

ASWU Minutes 4.22.15

- I. Call to order- Ian 5:02pm
- II. Mission Statement- Raleigh
- III. Minutes- Approved!
- IV. Welcome Guests
- V. Star Awards
  - a. Ian: Laurel! This is for the concert you put on this past Friday. Great work this whole entire year with concerts, movies, etc. Our team looks to you for leadership. Also for your work for Springfest.
  - b. Ian: Ali! For your hard work on Budget Committee and being so detailed this year.
  - c. Ian: Haley! We heard you put on a ladies night in Ballard- we also want to recognize you putting in great work over there in Ballard.
  - d. Ian: Kevin! We did 14 hours or more in budget committee but Kevin put in a lot of work ahead of time, scheduling, etc. You did great work and also the work you put into other things with planning and getting speakers, club chartering, etc.
- VI. Club Updates (**5 min**)
  - a. **En Christo**
    - b. This spring semester has been great. Increased volunteers weekly by about 5 and we have new people consistently coming. Had a volunteer party to hang out and share experiences we've had. In Park Towers- Springtime is great because the residents are familiar with the volunteers, relationships start to form. We have a new facebook page to let people know about us more.
  - c. **Westminster Round**
    - d. Katie: We serve the English majors minors and enthusiasts. We just had an event at Boots. We like to invite people to come to our events. Rest of the year- planning bbq, senior recognition, and more.
  - e. **League of Pirates**
    - f. We like to get people out of their rooms. We are partnered with the company that makes the game- send us things we need to play. We just ask for money for food. We'll have tournaments next year, people try out for our team.
    - g. Graham: How'd the team do this year?
    - h. Not too good, we're in the strongest division in the Northwest.

VII. President Beck Taylor (**15 min**)

- a. Beck: I wanted to acknowledge Ian's leadership. He has served as ASWU president for 40% of my presidency. To Eli and Kevin too you guys have been a great exec team. Looking forward to working with Skyler and Justin and Chase as well. Thanks to all of ASWU and the great work you've done this year. I've valued our time together.
- b. Report from Board of Trustees meeting and the resolution for language in non-discrimination policy. These 3 guys rocked it- our board was so impressed with the presentations, they walked away encouraged by thoughtfulness and transparency for those presentations. Stewardship an excellent process, had an intent to speak for students at Whitworth and to capture their sentiments.
- c. Takeaways- the board was eager to hear from students and the execs. They listened well- asked questions and had subsequent conversations. They take this very seriously- the opinions of students. Don't want to send any signal that would be seen as blowing off students.
- d. The board is a diverse board- represents our community in every way. Our board thinks very differently on this particular issue and represents a diversity of opinion. I got clear indication from the board that sexual orientation is not the issue. Our board wants to send a strong signal that inclusion of persons same sex attracted is not the issue over which they're grappling. That is a remarkable change in culture I've seen in the last 15-20 years in Christian communities. What is a challenge for our community- what sexual ethic does our board want to promote and endorse on campus. How our sexual lives are to be fulfilled with integrity through a Christian worldview. Some board members would be happy to endorse a very inclusive employment policy and a sexual ethic that would still employ a conservative perspective yet define marriage liberally.
- e. We also have members while acknowledging that these are issues over which we can seek unity, they have a difficult time with defining marriage outside of heterosexual marriage. Those are the extremes that exist. The board has encouraged me to continue to promote a pastoral posture with respect to this issue. They are deeply struggling with how to write policy and create an ethos on campus that respects diversity. Not wanting to do a witch-hunt. I'm trying to foster a transparent relational

communication with individuals on this campus that identify as LGBT, I want to continue to do that and provide a safe space for that. I already know the identity of several LGBT employees and I've made the decision not to take employment action because of that knowledge. The board understands this issue isn't going away and they welcome the advocacy for it. Our board courageously leans into this issue like our community does- they want to continue to hear from students. They know they need to keep giving prayerful consideration to these issues.

- f. I understand that might be a disappointing outcome. I've often described higher education as very conservative- in a context of embracing change. I'm asking for patience- to continue to have faith in our community to work hard and pray hard over this issue. I know seniors well enough to know your fear is you'll leave this place and the momentum around this issue will fade away- ask I work with future student leaders know this issue will not go away and we will continue to work hard to work faithfully in Whitworth's mission. Might not be what you hoped for but I want you to take hope that the board is deeply thoughtful on this issue. It will be a difficult issue but our board is engaged.
- g. Chase: In the discussions- did anything lead to a vote?
- h. Beck: No, that was never the intended outcome. The intentional posture at the meeting was to listen. I think they did that. There were no next steps articulated in the meeting, just an acknowledgement that we need to carve out time to think about this.
- i. Graham: So the board is looking for future feedback from ASWU- what advice would you give to the future leaders?
- j. Beck: Continue to represent the views and concerns of students. We want to serve students well and to the extent that ASWU can appropriately represent student voices we want ASWU to do that. Don't think that because there's no specific outcome that it's failed in some way- change takes time.
- k. Joshua: The marriage definition clause in Whitworth's handbook was taken out in recent years- how did that decision correlate or not with the current conversation
- l. Beck: We had about a year and a half of board conversation of marriage definition- the board made a courageous decision that aligns with our posture on this issue that

I hope gives you some hope. Didn't come into play in this conversation because it was a very different policy.

- m. Benjamin: How would you like us to inform our constituents about this?
- n. Beck: Relay what I've relayed to you. I wasn't advised by the board to write anything as a response but if anyone would like to hear from me directly I'd be happy to give a similar talk.
- o. Ian: After this year and work that has been put in by ASWU, what has changed in conversation?
- p. Beck: I think this community is truly trying to live in a way that's more inclusive and recognizes the diverse experiences of our students. Not to jettison our Christian mission but use the gospel approaching this issue. Also open conversations about this issue on campus as real markers in a journey this campus is on.

### VIII. Reports & Vibes (25 min)

- a. Matt: Tomorrow night we have Ag panel from 7-8 in RTT. Inviting local farmers to talk about current agriculture problems. Earth Day celebration this Saturday 11-2 in the HUB. Carbon offsets- putting some money in an account to cover carbon offsets. We have about \$175, put a part in the rules that we could use this money to support tree-planting projects on campus- one is the food forest. Wanted to see what you guys thought- would it be better to donate to a company or invest that money in our own community project? (Consensus- our community)
- b. Graham: What do you think?
- c. Matt: The community project has a dual effect for carbon offsets and being beneficial to our community.
- d. Katie: What does maintenance look like?
- e. Matt: It will be pretty much self-sufficient. Next year there will need to be some irrigation done but just a small amount. Also Francisco is planning an energy reduction competition for next week. Let him know if you want to be involved in that. May 2- opportunities for service projects, ponderosa planting.
- f. Eli: Everyone should be training their new person for next year. Also for passing the torch- an event we do during GE 330 where you have a significant item that might have been passed down to you. Springfest updates- we're still working on the taco

truck thing. Board of trustees wise- we did institutional advancement, talked about maturing investments. Passing the torch is the 5<sup>th</sup>.

- g. Ian: The 6<sup>th</sup> that Wednesday is our ASWU banquet where we have dinner.
- h. Katie: We won't have an issue next week but our final one should be on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- i. Kelsey: We're hiring!
- j. Elaine: Pass
- k. Danny: Pass
- l. Raleigh: To everyone who helped with the gala- I thank you for everything we did for our event Saturday night. It was perfect! Springfest updates- food will be taco truck, jerk chicken and Ben and Jerry's from 2pm-4:45pm. (Eli: Got an email we don't actually need to shut them down). Worked out with Ben and Jerry's- basically got 450 scoops of 6 flavors of ice cream for a really good rate. Updated map should be coming soon. Hoopfest is bringing some attractions, games, etc.
- m. Jacob: They're not going to bring the basketball hoop but they're bringing corn hole.
- n. Haley: Sunday night we had our girls night in. Also started to do the composting project.
- o. Laurel: Branches concert went well! Movie American Sniper on Thursday. Springfest- might need help at 6 making people migrate away from the Fun Guy equipment and towards the food.
- p. Raleigh: Designated Alicen and Marianne to finding volunteers.
- q. Laurel: They'll start setting up at 10am. Might have Cold Mountain Yeti play on the 1<sup>st</sup>.
- r. Alicen: BMW Movie night on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Service project on May 2.
- s. Joshua: Jordan's update- t-shirts have been ordered, will be here in time for our next meeting. We'll each get our own t-shirt. Also Matt- what would you think about having chickens make eggs for students to buy?
- t. Matt: It's illegal.
- u. Eli: It might not be if we keep them on campus.
- v. Ashton S: Tomorrow we're sending students and Dayna and Rachel for the LGBT leadership conference. 10 students total. Friday 1-2 Global Neighborhood Thrift is hosting a pop up thrift shop. Went to Board of trustees services committee.

- w. Ian: Went over a lot of things students have done this year. They were impressed. 2021 goal is for 100% of students to do a service project before they graduate, have 98% already.
- x. Saige: Pass
- y. Bre: We have a new ping pong table in BJ. We did the BJ service project in the food forest, it was really fun. I know we talked about doing a garage sale- is that still happening?
- z. Ashton L: I think we kind of decided it wouldn't be part of Springfest.
- aa. Kevin: We decided it would be a good idea to do it that morning
- bb. Jenna: I wonder if it would be more beneficial later in the year.
- cc. Ian: We could do it May 9<sup>th</sup>?
- dd. Raleigh: The Fun Guy will be coming at 10am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with lots of trucks- would be hard for them to bring things in if we were there.
- ee. Samantha: Kristine didn't want us doing any events after Springfest.
- ff. Marianne: Pass
- gg. Niehls: Met with outdoor trip leaders, talked about how trips have gone this year. Saturday there's a rafting trip, really popular! Trying to add more spots.
- hh. Graham: Wonderland event last Friday went well. Vibe about shirts- it might be important to tell people we're selling them at cost.
- ii. Benjamin: This Sunday is BMac in Concert at noon. Matthew Baker and I met with Josh- showed him our survey results about the community showers, now it's in res life's hands. Frisbees were delayed- will be here on Friday.
- jj. Jerrica: Oliver Hall officially renamed last week. Had a birthday party for the dorm.
- kk. Jess: Pass
- ll. Jenna: Service project collecting jeans for Sole Hope until May 1. Will cut them into stencil shoes and sending them to the organization.
- mm. Skyler: Doing service project on Sunday with Oliver and StewVille. Going to a local high school to clean up.
- nn. Erika: Academic affairs committee- retention of students is better than last year. Most diverse campus that Whitworth has ever had. They had the biggest number of students on academic warning this past semester- looking at how we can help that. 53% of freshmen class are declared STEM majors.

- oo. Kevin- They think that might be a reason there's so much academic warning, choosing these majors then deciding its not for them.
- pp. Erika: Working on how to make adjunct faculty feel more a part of Whitworth.
- qq. Kaysee: Do you know how many of those STEM majors are women?
- rr. Erika: No not sure. Our off campus event was great. Campus vibe- people are upset that there's undercover security cars. Also is there any way to make the garage sale an off campus event? (Ashton- talk after)
- ss. Samantha: Advertising for Springfest- next Wednesday at 11:45 we will hand things out in the HUB. Senators put door tags up on your doors, need to be up by Wednesday. Cake is being given out May 1<sup>st</sup> during lunch. Will email everyone a cover photo for facebook to advertise.
- tt. Lauren: Boppell Smoothie house is next week. Still looking for performers. Posters will be in your mailboxes.
- uu. Jacob: Pass
- vv. Ashton L: For senior glass gift- if our class reaches 40% participation there's a match. There was going to be an event on May 9<sup>th</sup> but the senior boat cruise got put on that day. The event was at the Spokane Country Club for the end of the senior giving campaign.

#### IX. FVP (**20 min**)

- a. Requisition: Off the Page Slam Poet Event
- b. Kevin: Raleigh is here with the club to ask for \$1,200 to fund 3 slam poets to do an event.
- c. Nick: Poetry is a thing on campus now. Raleigh has been nice enough to give us some money from his budget, this event would be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bringing in poets- 2 live in Seattle and another one who would be willing to come for free. Just bought stickers. Usually poets cost a lot more than \$400 a piece.
- d. Ashton S: Is that \$400 all inclusive?
- e. Annika: Both live in Seattle, they said they're excited we're doing this so they just want travel costs covered, they're being really generous.
- f. Raleigh: Carbon offsets will be coming out of my account. Whitworth students will also be performing. (Max 6)
- g. Step out

- h. Kevin: In finance committee we passed money for engineering, failed outdoor rec requisition for snowshoes, approved for BJ ping pong table and shirts for teachers of tomorrow.
- i. Kevin: Finance committee's recommendation was to pass.
- j. Motion to approve
- k. Requisition passed!**
- l. Budget Presentation
- m. Kevin: FSOP's. We go over them every budget committee. Changes- we put in the rule that says if we pass a requisition in finance committee that's under \$600, we make the final decision. If it's over that it goes to the assembly. Changed so now Finance Committee is able to fail a requisition up to \$1,500 but can be overturned by a 2/3 vote by the assembly. I will send out the new FSOP's and the budget. Had a lot of good discussion at budget committee. Student fees are \$115 next year for each semester. First major change- minimum wage estimates is \$9.47. Increased zone reps to 7.
- n. Eli: Everywhere except Mac, Ballard and Boppell will have a zone rep now.
- o. Kevin: For better representation. What we decide in budget committee is essentially final, we bring this to you if you have huge discrepancies but not to try and move around small figures. Next change- ASWU fall/spring retreat we decided that one cut would be Spalding is too expensive- this is taking out Camp Spalding and asking Dayna and Rachel to look at other things to do for bonding. Readership program- we cut \$500. We'd like to see a sign that says take and put back for newspapers.
- p. Katie asked to remove circulation manager and add multimedia specialist. Moving to more electronic. We gave Kelsey what she wanted for salary increases.
- q. Zine- 3 mini year books that go out in the weeks the Whitworthian doesn't have an issue to promote things.
- r. Marketing/PR- a big jump there for publicity and supplies. Asked for money to incorporate a texting service- didn't give them the full amount, this would be a compromise.
- s. Compost director salary- Matt asked to remove facilities and service learning and add compost director. New position.

- t. Jazz concert- they wanted to ask for \$1,000 more this year because they're bringing in a well-known guitarist. He costs more than anyone else they've brought in. We use this money to subsidize student tickets.
  - u. Kevin: At Springfest- American Chemical Society will be making slushies out of liquid nitrogen. SBDC will be dancing. Pep band.
- X. **EVP (5 min) (already made announcements in Reports & Vibes)**
- a. Announcements
  - b. Passing the Torch
  - c. Training
- XI. **President (10 min)**
- a. Springfest Updates
  - b. Health Rides – free rides to hospital
  - c. Senators – services projects needing hours for Spokane Gives Week.
  - d. Maggie Meiners went to two different trustee meetings for us. Music building breaks grounds in July and wants to be done by next August. Recently got new lights for the auditorium and now looking to get new carpet. Faculty benefits are up and health benefits changed. Small tuition hike in the last 14 years.
  - e. Endowment: majority of the meeting is talking about the endowment. Student group pitched the idea of divestment because of ethical reasons. Student Investment Group talked about that afterwards and how the endowment is meant for gains and not moral reason. Endowment decided to not divest.
  - f. (Ian talks about his experience on ASWU)
  - g. Announcements
- XII. Shout –outs
- a. Gala
  - b. Joshua – everyone that met with BOB
  - c. Ashton Skinner – Exec Team
  - d. Neihls – Graham and Erika for off campus event
  - e. Eli – Seniors who are still working
  - f. Bre – Dayna, Rachel and Linda
- XIII. For the good of the order
- XIV. Adjourn