



2019-20 ASWU Meeting Minutes | February 19th, 2020

In Attendance:

Rohini Vyas President	present
Katie Rose Exec. Vice President	present
Faizzan Ul Haq Financial Vice President	present
Amariah Adams Exec. Admin. Assistant	present
Emily Clemons Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Cameron Rutherford Sports Events Coordinator	absent
Bryn Redal Sustainability Coordinator	present
Astrid Le Roy Senior Class Coordinator	present
Sophia Lizberg PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Parker Daniels Special Events Coordinator	present
Laura Waltar Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Theresa Chowa Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Sarah Ogren Club Coordinator	present
Celia Vigil Oliver Senator	present
Sean Duarte McMillan Senator	present
Aeron Sugui Warren Senator	present
Elizabeth Puskarits Ballard Senator	present
Miranda Leger Arend Senator	present
Hannah Higgins Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Kaylyn Gill Boppell and Village Senator	present
Jed Young Stewart Senator	present
Emma Edmonds Off-Campus Senator	present
Jorge Medina Theme House Senator	present
Sam Thackston Duvall Senator	present

Ali Brandt Off-Campus Representative	present
Behzad Barami Off-Campus Representative	present
Grace Fleming Off-Campus Representative	present
Grant Hill Duv-Oliver Representative	present
Timothy Leslie Stew-B-Ville Representative	present
Diana Diaz Theme-Bop-End Representative	present
N/A Warren Representative	present
Aditi Beesani Global Engagement Representative	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM in ASWU Chambers.

Honored original caretakers of the land.

Mission Statement read by **Katie**

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Motion by **Hannah**, seconded by **Tim**

in Favor 18 | opposed 0 | abstaining 0

Motion passes

Speaker

Carol Simon: thanks for inviting me. Brief contextual remarks. Here to answer your questions and a few emails that I've gotten. Some people getting ideas that aren't accurate and needing clarification. Frequently asked questions distributed pointed out that this change has been under discussion. On a list on a committee that I was not on, but they reported to a committee that I was a chair on. In 2017 ASWU held a forum to look at questions and suggestions. One of two suggestions that came forward. After hearing we didn't implement at that time. I was asked by Beck Taylor to look at various ideas that we had looked at in that process. Ideas that were worthy of consideration, but for various reasons decided against implementing them. Decided at this time to implement a couple of them. Had a discussion with cabinet. Out of those ideas there were a couple which needed work on, and this was one of the ones that we ended up looking at. The original idea was to adjust the overload threshold by one credit for each term including Jan term. The current change leaves Jan term out. I mentioned that so you could see that student input modified the proposal. With this adjustment we are still giving a larger percentage for credits for the base tuition price by the end of your third year. This is a larger percentage than Gonzaga, WASU and around Seattle Pacific University. Why

we made this adjustment. paying for the cost of instruction, which gets distributed across all the students. We decided to put the pricing closer to the user. And some students are at risk of getting less quality education by spreading themselves too thin. We did some analysis, and there was an average of 16% are taking more than 16 credits, 80% of those students are taking those courses on the fee waiver list. Practical effect would not be an impact on a larger percentage. Impacting 3-4% of students. They can apply for an individual waiver of the fee and will be highly successful of that fee being waived if they have an academic plan in self service predicting them graduating at a specific date by taking overload credits.

Jed; student input back in 2017. Any more current student input this year?

Carol: I must think whether there were students in collections of people who were looking into this. I think the answer would be known.

Who is this impacting?

Carol: The real question is whether students coming in next year will think differently about what load is the normal load. And that's what we think will be the best practical affect of this. They can still take 17 credits if they want to, gives them room to think a second chance about this.

Do you have data?

Carol: It varies from student to student and what they are doing. Depends what those courses are. Some courses are more happily executed together than other course and that varies student to student. For some heavy ready, others, number of problems, and so that is going to vary form student to student. It is reflective of what good educational practice is. We were way out of line with other institutions to encourage students to think as a normal load

Sarah: better retention rates? Could you offer a reason why?

Carol: Rosetta might be a better source for why she is thinking that way. There are interesting things on how to figure out as a first year as they change form high school expectations to college expectations. For some its have less of an advised environment. As a faculty member, the hardest thing about retention is

seeing students treating their first semester, so they might dip lower than they were hoping and continue to try and make up for that in the next semester. The forces might be even be more in play by taking up even more time than first semester. Those certainly affect retention. Hoping to alleviate that. We would love to hear ideas about that

Sean: distributing the cost to run whitworth. Kind of the hope of the new switch over is to lower the cost of the rising tuition.

Carol: Because we are bending down the curve of tuition increase, we need to balance the budget. And this would help.

Ally: accounting major who want to take cpa, new credit limits 148 credits and we need 150.

Carol: Accounting course that does provo no tax work, can get academic credit for being someone who helps low income households do taxes. I communicated with registrar, although you don't need 150, I understand that as an accounting major you might want those. Current accounting majors with approved self-service plan with graduation date with that many credits in it. They can apply for that waiver. For incoming students, they will probably need to pay for those extra credits. It's a good investment to not have to enroll in graduation program and being certified public accountant. Some students may come in with ap credit and not have that problem

Tim: new fee work as a deterrent correct? Do you think this will affect low-income students? Students with low income or international students don't have cash to back that up.

Carol: They will have to shape their academic plans to be less in overload.

Rohini: So, my experience with incoming stem students, needed 17 credits back to back-

Carol: Good point. What I expect, we are going to get some experience with patterns with students applying and getting fee waivers granted and learn from that where we can take account of their situations. Then we can change something about the course waiver list. There are majors in which its harder to

take a course pattern at 16 or below. That will be easier with core being 3 credit classes.

Faizzan: retention, I've heard how we can increase it. Lots coming from low income and international, lots try to graduate in 3 years or under to save money. Do you think that change will impact them graduating sooner? According to my residence, a couple can decide whether they can go back to college

Carol: I think there are various ways to solve that problem. It makes me sad to think that there isn't anyone benefiting from 4 years at Whitworth. There are all sorts of things missed by compressing your undergrad education. It's hard to take advantage of everything tuition is paying for at the same time. It would be my hope that over time Whitworth can figure out how to make it affordable to spend the full 4 years. It would be a bargain for that to pay for an overload in order to get out to here early. Some take some courses, not my preferred planned, but it solves the economic problem. Students can take courses at community college in summer at home and less expensive. Some at community colleges are wonderfully involved, but it's not the same quality as Whitworth. Email me csimon@whitworth.edu if you have individual questions send them my way

Club updates

Sarah: hi, I'm Sarah, the club coordinator.

Teachers of Tomorrow

Landin, event coordinator pres. Claire Heading cheading22@my.whit... The only event is the trauma and force practices forces workshop, helping students with trauma. Bringing volunteer opportunities as well. The event is open to the whole campus

Adopted Pirates of Whitworth

Christine: co-pres. We are the same, we hang out with fostered and adopted kids. Last Monday of every month 6-8. We are in the mpr. The location might change. If interested email me and I'll put you on email list cchen21

Martial Arts

Samone, secretary. First meeting the past Friday, taught effective blocking methods and defensive stances. Every week on Fridays 4:30-5:30. Next meeting

February 28th. Anyone can come, I have no martial arts experience. Every Friday there will be meetings though. Smarrujo22@my.whit...

Camaraderie of the Armed Forces

Garret, pres. We have meeting every other Monday, this upcoming Monday this 24th, skipping the next one in April. 4-5 in Hawthorne room 101, continuing studies building. Event paint the VA retirement home on the 29th and will be at the VA retirement home on 5th ave. we have other volunteer events too. Phil is the incoming veteran coordinator; he has a lot of event planned that he lets us know about. Vet core coordinators and contact at the red cross who has opportunities at VA retirement home goshaughnessy23@. Painting event is open to everyone, let me know sooner than later to add you to the roster.

President Updates

Rohini:

Earlier this week, sent out email for board of trustees' meetings, check availability. Some have schedule conflicts. Whitworth has new provost, beck sent out announcement dr. Greg. He is s professor of humanities north park in Chicago, from Austria bachelors in German and English. Masters in higher ed administration. Experience as immigrant helps bring diversity to Whitworth's team. Help sustain us as one of the best private Christian colleges in the us

FVP Updates

Faizzan:

Capital: \$14,947.58

Unallocated: \$ 17,460.56

EVP Updates

Katie: I'm going to pass around visitor sign in sheet please name and email, id love that. I also have dining cards for Sodexo, please come get a free meal from me for tonight. CBS ratification meeting are happening or have happened, please send ratification rules of time. Send them or I'll get them in trouble. This Saturday the sec having first meeting about election. Chips and dip. Chewy will not be there. Warren zone rep is here as well. We have a full team, nobody leaves. There is a QR code for the name of the new building. Senators send this on newsletters or in email to hall. Senators and zone reps, I need to set up one on ones with you all. I'll be setting up two one-on-ones this semester. It's to check up with you and have coffee and hang out. Student highlight is all the people working at the ASWU front desk.

Upcoming Events

Black History Month Mobile Museum and Diversity Monologues

Theresa: coming week Wednesday mpr 12-4 pm. Also put the poster in senators' mailboxes and diversity monologues due on the 24ht the Monday. How do you come to know love? Hoping for lots of submissions

Faizzan: in lied square talking about ASWU and voting, everyone who signed up please show up. Donuts and coffee

Iconic Duo Dance

Emma: 9:30-12:30 this Friday. Free food and dancing. Each person in that pair gets 25 to target. Info desk tickets for \$4 or at the door for \$5

Casino night

Emily: Next Saturday, if you haven't signed up yet, please let me know if you can come or not. It is from 8-11 in chamber. I need you there at y6. Ill need help 3ith take down until 11:30

Wasted: A Community Lent Project

Bryn: February 26th. All 40-days of lent. Living 0 waist lifestyle. You don't have to observe lent or be practicing Christian. March 4th 7:30-9:30pm. Location TBD

Constituency Reports

Stewart

Jed: doing good, lots of activism about the credit policy, though tonight was help but still not satisfied. Tonight, we will have a leadership panel for prime time. Encouraging people to join leadership

Boppell and village

Kaylyn: doing well. Our date for the primetimes is changing to every Tuesdays

Theme Houses

Jorge: doing good. Starting to have lots of events for this month

Duval

Sam: not much going on. Ra's ay res doing well but lots of mental health problems going on. Nice and sunny though

Ballard

Liz: successful valentines' day and weekend. Lot of people still coming up to me about the credit cut.

Oliver

Celia: everything going well. Normal res hall stuff. Still working on broom ball

Off Campus

Emma: people are getting sick for real this time. Last time I panicked, and I lied. Getting ready for an event this Friday. 3 or so interested in running for next year

McMillan

Sean: doing pretty good. MacCombat this first Friday of this next month. CBS meeting went quickly. Facilities heard back about some technical problems we were having. Getting ready to make tank tops for the sun coming out

Warren

Aeron: CBS meeting on Monday. Welcoming our new zone rep. reimbursing students who bought sweatshirt that never came in

Global Engagement Representative

Aditi: last meeting having discussion about spring break. Suggestion for ASWU to inform them of the rules and policies.

Faizzan: they have access to the documents and at the beginning of the year they go through training

Baldwin-Jenkins

Hannah: total of three people who have left. A lot of buzz about leadership positions.

Arend

Miranda: nothing has changed that much. CBS meeting at 7 tonight. No complaints, exact same rules since last semester basically. Residence have been enjoying the sun that want to.

Campus Vibes

Katie: I went to the women in leadership panel. It was so cool

Laura: tonight at 7 info night for CMC position to talk to panel about CMC. Didn't get unveiled on the agenda for tonight, this Saturday. Worshipping and it'll be a fun time

Saturday March 7th headphone disco. I only need like 6 people help.

Sophie: Meghan sterling art exhibit. There was free food. Support an alumnus

Astrid: senior class gift. Japanese cherry blossoms dedicated to Maddie Armendariz. Fully funded the project. We might be able to plant more trees. So, keep donating, ask your family members or a faculty member that you like

Bryn: if you care about 200-year-old trees being cut down. We are writing letters about the changes on campus

Elly: speakers and artists. Student input for big artist or speaker to come on campus

Faizzan: thanks, for bring up Aditi. Talking to a couple students. Clarification, some think we don't want them to go, but it's in our FSOP's that we can't fund a spring break trip. If you see something like this come up, talk to them to let them know why it was decided. I gave them a couple options on how they can still do the trip. If people come up to you send them my way.

Jed: I did a pull in Stewart. 94% oppose this policy change. I'm still not satisfied. We have a lot of criticisms about this policy. I would like to pursue writing a resolution about this policy.

Jed: Motion to pursue writing a resolution
Seconded by Tim

Stewart is a valuable part our community. That is not 92% of all our constituents. We need to represent everybody not just Stewart.

Rohini: would ASWU making a resolution, would that do anything. Does that hold any weight?

Jason: It holds a lot of weight. What we are and who we stand for. It was an academic decision, so it would go to beck and others. The last resolution we passed 4 years ago did nothing.

Tim: Stewart is a very small part of community; would it be possible to do a wider range or research so we can make an informed decision. We should still talk about it at least. Because there is a motion on the table, we should table it.

Sophie: what does that look like? Individual senators sending out surveys.

Ally: there should be more information sent out about what happened tonight so they can be more informed decision.

Hannah: there should be a better format of hoe to approach this. Maybe a formal paragraph followed by a QR code. It needs to be uniform in order to get this spread well across campus.

Laura: lots heard about low-income and international students. It could speak on behalf of us in order to say something then they can do with it what they will when it comes to the policy.

Jed the motion was to allow us to pursue a resolution.

Jason: starting to write resolution.

Tim: possible vote on tabling.

Hannah: I move to table the discussion
seconded by liz
in favor: 15 | opposed: 2 | abstaining: 0
Passes, this is tabled.

Pride club and Paulet put on pride club for CabraGay. In case any of you interested are preformed are due next Tuesday to her. If you have questions, you can contact me.

Sarah: I wasn't asked by anyone to talk about this. There are a couple clubs who are vary likely going to recharter because not a lot of leadership. Kepos, environmental justice and gardens. Also transfer student organization. Possible leadership only able to keep it around for a year or two. Makes me sad they might not be able to keep them around for much longer. Please let me know if people are interested or want to be a leader. I just want to do something and I'm fired up about it.

Jason: application for ASWU coordinator position and admin assistant are open. Due February 22nd. Talk to people about the position

Admin Updates

Amariah:

Shout outs

Sarah: she's not here, but Olivia fowler for being here on the beginning of the academic year. Added to club chartering committee. She read all the constitutions. As well as the other people on my committee. I appreciate you more than you know

Liz: I motion meeting to adjourn

Seconded by Hannah

In Favor 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining: 0

Vote passes

Meeting adjourned: 6:10