

ASWU Minutes 3.12.14

- I. Call to order: Ian 5:00 pm
- II. Mission Statement: Rebecca L.
- III. Minutes- approved!
- IV. Introduce Guests: Lizzie, Dylan (pitching for mental health awareness week), Erin, Matt, Veronica, Katie, Mark, Jessica, Naomi, Jordan, Emily, Shannon, Olivia, Dick Mandeville, Kristiana, Sarah, Jennifer, August, Jonny.
- V. Big Cheese Awards
 - a. Samantha! She is the biggest cheese that I know. If anyone asks her for help, she will help you 100%! She put together all the responses from the budget concerns constituency report, and took over for Cody when he went to WSL this weekend. Great job and thank you for being part of this team!
- VI. Club Update (**5 min**)
 - a. **History Club update**
 - b. Slow start in the fall, got chartered by ASWU. We did an event with Dr. Clark, tai chi in the MPR. So far this semester we have designed our shirts, in the process of ordering those. We will play games tomorrow at 4:00. Weyerhauser 303. Dr Burnley and Dr Jeffries and led a panel discussion about African American history. We are doing tai chi again with Dr. Clark in a couple months, hopefully outside.
 - c. **Swing & Ballroom Dance Club update**
 - d. Evan: We've been trying out a lot of different things this year, we are having officer elections soon for next year. This year in addition to Saturday nights we have usual Tuesday night practice dances in Cornerstone. This weekend we have a workshop with Jamie Edwards, salsa and two-step. Next month on April 5th we have a 4-hour workshop for basic dancing with a local instructor. T-shirts are coming out soon.
 - e. Raleigh: Where do the workshops take place?
 - f. Evan: The workshops are all over the place, we Saturday night is almost always in graves but if there is a conflict we go to Cornerstone.
 - g. Chase: This weekend where is it?
 - h. Evan: This weekend we won't have our normal lesson, just some normal dancing and we cant do it in graves so I think its in Cornerstone. Typically on Saturdays we have a beginning lesson for east coast swing and west coast or some other type of dance.

VII. Dick Mandeville & Kristiana Holmes (30 min)

- a. Health Center Decision Update
- b. Dick: I have some notes to share with you. Basic stuff: Whitworth missed our enrollment numbers in the fall and that has consequences of budget reductions. One of those is the health center- it's a business decision. We value and appreciate our current health center and the employees there and the jobs they do, this is a hard situation to be in. We have decided that the institution can't subsidize the institution any more so there will be a student health center fee. Should range from about \$120-\$240 a year for all undergraduate students. We are examining a number of options including using that fee to pay for operation of health center as its currently configured, to inviting a third party to operate our health center and using the fee to pay them. Third party vendors have provided proposals—which are confidential. We had to sign an agreement not to disclose because to provide info from one group to the other is unfair advantage. There are trade offs in the decision and one thing we are looking at is the scope of service currently offered being expanded or contracted, quality of care, and benefits of having Whitworth employees in the health center.
- c. With interested third parties we told them it's our desire to have current employees retained, and to have a health center on campus. We have not made a decision yet because we don't have all the information we need to make a decision. Some timing is out of our hands. Once some trade offs are more apparent we will ask for more student feedback. A final decision that is made will rest ultimately with President Taylor. That's where we are at at this point. Questions?
- d. Andriana: The fee that you mentioned students would be paying, is it mandatory? Would you have an additional fee if someone came into the clinic?
- e. Kristiana: It would be a mandatory fee for all students, regardless if Whitworth provides the service or a third party. There would not be additional charges. The way that would be structured, is a plan of an amount of services for that fee. To come in you've already paid for that service, not an additional charge. Exception- if there's a significant injury or illness that exceeds that service those things may end up going to a health insurance plan, but it would have to be very significant. The basic healthcare is included in that fee.
- f. Ashton: As far as the fee, if a student wasn't insured what would that look like?
- g. Kristiana: I view health fee and insurance as separate pieces. Everyone should be insured because there may be a situation where you need something not covered under a student

health fee, that's where an insurance plan could cover some expenses. I think everyone should have health insurance because you really don't know. Student fee covers a set of services, if more is needed hopefully default to private insurance

- h. Dick: Our number of insured students has gone down in recent years; price is going up for the insurance we offer so we are considering if we want to keep that.
- i. Ashton: When will you make the decision?
- j. Dick: I would rather wait until we can make a good decision and have the data. I don't know how it will play out but we would like to make it as soon as we can. I hate to make decisions hastily.
- k. Ashton: Do you have to run this by the board of trustees?
- l. Dick: A balanced budget has to be presented to the board; we've made the decision on how much we need to save. Now we need to figure out how to cover that.
- m. Kristiana: One thing I don't want people to be confused about is that insurance piece. There's some false sense of security that you're good if you pay that fee, people may be in transition with health insurance if something's changing, so I don't want people to have a false sense of security. That's a scary place to be and again those are two separate things. The student fee only covers basic health coverage.
- n. Dayna: Will the school require outside insurance?
- o. Kristiana: Conversations about retaining student health insurance are still going on, I don't know that the requirement to come with a health insurance plan is going away but I think there are still conversations going on.
- p. Andrew: Regarding the timetable, do you have a ballpark estimate? About the insurance, I've been told that won't be offered. Can you clarify?
- q. Dick: I've been in meetings that said we should move away from it, parts of that decision aren't clear so it's still in process. We haven't made a final decision.
- r. Mark: If you have a third party will the services be different than they are now and how different?
- s. Dick: One of the first things is to try to figure out if a third party can offer what we offer now and what the cost would be. This is hard. The proposals may have a range, right now we know what our staffing is and what we can handle and a third party may agree or offer changes.

- t. Kristiana: Range of services provided on campus with current staff going to maybe one staff member on campus doing triage, deciding who needs to be seen or where they should go. That's a broad range and there are lots of implications within that. I have strong feelings about certain things but it's all in the process. Concerns about providing clinical services and wraparound services to support students from a third party, those are some things I'm thinking about.
- u. Dayna: Can you explain what wraparound means?
- v. Kristiana: We may be a point of entry for students, if they are dealing with something like depression that is not allowing them to go to class or be successful. What we try to do for those students is help them with physical and mental health aspects, and also partner with other entities on campus (student success, residence life) to help them feel supported. We value those significantly so we want to make sure those things aren't lost.
- w. Mark: Do you know how Health Advocate positions might be changed?
- x. Dick: We've had some meetings lately with HA's and the HA position is going to change to try and focus their work on health education to the community. If we pulled you and asked you what HA's do, we would get mixed messages. They used to be first responders, and then we realized that actually put them and the institution at risk for liability. We tried to make a transition but we've done that clumsily and put HA's in a hard position in this transition. We're trying to be clear. HA could work in groups to talk about programming for certain issues, also help with awareness weeks. That's current, not written in stone.
- y. Chase: are we looking at differences in the health center building, additions or things taken away from the structure?
- z. Dick: I'm not aware of any changes to the building.
- aa. Rebecca L: What about students who have terminal diseases? How will they be affected, will they have to pay the fee and insurance because their diseases are already expensive to pay for.
- bb. Kristiana: At this point I would say they are part of the student body they would be assessed the same fee, the services for their illness would mostly be outside of that really significant diagnosis.
- cc. Dick: Some of you use the health center and some don't, but it's similar to other fees on campus. You pay fees and you would use those services in varying amounts.

- dd. Erika: For undocumented students how does the student fee work for them? Are they required to have health insurance?
- ee. Kristiana: At this point in time, students coming to Whitworth are required to have insurance. That could be from their parents, their own, or the Whitworth insurance plan. Next year if that changes students would be on their own to be looking at their insurance, would pertain to if it's a mandatory requirement that continues it would be for all students.
- ff. Raleigh: Due to the legal constraints for not being able to talk about some things, will we as ASWU or the student body be able to become aware of the one you are going for or favored before the decision is actually made?
- gg. Dick: My guess would be that you'd like to have the opportunity to hear the options before the decision is made. I believe that would be Beck's preference as well. This is not a vote or democratic decision but I would hope he would present the info as they find it.
- hh. Lauren: Can you talk about the decision to have all students pay for this instead of only the ones who use it?
 - ii. Dick: Part of it is to look at if someone can't afford the service, how do other schools do this. Whitworth has not historically charged this fee. In scope of service, I don't think we've found another school that hasn't charged one. It seems like standard practice. But what service is provided ranges wildly. We're trying to figure out what's best for Whitworth at this time.
- jj. Faith: If you're implementing a fee that will be \$140-\$240, multiplied by number of students (2,300), it comes to around \$250,000, which is how much we are 'saving' through the restructuring, so why are we changing anything when the students are paying for the full amount of the financial change? (altered from original record as per Faith's request)
- kk. Dick: We want to see if we can get more than we currently have for that price. I believe that if you come into the health center you'll be treated well and cared for by people that support the mission. Some other health centers don't have this. We want to see if there is a possibility that the fee could include a connection with a nearby clinic, or a resident physician to provide care, etc.

VIII. Million Meals Updates (5 min)

- a. **Justin:** I met with Whit Pres mission committee; Veronica Rebecca and I are meeting with Branches tomorrow.
- b. **Andriana:** 7pm tonight in MPR there's the film A Place at the Table.

- c. **Audrey:** I'd really encourage you guys to come to this because it explains the whole reason we are doing Million Meals. This is a great documentary that will encourage you, learning more about the "why" and getting more of a connection.
- d. **Danielle:** Point of clarification, there's a fee on the FirstGiving account, should we be encouraging people to do cash donations?
- e. **Matt:** It's the standard fee for every credit card purchase but it's not large.
- f. **Danielle:** I think the fee was around \$7 for a \$100 donation.
- g. **Matt:** Cash and check donations can avoid that fee, that's higher than I was aware of.
- h. **Erika:** Does it do that with debit cards too? (Yes)
- i. **Mark:** Who should people make checks out to?
- j. **Matt:** Make them out to Whitworth University and on the FirstGiving site you can record it.
- k. **Audrey:** In the memo line, Million Meals ASWU. If you see dorm reps around, encourage them. The thermometers are up in the HUB.
- l. **Maggie:** Do we have a distinct mission statement for the campaign?
- m. **Audrey:** We could! Would anyone like to help Maggie make a mission statement? (Raleigh, Alicen, Ashley). Maggie and I will email you all this week.
- n. **Ian:** This past Saturday, Mead School District was doing a packing event at Second Harvest. We got to plug Million Meals and talk about the event they are working with. Their organization is excited to partner with us and on May 3rd we get to plug their event. Great way to get the word out to people doing these things.
- o. **Ashton:** How much did we raise from the auction night?
- p. **Matt:** Around \$3,000

IX. Reports & Vibes (20 min)

- a. Emily: Saturday is Green with Envy in HUB expansion from 8-11. Caleb Brown and Danny Parker are the DJs, honors colloquium students can still come with tickets! \$1 entry fee going towards Million Meals.
- b. Chase: StewVille and BJ are having broomball on Friday!
- c. Ashley: Pass
- d. Justin: Broomball with BJ
- e. Alicen: Pass
- f. Tyler: Outdoor sports are coming! Registration will start Friday or Monday. There's a group of 40-50 Jr-highers that will be on campus next week for the disc golf course!

- g. Lizzie: Pass
- h. Danielle: Someone asked why we don't have a grocery on campus with basics.
 - i. Dayna: We used to but it wasn't cost effective because you have to sell things in volume to get it at a lower price.
- i. Lauren: Pass
- j. Faith: Pass
- k. Josh: Sweatshirts are in, once they come in everyone who didn't get one wants one. 2nd choice design has been remade as a t-shirt.
- l. Maggie: Pass
- m. Jacob: I have schedules for senators for Whitworth.fm
- n. Erika: BMac comes together, slacklines are coming out. We got sweatshirts, no misprint on them. The door in the HUB is squeaky again. They also stopped selling milk in the café.
(Talk to Jim O'Brien)
- o. Rebecca L: We will have a theme open house, all houses that want to participate and anyone interested in theme houses can check it out. Met with someone at the mayor's office and they want volunteers for an event they are having, having clothes donated or going to elementary schools, cleaning up, any volunteer event to help with their week. April 12-19.
 - i. Ashton: You should email Ross Watts about that!
- p. Andrew: Pass
- q. Phil: Pass
- r. Raleigh: Friday April 4th, the last unplugged. We had it altered; the MVP is coming to campus. Tacoma, Seattle, and some other cities on the west side are coming over. Thursday April 17 is Pirate Idol. All 6 first place competitors will perform, prize will be larger. Silent auction with proceeds to million meals; Unplugged April 4th will be in the chapel. We will do whole tea sets. One difference- the only reason its in the chapel is because it was the only place open. We will be doing much more sensitive material relating to the chapel to go along with Terry's concerns with the crucifix behind what's going on. I'll email more details later.
- s. Kevin: This Sunday at 7pm in RTT I'm showing Frozen. The next day I'm having Andy Stoll talk about his journey around the world, 7pm in MPR.
- t. Ashton: I've talked to different parts of campus talking about creating a student board of different positions, please contact me if interested. I'm working on job descriptions.

- u. Samantha: Andriana says PCUSA going on until Friday. March 13 there's Asian American Student Chinese festival, with free Chinese food. March 20- Los Graduados part II. April 1 Liberty in North Korea presentation, also MVP program coming April 4-5. For me, social media campaign we're doing gift cards to Target, Pleasant Blends or Didiers. Like us on social media!
- v. Jo: Pass
- w. Ryan: Pass
- x. Bergen: We have one spot remaining on western coast backpacking trip for spring break.
- y. Rebecca M: I've been working on getting two senior speakers for commencement and we have them! All programs for the events, deadlines are this Friday. Working on details for programs.
- z. Cody: Baseball softball home openers are this weekend. Softball against Puget Sound on the 15th, games at 12:00 and 2:00, on the 16th 12:00 and 2:00. Baseball against Pacific Lutheran on the 15th at 12:00 and 3:00, and the 16th at 12:00. Biggest game of the year for softball is Linfield. Tyler and I are working on an event soon.

X. **FVP (10 min)**

- a. **Requisition – Outdoor Rec Requisition**
- b. Bergen: One thing that was popular in rentals is snowshoes. I looked at the rentals today showing everything rented for the year. Snowshoes have been rented 57 times. They are popular and we're looking at getting some more, for snowshoeing trips and sometimes all get rented out in one weekend. Also one water filter, we have one that works currently and it'd be nice to have another one. Steripen- another form of water purification. Easier and lighter, using those mainly and having filters as a back up is common. Sleeping pads- we have some but they're really bad. We have 4 that are the same type so we're looking at getting 12. The rest are really poor. The ones we're looking at are nicer and not very expensive. Also snowboarding helmets because it would be nice to provide those.
- c. Raleigh: How many snowshoes or good snowshoes do we have now?
- d. Bergen: We have 10, all are functional.
- e. Samantha: How many snowboards?
- f. Bergen: 6
- g. Maggie: Why do you want 9 helmets?

- h. Bergen: We're looking to get 3 more snowboards, but the prices were not great so I haven't done that yet.
- i. Ashton: Would it be a different price if you order 6 instead of 9 helmets?
- j. Bergen: No it'd be the same
- k. Raleigh: How much do we have in capital right now?
- l. Matt: Roughly \$19,000
- m. Maggie: Can you talk more about rentals?
- n. Bergen: We had 25 snowboard rentals and 27 snowboard boot rentals.
- o. Danielle: What is your budget for the year?
- p. Bergen: For equipment it's \$300
- q. Dayna: That's because we told him he should ask for money from capital instead of budget.
- r. Kevin: How many are rented at a time?
- s. Bergen: I don't think we have a way to record that
- t. Tyler: There's been times where they've all been checked out. We'd also like to do it so we could do trips with more people.
- u. Rebecca L: You should do beginner lessons for snowshoes. (Bergen step out)
- v. Matt: We have roughly \$19,000 in capital. None of the stuff gets budgeted for from outdoor Rec, we talked about in finance committee that we recommend buying 6 helmets now and others later if they get more boards. The sleeping pads are poor.
- w. Shannon: 5 guys and me rented all the snowshoes and went on a camping trip. The pads were terrible.
- x. Matt: Open for discussion
- y. Justin: How much have we given outdoor rec this year?
- z. Matt: probably around \$8,000 or so for equipment.
- aa. Jo: I think its necessary to keep giving them money in order to build their program.
- bb. Raleigh: Keep in mind that when we buy these things we wont have to buy them in the future.
- cc. Danielle: For the steripen they want to use that primarily and have filters as a back up, steripens look cheaper?
- dd. Matt: Those prices are per unit. It's close but the steripens are easier.
- ee. Danielle: So why more filters?
- ff. Matt: It's back up because things break.

gg. Justin: Motion to approve requisition with 6 helmets instead of 9.

hh. Maggie: Second

ii. Matt: All in favor, none opposed, passed with mentioned change.

XI. **EVP (1 min)**

a. Announcements

b. Audrey: When you or people you know or clubs are using the workroom, only paint in the workroom. Also put the boards under your posters. Quote that this place has been getting out of control, be respectful of our space because other people use it too. You have authority to tell people to respect the space as well. Also time cards are due soon, due on the 15th. Spring break is in a week and a half, we're not getting paid then but we will be paid for may so it events out.

i. Chase: So in two weeks, the week we get back we will only mark for one week?

ii. Ian: Yes because we'll have that third week in May.

iii. Cody: If we're 30 hours we write 15? (Yes)

XII. **President (15 min)**

a. Sodexo Café Idea

b. Ian: After Jim and Dan came to ASWU they sent a follow-up email about the café being closed on the weekends. They are proposing an idea to have the café open on the weekends but closing the coffee shop on the weekends. The room would be open and lights on, but they wont serve or make coffee at that time. That would give the option to get food. They're trying to make the option open for people with block plans being able to buy food in the weekends.

i. Emily: Is it the whole weekend?

ii. Ian: I think they are open to either. Sunday nights are big in the coffee shop so they might be open to working with that.

iii. Erika: Have they notified coffee shop employees of that plan?

iv. Ian: They just said they were considering it.

v. Danielle: Is the reason for that because of the cost to pay the people working coffee shop and café?

vi. Ian: Yes its either or.

vii. Caleb: I think you should keep the coffee shop open on Sunday nights because those nights are cheaper for Saga and off campus students will probably eat there.

- viii. Jo: I think the coffee shop is a hub of activity for people to meet up.
- ix. Ian: It'd still be open just no drinks.
- x. Rebecca L: I don't like the idea of doing one way or the other, but I like the idea of having the café open in the evenings and having coffee shop open when students come.
- xi. Katie: Sometimes in the summer the coffee shop offers hot food so that might be easier.
- xii. Raleigh: I think the student body is wanting both but Sodexo is saying they can't do that. I think we should focus on the coffee shop and make additions instead of closing it.

c. Anonymous Letter to Whitworth

- i. Ian: Last Friday I forwarded you guys the anonymous letter, went over details of LGBT students and staff on campus, urging Whitworth to look at this issue a little bit further. Any concerns or questions?
- ii. Jo: I think it brings a nice reminder that diversity can come in all forms and we should emphasize them
- iii. Maggie: Was that letter calling for Whitworth to take a stance on where it is regarding homosexuality?
- iv. Ian: I think I remember that looking at discrimination clause for faculty and staff.
- v. Danielle I was stunned reading it. I've also been curious about how a Christian university looks at that because there's a conflict between being accepting and having certain beliefs.
- vi. Erika: I think we should keep in mind the diversity survey that happened. Mentioning the results we gathered from that survey.
- vii. Ian: Also Andriana met with Beck and she brought up the discrimination clause for faculty and staff, she will give us an update next week.
- viii. Raleigh: Was the letter sent to all campus?
- ix. Dayna: It was sent to significant points on campus.
- x. Raleigh: I'm not sure but would it be good to send it campus wide? Alicen and I are doing committee deals with Dick on a marginalized issue on campus regarding women on campus and unfortunate experiences. Proposing an anonymous written

survey submission to Unplugged so the information can be out there. I'd propose a similar thing for this topic.

- xi. Ian: Maybe partner with Open Conversations
 - xii. Jacob: At 7pm tonight in the chapel there's a speaker on theological identity, the last one talked about things in this topic with administrative theological perspective.
 - xiii. Erika: Was there something that happened in the 90's about this in ASWU?
 - xiv. Dayna: It was a resolution of hate, there were hate crimes on campus for LGBT students and formed a resolution, there was a lot of significant change made.
 - xv. Erika: Can we make it known that that happened?
 - xvi. Ian: Bring that to administration?
 - xvii. Erika: Not sure.
 - xviii. Ian: Is this something we want to talk about again? (Yes)
 - xix. Rebecca L.: this is an important issue because we had hate crimes last year, and there's probably more hate crimes going on that we probably don't know about. Letting people know we have their backs.
 - xx. Ian: I forwarded this to you, it's our duty to speak up and address these issues. This can shape how we program in the future, wanted to make you guys aware.
 - xxi. Katie: Can you clarify the clause about sexual orientation?
 - xxii. Dayna: Reading Whitworth's statement it says we don't discriminate against gender, etc...sexual orientation is not included in that
 - xxiii. Raleigh: What was the issue that made ASWU send out that in the 90's?
 - xxiv. Dayna: It was similar to what happened last year in Stewart. They gave it to the cabinet. SafeZone program came out of that.
 - xxv. Erika: Not saying to make a different resolution, but re-printing the resolution that happened maybe.
 - xxvi. Rebecca L: Noting the severity of these hate crimes last year. We should have a resolution that we would like to say that discrimination against LGBT will not be tolerated.
 - xxvii. Danielle: Last year I didn't even know the severity of that, informing people would be helpful.
 - xxviii. Ian: We will bring this up again.
- d. Constituency Reports

- i. Another report on the million meals project. Tomorrow or Friday I will have it to you, go to about 40% of your constituency. I will have a sheet to read off of and give info and get feedback! And maybe also pass out the social media sheets.
- ii. Justin: Deadline would be next Wednesday? I'm concerned that students are studying for midterms.
- iii. Ian: Is this reoccurring thing you are experiencing? I'm worried to put it off after spring break. If we do it before they can share information with others when they go home.
- iv. Rebecca L: People will most likely be home because they are studying even though its hard for us.
- v. Chase: Can we make it due Friday?
- vi. Ian: Ok thanks for the feedback, I'll make that report for you. I'll put physical copies in your mailboxes and email them to you.
- vii. Lauren: Are the lines for signatures or notes?
- viii. Ian: Either, but feel free to do your own form. (put numbers on the lines)

XIII. Shout Outs

- a. Dayna: Tyler won javelin this weekend!
- b. Ian: Women's swimming team got highest GPA for NCAA DIII, thought it'd be a great idea to make them a card!
- c. Phil: I heard the forensics team also won.
- d. Maggie: All the hard work for green with envy!
- e. Ian: When I say for the good of the order, it's a good time to say anything that wasn't on the agenda or anything that doesn't fit.

XIV. For the Good of the Order

- a. Jo: What was the email about corporations about?
- b. Matt: They have to be sponsored by ASWU or a club, and we found someone.
- c. Faith: Auditions for Warren Peace are next week.
- d. Raleigh: Unplugged will not be in the chapel, but in Sodexo instead.

XV. Adjourn 6:28pm