-night study sessions. Recently, upon entering the building, you will usually hear the sounds of residents playing ping pong echoing through the floors, and the paddles I recently purchased are receiving good use. I'm in the process of planning a "science experiment" prime time for the end of March, and am excited to share it with my residents!

Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: In Stew-Ville, everything looks great! Constituents are taking their time to study in the Stewart lounge, while others are cooking their dinner. Primetimes are a hot topic in Stewart as many constituents are visiting. This week's primetime was a book swap, and I heard from many constituents that they love the books they received. I also heard that the constituents are excited about my upcoming event! That is the latest news for Stewart, and we can't wait for the weekend.

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Shoutouts

Aubrey: If you know any venues for prom let me know

Vernon: If you are stick on campus this Friday BSU and Bucs Bridge will be showing the recent Captain America movie

Azalea: I have a ping pong table that came in if anyone can help

Ellie: We have a basketball game this weekend. If anyone is willing to pick up some pizza for the game that would be great. Also, we've been struggling to find people for our patches. With this game coming up we need someone to be a handler for our patches. If you have any questions I will be here after the meeting.

Cristian: Come to the track meet this Friday.

Halle: Shout out Michael, I saw him dragging around all the a-frames around campus.

Bennett: I wanna shout out Avery for One Pine Day. I also want to shout out Laney for making cards and I wanna shout out Jasmine form coming.

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Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [6:00]

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