

ASWU Minutes 10.29.14

- I. Call to order- Ian
- II. Mission Statement- Joshua
- III. Minutes-Approved!
- IV. Welcome Guests
- V. Recognitions
 - a. Ian: Niehls! We got you a Clif bar cause you're from outdoor rec. We're really happy with how you jumped on this team and you've been doing a great job. We're thankful for your hard work!
- VI. Club Updates
 - a. Japanese Visual Culture
 - i. Sarah: The goal of the club is to find Whitworth members that enjoy the same things; Anime and most other things from Japan, gathering in a place that's comfortable where we can make relationships with others. Meetings on Friday at 7pm. We have things that we watch and we enjoy them together and make friendships. This month we had a party in which we were trying to recreate the sign for our picnic/ the outdoor picnic so we could meet with more people, and it could gain their attention because our other one was falling apart. Had an activity to meet other club members. Last year current members had become so close knit it made it hard, so that was nice to meet everyone. We plan on having movie nights where anyone could join us and watch.
 - ii. Kevin: What shows do you watch?
 - iii. Sarah: It changes, we're watching Darker than Black, Steinsgate, etc.
 - b. Gospel Choir
 - i. Elizabeth: We have a performance on November 2 at a local church, hoping to raise funds for our club. November 13 we will sing in Chapel. November 21 iFestival, and Gospel Explosion. Hoping to raise donations again like we did last year. We're having a hangout after our rehearsal this week, having dinner and trying to learn names. We have a bigger group this year.
 - c. Step 7

- i. Elizabeth: Last Wednesday we led...development day and did training in blocks. A lot of faculty, administrators and the provost came, hoping to be doing mandatory faculty development day in the spring and faculty retreat next fall.

VII. Discussion:

- a. ASWU Inclusivity **(25 min)**
- b. Ian: Taking time to talk about the email I sent you guys last Thursday. Starting a conversation of what it means to be inclusive in ASWU. Starting this conversation- what values does ASWU hold right now, and what things are we holding to right now?
- c. Jacob: It's very open. I would say last weekend we showed a little bit of commitment in that we, in the heat of the moment, took the things that were said in a personal way and stood up. Not all of us, but you could tell it affected a lot of different people in different ways. I think we showed commitment in that way.
- d. Joshua: I know we talk a lot about how we are a voice for the students, maybe that was a reality check to how open we are to representing the students vs. our own opinions.
- e. Guest: Can you enlighten the guests of what happened?
- f. Ian: Last week we had a club update about Students for Life club. They did the event last Tuesday about Planned Parenthood. It led to an environment where ASWU wasn't holding to our mission statement I would say, and it was not what I know ASWU is or what it could or should be and what we have been before. This is a conversation to see how we can make it a more welcoming environment to have conversations that are controversial and how we deal with differing opinions. I want us to focus on what we can do now for the future because we're talking about issues that are hard to talk about, and I know some of you go through situations where you might not agree with what you're talking about so this is a good conversation for the future.
- g. Graham: It's important to prioritize what's being talked about at the time. For club updates if you want to talk more about what you're doing that's ok but categorize your time with what's appropriate.
- h. Ian: I mentioned in the email how we could have shaped that conversation more responsibly. I think we should have stepped in earlier and we take responsibility for that, but this is a conversation that should be happening. Something like this happens every year, it's a conversation that comes up.

- i. Bre: I've talked to some people about it. Our mission statement says an honest representation of our diverse student body, and wondering if that's an objective representation and when do personal values come into that. We should clarify as a group what that means.
- j. Ashton S: We should look at when you speak in your position and when you speak for yourself, and to announce that. If you feel it's directly relevant to speak your position then say that first, or that you are talking about what you believe on this issue. Taking that step would make us think before expressing our views and thinking if there's a better time to express that.
- k. Jordan: What would you say for people who don't have specific constituents?
- l. Ashton: I think it gives you reason to think about who is missing, but if you're speaking for your opinion you should say so.
- m. Jacob: I think ASWU by extension is a diverse representation in our own sense. There will be people who agree with other people and opinions. In that light I think that conversation got out of hand but I'm also a person who doesn't think conversation is a bad thing. Being able to express our diverse opinions I think is actually admirable.
- n. Ian: I think confrontation is ok but I think what we did was not create an environment where it was ok to bring in differing opinions and views. We didn't show enough respect to a view that was maybe different than your own. I think it's ok but we could have handled it better.
- o. Matt: Regardless of who you're representing, one big purpose of ASWU is to foster conversation and one of the main things we can do is protect the voices that make the conversation. Regardless of your constituency or views, if you're shutting down a conversation I think you're in the wrong.
- p. Ian: I also want to think about values we made at camp. Transparency, growth, be inclusive, representative, connected, approachable, collaborative, support ourselves and others, outside the box, know what voices are missing, be a duck, fun, honesty, ownership and accountability, informed vibes, innovation, give grace, leading, time management, etc... Those are things as a team we brainstormed together. Things we saw as valuable for ASWU on this campus. I know it's a thing we have to do every Wednesday to read the mission statement, but I encourage you to think about what that actually means. Thinking

about why we joined ASWU in the first place. Think about that and what values you hold yourself to and what we agreed on as a team.

- q. Jacob: After hearing that list, I could work on being a duck more. Letting things that kind of adversely affect you—shake it off. Maybe I don't speak for everyone but I should've held myself accountable to that.
- r. Raleigh: One of the things in the email we received was when I stood up and read a quote one of my friends sent me about how she felt. Realizing how I put him on the spot about that quote; I felt I was representing individuals at Whitworth who gave me the power to voice their thoughts to the many. I felt it appropriate to be able to voice this and enjoy the dialogue that followed and how Michael really did present the club's opinion to this anonymous text.
- s. Graham: I feel like we've never handled a club update that way before, maybe changing how we do club updates.
- t. Jerrica: That also goes back to what Matt was saying about discussion, and deciding if this is the time to have the conversation or to save it for another time. I felt it wasn't the right time to have that conversation but it wasn't stopped so just thinking about that.
- u. Ian: If there's something you think we should bring up another time, you have freedom to bring it up another time. If no one agrees then ok, but if the whole room is feeling that way but we're still going through it let's just end it there and save time. We can come back to the conversation at another time and be more ready for it.
- v. Joshua: Going back to what Raleigh said, it's tough. We want to be representative but sometimes opinions are condescending. In that situation it was a group against an individual but sometimes in a group discussion you get to choose whether you take it personally. But that situation, that comment was straight at him and who he was representing so he had no choice but to take it straight on. When you want to direct something right at someone I think that's better in a non-group setting.
- w. Jacob: I don't think we attacked him personally. I don't think we challenged him as a person so much as the way that he brought the group forward in discussion during the club update. They could have done a better job framing the club update but we could've done better letting it roll off our back.
- x. Maggie: Why did you feel the need to challenge a club update?

- y. Samantha: It was different than a regular club update. He used it more as a time to talk about his opinion about what they had been talking about in the loop on Tuesday. It wasn't just about what they had been doing or what they had planned, it was a little more preaching involved so it put people on edge a little more.
- z. Graham: It seemed to me that he kind of was going on a regular club update and we kind of urged him to express his opinions and values.
- aa. Kai: Along with coming with the more preaching type approach to the club update, there were several questions of the club's ultimate focus for the club. There were several questions from multiple people that led him in that direction.
- bb. Matt: I think I would disagree that there wasn't an atmosphere of an adverse hostile environment. By the body language people were taking, it made the environment hostile. There was a comment expressed in the GE330 that someone expressed that he should not feel welcome, that we shouldn't welcome him because of his point of view and I think we should talk about that. Do we think he shouldn't be welcome here?
- cc. Bre: If he's not welcome here then where is he welcome?
- dd. Ian: We continued that conversation and brought up that that is our role to support all students and that is why we're here. That's where our funding comes from and we can't leave out some students. We are here to support everyone. I wouldn't say that was the group's opinion. What are some actual things we can do for the future?
- ee. Bre: I wouldn't say anything that happened was innately bad, but I think our language needs to be clear and opinions need to be objective not personal.
- ff. Ian: So trying to say it objectively as possible but making it clear and seeing if it's an appropriate time to do so.
- gg. Ashton: We need to respect club charters and the decisions of teams before us. Some clubs get re-chartered and we need to trust that they made a good decision and that they can do their jobs as well as we can and they thought this club was needed and necessary. We can have the discussions once a club is chartered but once it is then we need to support them in a welcoming way.
- hh. Jerrica: I'd also say, being careful with body language. People I know said they were closed off with their body language so doing that in a passive way if possible.
- ii. Graham: I think it's important to keep the agenda up there. What we should be doing.

- jj. Samantha: Talking about Ashton's point. When that club chartered there were strong initiatives. Asking the club how they've changed over the years.
- kk. Ian: If their values have changed it's good to be in the know of what's happening.
- ll. Ashton L: I was a voting member when they were voted in as a club and as our team has changed so has theirs. I think its good when we ask because with any club we are publicizing for them, giving an accurate representation of what the club is now.
- mm. Jordan: It seemed like the email was specifically about the body language that we had, so not really against our voices and questions. I think it was people were giving off a negative vibe towards the person. Understanding that we can challenge these people but unless you're fostering the conversation, try to keep a neutral face.
- nn. Lauren: Did we apologize to that club?
- oo. Kevin: We're in the process. I'll sit down with them.
- pp. Ian: I want to leave it with thanks for having this conversation. It's hard to be self reflective in ways we have failed, but we have potential to grow and do a lot better. We have so much potential in doing a much better job and learning. Last week it's what happened but it'll lead to this growth right here. I want to have everyone keep us accountable. Thanks to those who did so last week calling us out on the unfortunate environment we made. Calling ourselves out if you know you did something you probably shouldn't have done or could've done better. We have a lot on our plate but that's not an excuse; I ask you guys to keep this on your minds, grow from it, don't have any shame- doesn't lead to anywhere good.
- qq. Kevin: I've learned a lot about how to approach an update in the future, reviewing how clubs have changed and maybe we should assess how clubs have changed and what they're doing now.
- rr. Jenna: Is there any sort of accountability to that?
- ss. Kevin: They do a re-charter, it's not as intensive as the first charter is but its more for the process of budgeting.
- tt. Ian: It's a way to touch base and ask questions.
- uu. Jordan: Is that just a document they send in? Is there a way we could have clubs come in?
- vv. They do that.

VIII. Reports & Vibes (15 min)

- a. Ali: Pass

- b. **Jacob:** 10 days away is Midnight Madness. It's pretty exciting. The first thing- I wasn't able to get Dutch Bros, but one of my buddies is a manager of a stand and I'm going to get a load of \$1 drink coupons I'll give out for free. Game during the event- 1 on 1 vs. Beck and Dan Dickau will come through and hopefully put the breaks on him. I have a need to spend more money on the event, if any of you have giveaway ideas that you want to see let me know.
 - i. **Graham:** How much money?
 - ii. **Jacob:** About \$3,000.
- c. **Jacob:** Volunteers thanks for signing up! I'll ask that you be there by 6:30 at the latest. I'll send out an email with more details about the event. Saturday November 8th, 7pm. We will let people know at the beginning that there will be a drone flying around, not to touch it, etc. At your biggest costs just avoid it. If there's anyone else in here that feels a calling to volunteer and help let me know. Saturday November 1 will be the launch of promotions, I have a promo video (help from the sister of head coach Logie). We're in the process of the half court shot, shirts are coming should be here soon.
 - i. **Jerrica:** Can we send you things to announce during?
 - ii. **Jacob:** Yes make sure you get that to me by next Friday.
 - iii. **Eric:** Have you thought about having the Whitworth.fm sports broadcasters broadcast the event?
 - iv. **Jacob:** Is that something you'd be interested in doing?
 - v. **Eric:** It's just a suggestion.
- d. **Laurel:** I had a movie yesterday for Halloween and I don't have anything for a while
- e. **Alicen:** Monster Mash is this Saturday! \$2 for haunted house and \$1 for the dance. People need to bring their Whitworth ID's. You can't get in to the dance without your ID.
- f. **Niehls:** Fall Break was a good time for Outdoor Rec. Had a backpacking trip, Brad and Jacob led a trip to City Rocks, got some good climbing in. Fright Fest on Friday, at the climbing wall. Saturday we have a hike of the month, Thursday November 6 we have film fest for skiing and snowboarding.
- g. **Matt:** Tomorrow Kipos is hosting a Whitworth farmers market in Lied Square from 10-2, there will be Greenbluff produce, fresh honey, and other natural things, crafts, a homemade company that makes chips and salsa, you can come and get lunch from our community garden, etc.

- i. Graham: Can we use a card or cash only?
 - ii. Matt: I'll tentatively say yes to the card.
- h. Joshua: Pass
- i. Saige: Pass
- j. Elaine: Pass
- k. Graham: Pass
- l. Erika: Someone put an improvised crosswalk by that gravel road [from Banbury to the soccer field] I think they spray-painted it on.
- m. Rigel: Haunted House starts at 8pm, we will stop selling tickets at 11pm. It'll probably be open until midnight, groups are 6-7 people. 5 groups inside the house at the same time, it'll take about 15 minutes to walk through. Basement, first floor and second floor. For Warren- I think we'll have you send groups every few minutes.
- n. Haley: Pass
- o. Aly: Get to Know ASWU prime time- Monday November 10. Email me what you're thinking if it works for you.
- p. Jerrica: East Hall Ball theme is Masquerade Ball. On the 14th at 9pm.
- q. Raleigh: Pass
- r. Bre: Pass
- s. Maryann: Pass
- t. Jenna: Pass
- u. Skylar: Pass
- v. Jordan: Playoffs have started! T-shirts should be coming in Monday. ASWU has a game at 4pm tomorrow.
- w. Samantha: Meeting with Nancy Hines and Lucas tomorrow to talk about the drill that's happening on the 6th and how to inform students about it.
- x. Ashton L: I'm praying the senior cards come. I keep emailing to ask where they are, they should be here soon. Christmas party will be on December 4. I started planning early but vendors really get on your stuff.
- y. Ashton S: Liberty in North Korea tonight, they have a lot of interesting insight to share with us. They're also selling things to keep up with donations.

- z. Lauren: One of my residents is concerned about library hours. Boppell Coffee House is coming up, if you have cool ideas for who should perform or if you want to perform, let me know. November 13th. Visual artists as well as people who perform things.
- aa. Elena: Open house party for the health and counseling center tomorrow, free food and treasure hunt, etc. 4-6pm tomorrow.
- bb. Ian: What did people think about this fall break; did we offer enough things on campus? [general consensus- no] We want to make sure we have options for people, that's good to know.
- cc. Kevin: We just passed a requisition for a conference for [club]
- dd. Eli: Timecards, those need to be done. Prime time tomorrow helping lead people to the town hall if you can.

IX. ASWU Sustainability Conversation **(15 min)**

- a. Matt Keiper, Kevin Gleim, and Eli Casteel
- b. Matt: Revising this document to add to the FSOP's. We wrote this up- starting this conversation again and hopefully get a yes or no vote by the end. This is addressing our need to offset the carbon emissions we're making through our efforts as ASWU. Every time we bring in an artist, entertainer, or go to the store, whenever we're travelling using fossil fuels we are emitting a certain amount. We have the responsibility to take care of that because we're the ones personally doing it. We are directly hurting the environment in this measureable way. We can read through this document and answer questions after.

Sustainability Regulations

- A. Any ASWU transaction that requires the transportation of people by fossil fuel sources will require an appropriate offset for carbon emissions. This includes air travel for performers, car trips to conferences, car trips for event items at the grocery store, etc.
- B. All accounts overseen by the FVP including coordinators and clubs are to use the rules detailed in the following subsections.
- C. Any Whitworth account not overseen by the FVP including non-ASWU affiliated groups (Chapel, URec, Green Dot, etc.) must also follow these Sustainability Regulations in order to receive ASWU funds.'
- D. Offset costs will be placed in the Carbon Offset line item under the Sustainability Coordinator.
- E. Near the end of the school year, the Carbon Offset line item will be used to buy offsets through a determined offset company with the option of using some the money to buy and plant trees together as a body.
- F. When fully operational the local Spokane carbon market will be used, but until that time the FVP and Sustainability Coordinator with the input of the ASWU Assembly will every year determine the appropriate offset company.

- G. When a transaction takes place, a carbon offset of a one dollar minimum will be transferred from the account that the individual used to perform the transaction.
- H. For transportation by land, an additional dollar shall be transferred for every one hundred miles.
- I. For transportation by air, the previously determined offset company will determine the appropriate amount due for each flight.
- J. Exceptions to be determined at the discretion of the Sustainability Coordinator and FVP (e.g. four RA's carpool and perform four transactions from four different accounts. The FVP and the Sustainability Coordinator can decide to split one dollar amongst the four accounts to honor the fact that they carpooled).

All Whitworth accounts that use ASWU money that are not overseen by the FVP (Chapel, URec, etc.) are to at the minimum follow ASWU Susolution with the ASWU Sustainability Coordinator.

- c. Aly: So we won't be charging RA's right?
- d. Matt: No because their budget doesn't come from ASWU.
- e. Aly: So it would apply if my RA's were planning something and needed more money...
- f. Matt: It's only if the money comes from ASWU.
- g. Ian: Say I go to Winco and buy a Clif bar before a meeting and I come back with that receipt, is that dollar coming from my pocket?
- h. Matt: The offset cost won't come out of your personal pocket it will come out of the account you use.
- i. Jordan: In a given year what would you estimate the total amount to be? And given that it'll most likely go over the \$5,000 amount that we would need to have students vote on since it's technically their money should we have them vote on it?
- j. Matt: I cant see it being close to \$5,000 in a single year
- k. Kevin: That example doesn't apply. That's for a \$5,000 purchase so they're separate.
- l. Jordan: Just considering if you wanted to put it to a school-wide vote.
- m. Kevin: I processed 3 receipts this week so that would be \$3. Some weeks it'll be more than others.
- n. Graham: Clarification on letter G, maybe clarify that it's when you're using fossil fuels.
- o. Ashton L: You mentioned last week, if you could talk about the plane flight from New York illustrating it's not a huge amount of money.
- p. Matt: Yes round trip to New York the carbon offset would be around \$10, not massive amounts of money. That's probably the maximum amount of money.
- q. Jenna: Residents thought it was a really great idea, I think it's great we're instigating this and a good way to show how we care about the environment. The part about how we will

use the money- we can use part of the money for things on campus, is it possible to use all the money on campus?

- r. Matt: It would take a larger effort than we're probably willing to do to plant that many trees but we can look at it
- s. Ian: The assembly that year can also make that decision
- t. Maggie: ASWU's money stretches to Chapel, Service Learning, etc. are we also going to regulate them and the subsets of ASWU?
- u. Matt: Yes, if they are going to be taking our money then we want them to follow our rules with that money. We recognize that we can't really oversee that directly, we will just ask that they willingly follow our rules and that we will believe them so it will be on the honor system.
- v. Eli: A good faith policy
- w. Maggie: You haven't chosen an organization?
- x. Matt: We haven't finalized it but we're looking at some now.
- y. Maggie: Money isn't allowed to directly be given to charity so it's not a charity itself right?
- z. Matt: I guess we could look at what the emphasis right now. I wouldn't say we're giving to charity because we're offsetting our own actions. I can look into specifically if they call themselves a charity or not.
- aa. Maryann: Does this take into account things we want to ship here?
- bb. Matt: We want to address our own personal actions first and then move on later. But for now just that.
- cc. Laurel: When someone goes to the store to buy groceries, sometimes I buy personal groceries while buying things for my performers.
- dd. Matt: I think some things that are a little different might be exceptions, due to the discretion of the FVP and the coordinator.
- ee. Laurel: My only concern- it is for the student body, but the non-voting members are the ones who will be affected the most. I think its great but my only concern is if this does end up increasing in cost for carbon emissions, it might increase the amount taken from the budget overtime.
- ff. Eli: We could definitely address that at budget committee.
- gg. Matt: This isn't to try to not make you do events, if you have problems paying for events because of this come talk to us.

- hh. Eli: If there was an event where this was stopping you, I would ask questions of what kind of event is this and what are we trying to do.
- ii. Lauren: When would this go into effect?
- jj. Matt: As soon as we vote on it
- kk. Lauren: How are we telling clubs and the chapel, etc?
- ll. Eli: The places that we've already given that money to would be grandfathered in in the policy. For us in this room that know about it and after club council, you don't hold anyone to something they don't know about
- mm. Matt: We could have a roll out date where we make sure everyone is educated and have a date where it starts or we could find another option
- nn. Lauren: I'm just concerned about clubs.
- oo. Kevin: There's also requisitions.
- pp. Eli: To have a good law it needs to be known.
- qq. Lauren: I think I would appreciate another point on here that requires the sustainability coordinator to come back and report how much has been given.
- rr. Matt: I think we assumed that and didn't put it into words so that's good.
- ss. Joshua: On the good faith policy, that's nice but could we have them follow some regulations for that? I see that phrased as a threat. Should we add a clause in there to require them to provide documentation?
- tt. Samantha: A lot of times these places have other budgets so they could say our money didn't go towards that, etc.
- uu. Eli: The other thing about sustainability initiatives, it's more of a mindset change and how you go about doing business and operations. Pushing the idea of not really forcing anyone to it, so that's the idea behind the good faith policy.
- vv. Matt: I'm wary of putting a punishment policy in. I think maybe we could put something, I think it's on the sustainability coordinator to have a hard conversation with the group using our money and saying are you following these and asking questions about how they are. The obvious punishment would be not giving more money if they don't follow it.
- ww. Erika: [comment about the Spokane carbon market]
- xx. Matt: There will be a Spokane carbon conference coming up. Putting this money back into our local community is the ideal.

yy. Sam: For organizations on campus that are entrenched in unethical practices but use that money for events that [don't align with those values], would you still grant the money?

zz. Matt: That would be a decision we make when deciding to give them money or not. That would be in the conversation.

aaa.Sam: So you have the power to say give or don't give the money?

bbb. Ashton L: That would be in budget committee where we review the FSOP's.

ccc.Ian: As a coordinator working with a number of clubs, have you talked to clubs and coordinators to see what they think?

ddd. Matt: I haven't contacted clubs but the purpose of today is to talk to coordinators and everyone else.

eee.Aly: We're also missing our media heads because they're at a conference right now.

fff. Ian: What I'm hearing is we want a straw vote but we want to make sure our whole team is here. I'm hearing that we might want to table this to another time to remember what we talked about, review the minutes. I don't want questions to be re-asked.

ggg. Maggie: Why would you wait on a straw vote?

hhh. Ian: It's fine to have a straw vote tonight because it doesn't make an actual decision.

iii. Straw vote taken

jjj. Bre: Motion to table the conversation to another week.

kkk. Second

lll. Jacob: Guests are a part of straw votes, and we're very fickle. We take votes with voting members not here so I think tabling it would just take more time.

mmm. Vote taken, decision made to table the discussion until next week.

X. **FVP (3 min)**

a. Updates

b. [Recorded in the Reports & Vibes section]

XI. **EVP (2 min)**

a. Updates

b. [Recorded in the Reports & Vibes section]

XII. **President (5 min)**

a. Task Force Planning on LGB Policies

- b. Ian: Tomorrow night is the LGB information night, 8:15 tomorrow night in the MPR. Dr. Carol Simon will be our first representative from the administration to talk about the current policy and how it plays out and answer some questions. Then Forrest Baird the faculty president will be talking about multiple opinions and issues on the policy and answering questions. Then moving on to the prime times with senators if you can make it to help lead the conversation, making sure there's some crowd control. Answering questions the students have. Great way to get clarity on the confusion around this topic because the vast majority of survey responses were confused about what the policy did or didn't include. Let people know. This is a topic people are interested in, it comes up every day. Encourage others to go. This will be a really informative night and a great time to hear what it is so you can better articulate what the policy is.
- c. Eli: I encourage you to tell people.

XIII. For the good of the order

- a. Raleigh: Thank you for your opinions. This is happening much earlier than it has last year by far and I definitely appreciate it.
- b. Jacob: Cool Whip show tomorrow night, Stage II at 9:30.
- c. Graham: Props to Keiper and the Kipos team in general, the map about the community garden and the composting signs on the trash cans in the bathroom.
- d. Rigel: Senators can you grab the fliers in your cubbies and put them up?
- e. Erika: November 4 is Election Day. Go vote!

XIV. Adjourn: 6:27 pm