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2020-21 ASWU Meeting Minutes | March 17, 2021

In Attendance:

Parker Daniels President	present
Hannah Higgins Exec. Vice President	present
Faizzan Ul Haq Financial Vice President	Present
Jorge Medina Exec. Admin. Assistant	present
Emily Clemons Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Lauren Lorenz Sports Events Coordinator	present
John Haberlin Sustainability Coordinator	present
Katie Ludlam Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sogui Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sam Henson Special Events Coordinator	present
Rachel Ayres Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Esther Brown Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Katie Rose Club Coordinator	present
Emma John Arend Senator	present
McClain Chandler Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Olivia Fowler Oliver Senator	present
Jaedon Tesarik McMillan Senator	present
Meghan Duarte Ballard Senator	present
Jed Young Boppell and Village Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku Stewart Senator	present
Xavier Nila Duvall Senator	present

Isaac Price Warren Senator	present
David Martin Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie Global Engagement Rep	present
Georgia Goff Incoming Student Rep	present
Christian Aguilar Incoming Student Rep	present
Christine Chen Off-Campus rep	present
Jamie Copeland Off-Campus rep	present
Munya Fashu-kanu Off-Campus rep	present
Michael Bedford Off-Campus rep	present
Victoria Viloudaki WhitFlex rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM.
Mission Statement read by Michael B.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Emily, Seconded by Jed
In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining
Motion passes

President Updates

Be sure to take NSSE survey, they still need more answers, and now to Christian for the outreach coordinator position.

Christian: today we will be voting on the outreach coordinator proposal

Georgia moves to approve, Xavier second

Jaedon: Did anything change with the budget when that went through committee?

Faizzan: it has not happened yet until end of April

Jed: I have been working with Christian to tweak the position. I love the idea and I think with low income and especially disability is way underrepresented but I wanted to try and focus this position on just those goals so I proposed a few tweaks. I proposed a name change to target those specific groups and also to

ensure this job is working specifically for this group. I really want to vote yes but I am not sure if I am ready to vote on this yet.

Jaedon: is the job based around volunteer opportunity and advocating for people with disabilities, is that the focus?

Christian: Yes, and to explain it more the first part was to support those that aren't heard, and the next point was the one service project a semester, the third part was working with student success other departments and getting those resources out. The last part was with disabilities making sure they are being heard.

Jaedon: I think this is a super cool position, but I do think that a lot of this job we as ASWU could already be doing it. I also feel like we could already put together an all ASWU outreach event and I don't think it would be too much for us to take on and I also think it's a lot of money that could be used for something else.

Hannah: I think that this position is a great thing because although we should already be doing these things in our job, we also have specific people such as cultural events that are reminding us to do these things and have specific programs. This is also covering the service projects that zone reps would have done normally.

Olivia: People were wondering that since reps are no longer doing service projects would they work with them

Faizzan: I agree I have worked with Katie and Landon, and I know there are lots of departments that may be short staffed and can't advertise or support enough. One thing I fear is that this position may not be provided the necessary information and with the service outreach project, but I think that is something that we should already be doing and that should be in our job descriptions. \$6,000 is also a lot of money but I would perhaps like to see how it goes.

Victoria: I am in extreme favor of this position. Flex was created as an outreach program for flex students and this position would be another outreach person for those that are unrepresented that would have all the information would be helpful.

Adaeze: what I'm hearing that the only downfall is that ASWU should be doing these and I don't think there is anything wrong with doing more than the bare minimum. To do more is never an issue and I think this position is something we should have even if it is \$6,000.

Georgia: Adaeze said a lot of the stuff I was going to say. Going back to the idea that we should do service projects, we have not been doing this at all. Also, that money is a lot but compared to other things it is not a lot and this position follows our mission statement.

Jed: going back to the service piece, I like the idea but would like to amend it I don't think it should be a part of this job since I want to focus this job to low income and disability. I propose a friendly amendment to delete section 8 from the job description

Georgia: I cannot accept that since I think it's very important, but I understand what you're saying.

Olivia: one thing I like about this position is that it gives a focus to one person to do it since other senators already have a lot of events and stuff to plan. As a senator we already deal with stuff that this position would deal and it would be good to have someone we can go to for information

Emma moves to extend by 5 mins, Jed seconds
In favor 14 | Opposed 2 | Abstaining 2
Motion Passes

Katie luds: it sounds like there's a lot of consensus and what is it that people want changed?

Sam: I would say there are so many working parts to events and like Victoria said that having the flex-rep there to remind others that it needs to be catered to those they are representing. Having people there to remind those that plan to cater to those underrepresented population would be a great addition.

Faizzan: one thing that comes to mind is that I know through personal experience people don't know the resources they have and if this position could reach out to those that don't know what we have to offer. It would be amazing

if we could add that to the job description in having the coordinator talk to students

Emma: I have two questions; will the volunteer events go through programming and are there going to be events just helping the students or where they can gather?

Christian: when thinking of this position I wanted this to be in place so someone can be in a place where they can think of these things. I want that coordinator to know what the issues are on campus and address those things.

Jed: I've talked with Christian and I think I will bring up small changes such as the name which I think is too broad. Friendly amendment to change name to Accommodations coordinator

Jason: I think accommodations has legal power that we cannot have

Jed: I withdraw my amendment.

Parker: quick friendly amendment to remove coordinator meetings from the job description

Jed motions to table discussion
In favor 3 | Opposed 14 | Abstaining 1

Approving proposal with friendly amendments
In favor 15 | Opposed 2 | Abstaining 1
Motion Passes

Parker: We are going to be voting next week on the updates to coordinator job descriptions and we will be sending out those changes later this week to the assembly. President Taylor also reached out to me since words have been said about him leaving us and he said he is going to finish strong. Whitworth means a lot to him. We want to get something for Beck Taylor for all students so shoot me an email with any ideas. For random acts of kindness, we will be standing in hub and open doors for people. ASWU dialogues was something that we talked about and we will have our first one next Tuesday after GE.

FVP Updates

Capital: \$15,280

Unallocated: \$ 16,484

Faizzan: we did approve one requisition for the incoming student paint night for \$1775

Christian: we are hiring neon entertainment which was the cheapest option and the best to follow along. They will have live artists and we are spending \$275 to buy 50 art kits which was good since we tried finding kits on our own but that was really hard to do.

Olivia: only 50 kits?

Christian: yes

Michael: can you explain what those people do there?

Christian: they will host the zoom call and organize that, and they will have like 50 different options and you can follow along with them painting

Meghan: what's the benefits to doing it in person rather than video

Chris: the reason was that trying to assemble the kits and go along with the video was really difficult and the people can interact with the artist

Olivia: is it a blank canvas

Christian: Yes

Jaedon: I think it is so expensive and idk if having money in our account gives us reason to just spend it

Olivia: I will say it is a lot and when I first looked at it I was not sure but I have been hearing a lot from people that there are not very many events where they can relax and destress since we don't have a spring break

David: what happens with extra money?

Faizzan: it just rolls over and the accounts are filled up

Jed: I don't see why we should be opposing it will be well organized with people who know what they're doing, and it is for students

Emily: a big thing about getting contracts is that it is expensive, but they do a lot of the work and is a great use of the unallocated for the students and we do have the money that doesn't roll over but gets refilled.

Jaedon: I misheard does it roll over or doesn't?

Hannah: whatever doesn't get used it stays there and only goes up to \$20k each year.

Jaedon: in the grand scheme you would still save the \$1500

Hannah: that would be using the ASWU fees that students pay for

Xavier: being a first year we kind of got screwed by a lot of things and with the amount of money we have left I think we could use it.

Hannah: unlike almost everyone in the room, they did not have a budget and so when talking about them this is something, we told them to requisition since they have no budget.

Emma: my only concern is with zoom; everyone has different schedules, and I don't know how many people will be able to attend and also, I am not sure if 50 kits is enough.

Olivia moves to approve, Jed seconds

In favor 14 | Opposed 2 | Abstaining 2

Motion Passes

EVP Updates

Hannah: Election timeline is up for approval, so I hope you all looked at that

Olivia: with GER would that be in fall or spring?

Hannah: that would happen in the spring

Emily moves to approve, Christian seconds

In favor 18 | Opposed 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion Passes

Hannah: for campaign guidelines I changed the poster adding about on campus they may only post in their hall. And if a student is running not in a hall and don't know anyone the current senator can put up posters for them class, bathrooms and non-academic buildings. Debates added it for future positions, so we do not lose it even if we do not have them this year, also about runoff elections.

Jed: is there info about negative campaigning, so I could talk about someone in the same office

Hannah: I would support it saying any candidate

Katie R: you might want to make a third option and talk about negative campaigning that it's not allowed – in the bylaws it was there before we removed it.

Jed: I'm all for banning negative campaigning but I do think if someone wants to say if someone acted not under whitworth values and if it's on record it could be used

Faizzan: more inclusive pronouns under active campaigning

Munya: it says 12 march for exec debates instead of April

Jed: can we add about something that we can use record-based actions

Olivia: ldk how I feel about that Jed since I don't know if I want people to go

Faizzan: I don't think it should be included because if someone is talking about behind your back, they might not be there to defend

Katie R: my thought is that if there is records of what people said about what they intend to vote, but in the minutes they don't write down what people vote yes or no

Jed: If someone is lying about someone's record than that is on them, and what happens in this chamber should affect how people vote and if a candidate says someone in this chamber does not represent whitworth or ASWU's vote then that should be able to use in campaigning.

Victoria motions to pass motion with Hannah's friendly amendments of the use of he/she/they pronouns, changing date to the 12th of April and adding stipulation about no negative campaigning

In favor 17 | Opposed 0 | Abstaining 1

Motion Passes

Hannah: for SEC I will not be the head of the SEC that will be Emily Clemons as passed by exec council. Senators please be working on planning events and our expectation is that there is 2 events per hall. Our student highlights this week is all the MVP mentors this past weekend they were all great so give them a safe high five.

Coordinator Spotlight:

John: I am the sustainability coordinator. Last semester my job mostly was to put all the different clubs such as KIPOS and for the pines and put it under the Environmental Action Coalition and so I spent most of my semester getting EAC running. I am still mostly the head of it right now though. I have composting going on right now with KIPOS. This semester we are using our momentum as our first meeting had 28 students working on sustainable policy also planning events for earth week and have been working with professors for a climate change panel. Also, that week will be having sidewalk chalk art and potentially commission a piece as well as a trivia night and potentially a protest. Preparing for the end of the year and right now there is a sustainability section in bylaws, but it is not great, so I am looking at wordage and changes. Hoping to have brief info session about sustainability within ASWU.

Upcoming Events:

Casino Night:

Emily: on Saturday if you signed up show up at 6, we will feed you and it is black tie, give me the bare minimum. Bring Bluetooth headphones. Thank you!

Incoming Student Paint Night:

Christian: As a reminder it will be on March 27th at 7 pm

Immigrant Women Highlight:

Esther: The display will be next Wednesday in the loop from 11:30 -1 and we also will have 70 prepackaged meals and are still accepting submissions

Easter Baskets:

Rachel: Details on Instagram on how to donate there is a bin in the HUB donations due the 26th and we will be packing them on the 28th to deliver before easter.

Christian: what items are you looking for?

Rachel: Coloring books, easter themed toys, and other easter things child or family would enjoy

Constituency Reports**Arend**

Emma: doing fine, on the pool table I got ghosted by supplier

Whitflex rep

Victoria: Nothing much has happened

Duvall

Xavier: weather is nice so that's fun to see, still trying to get people to come to office hours

Warren

Isaac: trying to get warren peace planning started soon

Baldwin Jenkins

Mac: poppin off AS PER USUAL, doing ping pong tournament and office hours going well with good turnout recently

Global Engagement Rep

Michael L: nothing much most students had exams and enjoying weather some going homes.

Incoming Student Rep

Georgia: doing good really excited for paint night, had a few people come to office hours. We made friendship bracelets

Off Campus

David: Today gave away hot chocolate with pretty low traffic but good turnout and talking about lemonade when it gets warmer.

Stewart

Adaeze: Stewart is Stewart, a dryer still not working, people have been coming to Stewart to do laundry. Thinking of battle of the sides tournament as possible event.

McMillan

Jaedon: Macs good we got the beeping fixed. Today got better WIFI for kitchen over summer. Energy has died down because there is no spring break.

Ballard

Meghan: doing good talked to them about an idea and they are super excited.

Oliver

Olivia: 3 of our washers are still broken so that's not good so I will be emailing Allen. Trying a new thing with newsletter. Have 2 events I want to try out

Boppell

Jed: Met with people excited for spring semester. Frist floor lounge is growing with activity. Also got a new roommate

Lauren: best time of year its march madness, I think it would be fun to do ASWU bracket tournament so I will send out link even if you don't do basketball

Michael B: I remember talking about us going to visit people in the theme houses and am following up on that. Also thought about playing music from different cultures at more of our events.

Parker: I followed up with Bosh and never heard back.

David: Students were frustrated that they had some budget taken away from club but also bunch of money given away in prizes.

Katie R: was it that they didn't give more money, it could have been that they didn't do enough events or didn't apply for more funding? We also never took any money from any clubs.

Hannah: I want to continue to emphasize importance of surveillance testing

Katie Luds; announcement for graduation came out and it is exciting. Emily bosh has worked tirelessly for this plan but has been getting so much blow back.

Sam: I met a new employee and he said we handled constitution voting horribly and I said if he wants to be a part of process he can apply.

Hannah: If people are complaining on blanket changes tell them we only had one week of leeway for the changes

Katie R: with surveillance testing if you or close contact have something important come up but feel sick you still have to get tested and let others know

Michael B: Sam made me think of this and someone came up and said when she was reading said that they were reasons attached

Hannah: there was a link attached and I got feedback that it was demeaning for me to put humor in the arguments against changes and I did that because I thought it would get people to see it

Jed: few nights ago, there was an ASWU game night and it was a fun time.

Emma: I have a concern cause its great people are outside but have seen lots of people not wearing a mask

David: lots of extra vaccines and there is a number you can sign up for the waitlist

Adaeze: Senators can add to newsletters a reminder to wear masks.

Aeron: for my next project I will be promoting COVID safety so I will be doing that soon

Shout outs

Parker: shoutout to Jed for teaching us a new game

Emily: to Georgia and Christian for hitting the ground running and moving mountains

Christian: Jed for meeting with me multiple times for outreach coordinator

Sam: Emily for working on casino night and Katie Luds on working on graduation things

Aeron: first shoutout to Jorge, the new and updated PowerPoint looks good, second is Emily for upcoming casino night, and third for MVP weekend it was great that Jason, Parker, Hannah, Esther and Rachel were there.

Jed: to Christian for meeting with me I know I can seem pushy and annoying, but I do it for Whitworth.

Jason: shoutout to all of you, with no spring break it can be tough and you all are trucking through

Michael B: I commend Jaedon for playing devil's advocate with our budget

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned: 6:50