



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, are dedicated to building an inclusive and equitable atmosphere by serving the holistic student body. We will advocate for the well-being of all students, collaborate with campus partners to provide proactive support, and uplift the diverse experiences within all aspects of our community.

2021-22 ASWU Meeting Minutes | December 1, 2021

Attendance:

Rachel Ayres President	absent
Chris Clay Vice President	present
Abby Douglas Financial Director	present
Grant Hill Communications Director	present
Hannah Sommerville Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Georgia Goff School Spirit Coordinator	present
Tristy Osbon Sustainability Coordinator	present
Aidan Walsh Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sugui Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sienna Buster Traditional Events Coordinator	present
Jenna Breedlove Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Jessica Lopez-Ramirez Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Jamie Copeland Club Coordinator	present
Christian Aguilar Outreach Coordinator	present
Grace Johnson Oliver Senator	present
Hans Tamminga McMillan Senator	present
Katelynn Diaz Ballard Senator	late
Adaeze Njoku Boppell Senator	absent
Larkin Dean Duvall Senator	present
Logan Spencer Warren Senator	present

Ethan Strand Arend Senator	present
Rebecca Kay Stewart Senator	present
Kyle Marquez Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Reeshika Sharma Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie International Student Senator	present
Cameron Joslyn Neighborhood Senator	present
Munya Fashu-Kanu Off Campus Rep	present
Marie Fenske Off Campus Rep	present
Courtney Cossette Off Campus Rep	present
Jamie Furr Off Campus Rep	present
Makayla Pugmire Off Campus Rep	present
Michelle Lie Incoming Student Rep	present
Elisa Vigil Incoming Student Rep	present
Hannah Loesch Village Rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 1700.

Chris: I am filling in for Rachel, she is doing other presidential stuff. I'm the VP but president today, Abby is the VP today.

Mission statement read by Munya.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Cam, Seconded by Michelle

Discussion: None

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Club Coordinator Updates

Jamie C: Today we have a video from BSU and a presentation from Jubilation Dance Ministry.

- Jubilation Dance Ministry

Jonah: Hi everyone I'm Jonah Hill, the artistic director of Jubilation Dance Ministry on campus. We are an inclusive community where faith and dance collide. We are kind of like a 3-way Venn diagram within our organization. First is how we are faith based, second on our focus on being inclusive to dance backgrounds, and third is offering professional level dance training. The leaders are all very experienced and wish to offer training like you were a dance minor. We host a number of events in the year like one this Saturday which is our fall showcase. All semester our classes are on technique and choreography. On Saturday we will showcase in the chapel to showcase our skills. It is a collaborative presentation with the leaders and the other students. This is optional and voluntary, so they don't have to perform if they don't want to. Lots of them want to though since its fun. The club has weekly classes and about 8-9 classes this semester which is a record. We also have a record number of 10 leaders. Every week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday we have classes like ballet, jazz, and tap. In those times, students come and work on technique and choreography. We also offer space for prayer and devotion as well. We like to put on music suggested by our chapel folks. Students' improv as they please. In the spring we have a So You Think You Can Dance competition in April. More information to come. We are excited and we do our best to create fun competitions and environments to present solos or duets or pieces they are working on. There is lots of student involvement. Spring showcase is the same as fall but in the spring. We will try to do a county wide tour and bless residents at nursing homes if COVID allows. It's important to me and I used to do it in the past. We are talking with our advisor, and we are looking at March. In Jan term we have master classes for fun and different styles for 2-hour blocks in order to try new things. Normal schedule resumes in the spring. I am excited for Jubilation to be brought back to the full extent after a year of social distanced dancing. Any questions?

Makayla: What time is the showcase on Saturday, how can students get involved in Jan Term, and what is the best contact?

Jonah: The showcase is at 7pm on Saturday and admission is free. It is in the chapel sanctuary. Jan term classes are drop in with a schedule coming soon and advertising on our Instagram and email list. No registration is necessary. My contact email is jhill23@my.whitworth.edu The club can be contacted through our Instagram as well [@jubilationsdanceministry](https://www.instagram.com/jubilationsdanceministry).

- Black Student Union

Video played in chambers: https://mywhitworth-my.sharepoint.com/personal/idiop22_my_whitworth_edu/Documents/Attachments/IMG_1235.MOV

Jamie C: Their Instagram is WhitworthBSU. Chris is a great contact as well.

Club Chartering

Jamie C: We have two clubs tonight to vote on.

- Mongolian Student Association

Inga: Hi everyone, I'm Inga and I'm from Mongolia. My friends and I see lots of Mongolian students on campus but no clubs. We decided to create a club. It is called Mongolian Student Association. We will abide by the mission and goals of Whitworth at all times. Our mission is to be committed to introducing Mongolian culture and values to the Whitworth community. Our purpose is to help new freshman and all undergraduates develop a sense of unity in learning how to work with others in reaching the same goals during their college years.

Georgia: How many students are from Mongolia on campus?

Inga: At least 17.

Chris: With there being a preexisting Asian Alliance club, what is the distinction between them and you?

Inga: Asian Alliance is more widespread for Asia, but this club is for the 17 of us from Mongolia. Our culture is very different from others in Asia. Whitworth students will get to know more about the culture, and it will make the school more diverse.

Georgia: What kind of events would you like to put on?

Inga: One of the events we are thinking is a workshop to invite alumni who went to companies after graduation and also teach the freshman to be social and how to navigate registering for classes, language problems, etc.

Other club representative: We can have a Mongolian event with games and volunteer work for anyone at the Whitworth community which is another thing different from the Asian Alliance club.

Motion to Approve Mongolian Student Association

Moved by Michael, Seconded by Jamie F

Discussion:

Makayla: This is great to support as ASWU. Historically the US groups large amounts of people together as representative but erases the distinctions. 17 students is a significant amount. Asian Alliance is more a social event-oriented club and these people have goals toward success and language barriers which are great to address. The opportunity for more events is there for a space to uplift language and culture in curated and concentrated spaces of intentionality.

Jamie C: Inga mentioned that most of the 17 students are underclassmen and senior students are sort of putting their arms over the underclassmen and bringing them into the Whitworth community and giving them success resources in college.

Rebecca: Two of my pod mates are Mongolian and it's a great community and an avenue to practice that is great.

Jessica: I second everything as a POC on campus. Having unity in a group to feel comfort is always a plus. Whitworth is big community and good but identifying with similar people is beneficial and I see no cons here.

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

- Hidden Opponent

Jessica: I'm Jessica. The Hidden Opponent is a national nonprofit organization to advocate student athlete mental health and eliminate the stigma around it. This summer I became the ambassador for the school called the campus captain. My job is to serve as a point person already for student athlete needs for mental health. There are lots of captains on campuses across the country that have this

club, and it would be a great addition for Whitworth. There would be greater support for the community to allow free speaking and input from our students. Anyone can be involved not just athletes, but it's aimed for them. Men's mental health has a greater stigma in athletics, but we are told to push through a lot. We are given resources for physical injuries but not mental health resources. This is just as important. Having this club on campus is going to be a great resource. Events would be like bringing in sports psychologists or mental health professionals or even a panel of student athletes with their stories. We may also host a mental health week partnering with organizations on campus and staff.

Cam: Since this is associated with a national organization, is there a fee to join?

Jessica: No

Chris: How do you see this intersecting with other areas of campus?

Jessica: We have reached out to the counseling center, and they are helpful as well. One thing that's been hard with this though is getting in. This club creates another spaces for student athletes and other students to get support.

Jamie F: Is this a formal affiliation with the greater organization?

Jessica: Yes. What's great is we have the freedom to do whatever. I coordinate with a head person but that is just me personally. Whitworth would be separate.

Motion to Approve The Hidden Opponent Club

Moved by Cam, Seconded by Larkin

Discussion:

Ethan: Don't we already have mental health programs on campus?

Makayla: Countering that, you can never have enough resources. In the same way as the previous vote, we overgeneralize types of support we provide. Unique support for athletes may not seem inclusive but they are a minority group of people who reach out to these services. I experience trouble as a regular student getting into counseling, so more resources and knowledge of low-cost places or free workshops is important. I can't stress enough how many people come up to me saying that they are struggling with mental health or feel

overwhelmed. We are all overwhelmed, but the athletes are doing sports at the same time as everything else. It is a big burden. I see no detriments to adding this to our toolkit for student support.

Katelynn: Growing up doing sports you are told to toughen up a lot. It's not socially acceptable to be injured sometimes. Physical and mental health are told to toughen up, but this is something I would've joined as an athlete.

Logan: I agree with what they said. The regular counseling center is so packed it's good to have another resource for athletes to specify on athletes problems which are overlooked sometimes. This will be good for campus.

Christian: If an athlete gets injured the emotional part of not doing their sport is really hard. Having other athletes to support you through that is important.

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion passes

Financial Director Updates

Capital: \$19,200

Unallocated: \$18,860

Travel: \$5,780

- Approved Requisitions

Abby: These are the account totals currently. Finance committee approved requisitions. ASWU has a snow machine now for use in the Winter Olympics.

Rebecca: The snow doesn't stick but it's good for pictures.

Abby: Just note that we have that. We passed a requisition for teachers of tomorrow for events and giveaways. Pirates united got food and supplies as well.

- Final Requisition Deadline

Abby: Today is the final requisition deadline. I am studying abroad Jan term and the next meeting is early February. If you need money before February, please

requisition today. You have been emailed and notified. Come see me after for panic requisitions.

- Current Budget Standings

Abby: Next week I am sending running totals for your semester closings of your budgets.

President Updates

Vice President Updates

- Constituency Report Reminder

Chris: We are getting down to the end of the semester. By the end of the night, I am sending out guidelines for constituency reports. Go to your constituents and ensure you and ASWU are representing them properly. This will be senators and a group email is coming.

- Meal Cards

Chris: We will provide meal cards to those, prioritized for off campus and neighborhoods, who came to the meeting today. They are for Sodexo to eat dinner with us as a team.

- Student Highlight

Chris: Gloria Liu is our student highlight this week. You do a lot of work on campus, and she recently headed the thanksgiving break retreat for folk who are unhoused and you are a leader with Asian alliance club as well. Thank you.

Gloria: I didn't lead the trip but right now for Dornsife we have a blood drive tomorrow and squid game this Friday for Asian Alliance.

Georgia: I went to sign up but it's saying its full.

Gloria: The deadline was extended.

Past Events

- Cultural Awareness Week

Jessica: It was 2 weeks ago. From Tuesday to Friday. Our events were passive mostly because it's a busy time for everyone. Cultural trivia night was on Thursday. We had 30 people attend. 6-7 dollars per person. It was nice to see international students there and t-shirts were distributed as well. I-fest was on Friday with the international club. RTT was filled. Over 246 people were watching with all the seats taken. It was lots of fun. Thanks to everyone who helped with check in or wearing t shirts, it means a lot.

Cam: I-fest is one of the greatest events Whitworth does each year. It was great again this year. It was cool to see different cultures represented and to watch international students represent different cultures. Great joy for them doing that. To see smiles on their faces and their unique cultures were incredible.

Christian: The t-shirts were amazing. Many professors asked about it and told me to share with class.

Makayla: As a senior, cultural events mean a lot and I was blown away by the event. Covid time was scary because the event was not in its true form. It meant a lot for community to have this back. It is my favorite event as well.

Georgia: You killed it as per usual. T-shirts were dope. Events were fun and inclusive you are gorgeous. You should be proud, I am.

Sibuso: I don't know how ASWU partners, but we would love to have a themed night for the Whitman game. It's their main game. We want to have a blackout night and we want ASWU to partner.

Chris: We can discuss more in campus vibes.

- Late Night Karaoke and Breakfast

Hannah S: It went well. We had 250 people in attendance. Not sure the price per person. Lots of pancakes and hash browns and people had fun.

Makayla: That was the most perfect event to alleviate stress. I saw the set up and people got food and there was a lot of food. I was surprised so many people did karaoke, but it was great to be in the ambiance everyone was laughing. People were not complaining about tests but wanted to sing. Great community engagement event.

Logan: Agreed. It was so fun. Catering IHOP was great idea. The community you built in that atmosphere caused no fear to sing. It was cool to watch people step out of their comfort zones and have a good time with no stress. Good job.

Georgia: You killed it. They keep getting better and better. I had a great time. I was living my best life.

Chris: I had a blast while working.

- Oliver Twist

Grace: Oliver Twist was great. I got such positive feedback. There were people who stayed the entire three hours and were sad once it was over. Lots of good music, great mocktails, and it was just a lot of fun. It came to about \$2.17 a person.

Chris: Shoutout to you and the DJ, they were amazing. He had a strong beginning and kept the energy up. Great job Grace I'm glad I came.

Jamie F: Seconding that. Grace did great and was very organized and prepared. Everyone had no criticisms. Grace's leadership was great. Great job whit tech as well.

Georgia: Fantastic job Grace. Good advertisement as well. Even though it was in Oliver it was inclusive to everyone who knew about it. I noticed all the effort you had put in.

Chris: Mocktails were great too.

Cam: I agree with the advertisement part. Your posters were awesome. I heard from lots of people that they liked it.

Upcoming Events:

- Winter Olympics

Kyle: Winter Olympics is this Friday from 7-9pm. We have the ASWU requisition snow machine filled with snow juice. There is also a hot chocolate bar. It doesn't

look like there will be actual snow. We will have Spike ball, frisbee, sledding, and awards.

Grace: Location?

Rebecca: Duvoliver lawn.

- Honest Advent

Jenna: Honest advent is the season leading up to Christmas and the 4 weeks before. It is part of the Christian faith and calendar leading up to Christmas. It is a time for slowing down and preparing hearts for the coming of Christ which is the true meaning of Christmas. It's a special time so I am doing an art show walk through. The art is designed by Scott Erickson who is an author and artist. It's 15 different images up in the chapel from Dec 5th-12th. Come anytime to see them and walkthrough the self-guided tour. Go at your own pace. Gallery opening event is on Sunday night from 7-9pm with fancy snacks like meats and cheese and warm drinks. Come in anytime. I would love a few people help with set up or tear down. I need 2-4 people between 5pm and tear down after 9. Tear down is rearranging the chapel.

- Paint Night

Hannah S: We are doing craft and paint night on December 11th at 7pm in the MPR. It's a chill night to hang out and take a study break. We ordered canvases and other art stuff. It will be a good time.

Larkin: Will there be snacks?

Hannah S: Yes, but I don't know what.

- Senior Christmas Party

Aidan: It's on December 10th from 7-9pm only for seniors. Tomorrow all the tickets will go out for seniors to get at the hub info desk. They can bring a plus one. I will need volunteers eventually, but I don't know what it entails yet but next week emails will be coming soon. Times for needing help would be 6-7pm, through the event, or after. Heads up for your calendars. If you have questions, email me. Last day to get the tickets is December 10th but there is limited number of tickets. They will sell out soon. Seniors you are allowed to work the event if you want.

Jessica: Does the plus one have to be senior?

Aidan: No

Constituency Reports

Duvall:

Larkin: We are doing good. Everyone came back from break somewhat rested ready for finals and going back home. Most people are in their in rooms studying. We have had exciting primetimes and a holiday party is coming up next week for mental health break with finals.

McMillan:

Hans: We all shower in cold water off and on and we need change. This is unanimous feedback from everyone. We are done. It's been off and on the whole semester. It's unacceptable we are paying lots of money to be here. The other morning, I had to take a shower to look nice and it was freezing. We are emailing Alan and its been frustrating. The washing machine flooded again. McMillan days are full of calamity. It's okay though we are mac. Break was good.

Arend:

Ethan: We are doing good. Everyone had places to go over break. Everyone came back a few pounds heavier. There are less people in the lounges. We have a design for our sweatshirt.

Stewart:

Rebecca: We are doing okay. Motivation is low after break. It is quieter than normal. Lots of people are making noises between 1am-3am for some reason. We are figuring that out. StewBop-age as a whole had a primetime party this week.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

Kyle: BJ could be better. Lots of people are looking toward finals which is scary for freshman. One resident is in the hospital since over the break he was shot visiting a shopping mall. The morale is low. I don't know how ASWU can support BJ but there is inconsistency with sharing to the constituents.

Incoming Student Reps:

Elisa: In the freshman population coming from high school, finals are new to us. Freshman are upset about meals plans since they renew each week not each semester. Most people do not know the area much so Sodexo should change it to every semester.

Michelle: We enjoyed break and we needed it. We are getting ready for finals. Check on your friends and tell them you are there for them and you love them. I know more people who are struggling with this currently.

Off Campus:

Reeshika: We are doing good. I am sending another survey to residents, and we are excited for the next break.

The Village:

Hannah L: We are doing good. Everyone has been counting down days until next break on their calendars. We have a holiday party later this night to decorate the village.

Oliver:

Grace: Residents in Oliver have been doing alright. Break was really great for Oliver residents, but everyone is right back into the swing of things. I have seen residents around Oliver doing homework and work in the late hours of the night so I can sense a lot of stress and need for some mental breaks. I will be sending out a check-in survey today or tomorrow as long as just some words of encouragement so next week I will have more data-based reports on how my residents are doing.

Warren:

Logan: We are doing alright. The break was great. There was lots of people saying it was not long enough but still grateful. Decorations are up and we have a Christmas pig named Arnold. We have a TV in the lounge now too. Gabby got that for us. Most students are stressed about finals.

International Students:

Michael: We are doing great. There are not many updates. During break some students traveled and some stayed. Those who stayed spent thanksgiving at Lulu's house.

Neighborhoods:

Cam: Santa is coming, and my residents are excited. They have been working hard. Thanksgiving was a tease for the longer break coming up. Lots of hard work and morale is low. Santa is coming though. Merry Christmas

Ballard:

Katelynn: We are great. Our dryers don't dry clothes anymore. I have gotten lots of emails about it. People think I do stuff. I have things I copy paste to go to an RA. Ballard tea is coming up. We have BMAC Christmas party also coming up at a time. We are excited.

Boppell:

Not present

Campus Vibes

Sibuso: Whitman is our major rival, and we want to fill up the fieldhouse for the women's basketball game. People need to go to those games. We want to start the night with support. They did well on the road over thanksgiving. Usually there is a blackout to wear black and come support. I don't know what the theme will be yet. We recently did a giveaway which ends at midnight, and we will present the winner of the jersey at the game. It is more incentive to come. The game is on Tuesday night. The women's game is at 6pm and men's at 8pm. If ASWU has ideas on how to collaborate we would love to collaborate. You can share prizes or whatever. It works well to have a better reach on campus.

Marie: Do you have an Instagram account to share?

Sibuso: Our social media is @gobucsgameday

Chris: Aeron and Georgia are good contacts.

Aeron: DM Whitworth ASWU and we can work something out.

Sibuso: For senators, bring your people and make it a primetime idea. It's an enjoyable game and anticipated greatly in the conference.

Georgia: I am the school spirit coordinator, and I emailed Lauren Lorenz this morning. We are going to help advertise and anything you need. Keep us in the loop. We can bring Bessie our t-shirt cannon. I have confetti cannons and foam fingers too.

Sibuso: Bring any resources you can

Rebecca: For the Olympics everyone has posters in their mailboxes. Please grab them, I need 2 set up and 2 tear down people and 1 counter. This would be at 6:30pm on Friday for set up.

Chris: Put it in the GroupMe.

Nick: I'm Nick, a student in the sociology department. I reached out to World Relief recently and they are good on socks and coats but need toilet paper. I am doing an independent project of gathering toilet paper. I wanted to let you know if you want to support this, World Relief partners with the government to bring refugees from outside of country and settle them in Spokane. In Lindeman from the 6th-10th and the chapel will be drop boxes to donate toilet paper that is packaged. Some professors are doing extra credit. Thanks.

Logan: For the basketball game since it's against Whitman everyone should go.

Makayla: Extending on what you can do to donate, En Christo is doing a drive for coats and sweaters. There are barrels in the hub downstairs near the MPR and café. I can send out an advertisement for your newsletters. We take gently used jackets blankets socks hats and gloves. The email is on the post for further questions. It's important for our local community for at risk individuals downtown and partners with park towers which is low-income housing for disabled and elderly. It is a great way to connect with the community and serve individuals who are high need and need support.

Annaclare: Senators get lots of complaints about dryers which means your dryers might have lint clogs which is a fire hazard. Report that as a high priority issue because they cause house fires a lot.

Aeron: Senior photos are due Sunday the 5th.

Makayla: Are they headshots or full body?

Aeron: Either one. Whatever you want. It could be a selfie.

Shoutouts

Makayla: Shoutout to Jessica. I-fest was great. The inclusivity of the event was great. I'm from the west side and it was great to see the community and diversity that feels like home.

Jessica: Shoutout to your shoutout. But I-fest was mostly international club. They worked very hard. Shoutout to Reeshika and her team.

Jamie C: Shoutout to the new clubs. They were very excited, and I sent an email saying they were both approved. You were both very patient and it was a long process.

Jamie F: Shoutout to everyone throwing events in a busy time like this while being students. Your effort goes noticed. Keep doing what you are doing. Constituents are saying the events are awesome. Keep it up.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Cam, Seconded by Ethan

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1808