



[Guided by thoughtful faith-based rationales, We the Associated Students of Whitworth University, aspire to cultivate an environment that prioritizes the flourishing, safety, and connection of our diverse student body. We are dedicated to authentically serving and welcoming our communities with intent and humility, driven by our devotion to represent, listen, and lead.]

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#### 2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes [11/5/2025]

##### 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	NOT PRESENT

[Mary Penfield]   School Spirit Coordinator	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 Vernon

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Approval of Minutes

Kaleb motions to approve minutes from 10/29

Bennett seconds

Favor: 16 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

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Student Highlight

Eli: Our student highlight this week is Nayar Tommy Ocampo. He helped Aloisa a lot with her event. He was the one who brought the projector and ran Jeopardy, so we just want to celebrate him for helping out.

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ASWU Highlight

Eli: Our ASWU highlight this week is Hayden Rosdahl

Chloe Jane: I wanted to highlight Hayden because I noticed that you were such a huge help during Halloweiner Fest and Trunk or Treat, so I wanted to give props to you!

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What's Up Whitworth

Vernon: Whitworth Admissions now has an Instagram page!

Nina: The WiFi here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is awful. I've had a lot of people complain about the WiFi and how they can't study in the commuter lounge.

Bennett: They've denied my request to add an extender. That's been really frustrating especially because with past experiences they've been pretty open to adding one. They're like "I can't do anything about that because the times you're experiencing trouble is during lunch time and there's nothing I can do about that." But its not just lunch time.

Abby: Will you send me an email with all that information? That way we can reach out to them and worst case scenario we get some student perspective on that.

Eli: Keep sending them requests.

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## Club Updates

### Club Speaker Presentation:

Gwen: Nabi Kahn is a Whitworth alum who recently graduated and is pursuing a career in medicine. Nabi took his MCAT this fall and did very well on it. He has offered to help other Whitworth pre-med students in their preparation for the MCAT and medical school in general. This meeting will give students an opportunity to ask Nabi any questions they have about the MCAT, give them insight into the requirements for medical school, and encourage them to pursue their dream careers.

This event meets the mission of ASWU and Whitworth University because it is giving students the opportunity to prosper in their respective studies. It will also allow students to foster relationships with others in the same community as them and give students tools to succeed. He is coming on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We are voting on this next week.

### New Club Presentation:

#### Fellowship of Christian Athletes:

Rylan Davis: My name is Rylan Davis; I'm a freshman here on the baseball team. So, Fellowship of Christian Athletes has the mission statement of lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ in his church. So, kind of a harp beyond that of what we see here at Whitworth. There's a lot more stuff happening in the guy's sports then the female sports. A lot more guys sports have a bible study and other stuff going on. We want to unite both types of sports for everyone. A lot of us are united by only sport and

we're excited about the potential to kind of come together as one student athletic body. That kind of goes along with your mission statement with uniting that diverse student body. But that's kind of what Fellowship is planning to do. We work under the Spokane chapter. Any questions?

Kaleb: Will there be events like community service?

Rylan: We have a group of 8 student leaders and pair will lead a meeting whether that's an activity or gospel. We also want to get involved with the community especially with some community giving days. Different things like that. But in terms of meetings it will look different format wise where it will have a pair working into a message with everyone as a group.

Todd: Who is your club advisor?

Rylan: Forrest

Club Updates:

Breakfast & Bibles:

Gwen: This is one of our brand-new clubs. They only have 1 officer. This is what he said "The Breakfast and Bibles club has been doing very well. Our meeting time is 10 am on Saturday mornings in Oliver Lounge. We have been getting an average of around 15 people each meeting which is amazing and we had a high of 19 people on the 1st 🖐️. We have been going through this "curriculum" of "How to be a Good Disciple." Curriculum is in quotes because it is a discussion, not a study, so we aren't going through anything, we just speak about it and critically think as a group. Thank you!"

Indigenous Students Association:

Jerrichalynn Stripedwolf: Hello, my name is Jerrichalynn Stripedwolf, I am the president of the new ISA at Whitworth this year. I have had engagement with about 10 consistent members at my Talking Circle events. We have discussed advocacy and ways as college students we can serve indigenous communities; we have had discussions on belonging and indigenous health disparities. We hosted a Fry Bread night which was a big hit for engagement, I led a discussion on the cultural significance and made my fry bread recipe for about 25 people. Dr Naomi Bender attended. We are planning on hopefully Naomi coming on November 14th to discuss Learning Holistic ways of healing through trauma. The event will be in the HUB MPR and indigenous eats will be catered and we hope to have Dr. Naomi Bender, an Indigenous Peruvian Quechua, the Inaugural Director of Tribal Relations for Spokane Colleges, who brings over 25 years of working with tribal

communities in both the Midwest and the Pacific Northwest. Prior to joining Spokane Colleges, she served as Director of Native American Health Sciences and the Director for the Center for Native American Health at Washington State University in Spokane, and in both roles, cultivated strong partnerships that provided support for indigenous-centered education. She's done amazing things with her career.

My end goals for ISA remain the same, I would love for a class on traditional herbal medicine and healing ways to be integrated into the course system. I would love to push for a trip to eastern powwow in the spring, and Mt. Spokane for huckleberry picking. I want to coordinate a campus wide powwow by the time I graduate.

Polynesian Club:

Heavenly Leovao: My name is Heavenly Leovao, and I am the President for the Polynesian Club. I just wanted to share an update on what our club has been up to this semester. In September, we hosted our 'Welcome Back Potluck' to start the year off by inviting and welcoming new and returning students. We were grateful that several alumni were also able to join us - it was a great way to connect generations of Polynesian Club members and share lunch together. Last month, we organized a trip to Scary wood, which was meant for Polynesian members only, but since it was during Fall break, we decided to open it up to all students. It was a success trip, everyone had fun and I thought it helped build community beyond our club. We also held our first general meeting where we talked about upcoming events and activities, discussed how we can better support our members, and brainstormed ideas for the rest of the semester. This Friday, we are hosting our first fundraiser to raise more funds for upcoming activities. We are making and selling Loco Moco plates! We're also planning another social outing later this month, maybe skating or going to Flight 509, an arcade and entertainment space away from campus. Looking ahead, we have more ideas for our upcoming fundraisers so we can take our students out again next month before Christmas break comes. Starting next month, we'll begin planning and preparing for our biggest event of the year, the annual Lu'au during Spring semester. We're excited to start organizing early so we can make it a memorable experience for our members and the entire Whitworth community. Overall, it's been a great semester, and we're looking forward to continuing to grow, celebrate, and share our culture on campus.

Magic The gathering Club:

Owen Ronnigen: I'm Owen, I'm the treasurer of the Magic Club. We're a small community that really loves the game Magic the Gathering. To give you a general update, we are trying to foster a diverse community. We have about 8-10 members each meeting. We meet every other Sunday at 12:30. We hopefully have a few big events coming in the future.

Kaleb: Where do you meet?

Owen: We usually meet in the ABC room.

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#### Communications Director Updates

Chloe Jane: Sweatshirts are here! After the meeting is over, you can come grab one from me.

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#### Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Nothing changed!

Unallocated: \$7,882.18

Capital: \$19,304

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#### Vice President Updates

Eli: We need to get the constitution change ratified. I want to do it on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I will probably have something next week asking you all to table.

Bennett: Is there anything you have written up that we can show constituents?

Eli: Yes, I will send that out through Teams.

Max: Will students be directly voting on this?

Eli: The students of the diverse body will be voting on this as ASWU has already voted on this to be moved forward to the general body.

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## President Updates

Abby: I had my meeting with Tim, Ken Brown, and security. So, we are working on getting data from the student body. I am creating a survey right now to get student input on security. We are looking for student experiences with security. I will be tabling in the next couple weeks. That will hopefully bring in a new security guard. Secondly the next town hall is Dec 4. We need to find a new location. Right now, we have Krista, Ken Guan, Micki. Do you have any preferences? I will send out a survey for students to add input.

Nina: Is it going to be open mic? Or a set of questions?

Abby: It will be a set of questions.

Kaleb: Are we going to have a way where it won't turn into open mic?

Abby: Yeah, the reason it turned out that way was because Dan had the mic after I handed it to him and got a little excited. But we are going to change that this time.

Luc: I think it would be beneficial to have a nutritionist come and talk about student's options for food. I have a friend here who can't eat a majority of what's offered but has to pay for the meal plan.

Avery: As someone who has dietary restrictions you can take your meal plan off. They will add accommodations if you need them.

Nina: They can also go to Dan's office and talk to him about it. They can help.

Luc: I don't think there's a lack of services I think there's a lack of awareness of services.

Vernon: I also recommend Dr. Shari Clarke. I think Micki is more behind the scenes.

Bennett: Do we have a time?

Abby: We are trying for 7-7:30 start time. I will let you know.

Kaleb: When will we have a QR code?

Abby: Next week

Bennett: I think it might be a good idea to add instructions on not having confrontational language. I did that and because of that my question wasn't answered.

Abby: Yea if they were sent in after 5pm they weren't answered. But I have them for next time. We also reworded some of them.



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## Past Events

### Angels & Demons with AWAKE:

Chloe Jane: I was there it had a good turn out and there were some really good conversations.

Vernon: It was an amazing conversation. Also, that was the day everyone showed up in their costumes, so it was spectacular.

### Trunk or Treat:

Bennett: This event went super well. We had a higher turnout than what I was expecting. We ended up fixing the lights. And I think we had upward of 70 voters and that's not counting everyone who came. Everyone had a great time.

Owen: It was a lot of fun.

Gwen: I know there were some last-minute changes. I think a same start time would've been better for both events.

### Halloweiner Fest:

Michael: It went pretty well. Next time I think we would do only 1 type of hotdog. It was fun to watch people stuff hotdogs in their face.

Vernon: I thought it was amazing. I ended up participating

Bennett: I heard lots of feedback about gift cards. They loved them and the 15-minute increments were good.

Owen: As someone who won a gift card it was sick.

### Pizza and Game Night:

Aloisa: Less than 10 pizzas were left, and I gave the leftovers to other halls. The games were fun.

Halle: I had a lot of fun when I went. My residents loved it. Maybe have. A greeter next time.

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## Upcoming Events

#### Bracelet Making Night:

Azalea: It's going to be brownies and bracelets. I will get all kinds of bracelet stuff. It's going to be fun and chill.

#### Native American Heritage Event:

Vernon: This will be my last event this semester. Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 3-4 in the MPR. It is open to everyone and catered by Indigenous eats.

#### Winter Carnival:

Aubrey: I have lots of things to talk about. 3 spots that need to be filled. I also cross checked everyone who didn't sign up. There's 7 people who haven't said anything. If I don't hear from you in the next 24 hours, I will email you. There's incentive to work more than 1 shift. If you aren't signed up, you can still show up and work. I will send out emails soon on when to be there, what to wear, and any other info you may need. Any questions?

#### Traveling Potluck:

Cristian: Last year we had one. Each house had their own responsibility to bring a specific food item. Hopefully expecting some good turnout. I will also be adding reimbursement for people. I'm also

#### BMAC Thanksgiving:

Kaleb: This is a smaller in-house event. There will be 10 tables and 60 chairs. In contact with Sodexo for food. It's at 6pm. Not many posters probably 1 or 2 per box.

#### S'mores Night:

Aloisa: I will be making cookie s'mores. Then people can add their own marshmallows. There will also be ice cream if people want to make ice cream sandwiches.

#### Pie Night:

Halle: For the post part this will be a chill pie eating event. Leadership every 30 mins will get pied. I won't be an option to be pied.

Avery: I did the exact same thing last year so we can talk about it if needed.

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## Constituency Reports

### Arend

[Halle]: Unfortunately, it has been a rough week for Arend. After multiple incidents of stolen laundry, security has installed a camera to monitor the laundry room. We hope this will put a stop to this violation of the Big 3. Besides that, we had a good Halloween dressing up and going to watch the volleyball game. We also loved Aloisa's pizza and game night and are looking forward to all that November holds.

### Ballard

[Katayanna]: As the weather is getting colder and the nights are getting longer, Ballard residents seem to be adjusting to the cold weather by cozying up and having many needed movie marathons and long naps. Residents continue to show up to BMAC dinner everynight at 5, but I'm hoping to get more participation in prime times, though we're still going strong, and residents are still hoping for more activities in Ballard such as a pool table.

### Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ recently had more issues. Wednesday night lots of hallway decorations set up by RA's were completely destroyed and left throughout 3 of the 4 guy hallways. Lots of people were unhappy, especially the RA's. Lots of residents enjoyed a very eventful Halloween weekend with friends and had tons of fun. Overall BJ is doing just fine.

### Boppell

[Azalea]: Boppell residents are staying busy with classes this week as the weather gets colder and the days get shorter. Recently, there have been noise complaints leaving residents feeling frustrated. Other than that, the environment in Boppell often smells of yummy baked goods and residents hanging out in the lounge for prime times.

### Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuter students are surviving this week. The constant rain and chill, as well as the start of Daylight Savings time and the sun setting before 5, has changed the mood quite a bit. Commuters are confused as there was lots of warning and signs promising construction on Hawthorne, but nothing ever came of it. Unfortunately I do not work for the city of Spokane so I could not answer the numerous questions asked of me. Additionally, completing any homework in the HUB has been near impossible this week due to a lack of

internet. Their mood was hopefully improved by the awesome combo even to the Trunk or Treat and Halloweener fest, where we estimate around 100 people showed up!

#### Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall is doing great it was so cool to see all the creative costumes everyone had this weekend. It is that time of the semester where everyone is figuring out how to register against. the RA's are being a good help with organizing prime times based around helping new students navigate creating their spring schedules.

#### Incoming Class

[Logan]: The incoming class is overcoming the feeling of homesickness following the fall break and thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween themed events. Many First years continue showing interest in Whitworth events and are excited to see what else ASWU has planned for the rest of this semester and the next. Overall, We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas and finishing the semester strong.

#### International Students

[Nina]: The ISC has remained busy, with international students spending much of their time studying, watching movies, playing games, and socializing with one another. As the weather gets colder, students are beginning to adapt to the changing climate and are looking forward to the Winter Clothing Giveaway. Many also enjoyed participating in Halloween events, such as Trunk or Treat and the pumpkin carving activity.

#### McMillan

[Kaleb]: *Mac Men are stoked about the return of The Crapper after an unexpected hiatus. However, they remain frustrated with the lack of effort behind prime times, with a Doomscrolling and a "Make me Laugh" primetime. Milk and Cookies turnout has dropped a little bit, which is expected as the event loses its significance as the year goes on. There was no Quad Event last Friday, as it was Halloween. This week's Quad Event will be the anticipated return of Jackbox Games. Game Nights have been formally introduced, occurring during my office hours in the kitchen. It's been a great way to socialize with my constituents and discover unmet needs. Overall, morale remains high and spirits are bouncing back after midterms and halloween weekend.*

#### Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhood residents are welcoming in the month despite the gloomy weather. Were looking forward to our last house events of the semester with residents showing their creative bone. The joint trunk or treat/halloweiner event was a huge hit with tons of whitworth students coming out to enjoy that. Other than that, my residents are about to find out about the last event of the semester coming up which hopefully allows for one last community building opportunity before winter break.

Oliver

[Emily]: As the weather gets colder and rainier, more residents can be found studying and chatting by the fire. This week, Oliver is looking forward to getting a kettle for the kitchen, a step stool for the laundry room, and a new set of ping pong balls for the common room!

Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: Stew-ville is doing fabulous things as constituents attended Pizza and Game! Sam, our custodian, also said we weren't so messy for the Halloween weekend. I am very proud of Stewart and the village. There is also a lot of cooking happening late at night!

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Shoutouts

Nina: Shoutout AWAKE is in the ISC. I-fest with be Nov 21<sup>st</sup> in the RTT. The link is on the international club Instagram

Bennett: I want to shoutout everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat and Halloweiner fest

Luc: We meet every Saturday at 10am in the Oliver Lounge. It's discussion format. It's so you can use critical thinking. It's open to all people not just Christians. It's a really fun time. We usually have pancakes, sausage, and eggs. Any questions?

Madelynn Richard: I am an ambassador for the fellowship program. I'm here to let you know that this is an option. We work with NP, camps, and churches over the summer. If you have nay questions you can contact me.

Gwen: Cool Whip show on Sat Nov 22nd at 7pm. It's the last one of the semesters. Coolwhip in the Spring will start doing interactive workshops.

Vernon: If you aren't doing anything at 7pm tomorrow I am doing a presentation with Dr. Shari Clarke in the Chapel.

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Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 16 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [5:49]

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