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2025-26 ASWU Meeting Minutes [03/11/2026]

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 PRESENT

[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 PROXY

[Aloisa Morales-Saldana] | StewVille Senator PRESENT

Representatives:

[Isabella Gicole] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Logan Roy] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Laney Thomas] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

Mission statement read by Vernon

Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 03/04 by Vernon

Seconded by Bennett

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Minutes have been approved.

Special Guests:

Sodexo:

Dan King: This is Reid. He's been with us for almost a year. He takes care of the retail and marketing. We love this opportunity to just highlight what we've done and what we will be doing in the future. You can also give us your feedback and any questions. Some of what he just wrapped up. We just did our student surveys. We got some good feedback.

Reid: Both Fall and Spring we've had our best turnout compared to prior years. We look at the scores and the comments. Right now we are making a spreadsheet with all the comments and plan how we are making changes.

Dan: We have pre meal huddles before lunch and dinner so we always recognize our staff and that's always scored really high. We just held our employee appreciation lunch. We do a catering for them and we take the time to serve them lunch. They got some beef tenderloin and fresh asparagus. Tomorrow we have a swipe plus event with tri-tip steak. You swipe in and use your flex. You get a really good product. I'm not sure what everything is. It's definitely worth it. This is a great way to spend flex. This could be date night. Omelets have been increased from once a week to twice a week. Couple things to watch over is our weird hours with sprung break. We come back and then have another weird weekend after Monday dinner we have normal hours. We have shortened hours during that time. Good news I got approval for Gonzaga. We are going to sponsor that.

Kaleb: First of all I eat breakfast there so I don't get to have the omelets so if you could expand that that would be nice. Mugs have been pretty dirty lately, I usually have to set aside the first mug.

Dan: We are aware of that and are working through that. We have some machine challenges that we think are solved. I think Megan talked about that today. I apologize that is not our intent. I appreciate the feedback.

Kaleb: With those breakfast mornings, I have loved the tortillas. I really want sausage patties or bacon out more. You Gus are doing great.

Dan: Thank you. I will talk to chef about

Halle: I was gonna second the protein thing. I am egg and dairy free so it would nice to have more options.

Dan: More of a reason to increase other meats.

Chloe Jane: So I heard there was a change in pricing regarding flavors in beverages at the coffee shops. Could you explain that more?

Reid: We just had a meeting about that. We want to make it so every coffee shop is charging the same amount for everything. This is a current work in progress but we are currently working on it.

Bennett: Kind of on that same line. Every time I order the same latte its different every time which is fine but I would like it to be more consistent.

Dan: Is it a different person each time?

Bennett: Yes

Todd: Also, I was sent the spring break schedule. So please share with your constituents.

Dan: We will send the Easter break one as well.

Nina: I have had a lot of international students comment on how we don't always have Hallal options.

Dan: Have those students contact me so I can meet with them. I think part of the problem is the price and then it doesn't get used and will get tossed. If there is a demand I will meet with people and we can talk about a usage amount. Let's just have a conversation.

Bennett: With mind and hearth I don't have a specific person but sometimes someone will sit behind the counter and chat with the workers and won't work. Generally mid-day is when I see that.

Avery: I also see that, they just pull up a chair outside the counter and talk to the baristas, so they don't make my drink.

Dan: That is just more training.

Katayanna: I have heard from some residents saying that sometimes there isn't a lot of gluten free options where they can't eat.

Dan: The biggest thing is communications. We won't make 100 gluten free options but if people reach out I can make that happen. Most of the time they just have to ask for the gluten free option. Tell your friends to communicate. We purposefully try to make most things gluten free. Any concerns just email me.

Todd: Have your constituents fill out with the QR code. They look at that.

Dan: Yes we use that. Right now it's by the silverware. We'll gather that information and then I will post the results.

Raising Cane's

John: I wanted to come by and talk to you guys about what we do with Canes. I reached out to Abby because we do a lot of fundraising. In the past I was in Logan Utah. I worked really close with them. It was really cool because it started with one club and then it moved on to more clubs and then turned into a great partnership. We want to be a means for an extra fundraising.

Aubrey: Michael also catered and it was really easy. It's a great option.

John: I will leave my business card so that you can reach me about any catering orders. We can make it nice and special for you.

Jasmine: What's the percent of tax that comes back?

John: 15%. Depending on how much you want to raise you can definitely raise some good money.

Ellie: Do you work with mascots?

John: It depends on what way. But some of the fundraisers we've done has been done with mascots. You guys can do what ever you want to do with your fundraising. Honestly I'm ma game for any idea. Please reach out.

Abby: the first person to do a successful event will get a canes hoodie, 2 gift cards, and a scrunchie and tote bag. You have to bring a check back and have it executed. It's an incentive.

Student Highlight

Chloe Jane: Our student highlight this week is Agnila Deb, the Student Success Office wanted to highlight her because of her amazing work.

ASWU Highlight

Chloe Jane: Our ASWU Highlight this week is Logan! I wanted to highlight him because he wasn't working the movie night but still helped clean up when there was a mess with the popcorn machine.

What's Up Whitworth

Vernon: I have some very sad news regarding the bill. There was an operating committee today. Unfortunately the bill did not make the budget. Hopefully they will propose the bill next year.

Cristian: After my committee meeting one of the football guys said that there is a parking plan for 10 years.

Avery: One, in the UREC a lot of the athletes going there have been very inappropriate that that happened to me yesterday. My next thing is that the football players are still being really loud around Ballard. I even have a video.

Katayanna: I talked to the AC and they said they would turn it down but they haven't.

Abby: Please email me your big concerns.

Todd: IF you have any challenges in the Rec Center, please email Courtney Fairhart. She wants to know and will address the concerns.

Bennett: There is this room in Lindaman that has 24 hour access to. A couple people got their things stolen. So be careful with your items, they aren't as secure as you think they are.

Happy Birthday, Isabella!

Athletic Updates:

Christian:

Looking back:

- **Mens Basketball season comes to an end :(**
- **M&W Tennis handled business (again) against UPS**
- **Track & Field sending 3 girls to indoor nationals**

Looking ahead:

Saturday

- **W TENNIS vs Whitman @ 11 AM**
- **BASEBALL vs Lewis & Clark @ Noon**
- **SOFTBALL vs George Fox @ Noon**
- **W TENNIS vs College of Idaho @ 3 PM**

Sunday

- **SOFTBALL vs George Fox @ 11 AM**
- **BASEBALL vs Lewis & Clark @ Noon**
- **W TENNIS vs Lewis-Clark State @ 2 PM**

Monday-Tuesday

- **Track and Field**

OTHER AWAY

- LAX
 - Mten
 - MGolf
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Communications Director Updates:

Chloe Jane: The first thing I wanted to talk to you all about was our feedback form. I sent this in Teams, and this is just a form for you guys to give us feedback on everything we've done this year outside of our normal working ASWU hours. This is not required but if you want to please give us some feedback. This is specifically for next year's exec team so they know what they should plan and what they shouldn't. Next, as an exec team we decided who was going to be the student representative on each interview committee. Todd and Laurie will be on all of them and if you are not returning to your position you will sit on it. If you are returning we have designated an executive member to sit on it instead. So I will be sitting on the committee for Campus Activities and Eli will be sitting on the committee for Traditional events. For the executive positions all exec positions will have all execs sit on it except for mine as I am reapplying. The interviews are next week.

Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: We approved money for Men's soccer, a student body member, Ballard senator, Dornsife Center for Community and Engagement, and our Incoming Class Reps.

Unallocated: \$8,897.72

Capital: \$16,940.68

Motioned to approve Seth's Capital request by Kaleb

Seconded by Logan

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Vice President Updates:

Eli: Very quickly this is our elections schedule. I met with SEC yesterday and we have slightly adjusted it.

Katayanna: Did you come to a conclusion on Warren senator?

Eli: We are getting candidates now but will have the election later after the housing lottery.

Vernon: So campaigning closes the day before election day?

Eli: Yes

Seth: Are you doing everything online?

Abby: It's just a QR code online

Bennett: Starting at 5 will miss a big part of the constituents. So maybe have it later?

Eli: I just need an approval for this slight schedule change.

Motioned to approve new election schedule by Kaleb

Seconded by Halle

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Eli: We are trying out Ranked Choice Voice.

Team does a mock election to test out Rank Choice Voting.

Bennett: I think this is a great idea but unfortunately you will probably need to send out an email or something that explains rank choice voting.

Eli: Yeah, I will probably explain that on the ballot rather than the email.

Todd: Yes we could use the email we use to kick it off in the morning.

Bennett: I would just make sure that it's not super long because if I was a student reading that email I wouldn't read all of that.

Aubrey: Who brought this idea up to you guys?

Eli: Christina from the Democracy Lab.

Jasmine A: The Democracy Lab did a lot of work on this behind the scenes.

Avery: Overall comment. Maybe we can look over the schedule with other big things because a lot of people at least on the debate team can't run for anything because of their schedules.

Eli: Unfortunately, its difficult because elections are set in a very small time frame so theres not very much wiggle room.

Chloe Jane: I will say Isaac ran for president, he was not in the country and he still won. So it's possible to still win and not be there.

Avery: This isn't just for debate either I know people who are gone for like sports conferences and other things and they can't do things if they're away. So checking in with other departments might be good for next year.

Aubrey: This is something we talked about with SEC.

Eli: Where elections land typically have slight issues with the housing lottery and

President Updates

Abby: First of all thank you guys for grabbing a donut. I wanted to thank you all for coming to UGM and helping. Elena said that some of the women were very happy when they came back to their homes.

Kaleb: I lost my ring there, but it was worth it. We should definitely do this again. They are really good and it was a lot of fun.

Vernon: I thought it was fun and I liked the tour of the building.

Abby: We had safety committee yesterday sadly only Grace came. Everyone else please check your emails. Next the women's international day luncheon is tomorrow this is another opportunity for the call and character assignment. This weekend if the HFH with EWU. Please fill out the waiver if you are coming. Now we need to talk about carpooling because we have to due to the area. There is also a presentation on Monday the 16th with Dr. Terrell Strayhorn. There is a luncheon and presentation. We also have the serve day with Gonzaga and Sodexo is sponsoring the lunch. Also think of the raising canes event idea.

Kaleb: If its going to be really hot. Do we have to wear our sweatshirts?

Abby: I will look at the temperature, and you won't have to wear your sweatshirt if its too hot. But maybe you should have it for a picture.

Team goes over carpooling.

Abby: Now we get to choose board committees. We still need someone for academic affairs, institutional advancement, and building, grounds & technology.

Team goes over Board committees.

Vernon: Please go to this event with Dr. Strayhorn.

Past Events

Despicable Me in the U-Rec:

Chloe Jane: While Aubrey is looking for the summary I wanted to say that event went very well. We had so many people show up and it was awesome.

Aubrey: The event went really well, and we had a lot of people show up. Many people just showed up for the raising Canes, but we had a good number of people stay for the movie as well. There were over 200 people who came, and the decorations for the event went up smoothly. We got a lot of feedback, and most of the responses were asking to have shorter lines or more Canes. Some things that I felt could have gone better were that we did not get the garbage cans and chairs that we had ordered for the event, so many people had to improvise seating positions. I would also next time have warmers there to help keep the canes warm throughout the event. Finally, having multiple lines with more people dispensing food along with the tables would help prevent long lines and waiting fatigue. All in all, it was my best attended event of the year and I would recommend doing it again. Thank you to everyone who showed up and helped to both set up and run the event, because there were so many people that we had to keep everyone busy.

Vernon: I was passing out the food and the placement was kind of weird. Also it was so dark that I thought someone was doing black face but they were just wearing purple face paint.

Kaleb: Those were my residents. It was definitely purple.

Seth: I was there I did popcorn and decorations. It seemed like a stressful job so props to him.

Upcoming Events

Casino Night:

Aubrey: I sent a really long email on Monday. That should have everything you need for the night. A couple people had their jobs moved. But they should not change again. Please wear your nametags. Wear nice clothes. If something changes text or call me directly.

Ballard Tea:

Katayanna: It's this Saturday 8-10pm I'm really excited. I ordered all the décor and will get the food. We are partnering with the Swing and Ballroom. It's a come together event that is a reason to dress up.

Slime Jam:

Azalea: We're just going to have a slime study break in Stewart. We bought some slime packs.

Aloisa: I put posters in your mailboxes.

Just Dance:

Grace: This is mine and Seth's event. It will be a lot of just dance with Italian sodas and cupcakes. It will be tournament style.

Pizza and Praise pt 2:

Logan: This is mine and Isabellas event this semester. It's the same as last semester. There will be free pizza. There's also posters for you.

ISC 15th anniversary:

Vernon: This is Nina's and I's event for the ISC. It is quinceañera style. There will be Costco sheet cake and pizza. Good way to get into spring break.

Constituency Reports

Arend

[Halle]: Arend's UFC incident was resolved quickly by our Stewart and Arend RAs, and we are grateful for that. The Nintendo Switch has been popular as we have started lending it out to residents. The memory storage is still an issue, but that will hopefully be figured out soon. Besides all that, Arend residents are looking forward to Spring Break and getting some time at home or doing some fun stuff.

Ballard

[Katayanna]: Ballard is doing amazing in coming together to compete in BMAC Olympics where each floor in Mac and Ballard competes in various prime time competitions to earn points for their floor. Some have complained about the noise being produced from the competition as it can get heated. We continue to hear the football players on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Residents are overwhelmed with mid terms, but many are eager to get a break with Ballard Tea. Overall, residents are feeling bright and yellow.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: In BJ the talk around is casino night. Me and the RA on primetime for Friday have been getting the word out for people to attend. As midterm exams wrap up this week, residents have spring break on their minds. A karaoke primetime had great numbers last night with residents going who typically aren't at prime times. We look to get the pool table fixed next week hopefully. We've had a good week in BJ, and we hope that continues on as we approach the last week before spring break.

Boppell:

[Azalea]: Things have settled down in Boppell this week as the hot water is now fully functional again and has been for almost a week. Residents were happy to see the big bright yellow sun out this weekend and are looking forward to spring break travel plans and sports competitions as we push through two more weeks. Slime study break in Stewart on Monday is another upcoming highlight where residents plan on chilling with friends and making their own mini slime to keep. Overall, the calm atmosphere in Boppell has been restored.

Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuters are trudging along this week. They continue to work hard on midterms and group projects. Some report feeling green with envy at the ease on-campus students have to access things like the registrar and counseling center hours, as many feel the hours are not fully accessible. Commuters are happy about the new butterscotch sauce in Mind and Hearth and look forward to Casino Night!

Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall is doing well as of now, but midterms are drawing near. I am planning to team up with one of our RAs to do an ASWU info primetime and hopefully stir up more interest in joining the team. I am still getting gratitude for the mixer that was purchased for the hall, and excitement for the Just Dance! event next Thursday. Overall, we are doing well. 3

Incoming Class

[Logan]: The Incoming Class is doing good and getting midterms taken care of and looking forward to Spring Break. Many of us are preparing our outfits for casino night and look forward to a night of risk free gambling and prizes. Next week is our event Pizzas and praise and the hype is growing around that and we look forward to another chance for the first year class to get together and grow in our relationships. Overall, the Incoming class is doing great!

International Students

[Nina]: Everything has been going well at the ISC this week. International students continue to stay busy balancing their classes and other responsibilities. Many students are also excited about the upcoming eating competition event. Additionally, watching soccer has become a recurring activity at the ISC, with many students gathering together to watch games. Overall, the atmosphere has been positive, and the community spirit at the ISC has been golden this week.

McMillan

[Kaleb]: Mac Men are representing their respective floors through BMAC Olympics, an Olympics-style primetime event that is extending throughout the entire week. Tonight, competitive Uno will be played- a game that never fails to bring spirit and some good-intention, light-hearted shouting. Milk and Cookies turnouts have remained consistent, but Friday's Jackbox Night was a huge success with a crowd of 8 that stayed throughout the entire event. Otherwise, the spirits of McMillan remain positive with midterms approaching.

Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhoods residents are making it through, some are taking the chance to reapply for next year and some are even going to be joining the community for the first time. For events this week we have some fun ones upcoming; with a silence and study night happening tomorrow for last minute cramming before spring break, then two Friday events first we have a celebration for Zooch, one of my constituents pet fish, then we have some St Patty's day themed arts and crafts and Lastly next week we have a march madness watch party to celebrate the NCAA tournament. Other than that all is good and the residents are looking forward to a well deserved break in a week and a half.

Oliver

[Emily]: Oliver residents have been working hard to prepare for exams and midterm projects this week. Spring break plans are being finalized, and residents have been looking forward to a break from their studies, hoping the weather warms up. Some of our residents are also showing interest in applying for leadership positions for next year! Despite some scheduling issues with meetings, OliBop's LWG team is looking forward to getting ready for Oliver Twist in April after getting a green light from AC Aaron on the date.

Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: Stew-Ville is feeling bright pink as constituents keep the Stewart lounge full. Constituents are very excited for Slime Study Break. There are lots of constituents who are busy with homework but always make time for the ping pong table. There are also lots of constituents applying for on-campus jobs, and I am so excited for them!

Shoutouts

Aubrey: I toured the prom venue so we officially have a venue. It's the steam plant. April 10th is the date and ASWU will have free tickets.

Chloe Jane:

Vernon: My event made the Whitworthian. Shoutout to Michael he was committed to his event. Shoutout to whoever makes nametags.

Bennett: The new pricing model I was asked if we were going to make a statement about it. People are looking to ASWU to explain. So I don't know if that was something we planned to do.

Jasmine A: The financial aid office is willing to meet with any student who has questions.

Seth: Shoutout to Logan. He put in the work at our serve day.

Halle: Shoutout to Michael

Ellie: We are hiring for Captain Patches.

Abby: Shout out to Grace and Katayanna.

Eli: Shoutout to Kaleb for serve day

Jasmine A: Hiring closes on Friday.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Vernon

Seconded by Kaleb

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [6:18]
