



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 26, 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
Taylor Jones Senior Class 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 Senator	PRESENT
Kenzie Quinn Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Katelynn Diaz Boppell Senator	PRESENT
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	PRESENT
Ava Dennis Warren Senator	PRESENT

Representatives:

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

Meeting brought to order at 5:03pm

Mission statement read by Samie

Approval Of Minutes from April 19, 2023

Motioned to approve by Kenzie

Seconded by Katie

Favor: 17 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Minutes Approved

What's Up Whitworth

Gio: It's sunny outside.

Liam: One thing, some of the students are freshmen that were expecting to come into a double but put into a triple instead, but with only two sets of furniture. Not enough space in the room. They are applying for the same room process and one of the roommates is moving out so they're not allowed to apply for same room even though it's the size of a double. It's double size, I've been in there. They might've talked to someone about it already but just thought I would say that.

Georgia: If it's still a problem, come to me and I'll work with you to solve that.

Student Highlight

Sydnee: Our student highlight is Abigail Hudson. Her art was displayed in Lied this past week, which is a big accomplishment. She is also on the Volleyball team, and is just a great student across campus.

Happy Birthday!

Sydnee: Happy Birthday Taylor! Her birthday is today. We love you girl.

Georgia: How old are you today?

Taylor: 22.

Members: Ooooooh.

Georgia: This is a cute picture. Where is this?

Taylor: Florida.

Club Updates

Christian: Jamie isn't here so I'll be leading club updates this week.

International Club

Reeshika: International club is doing good. We went to Greenbluff as a team and with our members. We had a bowling night at Lilac Lanes, International Festival with a great outcome, and now we have Holi coming up. If you want to join, you can email Aditi even though she is graduating, and she will add you on her email list.

Georgia: When is Holi?

Reeshika: Upcoming on Sunday. See you guys at Holi!

Westminster Round

Bobbi Jo: They've had quite a few great events this year. A lot of people coming. Everyone in English department is on the email list. They've had a few student reading where you can read different things such as poetry. They had a craft night as well. And one of the English professors, Jake Andrews, had a speech thing and we did pizza before and then we all went to the speech after. Follow them on Instagram.

Katelynn: What is it?

Bobbi Jo: It's the English club for English majors but everyone is welcome to come to any events.

Club Approval

Math Club

Christian: Are there any questions that have come up since last week?

Motioned to approve by Bobbi Jo

Seconded by Katie

Georgia: Anyone associated with the Math Club, please step out now.

Favor: 17 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Club Approved

ACT Club

Christian: Again, are there any questions that have come up since last week?

Georgia: I know you mentioned a lot of projects and people were going to be involved. Where were you planning on getting funding?

Fiona: Our hope is to do student led shows and generally we would charge five dollars to help cover the show. This would have ticket sales cover our shows and projects generally. If we needed more funds we would requisition from ASWU, but our goal is to be self sufficient.

Katie: Is it open to all of campus?

Fiona: Yes. Associated with the Theater department, but open to everyone. The goal is to also gain more interested in the Theater department as well. Totally welcome to everyone.

Motioned to approve by Bobbi Jo

Seconded by Liam

Georgia: Anyone associated with the ACT Club, please step out now.

Favor: 15 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Club Approved

Speaker Approval

Political Science Club: David Kling, Rik Wallis, Mary Logan

Christian: Are there any questions that have come up since last week?

Motioned to approve by Bobbi Jo

Secoded by Katie

Favor: 17 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Speaker Request Approved

Financial Director Updates

Account Totals

Capital : \$13,900 | Unallocated: \$6,805

Financial Committee Meeting Update

Michael: Finance Committee will have its last meeting on Monday, so if you have any requisitions, please be sure to get those in before then.

Budget Committee: Budget Presentation

Michael: Budget Committee met for multiple hours on Monday and Tuesday of last week. We ran into a deficit. This is as a result of enrollment issues and a complication with the ASWU student fee. We are trying to work with the university to solve these issues. However, as of right now, we have to move forward with information that we have received. There are some changes made to the budget that you will see now. Most of you guys have seen the ASWU budget before. I am going to quickly go through the breakdown. We are going to go through each individual section broken it down into multiple sections. It is divided up by what we gave them last year, what they had going into this academic year, and a small portion they'll be going into next year with. So as you can see we have clubs here. Then we have ASWU salaries, student media salaries, and we included summer hours in there because we didn't do that last year and ran into a few issues with that. Then we have ASWU operations. These things should not have much discussion because they are just budgeted numbers that don't change. I don't recommend spending much time here. Then, student programs. Budgets for all of the coordinators. Residence halls. Every resident in a residence halls equivocates to 4 dollars which informs the senator budgets. Then, student media operations, university programs, and then capital and unallocated. This is just a brief idea of what we are working with now. I'm going to go back to the top and give everyone an opportunity to squiz through some of these numbers.

Ava: Why are some green and some are red? What does that mean?

Michael: Excel isn't my friend. The way that this works is that this is what they got at the beginning, the math isn't mathing for some reason on Excel. It's actually a positive number. Red means they spent over their budget.

Katie: With Asian Alliance, they only spent 67 dollars out of 414 that we gave them and we approved 500. I'm confused, why?

Michael: As a Budget Committee, we didn't want to penalize clubs for being conservative with their budget as to why they didn't get more money moving forward.

Georgia: They also could be saving to do something big next year, we just don't know.

Michael: When we made changes, we were conservative with clubs and tried to keep their budgets the same. ASWU salaries are difficult because unless someone feels strongly, they are up for debate because minimum wage is what it is right now. We have a prediction for what next year's minimum wage will look like as well. Budget Committee approved to take Campus Activities down each down by an hour or two. Others stayed the same. Actually we took Sustainability and Spiritual Life by an hour as well.

Georgia: This was not an easy decision for Budget Committee. We spent over 7 hours going over this singular document. It is hard to see these big clubs but this was all done so we didn't need to cut things all together. There was a possibility to cut a position but we didn't do that. If there are questions and concerns, let us know now because we will be voting on this next week.

Katie: Does this include summer hours?

Michael: Yes, we did include summer hours.

Niraj: Will we get this document?

Michael: Yes.

Katie: Will summer hours still be the same?

Georgia: We will get back to that.

Ava: So this is all projected for next year. I'm confused because it says 2022 to 2023.

Michael: That's just for comparison to last year's budget. Just there to reference.

Ava: I'm just confused because Warren won't be here next year so does that change anything?

Christian: It's switched to StewVille for next year.

Michael: Next, we have student media salaries. Kept hours the same going forward, just with an increase in minum wage. To go back to your question Katie, we are in the process of reevaluating summer training and what that looks like. Summer hours are estimated at 15,000 dollars for all of those that come back for training. That all depends on how we restructure training so this is just a general estimate. Once again this will get sent out to everyone. Come back with questions next week. I'll let everyone squiz through ASWU operations but as I said, there shouldn't be much discussion here.

Christian: Are those totals at the bottom accurate?

Michael: These?

Christian: Yes, they just look pretty different.

Michael: Good question. Ah, this was from last year. I fixed it. Okay, do I have any questions about this or can I move on? Okay, I'm moving on. Student programs, we cut quite substanstianially. Look at these and let me know if you have any questions. Do I have any questions? None whatsoever, great. Once again, we're looking now at residence halls. To be clear, I got these estimates from Alan Jacob.

Katelynn: Will any of this affect us for this year?

Michael: No. Okay, any more questions. Sick.

Liam: Do we have a projected number of students for StewVille? Nevermind, I see it.

Michael: We cut student media operations quite substantially, specifically yearbook. Also have to cut university programs, capital and unallocated. Look through that and let me know if you have any questions. No questions? Great. That's our budget for the year. Once again, it's just the proposal and will be sent out after the meeting. Voting members, go through it with your constituency, as we will be voting on this next week.

President Updates

Spring Fest Update

Georgia: Budget is quite tight right now. The executive team and I made a difficult decision to completely cut Springfest this year. We were in a 12,000 dollar deficit, and with the cut of Springfest, that takes us down to a 2,000 dollar deficit, which is a lot more feasible. I know that this is upsetting for a lot of students, but this is the spot we are in. We would've had to cut programs or positions if we hadn't cut Springfest, and we didn't want to do that. If there are any questions comments or concerns, I am more than happy to talk to you about that. That's just what we have to do to stay afloat.

Member Support

Georgia: This time of year is always busy and super stressful especially with everything that's been going on. I think everyone supporting one another has been incredible. Keep supporting one another, with the weather looking nicer, I just want to encourage you all to do that. Please look out for one another and take care of yourself.

Events: Past Events

Earth Week

Haley: Earth Week was great. I couldn't go to every single event, but they all seemed to be great, especially our Flexteraian Feast Friday event being very successful. The sun was nice and out too. It was awesome overall. If you have any questions or suggestions for next year, let me know.

Lotanna: I just wanted to say that the events were very well publicized and I was hearing from many other people about it, so good job.

Sydnee: I thought it was great. The plants were a big hit and the thrift event was a big hit too. It was a very put together week, so good job.

Ava: Where you put the food was a great decision.

Katie: I'm grateful for the food, we were all raving about how amazing it was. Good location, it was fantastic. Good way to spread awareness as well.

Mac Combat

Lucien: Not as many people that we used to have pre-Covid. We had been waiting to do it for a long time. It was great to see people participating in it and having fun. I would make poster more descriptive next time to talk about what it is.

Georgia: Any feedback for Mac Combat?

Duvall Drive In

Katie: Duvall Drive In went pretty well overall. There was a scheduling confusion with RAs however. It was 900 dollars to put on, 50 people showed up which means it was about 18 dollars a head. It was 650 dollars in copyright which you can't get around that too much. A girl left with 7 almond milks. She was so happy, it made it worth it. Two downpoints. Only one ASWU member showed up, and that was hard. So yeah. And then also, when trying to play the movie, I was going down the stairs and it took me like 5 minutes to find the play button. Went really well otherwise.

Georgia: Any feedback for Duvall Drive In?

Christian: I thought it was going to be a lot simpler than it was with the setup. It wasn't through our tech team so keep that in mind.

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Luncheon

Reeshika: 45 people showed up. We catered Olive Garden, learned a lot about how April is the month for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and how to support others through being an ally member.

Georgia: Feedback?

Katie: I enjoyed it, and a friend thought it was helpful as she was looking for resources in that department. Someone said prevention in title was misleading for those who have survived sexual assault.

Georgia: I was only able to help for setup. That number of people show up for a topic that is a bit more serious is something you should be proud of.

Student Market

Grace J: Student Market went very well. It just happened this afternoon. It was a very passive event with plenty of students stopping by and partaking. A lot of booths had a lot of success including miss Kenzie. We handed out free lemonade as well which was popular.

Georgia: Feedback?

Gio: I loved it. I spent 100 dollars. I remember last time we had only one person selling clothing, and now we had three which was great. The lemonade was amazing too.

Sydnee: I thought it was great, and really awesome supporting a good cause with businesses. I heard so many great things and bought stuff and felt good about it.

Katie: I just want to commend you and one got to sell and another had a class. A place to go out and normally sell art. But she sold multiple portraits. Great way to support our students.

Katelynn: Logistically, good job with marketing. People were talking about it. In this day and age, it is hard to get things to be known. I think you did a really good job running the event.

Christian: I know a lot of my friends said it was a Farmers Market vibe and that was really refreshing.

Grace J: That's what I was going for! Thank you.

Events: Upcoming Events

Second Chance Prom

Larkin: Second Chance Prom is this Friday. Tickets have been sold out. I'm really excited. I sent an email to those working as well.

Holi:

Reeshika: Holi is on April 30th in The Loop at 1:00pm. It is a festival of colors that welcomes spring. Wear gray or white clothes to get color on you. Sometimes the colors take forever to get out. I do need two people for setup at 12:30pm.

Lotanna: It's just powder right?

Reeshika: Yes.

Off Campus Yard Sale

Grace S: I was scheduling the Off Campus Yard Sale to be on May 7th after Springfest, but maybe Saturday would be better now? I guess this is an after meeting thing.

Constituency Reports

Arend

Samie: Arend has been relatively calm as usual. Primes have been relatively well attended with some students even coming from other residence halls. I'm also in the process of figuring out how to fix the broken paper tray on our printer. Additionally, I'm in the process of planning my spring event which will entail snacks, music, good vibes, and finals survival packs. I'm including a QR code on my newsletters this week to get to know what music, snacks, and goodies they want.

Baldwin Jenkins

Sierra: BJ is doing well. I think the most I have talked about with constituents has been school and our meeting last week. I have had some super cool open conversations. I haven't heard many concerns, just a lot of questions, and I did not have anybody come to my office hours, but I plan to be more on top of it now that lacrosse season is over.

Ballard

Kenzie: Ballard is doing well, we are loving the warm weather. We are also very excited for second chance prom on Friday, and BMAC in concert which is coming up very soon. We had Mac combat this past weekend and it was really fun, we actually had quite a bit of

Ballardians show up which was really great! Both of our new senators came, and I've noticed that everyone is excited about their rooms, and for the new leadership that is coming to BMAC next year. Milk and Cookies tonight at 11 in the second floor lounge of Mac.

Boppell

Katelynn: Boppell is good. No one comes to my office hours still, but I say hi to a lot of people who awkwardly make eye contact with me. I have heard lots about the meeting last week and the fallout from that. But ultimately, Boppell is doing great.

Duvall

Katie: I have been having a lot of good conversations about the Xi Van Fleet vote, as well as the hiring policy. I have been trying my best to explain both to the best of my ability and I am proud of the constituency's literacy. The elevator is still broken; however they are working on fixing it and we are very very excited about not having to take our laundry up and down the stairs. We had a great time at the drive in and are all more than excited to go home for the summer. I have had 4 people come to my office hours.

Incoming Students

Gio & Liam: Our incoming students are looking forward to becoming ongoing students as they gear up for the school year to end and summer vacation to come up. Lots of students have told me how shocked they are that their first year at Whitworth is about to end and that there is only a month left. I've heard many talks about the weather and sunshine being out and all the many plans that they have for enjoying it. We have a bit of stress concerning grades and finals, but the positives outweigh the negatives right now and we hope for it to be like that for a while. Life is great for us.

International Students

Niraj: International students are doing are really good. Our Muslim students finished up their holy month of fasting on Saturday with Eid, we also did a celebration for that last Wednesday in the ISC patio. We are also excited for the upcoming Holi event. A lot of us are attending CDA prime times. Some of us are having to cough up a small fortune to buy tickets back home for the summer. Not really any issues that ASWU should address with the international students currently. I have met with a decent chunk of my constituency this week.

McMillan

Lucien: McMillan Hall is doing well. We did Mac Combat, and a decent number of people showed up and valiantly played some capture the flag. Folks have also taken advantage of the beautiful sunny days, as well, so I've seen a lot of outdoor studying and activity. Not much concern to report. Things are well. Milk and Cookies is tonight at 10:55 PM.

Neighborhoods

Maleah: The neighborhoods are doing well. I haven't heard much from my constituents this past week, but one thing I have been hearing is the excitement surrounding prom. Some of my constituents are saying this will be their first real prom since the pandemic took away from this experience. Other than that, I don't have much back to report.

Off-Campus Students

Grace S: Off campus is doing good. The students are loving the nicer weather and I see more students walking to school instead of driving. School is getting stressful as the year is winding down, but everyone is looking forward to summer. The little garden cafe events have been successful so far, and our next one is May 5 from 2-4. Off-campus yard sale is also coming up.

Oliver

Lotanna: Currently, I'm still receiving some requests about sweatshirts and stickers, and the deadline for submissions is coming up. This week, no constituent came to my office hour so it was pretty lonely. Oliver's upcoming event will be joint collaboration with the RA final event that will be held on the Saturday after dead week, before finals week. So please look forward to more information about that.

Warren

Ava: What I've heard from my constituents this past week is discussion about last week's meeting with the speaker. It has been meaningful discussion. I've heard people talking about a dance coming up as well as an athletic meetings. It is called SAC I believe. One issue that I believe ASWU should address or be aware of, is that if people are confused about the discussion we had last week, just discuss in a way that is informative and not constructive. In terms of my office hours, no one specifically came except for people I was already with.

Shoutouts

Katie: Shoutout to Pride Club and the queer constituency, going through a lot because of the Xi Van Fleet situation. Also, there was a bias incident in front of the chapel. They need an extra hug. Also to all of you guys. Last week's meeting was really hard. A lot since then with mail and news and everything. Shoutout to everyone who had a rough last week.

Sydnee: Shoutout to Polynesian Club's Luau this upcoming Saturday at 7:00pm. It's on the instagram. Dinner before in the hub. Partnering with Sodexo so it should be a bit better than usual. Representation of the Polynesian people.

Christian: Shoutout to Katie for Duvall Drive In, as we know it was a heavy week and Katie had a good turnout with all things considered. She was doing a lot behind the scenes. Shoutout to Georgia for doing so much work behind the scenes, you're killing it. There have been passionate discussions and she's been facilitating those well. Shoutout to Kenzie for meeting with me to talk about things that would benefit Ballard and Mac next year for both constituents and leadership team. She's just going above and beyond caring about her constituency. Shoutout to Michael for Budget Committee. Shoutout to Grace for editing the crazy minutes. Nicely done.

Grace S: Shoutout to Bobbi Jo for coordinating the Little Garden Cafe event. She has stepped a lot and done a lot for me.

Niraj: Shoutout to exec team for facilitating discussion. Shoutout to TPUSA and Pride Club and all of the student body for coming and voicing their thoughts on the discussion. This is what student government should be about.

Bobbi Jo: Shoutout to Grace for being there for me for next year for Off Campus senator. Shoutout to anyone getting backlash. Georgia has been getting a lot of problems with that, and you all have been rolling with the punches.

Katelynn: Shoutout to Georgia and the Exec team. I know it's hard to change things that people don't want to change, so props to you for figuring it all out. Shoutout to Grace, I know how hard it is when people speak based on something that you might not necessarily believe.

Gio: Shoutout to the Exec team for the professionalism and composure. Also shoutout to Jacobi, I love Jacobi.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Bobbi Jo

Seconded by Gio

Favor: 16 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm
