



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 23rd, 2022

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	late
Jamie Copeland Club Coordinator	present
Christian Aguilar Outreach Coordinator	present
Grace Johnson Oliver Senator	present
Hans Tamminga McMillan Senator	late
Katelynn Diaz Ballard Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku Boppell Senator	proxy
Larkin Dean Duvall Senator	present
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	late
Marie Fenske Off Campus Rep	present
Courtney Cossette Off Campus Rep	present
Jamie Furr Off Campus Rep	present
Makayla Pugmire Off Campus Rep	present
Michelle Lie Incoming Student Rep	present
Elisa Vigil Incoming Student Rep	late
Hannah Loesch Village Rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 1700.

Mission statement read by Christian.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Larkin, Seconded by Rebecca

Discussion: None

In favor: 17 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Club Coordinator Updates

Jamie C: Today we have En Christo and Alzheimer's Awareness for club updates.

- Generation Action

Emily: Hi, I'm Emily the president of generation action. For all who don't know, we have the sex events. Otherwise we are healthcare advocates for reproductive rights. The events we did last year mostly had the word sex. Sex trivia, sex in the dark, sex jeopardy. We had menstrual products drives that went well. We have pop up workshops with condoms and we have been tabling lately for more involvement. Some events for spring are partnering with EAC for free period products that will be handed out in the loop, and we doubled our budget from a grant from planned parenthood. We are excited about that. We are planning an event called take back the night, a sexual assault awareness

night with a keynote and community fair from Spokane organizations, and a march afterwards. Our contact is on the screen.

Chris: What has been your most attended event so far?

Emily: We had higher numbers at sex in the dark. We had 80 people who came through and most stayed the whole time and that is cool and exciting.

Makayla: Do you have coming goals now that events are becoming more popular? More group engagement?

Emily: For the last couple years we have had club meetings seldom because of no engagement. We were focused on events. I think we are bringing back regularly scheduled meetings for engagement and now we are doing officer recruitment.

- Super Smash Bros.

Video played in chambers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_2SsYJtrcl

Jamie: They just started back up. Clubs have two semesters before coming inactive if they don't recharter. He had to resubmit a constitution, so they restarted a few weeks ago and it's just Kaelan. If you have people interested contact him and senators, put it in your newsletters.

Abby: Go follow that Instagram right now

- Speaker Request: Sophia Chakalo

Esther: Hi I'm Esther the vice president of minorities in STEM. We are having an event on April 7th from 7-8 in ROB. She is a guest speaker and is a medical student at UW and her and three others are coming to a panel event. She and other students are from multiple backgrounds as far as ethnic minorities and socioeconomic status. Some are considered to take the nontraditional path to med school which is not talked about a lot here. We are hoping the panel will help Whitworth students interested in premed to have a wider perspective and hear other people's journeys.

Chris: Are the questions predetermined?

Esther: We are having it be presentation style at first and they will be presenting on their journeys and obstacles and then having a q/a afterwards. Hopefully there is enough engagement that we won't have to have prepared questions, but we will have that in case.

Motion to Approve Sophia Chakalo Speaker for Minorities in STEM

Moved by Makayla, Seconded by Larkin

Discussion:

Makayla: This sounds like an awesome event. Panels are great for students to visualize themselves further down their path. It is more relatable to talk to younger people in your field or places of interest rather than people 40 years into their career and not as in touch in modern student life.

Rachel: Kudos to this club being chartered 3 weeks ago and they already have an event and speaker request.

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

Financial Director Updates

Capital: \$19,090

Unallocated: \$16,450.35

Travel: \$4,780

- Budget Request Form

Abby: Totals are the same. Budget request forms for coordinators; you don't have to fill them out unless you have significant changes and want more money or less money for your position next year. Deadline is April 4th.

- Requisition Deadline Reminder

Abby: There are two more for this whole year: April 5th and April 26th. The last requisition date for the whole year is April 26th. If you have events and such, put that on the calendar.

President Updates:

- End of Year Planning

Rachel: We are so close to spring break; we are going to make it. I hope you can rest and relax and then come back and hit it hard. The last few weeks go fast and it is a great time to celebrate and for students to gather community. Get your events on the calendar. Most of you are event people. There are only 6-ish weeks after spring break. Find the time to work on your events and think ahead. Talk to Jason before spring break to get wheels turning and forms in and intentional planning for coming back.

- ASWU Transition

Rachel: Elections are coming up soon and we are finishing up interviews for coordinators. We are shifting to a new team and I want you all to think critically about what information to pass onto the new people in your roles. We will have required transition meetings with your counterpart to pass on the information. The binder you received or made has information and make sure to keep track of things throughout the year and update the binder.

- Blue Poles

Rachel: Jason was in a meeting with facilities planning and they announced the two blue poles by Oliver and BMAC will be put in by mid-April. Tell your constituents.

- University Strategic Plan

Rachel: We are starting the process of our next strategic plan for the university to be launched in 2023 probably and it will be a 5-year plan. If you have been here for a while, you'll know we finished a plan called Whitworth 2021 which was a 10-year plan and it is a 5 year model this year. When we start voting for positions the vice president and president will be in these meetings and so think about what it looks like to be in these.

Marie: What is the strategic plan?

Rachel: Whitworth evaluates its assets and resources and how they want to improve. It can be anything from student life to facilities to chapel and they are taking all of Whitworth as a whole to see how we want to improve.

Jason: Usually the strategic plan has KPIs or key performance indicators in them so that different departments or divisions in the university know that this is something are all committed to doing. In the Whitworth 2021 plan there was lots of things to make sure students had conflict resolution training with the GE330 piece. Lots of things like that are important for students to learn and creating a unified front for those things.

Vice President Updates:

- SEC Committee

Chris: Shoutout to everyone supporting me in the cafeteria yesterday. We got some people engaged and interested in elections. These are after spring break, so we are hitting the road. I need to start making the SEC committee. If you are

interested, let me know. I have two people who are joining so I need probably 6 more people to be able to manage all the positions. The days you would meet are April 3rd and April 10th at 8pm via zoom for accessibility. It is a great opportunity so is anyone here interested? Responsibilities include overseeing elections and checking on posters and watching for campaign violations in your jurisdictions.

Grant: If you are running for a position, you cannot be in the SEC.

- Election Signups

Chris: I forgot to send Grant the link, but I will send out signups for polls. We have until April 11th until elections so there is time but look at your calendars in case I need your support. This is tabling and handing out candy on election day to support those who they want to vote for

- Exec Debates

Chris: This is where exec positions talk about what they want to do for ASWU, and the student body and we will have questions for them as well.

- Newsletters

Chris: Please send me your newsletters for approval. I need to make sure they are getting posted. Send them by Friday morning so I can send it to the print shop before the weekend.

- 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: Jamie Gassman is our student highlight this week. Shoutout to all the support for the semester and being Boppell's proxy and helping at events and being a leader in those capacities.

Jamie G: The photo was a first day of school photo.

Past Events:

- Thrive Week

Rachel: We had 5 events and I was thankful for the amazing exec team; we pulled it off. Thanks for your support.

Courtney: I needed to break that plate so bad, and it was perfect timing and lots of people liked it.

Larkin: Same here. I saw lots of videos from people getting their rage out and I was thankful.

Marie: Someone said it should be open 24/7.

Katelynn: I heard from my constituents that they liked the sentimental thing about writing things on the plates and then breaking them. It was stress relieving.

Makayla: Shoutout to Abby for finessing the snow cone machine when we thought it wasn't going to work.

Ibu: Last year you did a cool event with a yard sale, when is that?

Makayla: More to come about that later.

Abby: The rage room got so much attention; I would do that event first next time. They asked what else we were doing the week and I had to say it's one of the last events so just for next time.

Jamie G: I heard there should be a thrive fair on a day with snow cones and rage all at the same time.

Makayla: Lots of constituents said they couldn't go to sometimes and did others so we got more engagement with different times and events across the week.

- Cultural Crafts and Snacks

Jessica: I haven't done the math for either of my events. We had 134 people attend the event and it was fun. It was from 630-830pm, and people stayed the whole time. A group made a pinata. I still have henna on from that night. It was a lot of fun. Thank you to those who came out and helped me set up

Makayla: I went and it was great and the snacks were thought out and had a big variety. All the crafts were unique and there wasn't a single empty table. I think there was a lot of collaboration efforts and people were helping each other with the crafts. It was educational and a good event for meeting students and starting conversations with new people.

Rebecca: I went and still have some henna left but everyone had so much fun and talked a lot. There were some cliques but still lots of interactions.

- Duvoliver Dance

Grace: The Duvoliver Dance went incredibly. Slow at first, but once people came, it was popping the rest of the night. About 250 people total, about \$1.61 a person. It went better than Oliver Twist which was a great surprise, and people had a lot of fun. I think the Pajama theme was very on theme for the mood people have been feeling.

Larkin: It felt like everyone was relaxed. It went overtime but we cleaned up around them dancing. They were sad it was ending. We hope to continue the Duvoliver events.

Logan: It was a great time. I had so much fun. I helped set up a bit and then once people rolled in it was great. I met a lot of people, and we were all dancing, and my legs were sore the next day. I was sweating.

Marie: It was great. The PJ theme was great idea. It was wholesome seeing people dance to old middle school songs.

Jamie F: The PJ theme was great, and Larkin and Grace did great.

- Women's History Month Speaker

Jessica: It was last night with two nonprofit organizations coming in. It was a mellow event with an educational aspect. We had maybe 25 people come and go. We have food leftover I will bring it in. I learned a lot; it was impactful. She went into voting history and how it impacted BIPOC and how most women suffrage wasn't supported until later on. She had a voter registration and how out of state students are impacted. I learned a lot.

Upcoming Events:

- BJ All-Nighter

Kyle: As the name says it is in BJ and its all night from 8pm to 8 am on April 8th–9th. I have a plan for every hour for an event. It is starting with pizza and multiple tournaments. If you want to come, you can. I won't promote a lot because it is a BJ thing.

Abby: A washed up BJ exec might be there

- Springfest

Sienna: it is May 7th so please mark your calendar since you will be there. We have inflatables, food trucks, and we signed a contract with a band. We will do marketing before that week and 2nd chance prom is also April 30th. The inflatables and food trucks are from 12-4pm and the concert is 6-8pm.

Constituency Reports

Warren:

Logan: We are doing well. Just kidding, it's midterms and we are ready for spring break. We are getting through it and trudging along. For the most part, I gave them a survey and they are doing moderately and some good some bad. Spring break will be restful.

International Students:

Michael: We are doing great. I have heard many plans for spring break and juniors and seniors are looking for jobs and internships and waiting to hear from interviews.

Neighborhoods:

Payton: It's midterms. People are counting down days in the week. Lots of stress. Spring break is soon and besides that the dynamics are good.

Ballard:

Katelynn: We are doing good. Lots of gals in my hall said they are ready for spring break but more ready for a break from school.

Boppell:

Jamie G: Spring break is the main thing. They want to get through this week, but the days are long. We won the Whit Fit pizza party, so we are excited for that.

Duvall:

Larkin: We are doing good. Like the rest, we are ready for spring break and midterms are hard. Lots of people are at primetimes with cool ones and it is good to see the community.

Oliver:

Grace: Oliver has been doing really great! The Duvoliver PJ Dance was an incredible hit, and I think was a really great event to build community, relieve stress, and just have a good time. My residents have been really looking forward to Spring Break, which will be a great break in between things as well. That's all I have to report on.

Arend:

Samie: The vibes are good. There is less primetime turnout with midterms. We had some fun one's last week like casino night part 2 and face masks. Looking forward to spring break.

McMillan:

Hans: We are getting by. I was gone last week so I am getting back into the swing of things. I went to late night with constituents last night. We are excited for spring break and getting out for a week and to catch up on things.

Stewart:

Rebecca: We are doing alright. Our sink is moldy again. Our mental health week was last week which was great. On Sunday we had sundaes and watched inside out, and someone took our projector, so we used a tv. This is our mascot a dinosaur. Its name is Din****

Baldwin-Jenkins:

Kyle: Here ye, here ye, I will take a break from the spring break chatter because BJ wants to go home but you want to know who is home? Big red has returned. Our CMCs did a primetime having our constituents go and paint imitations of big red with an added twist to set the mood. We played some French music and Jacob dressed up in a little red dress. It brought much joy.

Incoming Student Reps:

Michelle: We are ready for spring break, and we are waiting for leadership position decisions.

Elisa: Lots of constituents are worried right now about the state of the world and the pandemic anniversary and taxed with midterms.

Off Campus:

Reeshika: We are doing good. We are ready for spring break. Newsletters are coming. We are having an off-campus event in April. You better be there.

The Village:

Hannah L: We are doing good. They are moderately okay actually. Most are excited for spring break and getting out.

Campus Vibes

Rachel: Thank you for all who responded to the survey about safety sent out this week. We have 260 responses with good data. If you haven't emailed a picture of it to me, do that and I look at all of them. You could get a \$25 Amazon gift card. It closes Friday at 5pm so tell constituents to fill it out.

Jason: I talked with Scott today (groans echo through chambers). We are giving you a break next week since you work hard so take it off. It's called spring break because the spring. You do not get paid.

Grace: On another note, Sodexo has not been the vibe recently, for me it is a rotation of turkey and pork and shepherd pie in a circle, and I don't enjoy it. I need more nutrients.

Georgia: I ate fries yesterday and Sienna was watching me. One fry was sweet, and one tasted like onions from the same batch. I was worried I was poisoned. It's a slow acting poison.

Katelynn: On the topic of Sodexo, some constituents are complaining about gluten free options because BMAC sits together at 5 every day and one gal was upset because she had to sit and wait for pizza because it was the only thing from all meals that she could eat and was frustrated because there are little options except random carb things.

Rachel: Email Megan if she hasn't or email together.

Jamie G: I have someone complaining about the lack of variety in vegetarian options and it is similar every day. The tofu is the same and it's not great from what I've heard.

Georgia: Even though Sodexo gets hate, I am grateful for the workers who are kind and sweet and we are blessed to have them.

Christina: Get on your schedule with some details, it's not set yet. Part of my job description is an ASWU service project and one thing I am looking at is on April 29th doing a peaceful valley neighborhood clean-up with Spokane city council members. It would be cool as ASWU to connect with the local government for community bettering. Hopefully more details to come but have it on your radar.

Shoutouts

Grace: Shoutout to Christian, I was at the TOT event, and he presented his club and it made me happy. Shoutout to everyone who worked the dance or came. You have things in your mailbox from Larkin and I to show appreciation.

Larkin: Same things. Shoutout to everyone who helped, and Jessica asked if she could help at all. And shoutout to Jamie for setting the vibes with a unicorn onesie.

Georgia: Shoutout to the theatre department for wrapping up the musical, it was great I went twice. I am proud of them they worked hard.

Abby: Shoutout to Larkin and Logan for helping with snow cones. Logan stayed an extra hour. Shoutout to the to rage room people like Marie, Grace, Jamie G, and Rebecca for helping clean up the shards out of the grass.

Samie: Shoutout to Jamie G, Christian, and Jason for helping out with the THO game this Saturday. I appreciated you it and we got rained on. Chewie was there. Shoutout to Chewie.

Jamie: Shoutout to Logan for competing in her first collegiate track and field meet. There is another one tomorrow and Friday.

Abby: Jamie throws at 2.

Rachel: Back to Ibu's question on the yard sale, its typically an off-campus event.

Reeshika: We are thinking of doing it before finals week in May sometime, but we do not have a date yet. It will be happening you should be there.

Ibu: I know you're in the process, but can anyone sign up to sell?

Reeshika: Yes, there will be a sign-up sheet.

Christina: Shoutout to the exec team and thrive week people. I went to a few and felt refreshed, and you were seeing a need and filling it.

Elisa: Shoutout to the exec team for muffins on Monday.

Jessica: Shoutout to everyone on the other side of interviewing the ASWU members. I know it takes up lots of time and best of luck for picking our next team.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Logan, Seconded by Larkin

In favor: 17 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1748