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### 2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes [02/18/2026]

#### Executive Members:

[Abby Ruffcorn]   President	PRESENT
[Eli Harris]   Vice President	NOT PRESENT
[Jasmine Arevalo-Amaya]   Financial Director	PRESENT
[Chloe Jane Crandell]   Communications Director	PRESENT

#### Coordinators:

[Michael Barnes]   Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
[Gwen Brantner]   Club Coordinator	PRESENT
[Vernon Glass]   Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
[Avery Hamilton]   Senior Class Coordinator	PRESENT
[Jasmine Schmidt]   Spiritual Life Coordinator	NOT PRESENT

[Ellie Woods] | School Spirit Coordinator PRESENT

[Aubrey Lathrom] | Traditional Events Coordinator PRESENT

Senators:

[Halle Price] | Arend Senator PRESENT

[Katayanna Glavin] | Ballard Senator PRESENT

[Seth Phillips] | Baldwin-Jenkins Senator PRESENT

[Azalea Vlietstra] | Boppell Senator PRESENT

[Bennett Johnson] | Commuter Student Senator PRESENT

[Grace Reynolds] | Duvall Student Senator PRESENT

[Nina Susin] | International Senator PRESENT

[Kaleb Capellar] | McMillan Senator PRESENT

[Cristian Martinez] | Neighborhoods Senator PRESENT

[Emily Edstrom] | Oliver Senator PRESENT

[Aloisa Morales-Saldana] | StewVille Senator PRESENT

Representatives:

[Isabella Gichole] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Logan Roy] | Incoming Class Representative NOT PRESENT

[Laney Thomas] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

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Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

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Mission statement read by Vernon

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### Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 2/11 by Kaleb

Seconded by Bennett

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

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### Special Guests

Chad: My name is Chad I am with the counseling center here on campus. I have a few things to address. We have a survey coming out to all students. It tells us what what students need and your input helps us keep things going. I want to promote some of the groups we have. We have a group that's coping with chronic illness. It's a good place to come share about that. We have an immigration learning center. It's a safe place for people to share, get ideas and find safety. We have a group for people of LGBTQ+. Unfortunately, we have our groups where people come and then drop off which is fine, but we want everyone to know about it. We also have a men's group starting in March. This group won't be faith focused for those who want a group that isn't focused on that. It starts the second week of march. One last thing, we have been running a let's talk program. We know everyone finds out about this during orientation, but orientation is like a fire hydrant. Let's talk is an open hour that a counselor has and you can drop right in without an appointment. Currently we aren't sure if this is needed or wanted but we want to encourage people to come. I will leave little fliers up here for you to grab. Thank you very much.

Micki: I wanted to walk through some of the events that the SDEI office is having over the next couple months. In response to request we have developed a history of race lecture series. Dr. Soden will be doing a 4-part series that is open to everyone on campus. He will recommend relevant materials for anyone who wants them on campus. He has a book that he has written that will be published and he is showing us his manuscript. Email me and I will register you and you will get free lunch. You don't need to go to all of them to participate in the series. There will be a question-and-answer portion at the end of each session. Please feel free to distribute this paper. I want as many students as possible who are interested to come to this event. We are having another event. It's an International Women's Day luncheon. I would love it if you could join us for that as well. Finally, Dr. Terrell Strayhorn will be coming and having a couple workshops as well as a luncheon. He will be working with student leaders. There will also be a keynote address at the end of the day as well. If you have any questions, please email me.

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#### Student Highlight

Abby: We chose Alea Tabi as our student highlight this week because of how hard she has been promoting our organization.

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#### ASWU Highlight

Abby: Our ASWU highlight is Michael.

Jasmine: We chose Michael because he was very helpful to Vernon during Harlem Renaissance.

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#### What's Up Whitworth

Vernon: Yesterday the bill that I went to Olympia about just passed the Senate. It's still in the house and then it goes to the Governor to get passed.

Gwen: On Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in stage 2 of the auditorium there is Pen Paper Action. Come support me and watch some shows.

Emily: I've been talking to people about taking advantage of pass/no credit because the registrar is trying to reduce the amount of people that withdrawal and fail.

Bennett: I have heard a lot about people not liking the chalking policy. I know the petition has reached over 100 signatures so prepare to see more of that.

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### Club Updates

Ella Johnson: Hi, my name is Ella Johnson, and I am a first year here on campus. I know that I love flowers, and I know that a lot of people also do. The Giving Garden is a club that strives to serve the local Spokane community through the beauty of God's creation in the form of floral works. Through the process of sustainable gardening practices right here on the Whitworth campus, to the harvesting of blooms and formation of bouquets for delivery. These delivered bouquets will be fashioned with a verse of Biblical scripture attached to them. Regular meetings shall be held bi-weekly. The Vice President shall notify the members of the club of meetings by email. Aiming to meet and work in the Whitworth Kipos community Garden (waiting on response) Alternative options: Johnson's family garden (off campus). The Giving Garden will be seeking potential funding from ASWU and potentially future grants. The Giving Garden shall, as it deems necessary, undertake fundraisers for its own purposes. All fundraising shall be conducted in accordance with Whitworth University policies. The Giving Garden seeks to spread joy and the love of Jesus to everyone it serves through the gift of floral works. It is intended to be a service club that aligns with the religious practices of the Christian faith. Members are not required to be religious in order to participate in the activities of The Giving Garden.

Kaleb: How many people have been interested?

Ella: I have gotten around 10 people interested

Katayanna: Do you expect everyone to come with you to the family garden if you can't use Kipos' Garden?

Ella: That would not be expected of the normal members. That would only be something that the members in leadership would have to do.

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## Communications Director Updates

Chloe Jane: I wanted to let you all know that stickers are here! So if you want some they are at the ASWUu front desk. Then I have some news... Unfortunately, residence hall senators you now have to fill out an ERF for your events. This is a new thing for all senators for all events. This includes prime times that you're doing and everything else. We want everything to be on the student events calendar so that everyone can see what's going on around campus.

Cristian: I'm not a residence hall senator. Does that include me?

Gwen: Yes, as ASWU approval is through ERF now. We don't have that old ASWU form anymore so this is the new approval process.

Bennett: For the past three ERFs I filled out I have had problems with room reservations and Infoslem. So I don't know who runs that.

Todd: It's different for every building.

Bennett: They take their sweet time and email me on Friday at 1pm saying they will look at it on Monday morning. And I'm like I need approval for this event and can't advertise it until you approve this room. So I don't know if we can streamline the process but filling an ERF out is like the most painful process ever.

Gwen: Filling those out two weeks in advance is best.

Todd: They even ask if you can do it 3 weeks in advance if you can. The more time you give them the better.

Emily: Will RA's be filling these out for prime times?

Todd: Yes

Cristian: Two questions. So, if I'm in my house doing an event I have to fill one out?

Todd: Yes everything.

Cristian: Does that mean my residents when they're having their monthly house events have to do an ERF?

Todd: Residence Life will be managing their own. That's not for us to manage. But yes, Residence Life will be taking care of those. I'm not sure what that will look like it will

probably be simpler than putting every single prime time in and more of a broad sweep of them each week.

Jasmine: To add onto this. Chloe has made fliers for this calendar so its becoming more of a public access. So, we need to be actively advertising this calendar so that students are accessing it. We need you to be filling out these ERFs so that the calendar is never empty.

Kaleb: Does that mean that every prime time will be put on the calendar?

Todd: It might be less technical than that. It's just for awareness so that students know which prime times are happening and where they are.

Aloisa: I'm not sure how to fill out an ERF.

Aubrey: If you have any questions us coordinators can help you.

Gwen: It's literally my job to teach people how to do ERFs.

Avery: Whose decision was this?

Todd: It's my decision but its also broadly recognized by Student Affairs. We are slowly moving everything to this student calendar.

Grace: I have an event tomorrow.

Todd: That's ok lets just move forward doing this.

Seth: Do both people if you are having a co-led event have to submit an ERF?

Abby: No so like for example for Ballard Tea only Katayanna is making the ERF even though it's a BMAC event.

Katayanna: There's a thing where you can have it not show up on the calendar and I did that. Do I have to redo my ERF?

Todd: You can go back in and edit your ERF.

Gwen: The ERF code auto fills.

Chloe Jane: I just had one more thing. Job applications went live today! So, if you want to be apart of student leadership next year apply!

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Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Finance committee starts this Friday. It meets every 2 weeks.

Unallocated: \$10,402.72

Capital: \$18,954.66

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## President Updates

Abby: For UGM serve day the people listed above have not marked their calendars. If for some reason something comes up let me know. Please just answer one way. Tomorrow I am meeting with Gonzaga with their community outreach person to see what we can do with their team. I also sent out a new sign up sheet for the EWU serve day. For serve days going forward we are going to try and use our sweatshirts. Please wear your sweatshirt if you have one. The next thing is the international women's event is on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:45-1pm. Our last thing is we are going to hear from Vernon about him changing the name of his position.

Todd: For the International Women's Day event we would love if you were all able to attend it. Just make sure you preregister for it.

Abby: It'll be very fun and good to meet different people. Vernon we can hear about your proposal now.

Vernon: So, my current title is Student Advocacy and Cultural Engagement Coordinator, my proposal is to shorten it to Cultural engagement coordinator. I want to change it because its so long and the first part of. My name makes it seem like I am the only student advocate which isn't true we all are.

Kaleb motions to approve Vernon's proposed name change

Halle seconds.

Favor: 13|Oppose: -|Abstain: -

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## Past Events

Valentines Crafts & Charcuterie:

Azalea: It was good! We had food, paper flower making, and a Lego station. Throughout the night we had 60 people.

Emily: Would definitely recommend legos.

Harlem Renaissance:

Vernon: It was a little chaotic but overall it went good. We had 50-60 people show up. We ended early which was nice for cleanup. The event didn't really start until 6:30 and we had. A lot of food leftover. For me the communication between me and my officers was poor. I didn't get communication from them until 3 days before the event.

Gatortines Day:

Halle: It was fun! It was pretty chill. I went to Winco and went a little crazy with the candy. I do have some extra candy for my office hours. I think we had 25 people throughout the night. There was karaoke, card games, and listening to love songs. It was really sweet.

Pizza for students at the basketball game:

Cristian: It went really well. We got 15 pizzas. It was a little rushed because the logistics weren't all there but it went pretty well. We had extra pizza. We are gonna do it again for the NWC championships and then get tickets for students.

Fat Tuesday Celebration:

Nina: It went well. Unfortunately I have been sick and could not be there but I had CMCs coordinate the event. I think this is a fun way to introduce a Christian holiday to those who aren't familiar with it.

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## Upcoming Events

Rock the Mic:

Grace: That's my event tomorrow in Duvall. It's a karaoke event.

Cards for Meals:

Bennett: It's my event in the MPR. I met with the meals on wheels people today. We want to encourage the connection. I will probably drop off the cards on Wednesday.

Tea Social:

Kaleb: I am getting a bunch of tea from revival and I'm thinking about finding a tea cookie recipe and bake those. I think it will be really good. I've talked to every person that I think will be interested in this.

Club Fair:

Gwen: This is next Wednesday from 1-3 in the MPR. Tell your friends who run clubs tell them about it. Any on campus organizations can come too. Posters will be in your box tomorrow.

Mario Kart Tournament:

Seth: This will be next Thursday. It will be a lot of fun and there will be prizes for the top 4.

Cupcake Catchup:

Aloisa: I'm gonna make cupcakes and let people decorate their own cupcakes. This will be a fun chill event to talk to constituents

Shrek in the U-Rec:

Michael: We will be watching shrek in the u-rec. I will have food maybe raising canes.

One pine day:

Avery: This is one pine day. This is where I am fundraising for the senior gift. We decided on a cherry blossom tree grove between Robinson and Dornsife. On the website there is a AI rendering. We were hoping to raise \$10,000. As of right now we have raised \$2,050. I encourage people to donate money. I would really appreciate if you could donate to this. We have a lot of seniors in ASWU. This year we are focusing on little goals. I think they are also doing prime times on one pine day. This is how we raise the money for the senior class gift.

Jasmine: I will add to that if you donate to any project at all, if they reach 1,000 students that unlocks an extra \$10,000 for the student scholarship fund. You could donate \$5 and help. Scholarships are important guys.

Casino Night Dress Code

Aubrey goes over the presentation on what is appropriate and what is not appropriate to wear to Casino Night.

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## Constituency Reports

### Arend

[Halle]: Arend is well. We are excited that it is One Pine Day and that we are fundraising for a water bottle fill station. We also really enjoyed hosting the Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical conversation this past week. Unfortunately, a lot of our residents have gotten the flu that is going around, but it seems to be wrapping up its sweep through the building.

### Ballard

[Katayanna]: Ballard residents are doing great. Many residents are gathering in the lounge, with a more active residence hall overall. Many have expressed interest in leadership roles, and many want to be an RA in Ballard next year with more people wanting to be RAs in Ballard than we are 'allowed' to have. Some residents have mentioned they are partaking in lent, so there may potentially be a drop in milk and cookies. It is great to see so many residences taking part in their respective religion/denomination across the hall.

### Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ didn't have a whole lot going on this past week. Residents continue to focus on schoolwork. Primetimes have been doing great. And we didn't have any major issues this last week. I have brought up my Mario Kart Wii tournament to constituents, and they are very excited about it. Office hours remain to stay well attended. And there hasn't been an update yet on repairing the BJ pool table. Hopefully we'll know by next week.

### Boppell

[Azalea]: This week in Boppell things remained steady as many residents prepare for the first exams of the semester. The Valentines Crafts and Charcuterie was a great success, with many residents from both Oliver and Boppell attending and enjoying yummy treats, making paper flowers and taking home little flower lego sets. Others also attended the basketball games this weekend and I received lots of positive feedback about the pizza that was provided! With the little dusting of snow, residents are also hopeful that the mountains will have better snow as they are eager to make up for lost time on the slopes. Overall, Boppell is ready to tackle another week of the spring semester.

## Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuter students are doing well this week. Many have expressed frustration with parking recently, even struggling to find A1 parking spots in recent days. A large chunk of the Dornsife Lot has also been blocked off by cones, preventing at least 12 spots from

being parked in. Attempts to engage Commuter Students have been doubled, as the Commuter Canvas has been opened and many have been accepting student roles to hear announcements. One of which is for my Create a Card event this weekend. We look forward to seeing anyone who can make it!

#### Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall is lively with the high attendance of prime times and the usual busy-ness of the kitchen. There have been talks of resident interest in assuming leadership positions for next year however I sadly have not had anyone approach me yet about ASWU. But I am hopeful that there is a future senator for Duvall soon. Overall, we are doing very well.

#### Incoming Class

[Isabella]: The incoming class is enjoying spending time together and many are taking the opportunity to visit Mount Spokane for some fun winter sports. As classes are getting harder, students are beginning to get burnt out and are looking forward to escaping the cold and going to warmer states for spring break. As a whole the Incoming class are encouraging each other to lock in and are excited for spring break.

#### International Students

[Nina]: International students were caught by surprise due to the snow, and many have mixed feelings about the weather. Despite that, the Lunar New Year event was a great success, and students had a great time painting lanterns, doing horoscopes, and eating potstickers. Even Ken from community standards made an appearance to celebrate the New Year with us. The ISC has been excited about the opening of leadership positions, and many are planning to apply. All in all, international students are well.

#### McMillan

[Kaleb]: Lately, McMillan has been remarkably quiet. An abundance of primetimes focusing on personal growth and self-care has given us high, yet focused spirits. With the career and internship fair, many Mac Men are now turning their focus into themselves to refine their existing resumes. The turnout of Milk and Cookies has remained to a quiet low, but nonetheless, all the cookies are eaten sooner or later. The viewing of La La Land in the quad saw 3 people attending, an all-time low for movie nights in the Quad.

#### Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhood's residents are doing well, The surprise of snow made for some interesting walks to school for those who don't drive to school. Some members of

our Emmaus group have expressed some discontent with the quality of the road that leads down to their houses because of the numerous potholes. On a brighter side we recently enjoyed some fun house events this past weekend with some arts and crafts and an upcoming affirmation night. Lastly, Our AC Esther is offering a free dinner to residents who would like, a great step by our AC to foster community.

Oliver

[Emily]: Last week, Oliver residents enjoyed our Valentine's event, co-hosted with Bopell! Legos were a huge hit, along with chocolate and paper flowers. Our common rooms are filled with residents studying and doing homework, but residents took time for a break to loudly sing blind karaoke on Monday night. As student leadership positions open up, residents have been looking forward to opportunities they want to apply for in the following school year.

Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: In Stewart, all has gone well as constituents are having great weekends. Constituents had the time to catch up with friends and others on sleep. Additionally, residents have been utilizing the Stewart kitchen since they prepare dinner daily. The printer is also being used by not only Stewart constituents but also those from the village. Lastly, constituents really enjoyed the new ASWU stickers, which were made by a Stewart constituent!

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Shoutouts

Vernon: Huge shoutout to Michael. After my officers left me, Michael stayed at the event with me and helped me out.

Bennett: Shoutout Vernon for your resiliency

Kaleb: The curious incident of the dog in the nighttime is opening on the March 6<sup>th</sup>. It's an insane set. Truly one-of-a-kind show. Please push milk and cookies.

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Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [6:04]

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