



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 | November 10, 2021

In Attendance:

Rachel Ayres President	present
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	absent

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	late
Marie Fenske Off Campus Rep	present
Courtney Cossette Off Campus Rep	present
Jamie Furr Off Campus Rep	late
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.
Mission statement read by Chris.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Cam, Seconded by Rebecca

Discussion: None

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0
Motion passes

Club Coordinator Updates

Jamie C: Today we have UMOJA and Swing and Ballroom Dance Club

- Umoja

Simi: We are from Umoja. It was created alongside BSU. There is an animosity between African American students, and we want to make representation for the African culture. Umoja means unity. We recently got 30 members, not sure on the exact amount. Last year people came to signup but once it got going

they left. It's been hard to create a time to meet up with everyone. We have to figure out the times that work for everyone. We want to do an African awareness event with the art club. It would be a magazine with snapshots of cultures because most people forget Africa has 54 countries.

Jamie C: How do we contact you?

Simi: Through the Instagram page. Or email me directly.

Georgia: What cultures are represented amongst your members right now?

Club Representative: Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Uganda, Congo, that's most of them. Maybe someone from Tunisia.

Georgia: What avenues of events do you put on?

Simi: We are trying to figure it out due to COVID last year which stopped events from happening. We don't know what we are going to do. We are gathering information from students to hear what they want to see.

- Swing and Ballroom Dance Club

August: We are swing and ballroom dance club. I am the president and Michael is an ambassador for the club and in charge of outreach and ASWU connections. The goal of this club is to create an environment of students from all walks of life to come together and dance. We teach dance etiquette which is important. We do swing, both eastern and western, all the way to tango and waltz. We do two big events per month. One is a workshop which is tonight and one large scale event. If you saw the harvest festival that's what our events look like. We have good turn outs, with maybe 50 people per event or workshop. 95 first years signed up at our booth during the club fair. If you want to reach me my email is ealbers23@my.whitworth.edu. It's the best way to reach any of us. We want to interact with other clubs as well. We are working with the jazz band to have live music and reaching to HOLA later for cha cha and rumba.

Makayla: You mentioned lots of styles, do you have instructors or do students teach students?

August: We have no instructors yet. We are fortunate enough to have a good group of officers. Jaelle knows waltz and tango and she is a previous competitive dancer. I know swing dance and contra line dancing.

Michael: We will also look up videos and teach them to ourselves. We have a group waltz for this one and learned it together.

August: Couples will dance together as well. We appreciate your funding.

Financial Director Updates

Capital: \$19,200

Unallocated: \$18,860

Travel: \$5,780

Abby: The accounts haven't moved. That's all.

President Updates

- New Initiatives

Rachel: I have been brainstorming and I need some help. We are in November and the school year is going by fast and I need new initiatives to work on. The year is passing away. We have done great stuff, but we want new ideas for ASWU to do. I don't want ASWU to settle for less and we have lots on our plates, but I know we can do more. We have interesting expertise. We will talk during campus vibes about ideas. There will be more brainstorming and in the spring, we will hit it hard.

- Devotional

Rachel: I want to host an ASWU devotion time. We can center on Christ if you believe or other faith practices. I don't know what time or day yet. We will be able to gather community in this way and connect with each other. I will send updates in the GroupMe. Reach out if you are interested.

Vice President Updates

- Town Hall

Chris: I have been in contact with people in the Spokane community like the VP of Eastern's DEI department, and the director of Gonzaga's institution of hate studies. The event will be postponed due to them being busy so we can be sure to have an intentional time. I need more time for it to be properly done. Sorry for the lateness in telling you all. Sorry for not meeting my own standard. The university desperately needs this to make sure students feel safe, but we want to do it well.

- 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: Emma John is our student highlight this week. She is a leader in all aspects of the campus. She is an RA, a member of Act Six, and a reliable proxy for Logan. I want to recognize her for all she has done.

Also, we met with Sodexo today with Michelle and Michael. Knock for them they had great conversations with Sodexo. Sodexo was open in acknowledging they fall short with pork meals. They are working to provide alternative measures.

Michael: Chris has done great on giving updates. To all the senators if you have people with diet restrictions please go to Chris, Megan, or Michelle to get in contact with Sodexo.

Coordinator Spotlight

Rachel: Today we hear from Jamie to tell us about her position.

Jamie: I am Jamie the club coordinator. I am in charge of leading club training, coordinating club fairs, tracking when clubs are coming for meetings, lead monthly club councils, connecting clubs with resources on campus to best cater to students, and have fun events. We lead our club chartering committee meetings biweekly for new clubs to be created and speaker/artist requests before they go to ASWU. You can best support me by joining club chartering committee to see the clubs and speaker requests before they come to ASWU. If you have ideas for what the club council meetings should look like, let me know. I want the council meetings to be informative and good for club members.

Abby is coming to do requisition training for club leaders. If you have questions let me know.

Past Events

- Diwali

Jessica: It was Friday night from 7-9pm. We had 150 people attend. Reeshika was talking with me, and we feel it was a good number for a short promotion time. It was lots of fun with dancing, henna, and food. I still have leftovers if you are interested. I have plenty. It was lots of fun.

Reeshika: It was really fun. Chris was dancing and had good moves. Georgia danced well too.

Jessica: Thank you all for your help no matter how long you came for. Thanks for stopping by.

Makayla: I went and had a great time. There was great energy similar to Mariachi night. I feel the culture was represented well and it was a very positive energy. The food catered was great. I appreciated that it had vegetarian options as well. It was representative of student dietary restrictions. The no pork option great too. Overall, it was a great event. Good job being respectful.

Georgia: I stayed for 90% of the time. It was fantastic. I knew very little about the culture and still felt wanted and taught by people around me. I didn't feel bad like I shouldn't be there. It was welcoming.

Jessica: I don't have an exact number, but it was probably \$10-11 dollars per person.

- Etiquette Dinner

Michael: It was last Friday from 5:30-7. We had 22 out of 24 students come. We learned lots about which spoons to use, and which forks and all the different utensils. The cost was 10 dollars per student. Tiffany and I split the costs. Everyone learned a lot and it was a fun event.

- Neighborhoods Progressive Dinner

Cam: I think it went well. From the individuals I talked with it, they said it went well. I wish there would've been opportunities for neighborhoods to participate in it more, but they got to grab some food and participate at the end. It was good. I think we had 48 HFS registers and about 20-30 more constituents who participated in the event as well. There was 70-75 people total. It comes out to about \$10 a person.

Katelynn: My friend group and I went it was fun. I wasn't sure about it because it was cold, but it was an awesome event. The mac and cheese was so good. I didn't believe it was the best, but it was so good.

Courtney: It was so fun. The amount of food I got was astronomical.

Christian: It was a great event. Shoutout to cam for utilizing the feedback thing on HFS. The feedback survey was easy to fill out.

Upcoming Events:

- Fenton's

Larkin: Fenton's is my event for this semester. It's a speak easy in the basement of Duvall. It is a 1920s theme. Glitz gold and sparkles. I made a champagne tower this weekend. It was fun and time consuming. It's on November 13th from 7:30-10:30 in the basement of Duvall. It is a Duvall resident event since it's been hard to advertise but we aren't kicking people out. Again, it is 7:30-10pm on the 1st floor of Duvall. There will be food, drinks, and dancing happening

- Pirate Mania

Georgia: I have lots of information so buckle up. First, the event is Tuesday November 16th from 9:30-11pm. It's a big celebration of Whitworth school spirit and fall/winter athletes. There will be a separate one for spring sports later. There will be free t-shirts, pizza, gear, games, raffles, and music. I am going to need help. Depending on how long you want to stay will determine how much help I need. I need people for set up, a counter, 2 t-shirt table people, 2 on spirit gear, 2 on raffle, 1 Bessie person, 1 person to run music, 3 for games, 6 to tear down. Come at 7 if you are setting up. Shoutout to Aeron for posting to Instagram. Share it if you can. Some of you know but this shirt has a hint for future events I am planning.

Jessica: Where is the pizza from?

Georgia: TBD. Also, senator you have posters in your mailbox. I don't want to sound mean but if they are still there tonight, I will track you down and slide them under your door. It's a lot but thank you. I was stressed yesterday but feeling better.

- Late Night Karaoke and Breakfast

Hannah S: This event is next Thursday the 18th from 9:30-1pm. We are catering IHOP and someone is coming in to do karaoke. It will be a ton of fun. Tell everyone you know. Posters are in your boxes now. If I can get volunteers like 2-3 people for set up/take down and 3 food servers.

- Oliver Twist

Grace: Oliver Twist is November 20th from 8-11pm! Groovy 70's themed dance! Start looking around campus for those posters and spread the word to constituents and friends! It's going to be so fun! I will need some ASWU folk to help, but I will have more of those specifics soon once my RA's fill their jobs. Grab those posters right after this meeting. I will be monitoring. Stay tuned and spread the word!

- ASWU Thanksgiving

Rachel: I sent something in the GroupMe for signups. I could not organize the sign up sheet very well so feel free to bring things if not in the categories. We can figure it out. It will be from 5:30-7 on November 21st. Please fill out the sign-up sheet.

Constituency Reports

Ballard:

Katelynn: We are doing great. Our printer broke. We are doing okay.

Boppell:

Duvall:

Larkin: Duvall is doing good. Everyone is excited for thanksgiving break. The toner ran out and nobody could fix it. It took a week. Fenton's is getting spread around. Sweatshirt orders are getting placed. We have 16 sweatshirts orders. Things are slow and steady in Duvall.

McMillan:

Hans: We are good. There has been a couple of good primetimes lately. Jaedon's primetime didn't have much show. We were out of paper again. BMAC thanksgiving is coming up. We are looking forward to that. I met with Dan King today. It was helpful. We have a problem in the laundry room. The laundry gets piled on top of machines because there's only 4 washers and dryers for everyone. We tried to address it at the CBS meeting, and nothing happened. The issue is people leave in laundry for too long. Guys aren't very thoughtful. I was wading through piles of laundry to get to the machines. Hopefully a solution will arise.

Arend:

Ethan: We are doing good. There is 15 people in the fishbowl at any time to do homework. There is a sticky note vigilante somewhere leaving dad jokes everywhere. Its great. I have zero complaints.

Stewart:

Rebecca: We are doing good. People are keeping to themselves. My sweatshirt designs close Saturday. An entire pod has bronchitis. I'm slightly sick but not bronchitis.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

Kyle: We are good lately. We've had more primetime interactions. Sweatshirt voting ends this week. I have to digitize designs that are drawn out. Our AC's birthday was today so we threw a surprise party for him.

Incoming Student Reps:

Elisa: We are okay right now. There is a little stress about registration for classes and 4-year plans. There is a sickness going around. Lots of people are missing classes. Some of my friends are sick as well. There is a flu going around.

Michelle: It is getting cold, and we are getting busy with things. There is stress about class failing and dropping with some students a few days ago. The WIFI is really bad. The students cannot do assignments because of the WIFI.

Off Campus:

Reeshika: We are good. I got 50 responses on the survey. We have a raffle. The raffle closes Monday. You can still fill out the survey if you are off campus. We are planning an event and I had 1:1s with reps today.

The Village:

Hannah L: The village is good. A cold is definitely going around. Lots of sick. Lots of people blasting Christmas music already. I am not a fan yet.

Oliver:

Grace: We are getting people excited for Oliver Twist and sweatshirts are placed and getting made and will be here before people leave for thanksgiving break! Last week, I mentioned how I was going to send out my check-in surveys, and I have some data from it that I would like to report and share. To my question of how you are really doing, the replies were mostly negative. Lonely, poor, trying to hang in there, etc. To my question of what types of change do you want to see in Whitworth, I got a lot of answers about diversity and equality, more community events for Oliver, more mental health resources and mindfulness, more cultural events because people love those and the meal plan system of meals not carrying over to the next week. To my question of any suggestions in Oliver, I got a lot of great responses like a Christmas tree in the lounge, Christmas decorations in general and an Oliver Secret Santa which I am definitely doing. And lastly, to report, some residents have reported how much they really appreciate these check-in surveys that I started at the beginning of the year, and how they help more than I know, which makes me extremely happy to know. That's all I have to report, thank you!

Warren:

Chris: Warren has been busy with classes and exams. One of the bathrooms flooded. There have been multiple work orders. Warren is an old building overall.

International Students:

Michael L: We are doing great. I sent a survey 2 days ago about dining experiences with Sodexo. 100 students answered it. Sodexo food quality is rating

at a 6-7. There are lots of challenges about diet restrictions and improvements to come. We had a meeting with Chris and Michelle and others earlier.

Neighborhoods:

Cam: The storm has passed. Now students are working toward classes. We are a majority of upperclassmen constituents, and they are in the midst of preparing for final projects and prepping for exams. Things are quiet in the neighborhoods.

Campus Vibes

Jessica: It is cultural awareness week next week. I am excited for all we have planned. I have fun activities going on. I am in the midst of final touches. We are finishing the week with I-fest which is international festival. Students will represent their cultures through dance, song, or other performances. It will be in RTT this year. It is cultural awareness week, so I made t-shirts for Monday. If you want one let me know I'll give you one.

Jenna: I am doing a thing where I have "We appreciate you" cards from small businesses. Every so often I will bring them to the ASWU meeting and dedicate them to different departments. This week is for the counseling center. They are working hard and supporting students. You can write a message or your name to show appreciation.

Elisa: I heard complaints about I-fest needing to be in a bigger venue than the MPR. I am happy it's in RTT.

Jason: It usually has been in the dining hall. Covid restrictions don't allow the dining hall anymore.

Rachel: I have 3 things. I have a message from Whitworth athletics today. Volleyball is doing great this year. Tomorrow in the Walt at 1pm is a watch party with popcorn and a good time to cheer on the girls. 2nd, there are booster shots available on Monday. Grab a spot. My last thing is if you have ideas for initiatives for ASWU please share with the class.

Makayla: In response to this, I was thinking we could have a nutritional awareness event. It could be a collaboration with En Christo and USAS. Hopefully the food pantry will be a chartered club. Also, the ISC and Sodexo.

We could have representatives from each of those groups come through. We can provide nutritional meals and snacks at the event. People can stop and get nutritional facts as well. With all the conversations about Sodexo it could be a very beneficial thing for students to learn how they can maximize nutritional support on campus. Also, in extension of that, the food pantry in its current form is trying to charter. I will talk to Chris but maybe you can put this in your newsletter. We are looking for officers. There will be more information to come. On top of that, the food pantry wants to expand in terms of ethnic and dietary restrictions. If you have recommendations for cultural foods or GF options let me know we will try to add some. There is a food drive with Act Six coming soon. We are working with 200 dollars to donate to places as well. Finally, I have a job opportunity for people. Its part time and at a youth center called Northeast Youth Center. They are looking to hire 2-4 recreation leaders who are working directly with 4–12-year-old's for before and after school care. They have flexible hours, and it is a great resume builder. There is also an ethical review board position which entails working in an office setting to maintain standards for the state's ethical standards with working with kids. If you are interested or know anyone, let me know for connection to resources. You could put it in your newsletters. They would also love to be presented at the job fair.

Christian: I am part of the Act Six scholarship program. One thing we do is a service project every semester. My cohort is doing a fundraiser to get supplies for Afghan refugees settling in Spokane. Lots of times we see things on the news and don't feel empowered to do something but people who were affected globally are coming here to our community. We are fundraising to support them. I will send an email with information on donations if you are interested and a social media link.

Chris: The boys and girls club held a tabling event that they are hiring. The ISC is doing an empower-U program being held on November 12th at 12pm in the hubs crow nest. It is about allyship for those marginalized.

Jason: How many heard about the national survey for student engagement? We do it every 3 years and you all got an email. We collect data about the Whitworth experience. Right now, our rate is 8% which is not good so we need more responses. Please tell constituents to fill out the survey. It's how budgets get allocated as well. Wendy Olson is the University data collector for surveys, and

she sent one out. I will double check if you have gotten it. It might've been a more generic Whitworth alert.

Various people: I did not get an email.

Jamie: Replying to Makayla about nutritional teaching, I am a member of the student athletic advisory board and we hosted a few of those events so we have connections if needed.

Kyle: The accreditation board is meeting this Friday so I'm representing that for ASWU. Stewart and Arend and I are going to try to do a winter Olympics. If you have game ideas let me know that are inclusive to all. Reach out to me or if you want to join let us know.

Jessica: Asian alliance asked me to promote this. They are doing a squid game simulation soon. No actual killing. They are prepping for that the first week of December. They have a dress code I think it is red and green.

Meghan: Mama Beans has an opportunity for a person of color studying business. She has a paid internship so reach out to Marni if you are interested. Spread the word.

Visitor: Seconding the Act Six project, the refugees are in Spokane. Spokane was home to less than a dozen of this population previously. The organizations that help them are overwhelmed because 100s of people are coming over the next 4 months. ASWU it would be cool if you did something whether its talking to clubs to volunteer or hold a public fundraiser to show that Whitworth welcomes Afghan refugees or students among them.

Shoutouts

Cam: Shoutout to everyone that helped out with my event it went smooth. I am eternally grateful for you.

Katelynn: Shoutout to Hans for taking over the whole thanksgiving event for BMAC.

Rachel: Shoutout to everyone who is generous in giving time to ASWU and signing up for events. It is a big commitment and helps the flow of the organization. Shoutout to Abby for bringing the cupcakes. There can't be any left at the end.

Jessica: Shoutout to Chris and Georgia for helping from the beginning to the end for Diwali. I appreciate it. Shoutout to Reeshika for teaching me about the culture. I knew very little and now I am welcomed to the community. Shoutout to all of my helpers. I don't remember everyone, but you are all wonderful.

Munya: Shoutout to Jessica for all the work you are doing with cultural events. Shoutout to Reeshika as well.

Christin: Shoutout to Sodexo. I noticed last week they are being more intentional with inclusivity efforts for a student with disabilities. It made my heart happy.

Georgia: Shoutout to everyone and those who are helping with pirate mania. You almost made me tear up. Shoutout to Sodexo their and workers. They always make my day. They are the light of the world. Please try to be extra kind to them because it's not easy work.

Makayla: Shoutout to everyone planning events and setting them up. Its lots of work and constituents are exhausted but no complaints. Events are relieving stress and I want to let you know you are seen for that.

Chris: Shoutout to all of ASWU. I appreciate all the energy you put into our students and the university would not be where we are at without your resilience. Shoutout to the senators and representatives for trusting me and allowing me to be a part of your journey. If we keep going, we will make it.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Munya, Seconded by Katelynn

In favor: 16 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1803