



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 | March 9th, 2022

Attendance:

Rachel Ayres President	present
Chris Clay Vice President	present
Abby Douglas Financial Director	absent
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	absent
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	proxy
Adaeze Njoku Boppell Senator	proxy
Larkin Dean Duvall Senator	late
Logan Spencer Warren Senator	present

Samie Schaffer 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
Payton Wyatt Neighborhood Senator	present
Munya Fashu-Kanu Off Campus Rep	absent
Marie Fenske Off Campus Rep	present
Courtney Cossette Off Campus Rep	proxy
Jamie Furr Off Campus Rep	present
Makayla Pugmire Off Campus Rep	proxy
Michelle Lie Incoming Student Rep	present
Elisa Vigil Incoming Student Rep	late
Hannah Loesch Village Rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 1700.

Mission statement read by Hans.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Rebecca

Discussion: None

In favor: 16 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Guest Presentation

- Dornsife

We are from the Dornsife center, and we focus on community engagement. We provide volunteer opportunities to students and faculty. We have some events going on. Next week is the refuge simulation to understand what refugees go through and barriers such as language, cultural, and financial factors. It's in the MPR this Saturday. Next week there is a Spokane jeopardy trivia social in WEY

111. There are prizes with food and pizza provided. This trivia is for fun and education to learn about Spokane history and engaging in the community and learning more about what we do as CEAs. There is a blood drive next week if you are interested on the 16th and 17th. Register and if you have questions let me know. Register through whit serves. We are pushing for a spring break impact trip. It is our first overnight trip, we are renting an air BnB in west central and having dinner, breakfast, and lunch provided. We are eating at a local restaurant which is a non-profit. It is a good opportunity to understand the community and see the bigger Spokane picture, there is lots going on. We are trying to bring students together. On April 23rd we are having a tree thinning day to cut down and rebuild the area. We are cleaning the air filters in buildings as well, so it is safe for west central residents. This year we realized not a lot of people know about the department so if you are interested in volunteering let me know. This is a big city. More opportunities to come. Thank you.

Tristy: Is tree thinning with Whitworth?

Gloria: I think so

Christian: What can we do as ASWU to support you.

Gloria: As ASWU you have huge representation to students so getting the word out for volunteering since it is fun not boring. Maybe collaborating like that and bringing up the importance of volunteering.

Jamie F: Is there one spot with all your upcoming events?

Gloria: Mostly on Whit serves. Register for opportunities you are interested in and log hours there.

Club Coordinator Updates

Jamie C: Today we have FASA and Pre-med club for club updates.

- FASA

Sam: I am Sam, and I am the secretary for FASA. Our mission is to provide specify for Filipino Americans at Whitworth. We promote a sense of unity and pride for all

cultures through social, cultural, and political advancements. We were not able to showcase our Filipino culture at I-fest, but we are planning an event to showcase the culture. We are in the process, and Jason and Alicia are in contact. Fun events to come like a folk dance and other entertainments.

- Premed:

Alex: (video transcription): Hello my name is Alex Vickers, I am the president of Pre-Med club, sorry I couldn't be there on Wednesday I have two exams this week. So far for Pre-med we had a rocky start with a mix up on leadership. The previous president is no longer president, so I took over. Spring semester has been a good start. We had some sign ups from the club fair. We have a speaker coming from a new Idaho med school come and talk. We had an introductory event with a Kahoot and Dutch gift cards. There was a survey for meetings as well. Next week, officers are meeting to talk about next steps for events. We are going to have a WSU/WU admission event to see what requirements are and other introductory events for socializing and a destressing event for finals. Also, community engagement event and an awareness of careers event.

Jamie C: If you have any questions feel free to email Alex.

- Speaker Request Vote

Jamie C: We have Carly from GEM here tonight. She will tell us about Lauri Hennessey, the speaker we are voting on.

Carly: Hi I am the president of GEM. Our speaker night is with Lauri. She is the CEO of education voters of WA and a board member of the state chapter of national women's political caucus. We found her through the humanities WA website. Her talk is recounting her last 30 years in political science and how her me too journey has shaped that. She is also talking about harassment in the workplace and disparities she has seen in political environments. She talks about how she wants to change that with specific communities and victim blaming being a problem. It's a way to share her experiences and the audience can share at the end as well.

Jamie C: Any questions?

Jamie F: Is there a q/a?

Carly: Yes

Rachel: What will the evening be like, where, how long, who is it open to?

Carly: It will be in RTT if approved at 7pm. Her speech will be 1-1.5 hours and people can stay afterwards for questions. Since it is funded by women's leadership network by Whitworth, we are broadcasting this to the Spokane community through outreach opportunities and contacts with local congress people to invite everyone in the public.

Motion to Approve GEM Speaker Lauri Hennessey

Moved by Grace, Seconded by Larkin

Discussion:

Grace: I think it sounds awesome and educational. I am wanting to go and learn more about it. They are important topics in the community for everyone to hear. It would be awesome.

Christian: I want to check, they mentioned inviting community members, is that okay?

Rachel: Yes that is okay covid wise.

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion passes

Financial Director Updates

Capital: \$19,090

Unallocated: \$16,450.35

Travel: \$4,780

Rachel: Abby is sick today. Here are the totals.

President Updates:

- UREC Updates

Michelle: The UREC has interesting events in March. We have WhitFit on March 7th-20th and all dorms are invited. Talk to your constituents to join; the UREC needs participants. The dorm wide competition winner will receive a pizza party. Register with the QR code and record your workouts. This weekend is a Liberty Lake hike for \$10. It is very active and during spring break we are hiking the Olympic peninsula, which is \$400, register before 3/11. Register by code. Registration for intramurals opens around March 21st. If you have questions, contact Telmen.

Jamie F: Who is the contact for the GEM speaker?

Jamie C: cwahlgren23@my...

- COVID Updates

Rachel: One thing I want to let you know, sometimes you don't hear about this meeting but today Jason and I met with university leadership and talked through all decisions we made in covid the last two years. Whitworth is proactively thinking about the crisis for 2 years and taking steps to learn from those things. They are looking at the future and implementing different things. Also, as you have heard Whitworth is following state guidance and Friday 11th at 11:59pm masks are not required on campus unless professors request to do so. ASWU is following the guidelines, so masks are optional here. I am excited to see smiling faces next week. No masks needed for casino night. Any questions?

Jessica: Does that apply to all events now on?

Rachel: correct. Unless school switches policies.

Vice President Updates:

- Election Timeline Vote

Chris: We finished applications for hiring. At least two people applied for each position. This is the tentative election timeline. We will be voting on this next week. This is the same as fall semester.

Rachel: There is a time gap between March 24 and April 5th which is spring break. Apply to run anytime in there but the deadline is after spring break. You have spring break to think about things. Also, it means if you know someone to run, please talk to them now and get ideas in their heads and tell them the deadline after we approve it next week.

Chris: This is a great way to interact with constituents, go to a primetime and tell them about positions and the timeline for materials in the campaign.

- 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: Emily Albert is our student highlight this week. She has worn so many hats at Whitworth I have class with her, and she provides great thoughts. She works as tech support and does back-end things. She is also a Heat team member and serves as a liaison between the health center and the student body to ensure proper activities to support student health. Shoutout to her.

Past Events:

- Club Fair

Jamie C: It was a rainy day; we had some people show up. Overall, I saw a few clubs with 10-15 signups each so hopefully more members for interest.

Rachel: Thank you for doing a mid-year club fair. This is the first time for spring semester and for new rechartered clubs this is great. The club we chartered the day before was able to table and get members. Great turn-around time.

Elisa: It was important to have a mid-term club fair. Some transfer students got to go and sign up for clubs that freshman got at the beginning of the year. Thank you, Jamie.

- Black History Mobile Museum

Jessica: It was a lot of fun, it was from 10am-3pm in the MPR today. Thanks for stopping by if you did. The cost of attendance was with 174 people showing up in those hours which is about \$6.89 per person. It was fun to be there and lots of original artifacts were available all the way from the slave trade to hip hop culture. I shared that my favorite piece was a letter of Rosa Parks being in Seattle and Spokane to visit the NAACP.

Chris: It was engaging, and I talked with the presenter, and it showed negative and positive contributions in Black history. It was an important event and hopefully he could have a lecture at some point, he has a lot of good knowledge for campus.

Christian: I encourage you to check out his website and other projects he is doing.

Hannah L: I didn't plan on staying long but I was there for about 15 minutes and it was interesting and felt like a timeline, it was cool.

Upcoming Events:

- Off Campus Mixer

Reeshika: It's tomorrow at 7pm in the MPR. If you are off campus, come and wear blue and be there.

Grace: What should workers wear?

Reeshika: Blue and name tags.

- Casino Night

Sienna: You all got an email from me with the details with roles and whether you are set up and tear down. Set up starts at 5, tear down people come at 7. Pizza for all and training for the night. If you have friends who want to come and deal, they can as well. We are looking for more volunteers.

Michael: Do you need more dealers?

Sienna: If they want to be dealer then people can choose.

Michael: I know someone who want to deal.

Sienna: We will talk after. If you know any other floaters let me know so we have breathing room or switching flexibility during the night. Tell your friends.

Marie: In your email you have set up from 5-11pm?

Sienna: Set up will be from 5-7 but you will be there until 11 because training is at 7 and the night begins at 8.

Jessica: I did not get the email.

Rachel: Is it cocktail attire?

Sienna: Yes, it is cocktail attire you can google it, wear that and a name tag. For example, dresses are around knee length for women if you can, if not it's okay.

Rachel: Black is a good option too.

Sienna: Wear whatever you feel good in as long as you show up.

- THRIVE Week

Rachel: Everything is planned. Next week you will see posters and tomorrow in your mailboxes for senators. A-frames will be on the hello walk for advertising. On Monday night at 4pm we have a yoga class in the UREC. Tuesday is a panel with 3 maybe 4 guests who are community members talking about ways to flourish in college with Mac Daddy's catering there. Wednesday is snow cones to destress in front of the hub. Thursday is a rage room led by Abby in the loop. Thursday night is cultural crafts and snacks. Friday the hidden opponent is tabling in the afternoon and Friday night is the DuvOliver dance. We have some sign ups to do.

Chris On Friday from 11:30-12:30 is yard games with connect-4, Jenga, and students can pass by and play games with small prizes. THO is giving out other gear too.

- Cultural Craft and Snacks

Jessica: It was originally during culture week but it's here now. It's next Thursday from 630-830pm with stations in the MPR representing cultures like arts and crafts like fabric weaving for central America and the Philippines, origami to represent japan, pinatas, henna, clay, embroidery for Chinese culture, and a station with make your own evil eyes from Greece. Also, there will be a bunch of snacks at stations and a description on each table to educate people. Come destress after dinner.

- DuvOliver Dance

Grace: This event is on March 18th from 8-11pm in Oliver Hall hosted by Larkin and I! It is pajama themed, so wear your coziest and most fun pajamas. There will be snacks, drinks, good music, and good company. This is open and free for all students and would love for you to share this information with constituents as well as just spread the word! There are posters in everyone's mailbox as well. In terms of ASWU help, Larkin and I have both of our teams of RA's helping so we don't anticipate needing volunteers (we will let you know if we do), but we hope to see you all at the event next Friday night. The best contact is my email gjohnson24... and Larkin's email ldean24...

Larkin: I talked to the Duvall RAs and some of them are doing events during other parts of the week and hyping it up. We might actually need help. Not all Duvall RAs can be there, but all the Oliver ones are good to be there. We may need a few helpers.

Grace: We can text the GroupMe.

Constituency Reports

Off Campus:

Reeshika: We got 90 responses from our survey and usually it is 10-15. Thank you off campus folks. Tomorrow at 7pm, please show up wearing blue. I need to look at the responses. It was about mental health and how people were doing.

The Village:

Hannah: The village is a little sad because it won't be the village next year and they can't stay in their rooms. I am a little upset but understanding why. This is because they are creating a covid area in the village.

Rachel: The village is designated as covid quarantine for two buildings. The other one will still be open maybe. Nobody can same room next year.

Warren:

Logan: Warren is pretty chill. A few people said they are looking forward to going to counseling which is exciting. They are loving the sun and kind of warm weather. Overall good vibe.

International Students:

Michael: we are doing great. Last week the ISC retreat went great. Students are looking forward to casino night and many students applied for leadership next year.

Chris: With covid mandates changing in the US, are their countries changing so they can go home?

Michael: For my country no, but I'm not sure about other countries. Doesn't look good.

Neighborhoods:

Payton: Things are going well. Not many events yet still and there is some lull in the semester with the stress of midterms. We are excited about daylight savings.

Ballard:

Georgia: We are doing okay. People are tired and in the time of the semester where midterms hit. Morale is low but in general we are enjoying the weather. Also, the lighting behind Ballard is still not a thing and it is very dark back there especially if you are walking to the music building or Warren is pitch black.

Boppell:

Jamie G: We are doing well. I am loving the weather and some residents are outside studying for midterms and hunkering down. Overall doing well.

Chris: Have you started the whiteboard process?

Jamie G: Yes, I am looking into it and sending an email to Dezy soon.

Duvall:

Larkin: We are doing good. Weather is making people come out of their rooms more and I am seeing more hammocks, but the wind was bad today. We are excited about the DuvOliver dance and casino night. We had a really cool primetime last night with notes and lemonade and positive affirmations to boost morale.

Oliver:

Grace: I have sent out my March check in survey and email and have some data and responses to report on. In response to how my residents are really doing, I didn't receive many positive responses. A lot of my residents are stressed, anxious, not productive, etc. In response to any problems in Oliver, there are missing ping pong balls, the showers are moldy constantly and there's just not much life. In response to leaving me any recommendations for things, I received a lot of good ideas for events and community building. I heard about some of my residents' favorite classes and their spring break plans which was awesome to hear about, and lots of responses of people saying yes to coming to the DuvOliver dance.

Arend:

Samie: We are doing great. Lots of students are loving the weather and people are hanging out in front of dorms at night. We had a light saber battle last night. I sent out a survey last week and got 50 responses. Lots of people are looking forward to spring break, the musical next week, and being able to get closer to their degrees.

McMillan:

Hans: We are loving the sun. I have been connecting with freshmen. They are coming to dinner with us more which is great. It is feeling like spring has allowed for more connections. We have had a dry run of newsletters which is my fault and I apologize. Finally, a few of us have connected over longboarding so there is a longboarding Facebook group. Join if you'd like.

Chris: Do you have a group of mac students who climb?

Hans: Yes, regularly.

Stewart:

Rebecca: We are doing alright; everyone is tired and stressed. Last night was my ASWU primetime and Rachel came. We had a few people in and out, one person Santiago stayed the whole time. We didn't talk about ASWU much but we had a good time and Kyle beat me at pool, but I beat myself because I knocked in the 8 ball.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

Kyle: It was a sunny day in March, not a mouse was stirring, the fireplace rolling in the lounge of BJ as it does when its sunny but still cold. BJ has been oddly quiet but the quiet was broken by a bandit. A reverse bandit that left something. A political survey under every door of the building. So many people have talked to me about this. I have no idea who made it. It's in all buildings under the doors. Also, it's a snapchat QR code. Also, the QR code leads to a google form with information and stances on political views and has no accountability so it's a little sus. Some resident brought it up to me and asked and I was confused too. I was told they had fun making funny responses to the survey including my own RA listing himself as Joe Mama.

Grace: Oliver took all the other halls things.

Jason: Those are not approved, and we don't know who did it. Some people came to the office today upset because they think information may be sold. Pick them up if you see them and don't take them. We pick them up as we see them.

Larkin: They were in the pods and living areas with doors closed, do we tell RAs to throw them away?

Jason: Yes. If you see anything without a Whitworth logo or Whitworth email, get rid of it.

Tristy: Recycle them.

Chris: Is there an email that can be sent to greater campus?

Jason: (shakes head no)

Incoming Student Reps:

Michelle: We are busy and stressed with midterms and applying for positions. We are excited for events and mask mandates going away. Elisa and I are planning our first event.

Elisa: I have heard similar things to Michelle. Some students are excited about the mask mandate but nervous for judgement. Immunocompromised are anxious.

Campus Vibes

Sienna: I put posters in your mailboxes because there is a job I had called conference coordinator for the summer. It provides free room and board over the summer for international or low income or housing instable students. It's a cool opportunity. Email me with questions. It's a fun fulltime job. Reach out to me or the person on poster.

Chris: I second that I was a conference coordinator, and it was fun. You ride golf carts.

Jessica: Two announcements. One is from SDEI. Our Act Six scholars are hoping for you to sign up for the Real Talk Real Action conference this Saturday. Act Six will be there and many clubs. Lots of fun and there will be leaders from Spokane.

Christian: I am running a workshop so be there.

Chris: There was a good turnout freshman year and lots of information.

Jessica: Second from HOLA, karaoke night is from 7-8pm. Our leadership team is doing fun Mexican snacks and Jarritos. It is in the ISC lounge. You can sing the song tequila with me.

Logan: Reminder there is a cold/flu going around. Lots of people are sick with weird sinus stuff and with masks coming down, make sure to wash your hands.

Also, someone took our pig. It's not a live pig. We got it back from Oliver, but it's gone again.

Rachel: I want to reiterate from Dornsife, they talked about the refuge simulation. Emily Reidt asked me talk about it more. It's on March 19th from 9:30-11:30am. World relief is coming in. There are a few spots available so sign up now.

Samie: As you may know, I'm on cheer and cheer tryouts are coming up. We have open gyms listed on the flyers like the one above Hannah's head with dates. There is one this Thursday so tell constituents and friends and come to that you would all be great. There is no commitment at open gyms. As said earlier, there is the THO softball games next weekend at 12pm and 2pm. Please come support the team and mental health. We might need people to set up but I will bring that up next week.

Elisa: A constituent was frustrated it was a freshman in swing dance club. She was upset that on the ASWU Instagram we only posted the BSU event and not the swing dance event. They had planned to have a ball on Oliver Twist and moved it and got backlash for planning it on BSU night and she feels the club isn't being heard.

Jason: Two reasons why it didn't get posted. They have to reach out to us to post their info. Aeron cannot check the calendar and make up flyers for other events. The event was also never approved through HFS which is required for club events. We didn't know it was happening.

Rachel: Thank you for bringing that up.

Jessica: The ISC is the building with all the flags.

Grace: With swing dance club, they didn't communicate to me they were having an event until I already approved Oliver twist. I had lots of backlash but I didn't know.

Logan: Next weekend Friday and Saturday is the home track meet. Come watch us throw things, run fast, and jump high.

Chris: Put that on a t-shirt.

Chris: This is open to all through the professional development of the world language and culture department. There are 3 upcoming events in Westminster 252 led by faculty in the department. Giving effective feedback is on Thursday March 24th to learn feedback from student learning. Tuesday, April 12th 3:30-5pm is a research-based teaching session. There is another one on May 9th from 5-6:30pm workshop working on articulating skills learned this semester. Learn how to do cover letters and resumes as well. I will send this out in an email. (Chris repeats dates)

Shoutouts

Grace: Shoutout to Grant for typing up the nonsense no matter how fast we talk he is there typing away.

Michelle: Shoutout to all women here for international women's day.

Chris: Shoutout to the exec crew since I've been gone and I'll be gone for a bit in the future for family things, so thank you for picking up what I leave behind.

Rachel: Shoutout to the off-campus team for working hard for tomorrow.

Chris: Shoutout to ASWU as a whole, I haven't seen this many posters since spring freshman year and we are creating a good future and getting closer to normal.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Logan, Seconded by Rebecca

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1803