



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, are dedicated to representing our diverse student body with integrity, empathy, and respect. By engaging in open dialogue, we aim to cultivate an inclusive and supportive campus community, lead with authenticity, advocate for equity, and strive for every student to feel valued and heard.

2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes October 2nd , 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	PRESENT
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
Baldwin Jenkins Senator	
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
Oliver Senator	
Eli Harris Stewert Senator	PRESENT

Representative:

Incoming Student Representative	
Incoming Student Representative	
Neighborhoods Senator Representative	
Off Campus Representative	
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Meeting brought to order at 5:03

Mission statement read by Sophie

Approval of Minutes 9.25.2024

Motioned to approve minutes by Eli H

Seconded by Eli R

Favor: 6 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

What's up Whitworth

Aubrey: This is really shooting far ahead but I am starting to think what Spring Fest or its equivalent looks like. If you have any ideas about what you want it to look like or what you think it could look like, either email me, talk to me, or your constituents, see what they want just let me know what they are thinking about.

Special Guest

Dr. Clarke : Can you all hear me? My name is Shari Clarke, and I am here on an interim basis as the interim director of student diversity equity and inclusion and any of you who had the opportunity to meet with me I know it was just a huge pleasure. I recently retired from Eastern Washington university where I was the inaugural vice president for diversity officer for the past seven years and prior to that I was vice president for diversity at Marshall University. Any of you know a little tidbit about Marshall University? Marshall in Huntington WV? Movie? Football? We are Marshall, major movie? well it has the unfortunate history of being the only institution where the entire football team was killed playing a football game and they made the major movie titled we are Marshall. But the university has bounced back from that and they're doing fantastic but it's really a big history there and it's a fantastic place to be and this happened in the 70s. anyway aside from that I just wanted to share with you very briefly about the office. we do the bucks bridge program which I'm sure many of you are familiar with, the multicultural leadership program and we support our international students through advocacy of support mentoring all the programs you do for pre-orientation, orientation and to make sure we have like you stated an authentic multicultural inclusive environment that is a microcosm of society that's our goal. but I'm here to share you take just a couple of new programs that we have and I want you all to be aware of them. I am concerned that I don't often see um great deal of the numbers of bipoc students in the intercultural student center and if you notice it's intercultural because it's for all of us all of us should be there all of us should be using it all of us should be hanging out there and I'm worried that I don't see those students kind of coming into those spaces and perhaps those students are somewhere else and they're having a lot more fun and if that's the case I'm all for it I'm 100% behind it. but I do want to see more students use utilizing that space and with that being said we're kind of trying to broaden some of the programs that we're doing. On October 23rd we're entering into a collaboration with campus ministries entitled "Awake" and the thing for that is finding God in unexpected places. You all will get Flyers and information about that for October 23rd from 9:15 to 10:00 PM but we're asking students to come in and kind of share their faith and their testimonies around that thing. On October 17th we're hosting Donuts and dialogue with the DEI director and special guest and that was the brain child when I've spent some time with Sophie and we talked about other ways to get more diverse populations into that space. so there's more than Donuts we will have beverages with those Donuts but we wanna encourage once again more diverse populations to come to that space and the special guest that the BSU president selected is Betsy Wilkerson. many of you know who Betsy Wilkerson is. there's my second tidbit. OK , Betsy Wilkerson has 2 unique components to her first and foremost she's the first woman to be president of the Spokane City Council and she also was the first woman to be an African American. So two historical facts about Betsy Wilkerson, she will be our special guest on October 17th so come out and have Donuts with us and more than Donuts and dialogue with her. It will be a lot of fun, she's a fantastic speaker. Also on November 8th we have first gen day. And on Saturday November 9th we're having a belonging retreat so I'm so excited because you could come out have prizes food fun. we want folks to get together particularly our entering students, freshman students, so they're having a good time with each other everybody's networking and we're all connecting with each other, so a little more information on that and another ticket

that came out of that is in March we're hosting our women's leadership luncheon for women's History Month and as a part of that we're gonna have a woman's leadership panel so we're really excited about that and that's gonna happen in collaboration with the polynesian club and lastly let me share with you, to look for this wait for this on Thursday April 10th diversity monologues. so there's been a lot of talk about our monologues coming back. they are coming back on April 10th so more information to come and that's the information I wanted to share with you all except to say we know there's a presidential election coming up. and that's a sensitive topic for a lot of folks and the last time we had a presidential election I actually had students who were crying in the halls and some were celebrating in the halls at the same time because whenever these things happen there's never a win win for everybody and we all feel some kind of way as they say we're all in our feelings. so I wanted to share with you all just some resources on campus, I'll pass these out, guess this is the old fashion way so you all know what's happening where students can go just to deal with emotions, to be able to talk on what will be open I love the fact that there's going to be a "exhale to exhale" on November 6th . We are gonna have student relaxation center open. you can unplug you can breathe inside out one and two will be playing quietly there's gonna be stuff in the residence hall values caucus, Chapel will be open for prayer so all kinds of good stuff. So please share this with your constituency so that they know where to go and this is just once again a guide on how to ask question just so everybody feels OK. and with that being said I'm here any questions about the work that takes place at the intercultural student center.

Salwa: I just wanted to know what's happening on November 8th?

Dr. Clarke: It's the first gen day. the 1st generation day and I will tell you all this was such a big deal if you were first generation, even the senior leadership team who put their name, sign their names with first gen. so it's a really really big deal to celebrate first gen students.

Isaac: About the dialog, time and place?

Dr. Clarke: 6:00 on October 17th and it will be in the ISC. trying to get folks to come to the ISC. Everybody, if I can be of any help to you anything you wanna write about, issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging anything you wanna do you wanna just come in and talk if there's an issue please come see me. please come see me. I'm there for you and we're here to serve. thank you all for the time for inviting me to be a part of your discussions today.

Student Highlight

BobbiJo: This week we are highlighting Ahmed because of he was going to get pizza for Niraj like almost two weeks ago and crashed his car and then called an Uber and said can you deliver these pizzas back to Whitworth for me after his car was crashed so thanks Ahmed!

Communication Director's Update

Salwa: ohh hello! Noone sent me any photos for events I don't know who's holding a grudge. So please send it to me once you get the chance, from events. And T-shirts, Eli R and Jordan.

Financial Director Update

Michael: OK account totals are the same. surprise surprise. we do have a requisition though officially our first one thank you Michael B. so everyone who was in the Finance Committee just keep an eye out on your emails cause like we will be having a meeting next week. we're still gonna figure out that time but it will probably be like Tuesday afternoon so just keep that in mind. OK otherwise that's me.

Vice President Update

BobbiJo: Hello everybody. I need help with tabling. I need hopefully one more person from 10:00 to 11:00 or 11:00 to 12:00 on Election Day.... I also need one or two people from 4:00 to 5:00 or 5:00 to 6:00.

So, elections are 9 to 6 this Friday, campaigning is currently happening if you see any campaign violations which is leaving handouts around, their posters don't have the little SEC stamp on them you know anything they're using or like if they're posters or in violation of

like normal posting policies take a picture and please send it to me because those are important and we need to make sure that there are no violations. any other questions? Next week at the ASWU meeting we will have all of our new members! Okay, any questions?

President Updates

Isaac: If you are a coordinator I'll just sent you an e-mail to sign up for slot for our one on ones, we'll check in, couple days it doesn't have to actually fit within that time but just put your name on there at some point. Second thing is board of trustees they sent out an e-mail about this as well, it is next week please make sure you have that on your calendar. you're getting excuse from class. if you have any questions about anything let me know I'll try to connect with somebody else. but you should be hearing directly from the relevant committee chairs and everything. I'll also be in the student services committee giving a presentation to the board of trustees and assembly of that committee so if there's anything in particular that you want spotlight or highlight lmk by end of day Friday. The third thing is something that's happening on November 4th through November 5th so Josh Hibbard and Joe Hughes are members of university council are kind of working on brand engagement through the story angle of the strategic. So they're working on transformative project at Whitworth to kind of revamp brand and they want student engagement in that. the central question is who is Whitworth university at its best workshop centered around personality and platform. so once you an engagement it's happening on November 4th or November 5th if that is something that you're particularly interested on the top of your head I'll be announcing it this month. but let me know and we will be spreading that to the student body.

Upcoming / Past Events

Jude: Night of contemplation, yeah it was a really great night. It wasn't a super big turnout which is kind of what I expected but there was a lot of people that were really deeply encouraging afterward and I've had multiple people ask me whether we can make this a regular thing that happens on campus and it was really good to see people refresh see people say that they felt really stressed and we're really able to get it out.

Chole: Unplugged auditions went well I didn't see most of you guys, that's okay. It went all, I have all the people I need. I will need at some point to get people for actual unplugged event but you know that's not a worry at the moment.

Aubrey: Fright night is coming up in just a short 16 days now. thank you guys for filling out the jobs that's amazing. I will be sending an e-mail just so that way you guys have some information and feel prepared. I did put the posters in people's mailboxes I don't know if everything got checked but that's just a heads up.

Chloe: Student market, I do have tables left. I'm gonna need to connect to you guys for set up and tear down but other than that that's it. Its on 11th October, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Michael B: Bmac haunted house is gonna be on 19th of October from 7:00 to 11:00. we need a lot more people to run this properly and we probably would like around three or four more section leaders and like 12 more actors so if any of you guys are free and excited to be in the haunted house we have a QR code that you can scan the sign up. Its gonna be at Bmac you guys already know.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Aloisa: In Arend, things are growing great as most residents are still attending primetimes and are making efforts to make conversation. Residents are attending bible study as the CMC's reported that more people attended their once-a-week bible study. We also had our CBS ratification meeting, which went great! There were fewer people at this meeting, but they all seemed happy with sharing their voices as it was easier. I would also say Arend is always on top of their things as they are all studying hard and cleaning up after one another.

Ballard

Abby: This week in Ballard residents have recovered from sickness! We have been in the trenches with homework and work but generally have been doing well! Prime times have been very well attended and so has milk and cookies! BMAC Haunted House is officially 17 days away and we still need volunteers! If you want to be an actor or run your own section please reach out!

Boppell

Eli Roberts: Boppell residents are chugging along with this semester! Residents have decided that Primetimes are out, and breaking CBS is in! We have had a record number of quiet hour violations and tempers are still quite high with the parking situation. We had a total of 2 residents at our Cultures and Comfort Food Primetime last night hosted by RA Olivia Yalovskiy. Other than a clogged toilet on first floor and fighting with IT to come put toner in the printer, I have nothing to report! Boppell residents are slaying lately and are excited for the BMAC haunted house!

Duvall

Jordan: The constituents of Duvall are doing awesome. Primetimes have been very very popular this week. We held our CBS Ratification meeting last Thursday and it went very smoothly. We had about 40 people show up. Overall the residents of Duvall are enjoying life.

International Students

Niraj: The international students are well. We recently had a community luncheon where Carla from France made crêpes, and Maesha from India prepared butter paneer. Carla and Maesha also gave a presentation on France and India respectively, which was very informative. The event was a great success, full of delicious food and spontaneous dancing, and was the highlight of last week. Everyone is doing okay and in good spirits.

McMillan

Michael Barnes: McMillan hall has had A joyous week but many residents are having to buckle down for tests coming up. There is a minor problem with silverfish which a few residence have made some compliance about. I don't think a work order is appropriate for dealing with this but i am unsure what the proper action is. Milk and cookies has continued to get good participation, and our residence are excited for haunted house but we are in need of more actors especially since we have fewer residence this year.

Off-Campus Students

Abi: off campus is going great! We've had test and quizzes the past week and this week but we don't have senior-itis yet. We hope to have great reps elected and ready to plan our next event for November.

Stew-Ville

Eli: Those who reside within the confines of Stewart and The Villages are going strong. The first month of school is over and we are, at the very least, surviving. Some of the residents have just had their first exams, the true test of how warmed-up they are to the school environment and a taste of what's to come in the rest of the semester. Cycles of late nights continue with some of us, idly chatting with each other on various topics. Yeah, we're doing alright so far.

Shoutouts:

Bobbi jo: I'm going first. If you are a senator and you're missing aswu meeting what should you do? You need a proxy! Cause not only do you send your constituency report but you also vote and what can you not do if you're not here and you didn't send anyone to vote for you? You can't vote! so please please please if you're gonna miss a meeting I need you to find a proxy. thank you.

Eli r: This one is more targeted towards BobbiJo. I emailed 2 people to be my proxy. But both of them were sick with the flu as well.

BobbiJo: That case you should knock on some doors.

Niraj: I wanna shout out Jude for night of contemplation, it was so good and we should definitely make it a regular thing because that was the first time I was like so tuned in chapel. Like in a chapel event.

Jude: I have two. 1. Abby did an awesome job at hosanna this week super super good #2 Eli H came to my office hours and we had an awesome conversation and enjoyed lots of good teas.

Isaac: shout out to BobbiJo and the SEC members who are here and not here thank you. Excited for the team to be full.

Michael: This isn't really a shout out. This is more like umm I forgot to say this in the end. I've already said this but I is everyone aware that like from now on we are like keeping track of who's showing up to what events. does everyone know that?

BobbiJo: That includes tabling. So everyone who signed up for tabling, your name is on the sheets.

Isaac: Same with the committees.

Niraj: Just so you know, me and Alicia are in the diversity monolog with Kendra and doctor Clark so if you guys have any sort of question that you want to be like topic you want us to talk about just let me know.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Eli H

Seconded by Abi p

Favor: 7 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:31
