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2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes [12/03/2025]

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	PRESENT

[Mary Penfield] | School Spirit Coordinator NOT 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 PROXY

[Emily Edstrom] | Oliver Senator PRESENT

[Aloisa Morales-Saldana] | StewVille Senator PRESENT

Representatives:

[Alea Tabi] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Logan Roy] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Laney Thomas] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

[Hayden Rosdahl] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

[Swachha Deb] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

Mission statement read by Halle

Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 11/19 by Kaleb

Seconded by Halle

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Student Highlight

Eli: Our student highlight this week is Noran Khalil. She is an RA in the neighborhoods and planned an Egyptian thanksgiving over break. A lot of students showed up and we wanted to recognize her work for that.

ASWU Highlight

Eli: Our ASWU highlight this week is Mekenna Simpson. She works up at the front desk. She's an amazing help for ASWU and recently ran the open house for the Basic Needs Center.

What's Up Whitworth

Gwen: This Sunday at 7pm in the auditorium main stage is the Jubilation show.

Jasmine S: Christmas Worship night Friday at the chapel at 7pm. Darkest Night Worship service on Wednesday at 7pm in the chapel.

Vernon: Tomorrow at 5pm in Weyerhaeuser 123 Jaime Stacy will be speaking at the second volume of the Black Success Series.

Bennett: Tomorrow from 4-5pm in Robinson 210 debate exhibition. Avery will be debating.

Eli: Saturday at 7:30pm or Sunday at 3pm Whitworth's choir concert is going on and I'm in it so you should come.

Seth: I've heard about dishes in Sodexo not being clean thoroughly and its bothering people.

Birthday:

Happy Birthday Jasmine and Laney!

Club Updates

New club vote:

Swim club:

Motioned to approve new club by Vernon

Seconded by Halle

Favor: 15 | Oppose: - | Abstain:

Club is approved.

Club Updates:

TOT:

Diana: I am the president of TOT. This semester we hosted a Thanksgiving and Bluegram. For advocacy we partnered with an organization that helps out schools and next semester we are hosting panels for teachers.

HOLA:

Diana: For HOLA if you don't know we're a Hispanic club here in campus. We had the Hispanic Heritage Celebration this semester and next semester it's the Ven Bailalo which is our annual dance as well. Next semester we are going to be hosting more club togetherness like Lotería Night and a field day with Polynesian Club.

Communications Director Updates

Chloe Jane: Hi guys, 2 things. Sticker contest ends on the 15th so if you want to be apart of that please submit them. The QR code is still open and it is on the Instagram. Next thing is we have the ASWU Christmas Party. So do not forget.

Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Finance committee approved furniture for chambers, travel money for Charis, money for the Boppell senator getting a ping pong table, money for the president to table.

Jasmine explained briefly what grants were approved and what they were.

Unallocated: \$14,186.72

Capital: \$18,708.13

Vice President Updates

Eli: I will be out of office on Friday. I sent Senators and reps an email about Jan term. Please talk to me if you have nay questions.

President Updates

Abby: Town hall is tomorrow in the RTT. We have a ton of prizes. 4 of them for students and 2 for ASWU. If you are in ASWU you will get a ticket for each constituent who comes and tickets if you help. Please let me know if you want to help.

Past Events

BMAC Thanksgiving:

Kaleb: Very good had about 45 people. There were a lot of pies. People took some with them.

Commuter Thanksgiving:

Bennett: This did not go well. I did not get an exact head count but estimate is about 20. There was a mishap with the hub info desk. Hopefully it will go better next time.

Hot Cocoa and Cookies:

Grace: It went pretty well we had about 30 people and all my cookies were gone.

Pizzas & Praise:

Logan: It went really well. I think close to 100 people came. It was super cool.

S'mores Night:

Aloisa: So, I made cookie s'mores and they all got eaten. Everyone loved the recipe and people even asked for it. I think there were around 20 people.

Pie Night:

Halle: This was super easy and we ate pie. I got pied twice. It was super fun. I pulled back out my gratitude activity, and I filled a wall with them.

Painting Christmas Ornaments

Emily: This was really successful. I had about 25 people come and they mostly stayed the entire time.

Vernon: I was there and it was good.

Advent Yoga:

Jasmine S: This went well. There were a couple things that were weird like a fire alarm. But I had a lot of good feedback from people.

Finals Support bags:

Michael: This went well. The table was swarmed. The axolotls were a good hit.

Katayanna: I have my axolotl in my room. It's so cute. I know a lot of people liked them.

Chloe Jane: I thought it was a really fun twist on the event I had last year, and I think it turned out so well.

Upcoming:

Trivia Night:

Seth: This is going to be my first event. It will be from 8-10pm tomorrow in the Baldwin Jenkins lounge. There will be trivia and cookies. I will also have other snacks and drinks. There's going to be prizes for the winners of each round of trivia.

Senior Christmas Party:

Avery: This is this Friday. I don't necessarily need help. It's from 5-8pm and there's over a \$1000 of prizes. I have ornament materials for people. I'm really excited.

Gator crawl:

Halle: This Friday! I was a little stressed out about this but its going to be easy to do. I'm so blessed with my LWG group. I have help for the whole night.

BMAC Christmas:

Katayanna: Held on Saturday in the Chapel during prime time. There will be an ugly sweater contest, white elephant, and baked goods.

Constituency Reports

Arend

[Halle]: Students returned from Thanksgiving break to the deck halls of Arend thanks to our amazing RA, Adamaris. The second snow of the season also brought about Christmas cheer and snow getting tracked in from snowmen, snowball fights, and snow angels. It is so fun to see spirits being lifted slightly right before final exams hit us. We are all counting down the days to break, and until then, we make it through with cozy CMC movie nights, the tee lighting, and Gator Crawl this Friday.

Ballard

[Katayanna]: The halls of Ballard are quiet as we approach finals week. The halls of Ballard are filled with pleasant and not so pleasant aromas as many residents have been using the kitchen to their full advantage. Many residents are stressed, and waiting to get back home for the holidays.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: As finals approach, residents are finding themselves stressed over studying and preparing for final exams and projects. Many residents of shown interest in my event which is trivia night. It has already has been a busy week here at BJ. Water flooded in one of the guys hallways on the jenkins side. Water got into some rooms. But it was good to have to have it be cleaned up right away. And I expect it to be the same next week when residents check out and head home for the holidays.

Boppell

[Azalea]: Residents in Boppell are buckling down for the rest of the semester as the hall has been really quiet recently. Many residents enjoyed the recent snow and the President's Christmas Reception last night, which have both added to the holiday spirit. Overall, Boppell is ready for break but also putting in the work to get there.

Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuter Students are doing well after a quick Thanksgiving break. Many are getting into the grind of final essays, projects, presentations, and exams. Students

continue to lack adequate internet speeds in the Commuter Lounge to complete these finals despite my continued reaching out to IT. Additionally, many Commuters are struggling with lack of access to on-campus study spaces and computer labs to use Whitworth programs due to them being locked in the early evening and at times on the weekends. Michael's event yesterday hopefully soothed some of these struggles as we continue into finals week.

Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall has been quiet with students scattered around finding the best places to study. Encouraging notes have popped up on pod doors and in between nonstop preparation for finals a Christmas tree has been put up in the lounge, and the kitchen has been filled with cookie decorating. Overall Duvall is ready for the holiday season and the end of a successful fall semester.

Incoming Class

[Logan]: The incoming class is enjoying seeing each other for a few short weeks before going home and celebrating Christmas with their families again. We're all full of Christmas Spirit and consistently impressed with all Whitworth has to offer for the season. Overall, The incoming class is pretty quiet and sticking to themselves while studying to take our first finals at Whitworth.

International Students

[Nina]: International students are returning from break feeling well-rested and recharged. Many took the opportunity to travel outside the state or explore areas outside Spokane. For those who stayed on campus, the Multicultural Thanksgiving Dinner was a major highlight. The event was very successful. We had lots of food and a great time overall.

Finally, many students who are going home during the Winter Break are excited to see their families and friends, and those who are staying are eager to have a quiet and relaxing break.

McMillan

[Kaleb]: With Thanksgiving Break over, Mac Men are getting into a more festive mood in preparation for Christmas. However, we have all been locking in for our last few weeks of school, being bombarded with tests and projects. Mac Men are also passing a card around for the first floor RA Matthew, who will be transferring out after this semester. Many are also

looking forward to a Friday OPT and BMAC Christmas on Saturday. Water Polo was the last event in the Quad, and the final Quad Event of the semester will be Jackbox.

Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhoods residents are back fed and ready to take on the final week and a half of the semester. With house events all wrapped up the neighborhoods can use this time to really lock in on school, free of extra responsibilities. Many are optimistic about the end of the semester and still going strong, though excited for this well-deserved winter break. On the horizon, some residents will be back for Jan term, some at the beginning of second semester, and some we are saying goodbye to as they go on abroad trips. None the less this was a great semester and the semester to come will be even better!

Oliver

[Emily]: Oliver residents enjoyed spending their Sunday prime time making Christmas ornaments with me before Thanksgiving break. One resident even showed up to proudly display her new pet slug. Earlier today, a fire drill sent startled residents out into the snowy weather. Other than the fire alarm, the hall has been quiet as residents focus on their studies ahead of finals.

Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: Stewart constituents had a restful Thanksgiving break and are locking in for finals. A few of the constituents are also so in love with the snow that they had a whole snowball fight. While other constituents are staying inside to stay warm, and playing pool. It seems that Stewart isn't so quiet after all.

Shoutouts

Vernon: Shoutout to TikTok Committee

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb

Seconded by Halle

Favor: 15 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [5:24]
