



2018-19 ASWU Meeting Minutes | **May 8th, 2019**

In attendance:

Tersa Almaw President	present
Andrews Boateng EVP	present
Chelsea Shearer FVP	present
Catalina Corvalan EAA	present
Rohini Vyas Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Amber Van Brunt Sports Events Coordinator	present
Morgan Bucher Sustainability Coordinator	present
Ethan Clardy Senior Class Coordinator	present
Jira Hammond PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Abdul Haq Special Events Coordinator	present
Talya Jackson Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Utsal Shrestha Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Emily Clemons Oliver Senator	present
James Parrish McMillan Senator	present
Jose Aguilera Warren Senator	present
Katie Rose Ballard Senator	present
Lauren Sfeir Arend Senator	present
Katie Ludlum Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Sarah Haman Boppell Senator	present
Almat Yeraly Stewville Senator	present
Elizabeth Sanders Off-Campus Senator	present
David Martin Duvall Senator	present

Pema Tshogyal Off-Campus Representative	present
Erik Blank Off-Campus Representative	present
Grace Schmidt Off-Campus Representative	present
Christopher Clay Arend & Boppell Representative	present
Mitchell Anderson Baldwin-Jenkins & Stewart Representative	present
Gracey Gonzalez Duvall & Oliver Representative	present
Ehizogie Agbontaen Warren Representative	absent
Karen Sobtafo Global Engagement Representative	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM in ASWU Chambers, by new ASWU executives.

Honored original caretakers of the land.

Mission Statement read by Tersa.

Minutes from 05/01/2019 approved unanimously.

FVP Updates

Capital and Unallocated

Chelsea: Unallocated: \$7,170.35

Capital: \$18,061.42

Budget Proposal Discussion 2019-20

Katie R: We always run by Robert's rule for parliamentary procedure. Reminder to raise your hand, I'll write the order of people speaking. You have 2 min to talk and ask your question. Chelsea and Budget Committee will have 2 min to respond. Members vote at end, motion can be made at any time, recommend to leave time for discussion. Current time allocated is 25 min. Let's start with questions.

Alex Mowery: I'm the Social justice coordinator at chapel. Resident life, ASWU, they all think that problems are thought to be fixed by programming. A big program is lack of engagement, which is mitigated by the bus program being instituted. I understand about 84% of fac and staff use it, but it offers a lot of benefits for potential to school. International and freshmen students who dont have cars, out of campus gets here. Eliminating is big mistake. No argument on why to scrap it. Deal STA is giving is extremely equitable, there's reason why other colleges have this instituted. I heavily encourage ASWU to reup it in budget.

Lauren: Question on ASWU operations. Like why retreats had \$1000 put to that, we don't need to spend that much on treating ourselves, with that--I love the execs, but \$700 for own retreat is more than my own budget, money can be spread a long way, my question is why numbers are high. I want to know why NACA conference went into negatives, if people who knew the budget, why did they do that? In ASWU Operations, those \$5000 have no explanation.

Faizzan: Alex, good comment. While the BC understands importance, and how it's a need, not a want, there's reason why we can't implement it. We helped introduce students to community, but the number from STA wasn't correct this year, the cost would increase significantly next year. Second reason, a lot of fac and staff were using it, and students very low, reflected a report from earlier. Bus passes are used in other colleges and would help, but its a lot of money used, and that could be used elsewhere.

Alex: you said number is getting bigger, I'm assuming we use more than that.

Jason: at least \$33k is an estimate for next year.

Alex: cant we take 80% of cost by fac and staff, have them take that?

Katie: We cant limit number of people using pass. Either no one or everybody.

Alex: so this is more their decision than ours, ok.

Faizzan: the amount went over what we had in mind, and why we chose that recommendation for next year.

Rohini: On NACA, spent \$4312.56 last year , but only \$2500 budgeted, and we spent \$3900, so similar range to what was spent a year ago, so that line item got put back. Transferred from activity coordinator budget, moved from entertainment, so all within.

Lauren: anything else included, activities? Aside from food, transportation. Nothing besides unnecessary?

Rohini: no, it was all necessary and used.

Abdul: about bus passes, students who have cars can't relate. I use the bus a lot, people do need and use it. Fac and staff thing, we could come to agreement so that they can pay some of it. Taking it away would be huge problem.

Sarah: We agree with sentiment, the program put us in a position where we can't meet the match. STA's decision. They increased the price, wildly, 34% increase, it wasn't us wanting to cut, it was them asking for much more for next year.

Jose: if we did that, how come fac and staff used it?

Jason: this year, we had to purchase as many bus passes as students enrolled. Only gave out 1048 bus passes, don't know why fac and staff were

David: what's number of students who have pass.

Jason: don't have it.

Colette: more on bus passes. It seems to me that money could be better distributed, not a luxury, it's a need. Then we should at least give the money to international students, were taking a step backwards if we don't give passes out. Whitworthian article on this, but it was very poorly advertised and rolled out, so maybe look into that. There's a Whitworthian article from March 15 that said that on campus senators surveyed, but didn't hear anything from off campus students, felt disconnected. Surveys better advertised next time.

Lizzie: thanks for the comment. We sent constituency report about bus passes sent out on email list, sorry if you weren't on it. Unfortunate that happened. In general, I feel like if we take this large amount of money, and put part of that to transportation for internships. A lot of colleges do this for low-income or no-car-students. At WU, not everyone is using, but those who do, really need it. Let's do something else.

Colette: this is also a big selling point for WU, bus passes for students, so they don't feel disconnected from downtown or walk 20 min to Safeway! People and parents think it's fantastic, relief. Out of state students especially. Let's think of incoming students.

Alex Henderson: This is something that comes up a lot, a lot of parents are happy that kids have ways to get off campus, especially if out of state.

Irmin: I'm a CDA, I deal with international students, they rely on it to get around. Welcoming event in beginning of year, we used the bus passes, very useful. My question is why can't money be allocated to clubs, looking at budget, some get budget cuts, some new clubs getting more, how are those decisions made?

Faizzan: some factors taken into account. 1st, depending on roll over money they have in their account, and some clubs that asked for money didn't know these amounts, so asked for way more. There are certain ways that we look at their events, whether they fundraise, all those are big factors on allocation.

Sarah: Talked to CHAOS president, they asked why the cut, it looks like it's less than asked, but it's full amount with rollover. They had so much in rollover, it looks like a cut.

Utsal: \$32k next year, admin was willing to pay 50% of that amount. We'd pay \$16.5k. We cant limit number of people that get pass, but can limit who gets it. I live off campus, don't remember getting email or survey, checked all of my inbox. Looking back, don't see anything related to bus passes. That's at least 2 of us. Don't think you can trust constituency report. Of all international students, 3 have cars, 97 don't, so we use bus passes. It's a need, it's difficult.

Jason: STA come up with price later, so \$33k is a minimum estimate. Not the actual number. They said at least \$33k. We'd still have to purchase same number of passes.

Katie R: HR didn't confirm, but depending on how much STA raises the price, they might or might not take it, the amount is up in the air.

Alex M: not explaining it right. STA comes up with operating cost, how many busses, they guess on that, on usage, and want to increase from that. We'd pay for our usage.

Utsal: so it's something that can be experimented on.

David: Katie R, just a comment, you're awesome, no question.

Pema: allocate more affordable budget for this, do a monthly reimbursement for students who get bus passes.

Jason: STA doesn't let us buy a minimum number of bus passes.

Pema: but it would be students get them individually, and save the receipt.

Sarah: again, we don't want this to happen to students, we talked about reimbursement programs, but wasn't an option on the table.

Jed: I hear a lot of talk, not enough solutions, I like the idea of stipend, we were sent here to solve complicated problems. Maybe let's table the budget and work this out. Shortchanging this is unacceptable.

Katie R: motion out there?

Katie L: motion to extend conversation for 20 min for Budget Proposal.

Lauren: second.

Motion to extend conversation on Budget 2019-20 for 20 more minutes

Approved: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 3

Motion approved.

Katie: suggest moving from bus passes, because we have other things in the budget. If you want to really voice more on this, won't restrict your freedom of speech.

Sean: on regard of clubs, why do some have a lot of roll over money, like cool whip started with \$2000, and they were increased ASWU money, while also have a lot of rollover from ticket sales. Why are we doing that, if they dont have exceeding expenditures? Second question is how are we reallocating money from bus passes?

Sarah: a couple of factors, first, influence on campus. Also, for Cool Whip, the rollover was spent by end of Springfest according to their presentation.

Erik: we decided that since we are on a deficit right now, we need to get out of debt, and money was going to go to clubs that requisitioned later.

Andrews: for clubs, it looks like we're giving more money to some than others. We gave a chance to present, some came unprepared. If the club showed us line by line, we gave them that amount, and also looked if the club was active on campus. Most clubs get 3 digits, Bangarang got \$2000, \$2500 last year. Not fair that we're giving one club \$300 and another \$2.5k. We wanted to promote fundraising, and reward those who did that, but Bangarang didn't. We gave what was essential.

Chris: bus passes clarifying question. 80% was fac and staff used, so 80% of student money was spent on fac and staff, so argument I've heard for passes is arguing for a program that is 20% beneficial. If we are running a deficit, good thing to think about.

Almat: there is a possibility to pay for that, right?

Jason: anything is a possibility right now!

Almat: say we limit it to only students, and they only use let's say \$2000, so that money is going to stay with us, right? I feel like those who need passes, are obviously a minority, if there's a possibility of helping them out, I can quote all teachings of Jesus. There should be no question, just do it, pay it now, next year you'll have some money left. In the future, it's all gonna even out anyways. It's on ASWU to look at those who are in need.

Sean: how much is our current deficit?

Alex M: \$4-5k.

Utsal: does capital and unallocated rollover?

Faizzan: yes.

Alex: recommendation to make motion to allocate for bus passes for \$33k. A lot of people brought up merits under this program, it's ridiculously benevolent option from STA. It's a new program so there's kinks, but it's a high risk, high reward. Please someone make a motion.

Steven: Want to talk about the readership program. It was cut because cuts were accounted in the HUB, and as for someone who reads them daily, the bottom are coupons, and tops are NYT, Spokesman Review, etc., and they're almost always gone by noon. Hard to find after, USA Today is less, also sometimes they don't take all of the old ones, and start piling up. The program is being used by students in dorms, HUB, coffeeshop. Professors might not use it, don't know, but reading the news is something intellectually good, we should do **Faizzan:** they are a great source. Moving forward, it's a lot of paper being printed and used, and we are in contact with NYT to get digital versions. Not sure.

Steven: based on experience of friend, on app. Getting digitized, although doable, it was hard to read long articles, if not in your face, less likely to utilized, unless more allocation for better advertisement.

Matthew: first, if we're running a deficit, why are we allocating \$13k for app that looks frivolous.

Jason: not an app, its a student engagement platform, it's an online program which allows for student life program development, track student involvement, allows us to promote activities better, allows us to do voting through it, more robust, not just an app, it's a web based version.

Ji: I feel like its very helpful, I am charged for app and website separately. People running those are very tedious. Brings everything together. Releases pressure from position, clubs are more efficient, can do things themselves.

Katie R: something the school can vote through, easier.

Erik: off campus involvement would be more involved, a more direct way to be aware of events and services.

Matthew: one of the budgets that got cut was En Christo, one of largest deficits, also had a huge cut. Represents mission statement best, why?

Sarah: we talked about this the whole day. We want them to evaluate and encourage other organizations or Dornsife can support them, since that isn't being done.

Andrews: E.C is not at deficit right now, to clarify. Has the biggest money allocated, \$5.5k, and then the second closest line item was \$2.7k. Not fair to give such huge amount while cutting so many others. Wants clubs to find other modes of funding, En Christo can outreach.

Utsal: I acknowledge to look for other resources. This is not a way to go, because it seems like a stepback.

Erik: I was advocating for it, if we asked other organizations that are already giving out so much, it's not fair or realistic. There's a lot of money in unallocated, so they can requisition.

Katie L: Not fair when they are serving the outside community. Recognizing that it's not because we're lazy, but because we're serving.

Utsal: for people concerned about deficit, minimum wage had huge impact. Considering ASWU is more service-related. Another thing we could arrange is coordinator budgets, not that much budget is needed, I'm a coordinator myself, didn't use all of it, I believe a good coordinator can do a lot of things with small amount.

Sarah: had more clubs this year, but same money to allocate, for perspective. We're empathetic, it's just realistic.

Chris: Was it Steven about newspapers? I'm the new editor in chief of Whitworthian. People do use them. It's \$7.5k. Efforts from clubs about fundraising, I missed the executives' bake sale for their retreat fund.

Sarah: we all have to come 1-2 week early, and we have to eat. We transfer line items, and budget is same.

Chris: we do the same. We do have a smaller staff size.

Lizzie: I personally think that we could have spent less as a team, we went laser-tagging, that could be cut instead of us playing laser tag for 2 hrs.

Utsal: I'd rather requisition for money rather than take away from others.

Sarah: move to approve Budget in full.

James: second.

Motion to approve budget proposal in full

Approved: 3

Opposed: 9

Abstaining: 2

Motion denied.

Rohini: so now...budget committee must meet again and we'll have an emergency meeting to vote on it again next week, since today was last one.

EVP Updates

Student Highlight

Katie: First thing, if you want a free meal ticket, come to me. My line item is student highlight, which is going to all of outgoing ASWU, you are all awesome. You've set awesome standard for us to follow.

President Updates

Lorna Hernandez-Jarvis, Chief Diversity Officer--DEI Award

Lorna: This year we started a new program to promote efforts for diversity. At provost breakfast, we will give award to faculty member. Today, we will announce a student.

This is a student for DEI Leadership Award. They must show commitment to DEI in university, clearly represent a rationale for leadership engagement, in their major, in residential life, and works with curriculum to advance diversity in community, encourages development of cultural competency of peers. There's a certificate, a monetary award, name will be put in plaque in university, this year it goes to Utsal. Congratulations!

Next year, will have nominations, so watch for that. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Banquet

Teri: On Friday at 4PM, in MPR, will have some awards handed out for MVP and best event. Current ASWU be there! Sunday best dressing.

Off Campus Yard Sale

Lizzie: This Saturday, excited, 11-2PM. We have a bit left since we spent our budget pretty well, so we will give gifts, Costco memberships, airline gift cards for yard sale. Will have a prize for community members, if you buy one thing, you can enter raffle. Will have pancakes.

Erik: sign up sheet is in google doc, don't need lot of help, but need support.

Grace: if you have griddle, then come through.

Student Athlete Picnic

Amber: Sunday 11-1, to appreciate athletes' year. Tell your athlete friends, will send ad in groupme.

BMac in Concert

James: This weekend, will have Costco pizza, will take down cookies poster. Will celebrate with costco cake, and maybe a pinata.

Student Reflection

Ethan: May 18th, 7:00PM-8:30PM at Cowles Auditorium. Time for seniors to reflect time at WU, performances by seniors, some awards given out. Good conclusion.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Lauren: last night, we had birthday celebration for summer birthdays, got pizzas to use budget.

Boppell

Sarah: Great.

Oliver

Emily: Chilling

Mac

James: BMac in concert.

Ballard

Katie: All good.

BJ

Katie L: No report.

Warren

Jose: Had Warren Peace this last week. Great performances. Emailed Erin about whiteboards, also did last week about location solution, haven't heard back, hopefully before finals week.

Off Campus

Lizzy: Yard Sale.

Duvall

David: All good, Duvall Drive In was excellent.

Stewart

Almat: All good.

GER

Karen: All great.

Campus Vibes

Karen: I hope the bus passes work out for next year.

Steven: I hope we get to keep newspapers.

Erik: sunny vibes.

Abdul: Ramadan started 2 days ago.

Utsal: to add to that, Sodexo arranging for those who celebrate Ramadan, you can talk to people at counter, and will get box to pack meal. You have to have meal plan.

Shout outs

Ji: Abdul, Rohini and Teri for spearheading Springfest.

Abdul: future ASWU team help in Springfest. Shoutout to new execs.

Karen: to Utsal for award.

Rohini: to Teri, Cata, Andrews and Chelsea, we have big shoes to fill.

Abdul: to Budget committee who had to sit for so long and get through the proposal.

Emily: move to adjourn.

James: second.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 PM.