



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, strive to provide advocacy, a sense of belonging, and communication through grace and a holistic approach. Our members aim to represent the diverse student body and collaborate to produce an environment rich in unity, optimism, and civil discourse; while also empowering students to be their authentic selves.

2022-23 ASWU Meeting Minutes | April 5, 2023

Executive Members:

Georgia Goff President	PRESENT
Christian Aguilar Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Sydnee Lum Marketing & PR	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Grace Johnson Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Jamie Gassman Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Reeshika Sharma Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Micah Cunningham Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Haley Horsburgh Sustainability Coordinator	PRESENT
Larkin Dean Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

Senators:

Samie Schaffer Arend Senator	PRESENT
Sierra Witte Baldwin Jenkins	ABSENT
Kenzie Quinn Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Katelynn Diaz Boppell Senator	ABSENT
Katie Chilcote Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PRESENT
Lucien Dallabetta McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Grace Stiger Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Lotanna Akukwe Oliver Senator	PROXY
Ava Dennis Warren Senator	PRESENT

Representatives:

Gio Coronado Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Maleah Robles Neighborhoods Representative	PROXY
Bobbi Jo Crittenden Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Nick Yochum Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Hannah Sommerville Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Rylee Baratone Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:00pm

Mission statement read by Kenzie

Approval Of Minutes from March 22, 2023

Motioned to approve by Katie

Seconded by Bobbi Jo

Favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 0

Club Updates

Ultimate Frisbee Club (Bangarang)

Jacob: Dear Associated Students of Whitworth University, I hope you remember your favorite club, Bangarang. The club that practices and competes against D1 and D3 schools, showing how fun it can be to play with a little round piece of plastic and run for hours and hours. This year was a complete rebuild of our team. With about 80% of our team being brand new to the team and to the sport, we began our training. After a few scrimmages with Gonzaga, we hit our indoor season, practicing in the UREC before playing a tournament against the University of Idaho. We competed against high level club teams, D1 schools and a bunch of dudes in onesies. Pretty lit. We started the Spring season before the snow melted, but it was no problem for the highly dedicated Whitworth team. We traveled to PLU for our first official tournament. We brought a ton of alumni to the tournament to help instruct our newbies. PLU was an epic success, and we hyped up for another freezing tournament at WSU where we demolished the wind and snow for some more epic ultimate frisbee. Last weekend, Bangarang traveled to Burlington where we competed in the Northwest challenge; the largest college tournament in the Pacific Northwest where we had two massive comebacks, locking us in to compete at regionals at the end of this April. We come together to live laugh and love with a little piece of plastic and running in the cold. But to us, it's so worth it but to us it's not a lifestyle, but a style of life.

Speaker Proposals

Artist's Cooperative: Jamie Crain, Rachel Mcoy, Uziel Gonzalez

Alyssa: So we want to bring 3-4 speakers. They are all previous alum that graduated last year, or in Decemeber. They would talk about what it is like to be a practicing artist after graduation. All really important things for artists to know about. They are all previous Co Op members, so we thought it would be nice to bring them to campus.

Ava: What type of mediums do the artists work with?

Alyss: All of them... graphic design, studio artist, printmaking and more. Three of the four are already approved volunteers with the departments.

Georgia: Who is the fourth because I only see three on the presentation.

Alyssa: Not entirely sure if she's coming but Leah Lam.

Jamie: Alright, we will be voting on it next week.

Turning Point USA: Xi Van Fleet

Grace: We want to bring Xi Van Fleet. She grew up in China during Mao's Cultural Revolution. She does different speaker events. We want her to tell her story, have any questions to be answered and discussion if prompted. Free for ASWU and Whitworth. Everything sorted out for her to come on the 27th hopefully if approved.

Christian: How is it being funded?

Grace: Leadership institute.

Georgia: Is it open to anyone?

Grace: Yes to everyone. We are making posters if approved.

Jamie: Again, voting on this next week.

Financial Director Updates

Account Totals

Capital : \$13,900 | Unallocated: \$8,755

Finance Committee Meeting Update

Michael: Finance committee will meet next week Tuesday the 11th.

President Updates

Meeting with Scott

Georgia: I had a meeting with him this afternoon. We talked about various things going on on campus. We talked about the hiring policy but there wasn't much he could share with me. I'm more than happy to share any information he did share with me if you'd like. I had a few updates for him but things are going pretty smoothly there.

Historian Update

Georgia: I know we voted on this a few weeks ago but the Execs and I have made an executive decision to not go through with this change for next year. We are putting the responsibilities back in the Communications Director role. That might look different with budget committee coming up. That is the decision we chose to make.

Niraj: We did raise a lot of concerns of the efficacy of the Communication Director role and how it was severely affected by all of these different responsibilities. Did you guys discuss how to combat that?

Georgia: We have had other members in ASWU in the past do all of these responsibilities successfully. Thank you for asking that. Any other questions? If you have any later, feel free to contact me.

Mentorship Visit Program

Georgia: I got an email from Raul Sanchez, and he asked if any of us would perhaps be willing to speak at the Mentorship Visit Program talking about student involvement. That is Friday, April 14th. They didn't have a specific number of volunteers, but I'll be sure to update you.

Cotopaxi Gonzaga Event

The president at Gonzaga is having an event called, "How to Fight Poverty with Profits". Cotopaxi is coming to speak. They are focusing on positive social change and financial success to fund poverty in Latin America. They extended the invitation to all Whitworth students. Any questions?

Vice President Updates

Assembly Meeting Proposal

Christian: The first thing is we wanted to make changes to the ASWU meeting structures, so the members who have been working on that are going to propose that today.

Jamie: We want to add back time limits for discussion elements. These can be extended if need be. There would be a seating chart. Guests could go anywhere in the room, however. We will also be emphasizing professionalism in meetings. Moving campus vibes to the beginning, but renaming it, "What's up Whitworth?" Please keep comments professional. Next, birthdays if any, then next would be Student Highlight. Club Updates would all have a set slide with predetermined questions for each club on it. Communication Director updates would be next if there are any, Financial Director updates, Vice President updates, then President updates. Upcoming events, past events, Constituency Reports all would have standardized questions. Then, shoutouts and for the good of the order. People can add campus vibes if needed. Then, shoutouts. This will be only highlighting academic, professional, and extracurricular related people/things.

Katie: What are examples of what the Senator questions would be?

Jamie: The Vice President would probably decide that and send it over.

Katie: Would it be a possibility for Senators to get a say on those questions? And also, what was the purpose of switching VP and President updates?

Jamie: Just because having Vice President updates after doesn't make much sense to me.

Lucien: It just made sense in my mind like organizationally.

Niraj: Do we have standards to define as professionalism and if not should we explore that?

Georgia: There is not.

Niraj: Would we leave it up for interpretation?

Georgia: That is typically what happens in years past. I suppose it would be up to the committee to create something like that if they wanted.

Jamie: If it got to that point we could, but I think we are all mature to remind people to keep things moving along.

Christian: In response to Katie, I will send a form to Senators for different question prompt ideas.

Jamie: That's all from us!

Christian: I was thinking of doing an informal vote, including coordinators. Passes, thank you.

Elections

Christian: Samie and I were talking this week with some candidates and it prompted this discussion about Election Timeline changes. Most of the timeline would stay the same but we would want to change campaigning from starting on Friday to starting on Tuesday, but ending on Thursday. We don't want candidates to be penalized for going home for the four day break. It will open next Tuesday back from break. They can still send in campaigning materials after the mandatory election meeting tomorrow. We want to make it as fair as possible.

Jamie: With the Board of Trustees blackout dates, how does that work?

Christian: We should be okay. This is really the exact same timeline as last year. Tabling isn't affected.

Grace: Do you think that's enough time for the election candidates to campaign?

Christian: I honestly wish we had more time but we need those things decided. We need the next team decided and no other time really works. I would love to but four days are going to have to be enough.

Motioned to approve by Katie

Seconded by Kenzie

Favor: 15 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 0

Christian: Applications for elections were due today at 5:00pm, but please still encourage candidates for some Senators to apply. We still have some areas open. There's an option to write in, so their name won't be on the ballot but they can have enough people write in, making them a candidate. Next, we are going to go over rules and violations so we have the most eyes looking over potential campaign violations. All senators are only allowed to hang election material in the Residence Hall that they are running for. For example, Mac can only hang in Mac. For execs, off campus and international senator, they can hang in the hub and academic buildings. All posters must be given approval from SEC so they must have a stamp in the corner. Also, on election day there is no active campaigning. Posters can stay up election day however. We want to make things as fair as possible. Samie, anything else?

Samie: Not really.

Christian: As we go into next week, please take a picture of any campaign violations and send to Samie. Next, we have voting booth sign ups. We will have a table to encourage people to vote.

Samie: Tabling will be from 9:00am-1:00pm. We will cap it to two people per session. Sessions will be from 9:00am-10:00am, 10:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-12:00pm, 12:00pm-1:00pm. Is anyone available next Friday to help with this? Candidates cannot do this but if you are an SEC member you can.

Student Highlight

Christian: The Student Highlight this week is Sabine Uhler. She is one of the HUB Info Desk workers. Before Spring Break, there was a student visiting who was stressed and she took care of them well. She is really awesome.

Meal Cards

Christian: As always, come grab a meal card from me after the meeting and enjoy a meal with the team or alone. Everyone is welcome.

Events: Upcoming Events

Executive Debates

Christian: Next week on Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the MPR, we will be having Executive Debates. There will be questions asked to each of the candidates, and then there will be a Q&A period. All of the candidates running for President, Vice President and Financial Director will be there. Tell constituents.

Duvall Drive In

Katie: On April 22nd at 8:00pm, we will be doing Duvall Drive In. It will be in the Pirate's Cove due to the Duvall lawn going under some construction. Bring blankets and cereal bowls. I need volunteers to test out the screen on Thursday the 13th from 3:00pm-4:00pm. We will be bringing it down to Campanile to make sure it is all working before the big day. I need three sets of hands for that. Soon I will have advertising and stuff like that. Keep that in mind. I'm thinking blow up costumes.

Happy Birthday!

Georgia: Happy Birthday to Maleah, Nick and Haley. We love and appreciate you.

Constituency Reports

Boppell

Katelynn: Boppell is great. We are back to not a lot happening in Boppell. I see maybe one person in the hallways now but people have been outside more and enjoying the sun.

Oliver

Proxy: Oliver is doing well. We had a nice Spring Break but we are ready for Easter break.

Duvall

Katie: Duvall has been doing good as usual. Even after spring break I can tell we all still need Easter break. We had a really cool prime time where Bryan got thoughts of the UNI and what can be improved etc. First our elevator has been down since the fire, which was in early February. We have placed multiple work orders, and it is becoming a problem as we have at least one resident who must hobble up to the fourth floor while carrying his knee scooter. Also there have been occurrences where people outside the dorm wanted to visit friends on other floors, and were not able to make it to birthday parties and movie nights due to the inability to climb stairs. It was also mentioned that multiple residents have been feeling unsafe especially in the parking lot behind DuvOliver area and requested a blue light both in that space as well as the space between BJ and the UREC. They have been asking me about a water dispenser in Duvall - which to my knowledge is out of budget, and I am not sure where to ask to make this a reality. They have expressed feelings of annoyance and confusion at the volleyball court in the front lawn. As it is winter, the majority of the time students are here. As well as the annoyance coming from the dirt coming into parking lots that cannot be used by the DuvOliver residents as we are already short on parking.

BJ

Grace: Sierra is not here, and so she sent me her constituency report to read to you all. It reads, BJ is so happy to see the sun! I have heard so many fun stories from spring break and I can tell that the time off was truly rejuvenating for everyone. BJ sweatshirt designs are being voted on as we speak and for the next two weeks. Those will be ordered by the end of April! We had a blast at a campfire primetime before break eating smores and telling scary stories. We are excited for more outdoor primetimes again as the weather warms up. There is also much excitement but also curiosity for next year and how it will all play out. I hope you all are well.

Arend

Samie: Not much to report on from Arend this week. Lots of people had a good break, but have voiced that this week has felt extra long. my constituents are definitely looking forward to this long weekend!

Off-Campus Senator:

Grace: Off-Campus came back well-rested from break and are excited for this week and next to be short due to Easter. Everyone's moods seem to be lifting as weather is becoming nicer. Overall things are positive from the constituents I have talked to.

Warren

Ava: I haven't seen a lot of my constituents lately. I think some of them are still home because of Easter break. However I have heard that some people have tests this week so hopefully they do well. I have also noticed that the water fountains have been red for filtering or not on at all. Overall it's been very quiet in the dorm.

McMillan

Lucien: McMillan has been good as usual. Some energy came back to the hall a little bit after Spring Break which is always nice to see. I've already seen two community movie nights and a game night this week, so people are definitely thriving and enjoying each others' company. Milk and Cookies tonight at 10:55 PM in Mac 2nd, be there for fun times!

Ballard

Kenzie: Ballard is doing alright. We are a swarm of different emotions. Some include excitement over upcoming elections, disappointment that Spring Break is over, and hope for the upcoming school year with new jobs. We're preparing for another game of water assassins led by the Quad. Milk and Cookies is tonight at 11 as always, and we are fundraising for next year's milk and cookies by selling cute little crocheted study buddies! We love the sunshine, lots of people are outside, either playing frof, kill, or just hammocking and studying.

Neighborhoods

Larkin (Proxy): The neighborhood is doing well so far. It seems that most people had mixed emotions regarding Spring Break as some people took the time to rest up either with their families or on vacation, while others caught up on school or work. However, we are very excited for Easter Break that is around the corner. The house events for this month are finally beginning this week. We are hoping that residents will continue to attend their required house events from this month on since we are halfway through the semester already. In

addition, applications for the Neighborhood closed on Sunday and we are very excited to see who will be joining the Neighborhoods next year.

International Students

Niraj: The international students have had a restful spring break. Now they are looking forward to a restful Easter break. Some of us got sick over the break unfortunately, but that comes with a change in the weather. There is nothing much new with the international students. We are glad to be back and be gone again.

Incoming Student Representatives:

Gio & Liam: The incoming students have been doing pretty well this week. Lots of them had very good breaks and were able to use the downtime to relax and spend time with friends and family. I've heard a lot of people say they wish break continued through Easter weekend, but everyone is still really excited about having a 4-day weekend. Students are also really excited about the sunnier weather. That said, there's definitely still an air of apprehension as students are nearing the end of their first year of college. Also, many people are feeling overwhelmed with trying to navigate all the different opportunities available to them for next year, between ASWU positions, RA positions and other jobs both on and off campus. While there's a lot of anxiety about the next couple weeks of school in the air, I think most people are feeling pretty reenergized and ready to finish the year strong.

Campus Vibes

Katie: There was a student who went into shock for an allergy. While an ambulance did show up, it did get lost. I think it would be smart to have an emergency first aid kit near AED's and I think if we do CPR training, there should be medical literacy training as well. Maybe a little bit of CPR, AED, epipen use.

Jamie: Building on using epipens. You have to get a very advanced training to use epipens. I have a lot of training with being a lifeguard and I'm not allowed to administer one. I don't think it's legally allowed to have them in those kits. If you are with an unconscious person, you can assist them technically by holding it in their hand for them and having them use it. That is legal.

Katie: Something that I forgot to mention is that our pool table is broken.

Lucien: On a lighter note, I'm going to announce an event. We will have Mac Combat on April 29th. Big game of capture the flag in the loop.

Grace: I have four vibes. I've talked to a few people who would love to see the pictures from events posted on our website to see themselves or to have the ability to download. I'd love to see that. Next, proxy info. I'd love it if you had a proxy to email me their info so I know their name so I can include it in the minutes and not have to go digging. Next, this wasn't on upcoming events but we have Student Market coming up! Sign ups are out, so encourage people to sign up if they have a small business or goods to sell. I held one in the fall and people really enjoyed it, so I think it will be really nice in the springtime. It will be a great time! Lastly, everyone get out their calendars. Springfest is coming up which is an all hands on deck event. May 6th is Springfest, and block off the entire day. We will be doing a lot of different things, more information to come.

Larkin: The voting for the theme of 2nd Chance Prom is out. We have a couple of different themes to vote on. We already had 60 people respond and vote, and we just put it out not too long ago. Prom is April 28th.

Ava: How many tickets will there be?

Larkin: How much are they or how many?

Ava: I assume they're free like they were last year?

Larkin: They're going to be five dollars each to raise for Springfest.

Larkin: 300-350 people, but might increase due to the fact that the inside will be open this year, and was not last year. I'll talk to them about capacity but need to know the theme and capacity before printing tickets and everything.

Katie: When will we know when tickets are out?

Larkin: Hopefully next week.

Liam: There is lawn construction on the DuvOliver lawn. I've talked to people that say they don't like that there is construction right now. They don't seem to be super on board with it. I know that student input is valuable which is why I share. Also, a student brought her car for a month and tried to negotiate with security or facilities or whoever to get a lower rate or a monthly temporary pass or something along those lines, but she has to pay full price. Might be good to consider monthly parking passes.

Georgia: Come talk to me afterwards.

Nick: Back to the parking discussion, I know some students sometimes only drive to campus during the winter which is only about 2-3 months, so a monthly fee sounds good for that as well.

Haley: Not this next week but the next week is Earth Week! The EAC club and I have been planning all different types of fun events for the week. Keep your eye out for all of them!

Reeshika: I'm having an event on April 25th. It will be a sexual awareness event. A speaker will be coming. A Whiworth Alum and Lawyer. It will be 12pm with lunch provided as well as stickers and other goodies.

Shoutouts

Christian: Shoutout to Samie for all of your hard work in SEC as the chair. Also, shoutout to the Meeting Conduct Committe for all of your hard work.

Kenzie: Shoutout to the Exec team and Laurie and Todd for the historian position discussion. I'm sure that was hard.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Bobbi Jo

Seconded by Gio

Favor: 15 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm
