



## ASWU Meeting Minutes 03/01/2017

*In attendance:* President - Breanna Lyons, Executive Vice President - Norma Heredia, Financial Vice President - Jeff Debray, Secretary - Tristan Renz, Activities Coordinator - Bailey Vallee, Cultural Events Coordinator - Camina Hirota, Marketing/PR Coordinator - Brenna Bruil, Special Events Coordinator - Rachel Henson, Senior Class Coordinator - Gretchen Van Lith, Spiritual Life Coordinator - Mike Christie, Sports/Tournaments Coordinator - Luke Atherton, Sustainability Coordinator - Whitney Jester, Natsihi Editor - Michaela Mulligan, Whitworth.fm Manager - Evan Jaeger, Whitworthian Editor - Karlin Andersen, Arend Senator - Christina Locatelli, Baldwin Jenkins Senator - Shaun Fisher, Ballard Senator - Maddie Gregory, Boppell Senator - Emily Gates, Duvall Senator - Andy Weeks, McMillan Senator - Josh Miller, Off-Campus Senator - Jordan Dale, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Stewart/Village Senator - Abigail Hochberger, Baldwin Jenkins/Stewart Representative - Alexander Mowery, Warren Senator - Mae Curtis, Off-Campus Representative(s) Grace Meiners, and Laura Mecier, Arend/Boppell Representative - Amber Van Brunt, Duvall/Oliver Representative - Ethan Clardy, and Warren Representative - Alex Fergus.

*Absent:* Off-Campus Representative - Michael Hafermann.

*Guests:* Jacob Ferrell, Madison Habersetzer, Elizabeth Ruthven, Tyler Whitman, James Parrish, Elisha Parslow, Meiyah Neely, William Benbrook, Amelia Brown, Claire Anderson, Mallory Beane, Cameron Johnston, Sean McGrath, Sydney Gates, Lauren Sagvold, Arielle Van Peurse, Lynn Dickson, Sarah Haman, Gabe Oros, and Tanner Stepp.

Meeting was brought to order at 5:02pm in the ASWU Chambers

Mission Statement read by Mae

Mike - I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you about one of my events this Friday at 7pm. It is called Blind Pilot's Israel Nebeker Concert "The Past Isn't Finished With Us Yet". I attended a meeting back in November, where we were talking about how numerous students have lost parents. I knew this band that put out an album about losing a father, who realized the way he wanted to enter into his music was by finding beauty in the journey. He focuses on his journey through rewriting the things that have been difficult in our lives. He talks about pain and loss, and bad things can sometimes provide for a new life. I will pass around flyers, please give a flyer to someone random and talk to them about the event. Hope to see you there.

1. Club Updates
  - a. PRIDE

Lynn - I'm back. Pride club does magical fun things. We have 5 meetings a week all held in the ABC Rooms. On Mondays from 6-7pm we hold a Mental Health Support Group. I think it's going well. Later in the night on Monday is a member only meeting. Tuesdays 7-9pm and Wednesdays from 8-10pm we hold our regular meetings. We invite as many people as possible. General structure is to try to talk about something serious and talk about it comfortably. Aids and its relationships with the LGBT community is one topic we talked about recently. Thursdays from 6-7pm we have our book club. Going to be reading *How to Be You* by Jeffrey Marsh. Pride Week is coming up and it will be action packed, with no-chill. We will plan an event every single day of the week, asking questions based around spectrums of where people fall. Continue to hear that some people think they are not allowed

to come to the meetings, and I wanted to reiterate that everyone is welcome to attend, especially mental health support group. Any questions?

Abigail - How would individuals get involved?

Lynn - Contact me by my email on the screen, or just show up to the meetings. Also, if they see me around campus, I would always be willing to talk with them.

Hannah - You guys don't meet on Friday?

Lynn - No, nothing on the weekends, unless it's an exciting event. We have seen that weekend nights don't work very well.

Josh - When is Pride Week?

Lynn - Week before or after the Day of Silence which is April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will plan this depending on our conversations with Jeffrey Marsh and what date he may be able to come to campus. He might be interested in coming the week before, so we could plan Pride Week that week.

Whit - Let me know when you know when that is? Earth Week is that time as well.

Lynn - Yes, we will work it out.

Jeff - Any other questions?

#### b. Student Symposium

Lynn - VP for Student Symposium. We have had a struggle with leadership this past year, because we are all running 20 different things. Our club puts on one event per semester. Kamau talked about the Civil Rights Movement. Not sure what we will do in April. I will be talking to the president. If you want to check us out, go to our Facebook group. Submissions for topics and presentations can be put in through there. Student Symposium is to encourage students to be nerdy about their subjects, studying or reading and share it with a larger group. Basically if you are doing research on something, you submit a proposal, and could be supported by our group.

Breanna - It's really cool to see your peers doing something like this, instead of just professors lecturing.

Shaun - Range of topics are not limited?

Lynn - Yes, it could be anything. First person who presented in Fall talked about the history of art forgery. You can pretty much do anything academically. Flowers, Smartphones, Underwater Basket Weaving, etc.

Shaun - How long do presentations need to be?

Lynn - 30-45 minutes. But, it doesn't have to be. You could use films and such, as well as lecture. Format is flexible so you can better engage the audience.

Brenna - April 27<sup>th</sup> is the date you have booked.

Jeff - Any questions for Lynn?

## 2. Todd Sandberg- Professor Taizo Fujiki from Kwansei Gakuin University and Students

Todd - Hello everyone, I am the Director of Recreation Center on campus. It is a great fortune to have with us a group of students from Kwansei Gakuin University, who has been bringing students to Whitworth since 1993. I have had the great opportunity to bring Whitworth students to them as well, resulting in a great and long relationship. Professor Taizo Fujiki brings students to Spokane, who a majority are Childhood Education majors. While they are here they visit public and private school during the week and interact with students, kids and teachers to see what our Education System is like. A week from this Sunday, they also have a Q&A with the Teachers of Tomorrow. Next Friday at 7pm we are having some Dodgeball in the UREC and will be there for about an hour. They are very athletic so we may need some help. Also there will be a welcoming reception tomorrow in the Fieldhouse at 6:30pm to meet students and learn about Japan, if you're interested.

Professor Taizo Fujiki - You all look alike, Americans all look alike. (Laughs) I've never seen so many good looking people. I have been teaching for more than 25 years, and this is my highlight in the year, to come to America. We are here for 2 weeks. Very cold. My students are very good at English, as much as they can to introduce themselves. This is a great opportunity for them to speak in front of so many Americans.

- Foreign Exchange Students Introduced Themselves Individually -

Todd - Any questions for our friends from Japan?

Abbie - What is your favorite thing you have done so far?

Todd - They just arrived yesterday, so they haven't done much so far. But they went to the bookstore and got some apparel. They love when they come.

Guest - What changes you have seen in cultures?

Group - Food. They stumbled upon Taco Bell.

Jordan - Have you played Dodgeball before?

Group - Yes.

Unknown - Have you tried s'mores yet, and will you?

Group - No we haven't, but maybe.

Christina - What instrument do you play (to one female student)?

Unknown - Piano

Mae - What do you look forward to the most while being in America?

Group - Becoming and making friends.

Any questions for the Americans?

Unknown - What is the best beer in the states?

Various responses.

Unknown - What do you recommend for Sodexo?

Various responses.

Todd - Thank you for the leadership and for having us here tonight.

### 3. Club Charter - Young Americans for Freedom

Gabe - President, Tanner - VP, Sean - Treasurer, and Jacob - Secretary

Gabe - Good evening, with the Charter, we broke it down into 3 slides. The first is purpose - Provide an open environment for any political orientation to discuss the issues going on in the US. We advocate for limited government, individual freedom, traditional values and a strong national defense. We plan to spread and protect conservative views. As far as student support, we have over 110 students who have expressed interest. Over 70 students come to our meetings. If anyone is here supporting YAF please raise your hands. Our meetings are on Wednesdays at 5pm.

Jacob - We plan to be activist. I have been in contact with Spokane Cares, where we would work on feeding homeless people, with working with the campus kitchen at Gonzaga. Veteran Community support as well through the Veterans Association. One thing we want to change is on the urban Frisbee golf course there is an American Flag, that people are throwing discs at. We are wanting to bring Speaker Angela "Bay" Buchanan to campus as well. We will hold open forum discussion, with views on all sides.

Gabe - You can find us on social media, Facebook and Instagram, as well as our email list. We put all of our events, advertisements and announcement on there, so if you are looking for info this is a good place to look. Any questions?

Jeff - Right now, it's a very politically active year. How do you see how you, as a political group, will garner student interests in the future?

Gabe - We are an ideological group, to protect conservative views, not political. I plan to have committees, with leaders serving for each committee, which will allow more people leadership opportunities without being on the official leadership team.

Josh - Do you draw a line between conservative or Republican?

Gabe - We hold right of center beliefs. We have Republicans, Libertarians, Independents, etc. All is welcome.

Amber - How do you plan to reach across the political spectrum?

Tanner - I think it can be as simple as having conversations with friends of opposing views. We will use word of mouth, as well as social media. There has been a lot of noise already about our group, our voice will get out there. If they want to know more, they can come to our meetings.

Gabe - Open forums and debate as well.

Dayna - How do you define traditional values?

Jacob - Reagan Conservative. A lot of us disagree with a lot with Trump's policies. Old term conservative values.

Gabe - What we were fighting for in the revolution, is what we stand for.

Tanner - Sharon Statement. Our board as well as members, plan to uphold those beliefs. Traditional values outlined are outlined in this statement.

Jacob - Bill of Rights is the most important fundamental values.

Sean - We also believe in the original interpretation of the Constitution.

Gracie - What do traditional meetings look like?

Gabe - We had a survey with feedback about different topics. Refugees was one of the most popular. Our meetings will be based around these topics and then at the end we will meet with committees. It will depend week by week as well.

Josh - Day and time of meeting?

Gabe - Wednesdays at 5pm.

Tanner - It's up for change though with the time, we may be changing it to fit better with more member's schedule for Spring.

Breanna - I loved having all these people here. Thank you.

Jeff - Any other questions?

- Club Officers Step Out -

Jeff - Any more conversation, motions, further questions? The Club Charter Committee did recommend chartering the club as they have a significant membership base and student interest.

Shaun - I think in response to the survey results, this club is a very good way to give conservative students that voice they have been looking for to express their opinions. This will give them a place to do that.

Alex M - Clarifying question: this would be the only ideologically conservative club on campus?

Jeff - Yes

Andy - I agree with survey results that we received to allow students to have their opinion. But with regards to open debates, they won't be able to have a open dialog voice if they are a closed groups.

Breanna - Connection to Political Science Department would help with that.

Laura - Only concern would be having the club sustained. This year was very political, and people are getting involved, but may not always be the case.

Abbie - Do they have an advisor?

Jeff - Yes, Dr. Mike Ingram in Communications.

Luke - There are no regulations with the view that could be expressed?

Jeff - Only regulation is with speakers, but no we don't have to have an opposite group on campus.

Luke - They don't have to reach out to a diverse group, because this will allow students with these views a option to engage in conversation.

Josh moves to Charter the Young Americans for Freedom Club, Alex F seconds, approval unanimous.

#### 4. Text Muse Feedback - Brenna Bruil

Brenna - Basically one of the professors here on campus, Pete Tucker, created an app called Text Muse. Everyone please pull out your phones and download the app, if you haven't already. I would like feedback right now. The app we are using right now is really expensive and there wasn't a lot of engagement this year, so as a result we have decided not to renew it next year. With this app, we keep the same person controlling the app and fixing the glitches. He can make the app what we want, and he can make changes as we see fit. Email me with any concerns or feedback please as well after this meeting.

Elisha - It's really easy to use, and every group can have their own page and provide information. Then students can send it to others through text and such.

Shaun - I know there is a very small population of Windows Phone Users, but is there a possibility to get the app on the Windows App Store?

Elisha - It's not possible.

Lynn - Pride has started to use it. Main thought thus far is it seems more like coupon based than event based, but that's probably of who's on it this far. I was wondering about the occurring events also, such as weekly meetings and how that would work.

Tristan - Only concern is that anyone can add an event to the app, which I could see a problem with.

Rachel - Are people not using the current one because it's an app, or because of the app itself? Is this to take the place of emails, or to replace the app?

Brenna - Difference is, it's free. Since it has coupons and stuff, it may get students to use it more. They don't have to go on the current one currently for anything. Businesses advertising will get more people on there. The app is hard, and to get people looking at it.

Hannah - Just crashed three times when I was on it.

Bailey - We have been talking a lot about giving students incentives at events. Coupons are a great way for that. College students are always looking for a discount.

Jordan - Would be cool to have coupons for event sharing to increase participation.

Lynn - I like the fact that you can uncheck certain categories. With emails I think you can't censor it, but with the app you can and that's pretty cool.

Alex F - Is there a way to get notifications?

Elisha - Every so often you get notifications, and you can turn it off at anytime.

Breanna - Would there be a way to draw a geofence, where if you went to an event you could get a coupon. That would be pretty cool. I know the company we use now could not do one smaller than Whitworth Campus entirely, but I don't know what our computer science could do?

Brenna - Ill suggest it.

Lynn - In general, Retro Donuts would be all providing coupons.

Breanna - Any other thoughts please email them to Brenna.

Brenna - Pete is coming in 2 weeks to the meeting. Please come prepared, so that we can implement it. We want this to work. Be ready to ask him questions.

## 5. Reports & Vibes

Bailey - Jen Cober tomorrow and she just let me know she will be bringing an opener. 8pm in the MPR. She was on the Mindy Project and Anger Management. Going to be lots of fun.

Hannah - Oliver is doing an event, dessert in the MPR on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. This is a benefit For World Relief. Bring money.

Jordan - Overwhelming sadness for no candy in Breanna's office.

Breanna - I have no car. If you want to take me, I will buy some.

Karlin - My staff parades me for candy, Costco has great bulk bags.

Whit - Breanna is doing the wasted challenge so she can't buy anything in packaging. Transition into tonight starts the Wasted Project tonight at 7pm in the MPR. Share the website please, where this a resource for anyone with questions.

Breanna - Whit has been working so hard in the past week, so please give her some love.

Whit - This event has a spectrum of commitment levels, so please let people know they don't have to do all in.

Christina - Spring and Shout is on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-11pm in the Crow's Nest. Food and Photo Booth. Please make it your primetime. We also have a Facebook Event so feel free to go on there and share that.

Norma - Specific attire?

Christina - Spring clothes, whatever you feel.

Alex F - March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the RTT the Students for Life will be showing a documentary called Hush. No sides taken on the issue of Reproductive Rights. After the viewing, we will have a discussion afterwards.

Norma - Who's on the Panel?

Alex F - It will be the club officers. They are sending us some information, so we probably will not have

any professors. The documentary came out in Canada, and they are giving us answering to the questions they provide. Looks pretty awesome.

Andy - Duvall Drive In is April 28th. We are still working on picking a movie, but we want to find a movie that we have to get the rights for, so a newer film. Thinking the new Beauty and The Beast Movie, or Moana.

Gretchen - Each year the Senior Class donates a gift to the University. It was just confirmed that the Senior Gift will be a hammock hangout, which is basically a pole in the middle with hooks to hang around in a circular formation. Location will be between Arend and the Library. This will be in memory of Craig Dobis. Spread awareness for this, and seniors are asked to donate to the cause. Please help get the word out.

Bailey - Do you know when it would go up?

Gretchen - Probably in the Summer? It will also be hang your own hammock.

Breanna - Prepare your dorms by buying a hammock or two.

Luke - Cash for Trash is the 23th as well. Trivia with cash for answers where you can win as a team. Please put this in your newsletters, spread the word and advertise hard. 6pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in the MPR, might be in dining hall. All trivia will be covered.

Amelia - Just this past Monday, HEAT turned in a Tobacco and Smoke Free Grant. If we get this grant, we will get \$20,000 to propose a smoke free policy change for campus. We will find out in May.

Camina - Diversity Monologues are coming up very soon. Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Whit has submitted a dialog. I have got to hear a couple. Please support the people you share this campus with.

Alex F - People I know are preoccupied with RA apps, learning better study habits, and had let go of the 4.0 dream.

Rachel - Phil Wickham concert this weekend. I have sold 85 tickets already. Have you heard about any additional people wanting to go? Should I buy anymore? I think I'll buy 20 more. They are for sale at the Info Desk for \$5 a piece. Unplugged is Next Friday. If you know anyone who wants to perform, tell them to contact me. 8pm in the MPR.

Evan - All of the Radio Programs started last week. Listen to them. One tonight that is featured in the Whitworthian, is Steve Dating. Steve goes on a date with a new girl every week. 9pm on Wednesdays.

Elisha - We have trips going on every weekend. Night snowshoe hike and ski van this weekend. Spring Break trip to all over California, with spaces still available. Going across the state from north to south. Whitworth Outdoors website has a lot of information if anyone is interested.

## 6. EVP

Norma - I sent out an email about the bylaw changes. I hope you all got a chance to read over it. Any voice to this?

Breanna - We need to vote on this and make it official.

Brenna - What does the Social Media part mean?

Norma - During the Retreat we spoke about eliminate that. It was just really hard to police.

Jordan - In the past, candidates had to deactivate their social media on day of election.

Christina - We talked about how social media is not forcing anyone to do anything.

Alex - Everyone has the opportunity for the use of Social Media and Campaigning.

Motion to approve the change in the Bylaws by Emily, Emily seconds, approval unanimous.

#### 7. Whitworthian Editor in Chief - Job Description Change

Breanna - Any changes and/or motions for the changes proposed?

Karlin - Proposing to remove the line for attending the bi-monthly meeting with the EVP.

Michaela - Point D could be removed, but G should be kept.

Norma - I wasn't aware about meeting with the Media, I thought it was the Senators I was supposed to meet with. So, if this is my fault, don't let it influence the decision.

Breanna - Highlighted in yellow is the purposed questions, red is the changes/additions, and crossed out will be removed.

Jordan moves to approve change in Job Description for the Whitworthian Editor in Chief, second by Gracie, approval unanimous.

Breanna - I want to respect your time, and the items we did not get to tonight will be moved to next week. Warm and Fuzzy this week goes to Andy. You have stepped up in new ways, and we are really proud of you. You are our warm and fuzzy this week.

Motion to Adjourn by Alex at 6:31pm, second by Andy, approval unanimous.