



2018-19 ASWU Meeting Minutes | **September 26th, 2018**

In attendance:

Tersa Almaw President	present
Andrews Boateng EVP	present
Chelsea Shearer FVP	present
Catalina Corvalan EAA	present
Rohini Vyas Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Amber Van Brunt Sports Events Coordinator	present
Morgan Bucher Sustainability Coordinator	present
Ethan Clardy Senior Class Coordinator	present
Jira Hammond PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Abdul Haq Special Events Coordinator	present
Talya Jackson Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Utsal Shrestha Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Emily Clemons Oliver Senator	present
James Parrish McMillan Senator	present
Jose Aguilera Warren Senator	present
Katie Rose Ballard Senator	present
Lauren Sfeir Arend Senator	present
Katie Ludlum Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Sarah Haman Boppell Senator	present
Almat Yeraly Stewville Senator	present
Elizabeth Sanders Off Campus Senator	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM in ASWU Chambers.

Mission Statement read by Katie L.

Minutes from 09/19/2018 approved unanimously.

SODEXO

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Megan Helm | mhelm@whitworth.edu

Dan: We've come to give you updates on anything new and what we're planning for the future. We like to get ideas from you, pros cons, nays yays. What'll be continued as usual:

Donuts on Wednesday in coffee shop, from Donuts to Go.

Steak Nights every other Saturday. Sundae bar, too--they make Saturdays a little better. The new addition is closed on Saturday is because our counts drop from 150 students per meal on weeknight, to 500 or less on Saturday, which doesn't justify open both sides for Saturday. We introduced Sushi Tuesdays, in the display case of the coffee shop.

Also, there's no raise in prices, meal plans and at the door is still \$8.50, everyone is eligible for pirate bucs, which in turn makes the meals \$6.65 (the deal is if you buy 200 Pirate Bucs, there's 20% additional).

We'll soon start omelets on weekends, and get staffing for that. You all make us better with your suggestions; there's never been a wish or suggestion that we haven't fulfilled. Keep them coming. We will soon do our satisfaction surveys, and so we need your participation and proof in areas we need to improve.

Megan ordered a dessert display case for the main server area.

Megan: Our company is transitioning into a planning cycle. It will get some variety to what you see served; after 1st cycle, we'll see what wasn't liked and pull those. Any change is always good. The dessert case is getting added, a fridge section for those too. All for better quality products.

Jira: how does Sodexo tiers work?

Dan: We're not really a tier system, but we are a showcase account. We're probably one of 10 accounts in the US, working with satisfaction surveys, etc. That's what I know. I've been here for 13 years, can't drag me away!

Megan: Clarify, tiers in food?

Jira: I've heard of a tier system, wasn't sure.

Rohini: could there be a way to get online checking of how many flex we have?

Dan: Alan from Housing and I are working on it. Back in the day, you could. But because of extra credit card security, we had to use separate lines from Whitworth's. Our system and Whitworth's were different, and we'd have to manually do nightly updates. We just had a meeting, Housing has all the info. This'll allow us to file charges and they can upload it on pirate port for you to check. Check back with us, and/or Alan Jacobs. You can always check with cashiers, including science building.

Suggestions on menu?

James: I remember seafood night. I enjoyed it. Crab cakes, salmon, etc. And desserts.

Lauren: Orange chicken more often. Lines out the door for those.

Dan: Will do. Pasta is popular this season, always a line for that.

Daniel: Some spice rack or sauces on both rooms.

Sarah: More options on desserts with low or no refined sugars. They're not always there.

Dan: Examples you've had?

Sarah: Sugar free puddings, because cookies or breads are harder to digest.

Katie L: Fresh fruit throughout day, not just breakfast. Melons, strawberries, berries?

Michaela: Whole apples are good, but sliced apples, and like the fresh fruit program.

Dan: That's more expensive (apples), but we can get creative.

Rohini: Peanut sauce more often.

Megan: Hard, because of those with peanut allergy.

Lizzie: Panini press. Maybe even like once a week?

Dan: Quick story: We had to shut down the HUB for 4 hrs because someone turned the press up to 600 degrees, in the new site, which set up fire alarms, and the fire department wouldn't let us back in. We'll do it for you, look into it.

RISE - Dornsife Center

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We're here to talk about RISE, which is a tutoring program where Dornsife pairs with a local public school, and tutor students there. Many are low income or come from tougher homes and backgrounds, they need a consistent figure, maybe for bi/weekly pairing, which does a lot for their development. As you tell your residents, ask them to sign up for the volunteer training this Saturday, in Wey 111 at 4PM. We'll also have one on Sundays. We're looking for volunteers!

Katie L: When do volunteering apps close?

Lacy: They should still be open. If you come to training, we'll still accept you!

Daniel: How long are trainings?

Lacy: 1 hr trainings. We start heading to schools starting Oct 8, commitment is 1 hr per week, which is pretty doable.

Teri: What about transport?

Lacy: Dornsife can't drive volunteers, because of liability issues, but carpooling with volunteers is common. If you don't have car, you can still come.

FVP Updates

Chelsea: Capital: \$20000

Unallocated: \$20000

Club Updates

Social Finance Club |

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I'm Katie, the president. SFC gives loans to 3rd world countries to start businesses. We had our first meeting last week, we spoke about how to give money, databases, and so far, we don't have big events. We are trying to get new members, since all of our leadership are seniors.

Jira: how many meetings per month?

Katie: 2x month

Daniel: Where does the club get the money?

Katie: (sic) through grants.

James: Best contact person?

Katie: Myself.

Requisitions

There were 4 requisitions passed by the finance committee.

One is over \$600, thus the assembly will vote on recommendation.

What passed:

1. Our Boppell Senator's requisition of \$150, for milk and cookies.
2. Gen Action Club's for \$300 for budget, because they were chartered after approval for this year.
3. Whitworth.fm for \$300 for a new speaker because it was stolen, plus \$15 for protection plan.
5. International club's requisition of \$200 for bowling.

Now, #4 on the list was Association of Computer Machinery. They've asked for \$1840 for Silicon Valley trip; they planned to fundraise last spring to cover it, didn't go as planned.

They have \$1000 in their account, so finance committee recommended \$800 for net coverage, and if they put more events, requisition for those later on.

We will be voting on the recommended counteroffer of \$800.

Daniel: Are there any stipulation on giving clubs money?

Jason: Just need to fill out liabilities and paperwork.

Lizzie: What are they doing in Silicon Valley?

Chelsea: Kind of like Career treks, but for their department and club type. Two previous students have presented, and now have jobs and have had good internships, so it's doing something for them.

Anna: Quick comment, I was an officer last year. It's not just for clubs, but for all Whitworth students, we make connections there that ties us to Silicon Valley, and yes, students have gotten closer ties with Google, Facebook, Adobe.

Utsal: These trips have been instrumental to get job openings at a big company. Now we have connections, it's a spider web. We should support.

Finance Committee Recommendation Counter-offer Vote

Sarah: move to approve full amount

Lizzie: second

Favor: all

Abs: 0

Opposed:0

Motion passed.

Club Charter: Flare

Andrea Samson |

My name is Andrea Samson, I'm the events coordinator for Flare, and helping adults with disabilities dive into community here in Spokane, with shared events here on campus. We want to open the community to make them feel welcome and a part of this awesome place. We're planning our first event here in Oct 19th, with games, karaoke, finger foods, and hang out time, as to get them to come to campus and meet. So far we have 75 interested students, already met. Planning on weekly or bimonthly projects, where adults come to campus. We are looking at a lack of diversity on disability, so we are focusing on inclusivity, and have fun at all fronts.

We're getting lots of questions on liability, so we are planning to host only 18+ people. Carolina Leon in finance dept. Helping us out in signing waivers.

Jira: Do people come separately or van picks people out?

Andrea: Responsible for own transport, too much liability. Gonzaga's GUSR program is a similar program, and so we have them to look to and bring it here. Katie McCray, coordinator for disability support services, is all about this, and wants to unite us with Lorna, chief of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Andrews: Any thoughts on partnering with Arc of Spokane?

Andrea: Turned in my app there yesterday, hopefully to be connected with them. There's not a set vision, we just want to increase diversity. Thank you.

Chelsea: Club charter makes recommendations that we pass it. It's a good campus club to have. Gonzaga has a connection, and intercollegiate bond is awesome, and good PR.

Club Charter Recommendation to Charter Flare

Sarah: I move to approve charter

Katie R: second

Favor: 8

Abstain: 0

Opposed: 0

FSOP Review

If you are spending more than \$200, I need to sign on it. You all know this from training. I can pull up every charge ASWU is making, and I see that some of you aren't getting those approved by me. This is an FSOPs regulation, and your job descriptions are to follow them. I see some stuff I should've signed on. Please keep that in mind from now on.

EVP Updates

Student Highlight

Tucker Wilson

Tucker is a consultant with WCC, in debate, and in Cool Whip, and last night he was present at Boppell with reps, asked important questions (Including a memorable "is water wet?"). He's super involved, and want to give a shoutout.

Elections

Primary elections for zone reps just happened. Less than 500 votes. We had some technical difficulties, which were fixed right away. Our general is tomorrow 8-10 pm, encourage residents to vote, on and off campus.

I need help setting up Lied Square for tomorrow, so tonight after Assembly, hit me up for help.

I also need people to be a volunteer from 11-1 PM tomorrow. If you have free time, volunteer for 30 mins, or 1 hr. Let me know.

Sweatshirts + CBS

Update me where you are on sweatshirts. Please get it to me right away. Senators, for CBS, I haven't received everyone's. Get it to me, so I get it to Tim by tomorrow.

President Updates

~~Students of Color Conference~~

Global Engagement Representative

Teri: Quick guidelines: Be respectful and polite, and please let us have a civil, nice discourse. When talking about positions, don't look at someone, or target others. Stare at me instead, if needed!

Hear each other, don't go in circles. We're students, we have classes and responsibilities.

We'll go by point.

Morgan reads,

- a. *"Actively solicit opinions from international students regarding the current issues, problems, and concerns that affect them on and off campus and in the community. Attend ASWU assembly and provide feedback."*

Amber: Are we voting, all of assembly, or just voting members?

Jason: Not an official election, so were all voting for a majority agreement.

Sarah: When we decide on finalized description, is that everybody still?

Jason: no.

Agreement on a

Jira reads,

- b. *"As a representative for ASWU, ensure that all international students are well represented and informed."*

Sarah: All points should start with active verbs, so have that for all points.

Rohini reads,

- c. *"Regularly communicate with the Assistant Director of International Student Programs."*

Jason: is this job description just for this year, or for many more? For this year, that title is fine, but for many ahead, make it more broad, since title might change.

Katie R: To my understanding, coordinators ratify their job position at the end of year, so that's good for now, they can change it later.

Sarah: change to "communicate regularly".

Teri reads,

d. *"Create initiatives and support events that promote international students and global engagement."*

Sarah: "Create" initiatives, different from service project initiatives?

Andrews: Initiatives may be many more than 1; service project is just one specific thing to focus on. If issues or problems arise, they can create initiatives and action, like with job shadowing issue--it's more encompassing.

[Student]: I'm questioning "support", since it's a job description, it shouldn't tell what you should support. Should it be there at all?

Utsal: Current works are not promoting international students as much, they're supposed to add onto them as to engage these students.

Teri reads,

e. *"GER will have the opportunity to choose a committee to sit on as the student representative."*

Sarah: wording should be that they don't choose, but they are going to sit on committee as student rep. Reflect same language as rep description?

Utsal: Do you think not that that's too specific? They are working with diff groups of people, and for me, I'm choosing which I have to sit on, and some are useless to what I'm doing.

Sarah: the wording currently could be interpreted that they can or can not be on a committee, to their choosing.

Amber: There's precedent from us, where we volunteer to a committee we want, and they should continue on how we function, and we choose already.

Daniel: if you change language, say "GER will choose *which* committee"

Andrews: Point of clarification, for committees, we ask for people to volunteer. You make the decision whether you have the time, and are interested. We're not requiring you to be specific.

Jason: Note, current paper skipped a letter. E, not point f.

Sarah: Keep language from rep job description, on this point?

Utsal: committees you're talking about aren't approved by ASWU, some are by DEI, not approved by ASWU.

Jason: my assumption is that ASWU only needs to say yes, approve, you can sit on that committee. Not an official approval/vote thing, just execs and I, we say yes, cool, you can be on that committee.

Amber reads,

- f. *“Work alongside the Cultural Events Coordinator and senators+, to support international students and create holistic programing.”*

Utsal: Add that GER works “alongside cda, senators, to support international students and support initiatives”.

Teri reads,

- g. *“Attend all weekly meetings of the ASWU Assembly.”*
- h. *“Enroll in fall and Spring GE 330 (leadership class).”*
- i. *“Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at Whitworth University carrying at least twelve (12) credits per semester.”*

Teri: Take out parentheses.

- j. *“Attend the Spring Leadership Retreat”*

Jira: retreat not obvious?

- k. *“Work with international students to coordinate a service project once a semester.”*

All approve Job Duties.

Teri reads,

- a. *“Good communication skills, including: being a good listener to those you are providing service to, the ability to understand, integrate and report back the ideas and concerns of constituents to the president and/or assembly, and the ability to sell ideas, programs and involvement opportunities to students.*
- b. *“Ability to relate to all members of a diverse student population.”*
- c. *“A true desire and ability to keep residents involved and informed on a weekly basis.”*

Jason: residents to students, please change.

- d. *“Ability to work in a group with other leaders.”*
- e. *“Be a student who is devoted to encouraging and strengthening the International student community.”*

All approve Job Qualifications.

Approval of Job Description

Katie L: move to approve job description qual and job description.

[Someone, lol]: second.

Favor: 8

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Jira: I say that the job says representative, although they should definitely be couple hrs more, we all work overtime, over what hrs we are given. If over, 2 or 3 extra hours, ok, but not too super extended.

Utsal: we are underpaid, we all agree, but underpaid is a factor, we are by a couple of dollars. But 7 or 8 hrs underpaid is a huge deal. Also think of responsibilities, and the description--we give them ability and power to create initiative. Also their constituents not in a dorm--all across campus. Plus, they have to talk to CDAs, senators, assistant director--lots of hours. I say 10 hrs min.

Sarah: i went thru zone rep description, and yellow and pink highlights are parallel to each other to GER. Only tangible difference is highlighted in gray, which is to meet with Lulu Gonzalez, and initiatives section, and we decided to change that. Also, adding CDA meetings. So let's direct the convo to see reflect hrs in gray. Blue and pink are reflective of 3 hrs. Lets go from there.

Rohini: From job description, it's in between rep and senator, so hrs should be between those two. Job is more than zone rep, but cannot be a senator position right now.

Lauren: Yeah, it's similar to zone rep. I acknowledge it'll be more than rep, but not same as senators, also not titled. Middle ground.

Amber: My freshman year was when they made the secretary position, which starts as 3 hrs, and since then it's grown into the new job that is now. Start on small scale, and see from there.

Almat: The two lines in gray say a lot, even if its two lines, it's a lot of responsibilities. Some of us are biased about this position, and I think that for that, we should put that aside. Definitely not 3 hrs.

Katie R: Add that GER constituents are everywhere, not in 1 area, 1 dorm (res hall!) it's a hard position to be in. Spending time with constituents is a lot.

Jason F: Listening to different points, I think that in general, it's agreed that would require more than a rep, but might not be as senator status, so i feel like sticking to middle ground, and I believe that if it ends up being more work, as Amber said, that position can be opened up to change more hours.

We can err on side of caution, if they want to add more hrs, we can address that. Its a position to add change, you shouldn't be concerned about pay.

Utsal: so we do know what responsibilities, I listed them out yesterday, in response to problems international students have. It's not just saga food is bad. It's major things like getting out of spokane, out of pinecone curtain, dealing with culture differences and shock. Let's go high, with 12 hrs, and go down if needed. Okay, middle then, 10 hrs. We know of potentiality and actuality. 10 and 12 hrs to fulfill position.

Abdul: same as Katie R, students are not limited to one area. When deciding hrs, be careful with that. Give reps more hrs, think of meetings with Jason too.

Daniel: this position is way more defined than admin assistant, we can go with less caution. We have good understanding of what they'll be doing. Middle ground is important. I think less than senator, 6/7. If not enough, can be revisited.

Michaela: same.

Katie L: from talking with international students, there's a wide divide with them and other students. If we give them this position, there's so much potential, were not giving them the means and time to address all that. They deserve as much as I am doing, it's hard to reach 150 of my constituents, theirs are all over the place.

Katie R: maybe paying more, and reducing hrs. But that's not correct money management.

(Chelsea nods in the distance.)

Jason F: this position is dividing the room right now, with something as simple as hours. Voting members, should think on that. 7 hrs gives room to increase that potential if needed. It'll be a learning experience, everyone can take a small L to reach that compromise. Things can be amended.

Jose: my understanding, is that a lot of job descriptions is broad, so because it's new, he/she will be creative as to carry duties. It's hard for me to think of complete workload. Personally I think 8/10 is appropriate, if we do choose 8 hrs, I feel like it's easier to add on than take off hrs. Creates more initiative. Like Jason F said, it's not being picky with hours, it's about change. They're doing it because they want to.

Lauren: let's acknowledge that lizzie does get paid for 10 hrs, and it's hard for her to reach out to off campus people, usually working over hrs, she doesn't get paid more because of that hrs. 7 is good number to be in.

Talya: same as Lauren. Also, this is a bridging position, like mine. I work with chapel, hard to juggle both them and with ASWU, requires more than 10 hrs. It'll be good to show that it's clean, and show how much work is going to be involved for the job. I think we should consider increasing hrs for coordinators.

Teri: Okay, let's get to it. We have agreed of 5, 7, 8, 10 hrs yesterday.

Jason: decide 5 is out of table. Still ASWU assembly majority.

Jose: take off 7?

Jason: not enough majority.

Teri: Im taking 7 out, because its majority.

Vote for 8 hrs/week for GER

Sarah: vote to set to 8 hrs a week.

Emily: second

Favor: 7

Opposed: 1

Abstain: 0

Upcoming Events

Homecoming

Abdul: Carnival. Contacted food trucks, they'll be in loop. Ben and Jerry ice cream, too, waiting for Dutch bros. To respond. We are planning on subsidizing food trucks, like first 500 eat free.

All res halls will have banner competition, and get free ice cream or pizza party with winner.

Unplugged, Fri, Oct 12, 9/9:30, planning on a bonfire behind oliver. Ask residents if they want to perform. Make sure to tell me, because I don't want students to come to me during Unplugged having wanting to perform.

Dance. Throwback Time Machine band, Sat night in Genesis Church. Out of campus because parent meeting that night. We chose off campus site, open to all WU students, not just freshman or sophomores--confusion in past. Suggestion if you know clubs who want to be 11-1pm for carnival.

Jira: What are your plans for promotion?

Abdul: I'll send that to you. I need sign ups for unplugged.

Teri: For that and all the details for homecoming, go to google drive, create event guideline, and sign up.

Sarah: I have grad testing, won't be around then.

Utsal: Kudos on passing GER.

International events--we're cooking Thai food in Arend, on Friday, 7PM.

Office of DEI is coordinating Top Chef festival where people from all over cook their cultural dishes; there's two awards, People's and Judge's choice.

Unveiled

Talya: My first event is worship night Oct 15, 7-8:30PM in ABC Room. Full on worship, with different kinds of music, languages, everything. I'm grateful for Shades of Africa who are performing, Jubilation and Dance Ministry. Everyone's

welcome, Christian or not, just if you wanna be there. All welcome. Posters for CMC, CDA, senators coming soon.

Katie & Almat: *First-Year event, Oct 19, 5-8PM*, encourage all to come!

Morgan: Harvest festival, Oct 15th--dependant on contracts. Global neighborhood thrift wants to come back, and some local farmers market for fresh fruits and veggies. Also working with Sodexo for hot cocoa or cider if people brings their own mug.

Jira: if you have events, send me them to me for social media!

Katie L: Also, there's a really cool new club, not chartered yet, the Poor People's Campaign. Here's a bit about it from Alex Mowery,

"Poor People's Campaign is a national call for moral revival that is uniting tens of thousands of people across the US to challenge the four great interlocking evils of our time: systematic racism, poverty, militarism, and ecological devastation. This isn't just a club, this is a movement on our campus to fight the injustices that we see around us. Come to the meetings on Mon nights, 7PM, in MPR. Contact amowery20@my.whitworth.edu to learn more. All are welcome!"

It's a really cool movement, fliers will be passed around soon.

Campus Reports & Vibes

Katie R: Residents say they don't like laundry, \$5 for piece of plastic with chip(aka card)! Some res halls pay less to pay laundry--people went around last night, and gathered this:

- Every single res hall, except Duvall and Arend, pay \$1.25 for med-soil.
- Arend: \$1.00
- Duvall: \$1.00 in any soil-level.

Why are they different? nothing against other places, but who can I call to lower it?

Jose: My residents asking about that. I think it's unfair in general. Why can't we lower the \$5 additions, or turn into a quarter system. Also, there's only so many loading card machines.

Teri: they're spread apart because it's by populations per zone. Laundry system should be improved upon.

Utsal: The ISC, every year, graduating students collect their laundry cards, make a stack and freshman can grab one on first come first serve basis.

Talya: Also, I lived in theme houses for 2 years. Theme houses only \$0.75 cents, an in quarters.

Brendan: people call the laundry fixing number, no one answers. Clothes still wet!

Jason: Facilities would be the first place to contact, then.

Amber: *facilities don't return all calls.*

Lauren: one of my constituents had issue, and just called facilities, I'll give more updates on how that goes.

Jose: hate to compare schools, but rumor has it GU has free laundry?

Jason: yes, because it's built upon the room and board fees. Also, make sure not everyone calls facilities, will be enunciated for them. Senators *only*, please call facilities and explain situation. They also know why it's different and can take a decision on that.

Britney: Hello, I do marketing for URec, and each week, I'll be sending events to ASWU. Currently, our main event is for homecoming on Sat. Every year, there's a 5k for families, open to all students, faculty, staff, for free!. Also will be a food donation at the same time, we call it "feed a family 5k", so let residents know to bring non-perishable goods. We're deciding on local charity within spokane, Mama Beans and KIPOS are helping us to choose one. This will be Sat 13th at 8AM. Good cause!

Shout-outs

Teri: Thank you everyone for the good GER discussion + passing it.

Teri: Also happy birthday to Cat.

[Assembly sings Happy Birthday].

[Cat is happy, grateful, and shook].

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.