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2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes October 16th, 2024

Executive Members:

Isaac Price President	PRESENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Salwa Mehreen Communications Director	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Chloe Crandell Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Gwen Brantner Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Sophie St. Jacques Cultural Events Coordinator	ABSENT
Sierra Pauley Senior Class Coordinator	PRESENT
Jude Ruetschle Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Aubrey Lathrom Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

Senators:

Aloisa Morales-Saldana Arend Senator	PRESENT
Abby Ruffcorn Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Kenzie Lebsack Baldwin Jenkins Senator	PRESENT
Eli Roberts Boppell Senator	PRESENT
Jordan Voigt Duvall Senator	ABSENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PRESENT
Michael Barnes McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Abi Prather Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Avery Hamilton Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Eli Harris Stewert Senator	PRESENT

Representative:

Madalyn Dotson Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Harmony Pakootas Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Ben Veith Neighborhoods Senator Representative	PRESENT
Austin Read Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Esperanza Gui Off Campus Representative	ABSENT
Jayce Palm Off Campus Representative	PRESENT
Cheyenne Rodgers Off Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM

Mission statement read by Eli H

Approval of Minutes 10.09.2024

Motioned to approve minutes by Eli H

Seconded by Abi P

Eli H: With a friendly amendment, I'm not in the musical. So, if you can just take that out

Salwa: Musical?

Eli H: Into the woods.

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

What's up Whitworth

BobbiJo: I have things. Tomorrow at 6:00 PM there's Donuts and dialogue I don't remember where it is. Is it the ISC? Yes, the ISC. and then tomorrow also tomorrow 8:00 PM we have the values caucus which I wanna say is in the MPR. Bailey is gonna talk about it later but put that on your radar now

Isaac: also at 7:00 PM between those two things orders band is in the Chapel, worship bands. They're really cool so you can go to all three back to back. ohh yes OK I put this in the teams there's a local area Spokane haunted house that reached out to me and said they just wants student engagement so if this is something that you would like to promote to your constituents at your discretion that poster is in the teams and they can accommodate like individuals, groups and then we should have dates and more information on there.

Abi P: Come see into the woods. It's 7:30 on Friday, Saturday. 2:00 PM on Sunday and that's it. so come see us if you haven't already we put a lot of time and effort into it so it should be fun though it is long so if you do not want to stay up late come to the matinee on Sunday.

Jude: Just for new representatives or people who weren't here past weeks. I messaged the group chat this but I do 10 minutes of just like prayer and sensoring down before every assembly meeting it's just right here in my office. it's a very low pressure space we often like we'll just break poetry or just be in silence together but I found it's a good way to kind of sensor that before our meeting.

Student Highlight

BobbiJO: Our student highlight this week is Sara Perez.

Michael: Sarah is just involved in kind of a lot of clubs on campus and kind of does a lot to make sure that events are getting put on and that the correct voices are being represented etc so I just thought that it was worth pointing out she does a lot of good work for a lot of different clubs on campus.

BobbiJo: You can send me people that you think should be highlighted , it just cannot be an ASWU member.

Special Guest

Baily Sauls: good evening everyone. This is the first ASWU meeting I've ever been to. Very grateful to be invited by Isaac. Something about values caucus which is happening tomorrow at the MPR at 8:00 PM so it also functions as prime time and all the buildings. Values Caucus is part of the litany of election programming that a group of faculty and staff kind of been putting together throughout this fall. so I will just talk briefly about what purposes and then kind of how the event actually works and then if you have questions, I can answer them. The purpose of the event is to help individuals like students on campus think more critically about how we vote and what are the values that we hold that inform how we how we vote and how we talk about politics and practice civic engagement and then it's also an effort to help us see that other people especially those who think differently than us, or vote different also are informed by values as well because it can be really easy to just say you are right to make kind of like oh I think you are behaving or saying this thing, I think you're a terrible person rather than at least at the very least seeking to kind of bridge some divides in the kind of the way that we've been polarized past several decades politically and then to also give all of us a sense of who we are as a university one of the things that we most commonly hold as values. So that's kind of the purpose. This is derived from an activity I did what I was actually in grad school, university in Indiana but essentially the way that it works is Christa maroni and I, the director of residence life put together a survey that some of you may have taken that was just an anonymous kind of straw poll of what are the things that students care about and then also like who are you voting for was the question we asked. We found in the data that close to 20% of campus when they took the survey was still undecided which was kind of pretty surprising to me and that we are all over the map we are very moderate campus so we were pretty split down the middle of both party affiliation wise and in terms of who people are planning to vote for. So we are all things and therefore also kind of no one thing but we are taking the top six policy issues placing them at different parts of the walls in the MPR those issues which you all campus said – immigration, gun rights or gun violence, abortion and reproductive rights, climate change LGBTQ+ rights and it's always the last one you forget. they'll come back but those are the six and so collectively in that as a whole student body all the participants will kind of name the values that we associate with how we think about those policies if that makes sense. so rather than thinking about what is the actual policy here what are some things that I might really deeply value that would inform why I care about this thing so once we decide on those six sets of policies then we'll caucus for those values rather than caucusing for candidates. so I'll be up there moderating and we'll say OK which of these sets of values resonates most with you? You are going to stand by your set of values and then we slowly eliminate the least popular sets of values so this time each round if you will of the caucus where you kind of get to talk to different people about OK why are these values that I care about with the hope that we kind of distill it down to two sets of values that we most care about to kinda inform OK what are the things that we as a campus really value and what does that say about the policies that those have been attached to. so we're really trying to separate from we're not trying to talk about candidates or even policy at a partisan level we're really trying to get down to thinking really deeply and critically about how we are participating in this election season so that's the gist of it. what questions did you have?

Niraj: Is it like a small group format?

Baily: it'll be how many people will show up. so the idea not many people familiar with what the caucus is. So when you vote to nominate some seats instead of having a statewide primary essentially use caucusing to take using sampling essentially but it does very function like how far a candidate makes it in the caucus is how many delegates they get in their in that states primary caucus and so that's sort of the same format but it's open to everyone it's open as well to people who either are choosing not to vote or are not able to vote in this election because it will still help us inform how we think about civic engagement and politics and things like that.

Isaac: so, you're interacting kind of one on one with different people?

Baily: It will be collectively all together we will decide on the values that we think are most represented by each of the six policies and then yeah you can group up you may be in a small group so say you really identify with the values that we express that are most closely associated with immigration policy you'll then be in a group of people with with immigration you'll talk to them but then you'll also talk to people from other groups to kind of try and convince them or at least express here's why I really care about this set of values why do you care about this of value? so you might be with people who ultimately think about that policy very differently than you but that's sort of the point and so it might be uncomfortable I think that's good. any other questions? Cool beans. Thank you all! Hopefully see you all tomorrow.

Club Updates

Gwen: First we will do the speaker vote so if you don't remember last week we heard from business club about two speakers and you should have talked to your constituents about that so now we're just going to the vote so basically Anu is here in case we have any questions so if there's any questions we'll ask those first if not we can vote I guess.

Motioned to approve speaker by Eli R

Seconded by Eli H

Favor: 14 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 1

Gwen: Yeah, great news we have our first actual club updates so that's so fun so props to Eli, third Eli and Cadence because they actually got their request in. so yeah first we'll do story teller's club.

Eli Chapman: Hello everyone. For those who don't know me, I am Eli Chapman president of story tellers club. so it is going really well so far. We've had weekly meetings and we had like a record amount of people during our meetings and so that's super cool. we're about weekly fifteenish members we meet in Westminster Tuesday in 113. Yeah so just hang out it's a great place to meet with community talk about writing stories, get some work done on your personal projects and so pretty low key. you have an activity every other week, that's kind of the gist that's pretty low key we like to keep it that way. possibly in the future might do some collaborations we're still working on that. any questions ?

BobbiJo: what can ASWU do to support you ?

Eli Chapman: Currently I think just you guys are doing great about spreading the club info, that's been really helpful and I think this has going well so just communicate. Yep. Thank you.

Eli h: when did you say the meeting is?

Eli Chapman: We meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:30. end time is flexible. it's Westminster 252 for October usually is 113 but for October its 252 . Questions? Thank you! Anyone here is welcome to sign up, if that wasn't clear!

Gwen: next we have student investment group. I believe Cadence is here.

Cadence: Hey everyone. My name is Cadence current president of the student investment group for those of you who don't know we manage around 20 to 25k dollars in student endowment and we do that to help develop professionals from all major in Whitworth. so this year we've had 18 people join and 25 full-time analysts 15 started going through a training program which is like the six week training program where we give them the knowledge need to know about the institution, markets , financial world. we have a brand new director team so everybody on our director teams never served as director before so it's pretty exciting, lot of new faces and then finally we've had an opportunity to partner with dornslife for volunteering opportunities so we gotta go to fall fest downtown Spokane which is pretty cool and then we'll doing an event at a foundation in late December, Christmas Day so we're doing good, excited for this year.

Gwen : any questions

Eeli chap: remind us of the meeting time

Cadence: We meet every morning on turf every Tuesday morning 6:15 AM

Gwen: Thank you.

Communication Director's Update

Salwa: ohh hello hello I have really short 3 notices 1. the new members, you need to send me your constituency report I just got one from one person ... but anyways you already know if you haven't sent me just send it to me after the meeting as soon as possible. 2. I talked with Todd today and I'm gonna be giving the ASWU Instagram login info password in the employee resources section so when you're promoting your events you could make like little videos so that students know what your event is all about and in case if I forget to upload anything. 3. if you send me a poster for approval and I haven't gotten back to you in like 48 hours just send me a text and I will look into it as soon as possible. Any questions? Sweet

Financial Director Update

Michael: Okay guys, again, pretty short. Those are the account totals ,capital haven't changed since last week because Finance Committee hasn't met. We only meet every two weeks so the next Finance Committee meeting will be Monday next week so if any of your constituents have requisition requests time to get them in before that and then otherwise the team reminder that next week is when we'll be kind of finalizing the tickets for the Spokane chiefs game so everyone who's in ASWU please decide whether or not you'll be able to go to that game which is on the 16th of November and the game starts at 6:05. So 6:00 PM on the 16th of November you have a week to figure out whether you'll be there. you can e-mail me or you can e-mail I guess one of the two execs and we'll just compile all the names. yeah alright

Vice President Update

BobbiJo: hi senators please make sure you're working on stickers or sweatshirts most of your residents probably want stickers because they don't wanna pay for sweatshirts. just make sure you're getting those designs ready and you know getting those orders put in if you're getting stickers just get enough for your whole res hall. If you are getting sweatshirts, it's by order. Okay, fall retreat! so I sent out Monday evening an invite for all of you for November 2nd from 9:00 to 1:00 that is technically required unless you have excruciating circumstances where you can't make it which then come talk to me about. We will be providing lunch I sent out a microsoft form in teams everyone needs to answer if you want us to have your vote for what would be getting for lunch this is just a couple hours for us to redo the mission statement and just look at team dynamics and that kind of stuff. any questions on that one also send me an e-mail don't come talk to me in person because I will forget. if you can't make it send me an e-mail and then university council, for those of you that don't know Isaac and I sit on the university council which is made what is university Council again?

Isaac: it's a group of a lot of the administrators around campus so people in charge of students, people in charge of the like faculty president staff president there's a room of about 20 - 25 thirty people that meet once a month so we sit on that as student representatives.

BobbiJo: today we were talking about a new budget model we can't give many details about it but they're looking at changing the way that Whitworth is budgeting their money and how they set the budgets per year so if you have questions or we give a report every other month on how this how the undergrad students are doing so if you have anything you want us to add to that we go November 13th is our next time and that is when we will be presenting so you can e-mail me or Isaac with any information that you want us to put in that report to them any questions about that? alright.

President Updates

Isaac: alright, Hi everybody. so if you were on board of trustees I emailed to share like a brief 30 seconds or less recap of kind of like overall how it was like. And overall what was discussed.

Aubrey: I sat on the financial trustee meeting. a lot of talk was about how to make sure that student retention is kept and what they're doing to reach new students was main conversation

Eli H: Isaac and I are both on student services. I guess the biggest crux of our discussion was talking about like student mental health how can we support the students through you know various mental health services that we have here on campus.

Isaac: Sophie, our cultural event coordinator is not here. she sent me what she wanted to say so she said she sat on the institutional advancement. she said it was pretty interesting and fun they discussed ways to improve the connection between alumni and current students within the greater Whitworth community. some conversations were kind of inspiring to bring the students perspective in the mix it was great chatting with past whitworthians and realized just how many people had a major yet hidden role in her Whitworth experience.

Eli R: I said I'm on academic affairs committee and they basically discussed how the new changeover from the old catalog to new catalog is going. We got student feedback on that. also just talking about like instituting new programs and all and all it was great.

Isaac: Jordan is our Duvall senator who sat on building grounds and tech committee. Unfortunately he is not here, I forgot to ask him. and then second thing I'm going to just briefly talk about it and I'll send more details probably next week but people that are on university council working on brand engagement. there's some engagement workshops that are happening in early November they're really hoping to get ASWU just students in general and they want our help with spreading that information so that's something you should keep on your radar. That's all from me.

Upcoming / Past Events

Chloe: OK so unplugged it definitely went not great but you know it went. Definitely an event we probably need to say bye anyways student market that event went really well. There was a lot of people and I definitely think planning it during board of trustees and one big Whitworth weekend was definitely a smart move because there was like a huge amount of people there. It was insane. It was very successful.

Abi p: I thought the market was great. I was also there passing by all the booths were really fun super cute so good job.

Gwen: I think it could have been advertised a little bit better I think it was on a really good weekend but I think there's a lot of people that usually go that didn't know that was happening and like you have the big poster but it only goes like so far. The other thing is the poster was really hard to read because the white on the light blue background.

Aubrey: Fright night is in two days. I am sending people that signed up to help I just sent you an e-mail I just pressed it so that has information just so that way you know what's going on if you have any questions you can feel free to ask. keep spreading the word it's just to get into the Halloween Spirit. wear your costumes. It's gonna be a great time. There will be food snacks crafts and prizes. 8:00 to 10:00 PM on this Friday so the 18th it's in the dining hall .

Michael B: Haunted house is in three days we will set up the skeleton on the Friday night which is unfortunately the same night as fright night so any of you wanna help set up before Fright night set up starts at 6:30 would be much appreciated. It's an all day thing setting up on Saturday and then on the day of 7:00 to 11:00 and it's going to be at the back of McMillan the residence hall.

Abby: Ballard Tea is on November 8th from 8:00 to 10:00 PM in Chapel this is another like traditional event that Ballard does. you know it's like a talent show and they'll be food and drinks and dancing and stuff really fun time we dress it up it's really fun and so yeah there's also a qr code I'll send it to salwa for next week so you can sign up to do an act if you want like a performance you can see You Can Dance, it could be something super funny people have done like balloon animals and jokes in the past they're super funny there is dramatic readings and so it's totally up to you but it's super fun yeah November 8th.

Gwen: I have a question about the haunted house. I had someone ask me how you are doing like the signing up part

Michael B: Yes, Basically we're not doing like participating in the haunted house?

Gwen: I mean not participating but like going in .

Michael B: we're just doing a line outside of BMAC. In the past we tried to do some scheduling stuff inevitably it all got off and at the last year we had to kind of do golf carts and we also had the monster mash going but this year we just had to simplify it so it's just gonna be a line outside of BMAC. There will be apple cider and hot chocolate provided for those who are cold.

Todd: Michael, how soon can students arrive just to get in line?

Michael: I mean if they wanna sit there for five hours beforehand they could. it's just I would personally suggest that probably you wanna arrive first in line like 20 minutes before opening time. At 7:00 we will start getting multiple people in groups of around 6 I think.

Aloisa: Gator Crawl is in Arend on November 1st and it's gonna be from 8:00 to 10:00 PM and I'm gonna have pies doughnuts and then drinks like apple juice and orange juice and there's gonna be crafts and karaoke so if you guys might come and see and then there's gonna be a raffle by an RA or CMC.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Aloisa: Arend has been busy as residents are studying for their upcoming exams but still make the time to cook. Lots of residents do spend time in the kitchen as they make all sorts of yummy food. Residents are still attending primetimes as you can see multiple residents when one shows up to a primetime. Also, residents are getting into the Halloween spirit as they are decorating their dorm doors for the season!

Ballard

Abby: This week in Ballard has been so good! We have some really fun events coming up so Michael and I have been planning those. BMAC Haunted House is this Saturday! We are so excited! Ballard Tea is also coming up on November 8th!! Please consider coming to these events! Secondly, prime times have been very well attended and many of the girls in Ballard feel happy and content and like they belong!

Boppell

Eli Roberts: Boppell students are well. Primetimes are well attended, and RAs are doing a fantastic job at facilitating and promoting involvement in these events. Sunday morning pancakes with Olivia have started up again and anyone is welcome to come and join no matter the residence hall. Boppell's printer is currently broken for the 2nd time this week, but another work order has been submitted. Hopefully, this is one of the last orders I will need to submit.

Duvall

Jordan: The constituents of Duvall have been doing great. Prime times have been very active with multiple residents hanging out at them. Duvall pod parties are this coming up Monday so the leadership team has been preparing and getting the word out to residents. We have seen a lot of new faces in recent weeks of students coming to Duvall to study with friends. Overall the constituents seem to be doing amazing!

International Students

Niraj: The international students are doing really well. We've had several game nights recently, featuring both cricket and volleyball. Last night, we had another game night where I managed to dominate in FIFA, but they definitely turned the tables on me in Mortal Kombat. Yesterday, we also went on a refreshing day hike to the Bowl and Pitcher, which was a great way to re-center. Everyone in the International Student Center seems focused on their midterms, and thankfully, they don't appear too stressed—looks like the internationals are killing it in college. All in all, things are going great!

McMillan

Michael Barnes: Macmillan has had a good week and we are preparing for an awesome haunted house. Many of the sections leaders have dropped out but thankfully we have been able to find replacements for them. Skeleton set up will happen on Friday and the haunted house will be on Saturday. Emails have been sent out to residents warning them about the disruption that haunted house will cause to their rooms availability.

Off-Campus Students

Abi: Off campus is going great! We have our reps and the weather has finally started to cool down. We are excited for fall break as thanksgiving break seems too far away. Hopefully, we will all be able to rally and get through until fall break.

Stew-Ville

Eli: The school year is flying by for the residents of Stewart and The Village. It feels like only three or four weeks have passed, yet it is nearing midterms. Students are finding themselves in study groups and underneath piles of study guides. We're pushing through as much as we can.

Baldwin Jenkins

Oliver

Avery: Hello! There have been a lot of fun primetimes recently with lots of participation. The residents' main concern currently that has been brought to my attention is the printer, I'm picking up the toner today and it should be fixed! Lots of students are studying getting ready for midterms and excited for the cooler weather.

Incoming Students

Neighborhoods

Ben: Neighborhood residents are doing well and feeling excited for fall. However, many residents are also feeling very busy and a little overwhelmed as midterms are approaching. This Friday there will be a Game Night event with poker and other activities. Then on Saturday there is October Fest, which will have spooky snacks, games, and costumes!

Shoutouts:

Abi p: My off campus reps come meet me I don't know just over here and we can get a group chat started thank you.

Aubrey: I'm just gonna put this on your radar this is about a month out. Winter carnival date and time. I'm gonna need hands so as many of you as possible it's gonna be on November 15th from 7:00 to 10:00. setup is going to be between 5:30 - 6 o'clock we'll be setting up so just keep that in mind put it on your calendar. I'll talk to you guys next week about job sign ups. It's a Friday night so hopefully it will go pretty. 7 to 10 is the event time, setup is somewhere between 5:30 and 6:00

BobbiJo: So while we're waiting if you haven't submitted the lunch form because I mentioned that nobody knew submitted it, go into teams press the link and submit the form. Or I'm picking what we're eating.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Eli H

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 16 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm
