

ASWU Minutes 2.4.15

- I. Call to order: Ian 5:00pm
- II. Mission Statement: Ali
- III. Minutes: From Jan term- Approved!
- IV. Welcome Guests
 - a. New Mac Senator: Benjamin Olson
- V. Speaker: Jim O'Brien and Dan King – Sodexo **(20 min)**
 - a. Jim: We will have (at least on a trial basis) breakfast sandwiches every morning in February. If people get bored of them we might switch it but we will try it out. Usually we took omelets off on Wednesday, but Loretta will do them now. Vacation Nashville coming up: Tim has a bunch of fun Nashville foods planned. Menu- Fried tomato BLTs, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, baked beans, honky tonk pulled barbecue pork nachos, etc. Café will run a special for a couple weeks, the Caliente Burger. Feb 19- special in there, seafood plate Steak night on February 24 for a swipe plus flex. Looking into something: it depends on how numbers come in from second semester, but we may be changing from 10oz glass to 14oz glass. It was moved down because of a waste situation, but we will revisit it. I think the racks would still fit them.
 - b. Discussion about adding a coffee house to the library. Controversial because there would be 3 coffee houses close to each other, but we want to change the atmosphere of the library with more action. Geared toward dinner and late night. We would keep the Mind and Hearth and science building ones open, but it's controversial because some don't think its worth the money. It would be an espresso machine, beverages, the same kinds of foods offered at mind and hearth. Staying away from things that send an aroma all through the library, but its in discussion now whether it's a good idea and whether the school can afford it. It would open next fall.
 - c. Danny: How would you control noise?
 - d. Jim: If you went to the reading room on the far left, that's where the noise would be. The doors should be shut, so we're asking a little bit of the same question but they're trying to figure out a way to make the library a different experience.
 - e. Jordan: Do you know if they have a no food or drink policy? Would you just eat or drink your item there?

- f. Jim: I think they would tweak the policies but my guess is that you'd be able to take it to a location and study. It wouldn't work if you're just stuck in that spot.
- g. Ian: The last few years you've been trying to get more off campus students to buy more meal plans. Did you see a rise in off campus purchases or has it been the same?
- h. We see a rise in pirate bucks. The challenge with the off campus meal plans is that they're too expensive. We charge a certain amount, the school has an up-charge because they want a part of it- they need their money to support what the building costs, etc. We have to be careful of making the off campus plans better than on campus ones. We're ok with having pirate bucks being the big sell.
- i. Dan: Right now if you buy \$150 or more we're putting an extra 20% on the account as flex dollars. We're doing that through February.
- j. Bre: In response to the bigger cups, I've heard 3 people today ask if that was a possibility so I would support that.
- k. Jacob: When I hear people compare Sodexo at Whitworth and Gonzaga almost always it's the cups.
- l. Jim: Basically everyone is for it- we just have to make sure we can afford to do it. I'm not concerned about the beverage waste because the school is good about food and beverage waste. I think students have learned and people just aren't wasting as much as they used to. I want to do it in the spring, as soon as possible.
- m. Ian: Thank you so much for all you do with clubs. In my time as a senator you were very helpful with dorm events- just thank you for your partnership.
- n. Dan: We're located right by Nancy and Sandy. We're an open door.
- o. Erika: I've heard some people talking about the coffee shop in Weyerhaeuser; do you know why that went away?
- p. Jim: It was costing the students money and it kind of went away after we opened the one in the science building. There was no reason to have that one lose money if the science one was doing well. We tried to replace it with vending machines, but the library is a different mix because they're trying to change the atmosphere.
- q. Eli: What is the main driver for wanting to create a different atmosphere?
- r. Jim: Amanda is in charge of the coffee house, I think it's that if you go into Barnes and Noble and you're looking at books with coffee, there's the feeling that this is cool. I think that's their thinking, if you're on an admissions tour and you see a coffee shop inside of

the library you like it. From a program standpoint, we want to think of new ideas. I'm not totally sold on it and I feel like there might be a better location for a retail location in Weyerhaeuser but it would take away that lounge/computer area. It's a tough call, it's a little further down but we will look at it.

- s. Jerrica: Would it maybe be better to extend the hours to the coffee shop here to that later time vs. having a whole new coffee shop?
- t. Jim: I've been asking what the traffic is at night in the library and they don't know. They're seeing whether having a late-night coffee shop would increase traffic or not.
- u. Josh: You mentioned Barnes and Noble and the cool atmosphere, that's retail and I would think that the library stigma is "don't talk". I would also see a coffee shop as encouraging talking and I'm not sure if those match up that well. It seems like you'd have to create space that maybe isn't there.
- v. Jim: When you think about it, the library discussion hasn't included students yet. We did a survey and lots were for it, but I think they should include student comments before they make a move like that.
- w. Jacob: I think the library having a coffee shop could be a good thing. In the mornings the line stretches far, and if I knew there were more coffee shops close by it would be a great thing.
- x. Jordan: Even though the proximity is close, if it's dark outside late at night, having the advantage of having the coffee there when you're already there to study would be good.
- y. Erika: What if there was some kind of mobile coffee cart? It could be in the library most of the time but when it's nice out it goes outside.
- z. Jim: One of the challenges is that espresso carts themselves can't be mobile; they have to be plumbed in with new health codes. That was the first thought. But we will consider that as well.

VI. Club Updates (6 min)

- a. Elizabeth: Gospel praise will be hosting 18th gospel explosion. Last year we had 12 church choirs come and church choirs. We are also taking an offering for our club fund, and hoping to host a spring concert in April and invite churches to be apart of it and Jubilation as well. Gospel Explosion will be Feb 13 at 7pm in the chapel.
- b. Ian: How many are involved this year?

- c. Elizabeth: We had 25 up until our last performance, we had a drop in Jan term but a lot of people were gone and want to rejoin.

VII. FVP (5 min)

- a. Updates
- b. Kevin: No requisitions or charters tonight, but we will next week. Unallocated -\$11,548 capital \$7,621. Unallocated changed a little because we contributed to black history month speaker, history club is collaborating with BSU. We also helped out with the bubble balls.
- c. Samantha: Will that go up this semester?
- d. Kevin: Yes probably but I'm not sure when or how much. It depends.

VIII. Reports & Vibes (15 min)

- a. Kevin: Over Jan term the LGB experience event was really successful, and a lot of people went. It was great to get a feel for what that's like on campus.
- b. Ian: Big thank you to everyone who stayed after and helped.
- c. Matt: I was gone for Jan term but there were still great things happening with sustainability. In the MPR, a corner has been decorated into a lounge. Meant to be a place where anyone can go for a quiet place to hang out. There's material on sustainability and environmental education. There will be a notice board with different projects Kipos is working on. Coming up- February 18 at 7pm there's a Christian environmental activist coming to speak, Ben Lowe. We will have our campus wide compost system pilot program starting this month.
- d. Niehls: Things are good with Outdoor Rec. Jan term break- trip to Bozeman Montana. We went ice climbing, it was great weather. This Friday we have snowshoeing and there's people on the waitlist. We have a lot of stuff going on this month and next that have to do with snow. It's melting but hopefully we will get more snow.
- e. Lauren: We have a Beyond Boppell outreach event February 16 at 8pm in Boppell about the differences between sexuality and gender and learning how to love people and talk to people, and speak about them. It will be great.
- f. Ashton S: MLK was awesome, we did a march and they're still giving away tickets to Selma and then there will be a discussion afterward. Email Rosetta. Sunday the 8th, 1pm at AMC downtown. IDC is working hard, will be working on diversity master planning process. Next Saturday night, there will be a concert by Grace Love and the Haters.

They're really excited to be at Whitworth. Swing and Ballroom dance club is still working on lessons for the same night.

- g. Ashton L: Tomorrow night at 9pm is Senior Night at Bigfoot. I'll be buying a bunch of fried food. You can do karaoke, if you're not a senior but are 21 you can come. I'll just be giving food to seniors. I'll be sending out emails to seniors soon for voting on class speakers, there's so many events that need speakers so that will be soon.
- h. Samantha: February 27 is no school, and April 16 is when the board of trustees are here. They won't let you plan events that day.
- i. Jordan: Indoor intramural signups started recently until the 13th. Trying to decide whether to do indoor or outdoor soccer for spring term. Outdoor signups will start in the next few weeks. Not an official list yet, but there will be volleyball, basketball for indoor. Frisbee for outdoor. Hopefully bubble balls will be here March 1, not doing flag football spring term, soccer up in the air still.
- j. Skyler: Pass
- k. Jenna: Set the date for Green with Envy, March 14.
- l. Jacob: This Jan term I was the interim special events coordinator, hosted my first and last unplugged. I had a lot of fun. I also had a special co-host, Niko Aberle. There were a lot of fun acts.
- m. Saige: Why was it in the coffee shop? People said it was crowded.
- n. Jacob: Raleigh and I talked about it and said it was normally done in the coffee shop over Jan term. No secret that basketball fans are in a mid-season slump. I got pompoms, hopefully that will be something cool! Since the snow has come and gone I've been starting to scheme about tournaments I want to do in the spring. I've heard people suggest powder puff football, which is all female flag football. There will also be a coed modified-pitch softball tournament.
- o. Elaine: Pass
- p. Marianne: A while back I checked the website and there's like 6 of us who don't have pictures up there.
- q. Samantha: Were getting pictures of you soon.
- r. Bre: Pass

- s. Erika: If you guys know people that are moving off campus next year send me their names. Spring athlete training- the UREC was flooded with athletes yesterday but I thought they worked out in Scotford.
- t. Jacob: So that's the track team if it's around 3-4pm. After they have lifting the coach will just say go do cardio, so some go running but some go to the rec center.
- u. Saige: Also don't weight lifting classes meet at the UREC? (yes)
- v. Erika: Over Jan term Graham and I gave some money to Pleasant Blends for off campus students and some people showed up and it was great!
- w. Raleigh: Working on unplugged for the third week of this month, I'm working on a dating game (speed dating). Working on a cooking event. The Kitchen Engine near the Flower Mill. They have a bunch of cooking events that you can buy tickets for. Sushi night on the 17 or the 23. We might see if we can get some involvement with that. We were just contacted today by the Spokane Shock so look for those tickets.
- x. Saige: I really like what Kipos did with the corner downstairs.
- y. Kira: Proxy for Graham. The BELIEF conference is happening and they need more guy mentors.
- z. Jessica: StewVille has a new RD. He's on the hot seat for Prime Time tonight. Department Chairs met on Monday. There's a campus wide essay contest about why liberal arts is a good education system. Whitworth's day of giving is coming up in March.
- aa. Sam: Is the essay only open to people not graduating?
- bb. Ian: It's open to everyone.
- cc. Katie: First meeting on Monday for the Whitworthian.
- dd. Alicen: Root Beer float night in Warren on February 9th. I'll be making valentines for all the residents. We have a leadership primetime on the 15th so it would be great if coordinators could come talk. World outside Warren on February 25 on social media for primetime. Hoping to do a BMW movie night (Ballard, Mac and Warren)
- ee. Bre: I live with a bunch of freshmen who don't know where to live next year. We will do a prime time of people explaining what their experience was in their dorm, there will also be dorm tours.
- ff. Josh: I have a friend who wants to start a slam poetry club, looking for members.
- gg. Ashton S: You should talk to Maddie Harris because she is already starting a slam poetry club.

- hh. Josh: Then also I had a great break and it got me thinking, I was just wondering why zone reps are here. What's our purpose? I know we help senators, but just wondering why the position was created.
- ii. Ian: I wasn't there for the origin, but it's just based on numbers for campus. We have continued conversations about this because when I was a rep I maybe had similar thoughts. It's really just to have another person on the team from that area/community. More representation on the team to bring a different voice, and when we do constituency reports it's more people to go out and get more voices. Another voting member at the table.
- jj. Jerrica: Maddie Harris last semester she did a weekly slam poetry night. But every week is a lot to plan, so we're thinking about doing it once a month. It's a couple videos and a discussion. We got an email from housing wondering if anyone had cat allergies and how severe they were. Does anyone know anything about that?
- kk. Bre: There have been multiple cats on campus that have been found. So cats are being hidden.
- ll. Haley: I'm working on awkward middle school dance, narrowed it down to two dates, 13th or 20th. Also thinking about doing a spa night.
- mm. Laurel: Branches concert on April 17.
- nn. Kelsey: Senior pictures today and tomorrow. If you have any friends that want to join yearbook tell them to! Tomorrow pictures are from 3-7 here in the chambers.
- oo. Danny: First day of class went well, if you're interested in joining whitworth.fm you can do that for the next two weeks. 5-5:40pm every Tuesday. Dj's of any style of music. We might be adding talk radio.
- pp. Benjamin: New Mac senator. Just got here trying to figure everything out.
- qq. Ali: It's good to be back!

IX. **EVP (5 min)**

- a. Updates
- b. Eli: Reps and senators, respond to my email soon about one on ones. Tomorrow you have to meet with me after convocation at the flag poles. Convocation is at 11 tomorrow in Cowles Auditorium.

- c. Lauren: I'm sitting on a committee that will maybe buy new software to replace Whitnet but the sad news is that it won't be here for like two more years. If you have ideas of what you'd want this to have send it to me.
- d. Samantha: Who's on the library committee?
- e. Jenna: I am but they never meet.
- f. Ian: Amanda wanted to start working hard on the library this spring.

X. President (10 min)

- a. Zip Cars
- b. Ian: Tomorrow there will be a meeting about zip cars. Zip Cars- they have a car available on campus that you can pay by the mile to use if you don't have one. To drive to the store, doctor appointments, etc. They tried a few years ago to get one and there wasn't a lot of interest but a student has been working on it again. They are meeting tomorrow and want to know if anyone from ASWU could go.
- c. Ian: New notepads from Hawthorne!
- d. Retreat
- e. Ian: Friday we will meet here at 6pm. Option of staying the night here or we will also give you the option to go back to your dorm/house. We will break at 11 or 11:30 that night. Then we will meet back at 8am Saturday. Bring stuff to stay the night if you want to. We will be going until around 11:45am on Saturday. We'll also do team building exercises. We're making breakfast for you guys Saturday morning!
- f. Kevin: Finance committee look at your email because times have changed.

XI. Dayna: Gender Neutral Bathrooms

- a. Dayna: A couple of us are trying to get gender-neutral bathrooms in the HUB. In other buildings where when you open the door and its right there, that's where we would make it gender neutral. We might try to designate one of the bathrooms upstairs or downstairs as a gender-neutral bathroom.
- b. Kai: I am a transgender male, so the bathroom situation is a little bit hard. I have to pan around what I'm comfortable with and how people see me. If I go into the male bathroom I get some looks, but if I go into the female ones I'm uncomfortable and I still get weird looks. Right now you kind of stand with two different directions and I'm not sure which way to go. It would just be nice not to feel like I have to choose.
- c. Josh: What would a typical one look like?

- d. Dayna: You want ones with privacy stalls that close. Probably two centrally located ones so visitors could find where it is too. At conferences we often have people ask questions whether we have gender-neutral bathrooms or not so we're behind the times. So we would have a gender-neutral sign on the door as well.
- e. Eli: Is it totally open to anyone who wants a private stall? Could I go in?
- f. Dayna: Some bathrooms had a blurb at the bottom that says anyone using this bathroom understands it's a place of safety. If we felt that would be helpful we would put that so you would know when you walked in there might be other people in there but that wouldn't be something that would bother you.
- g. Eli: Would this end up becoming a bathroom for only a few people?
- h. Dayna: It would be on people's own comfort.
- i. Jordan: So you'll be choosing one of the women's bathrooms and I would be worried that if it were next to a male bathroom it would continue to be a women's restroom.
- j. Dayna: We would advertise where this bathroom was. For students and for visitors.
- k. Ashton S: It's more accessible, it's all stalls and there are trashcans in every stall.
- l. Dayna: Hopefully someday we could change the urinals and that one day all bathrooms would be gender neutral.
- m. Raleigh: Suggest that this upstairs one be changed because it's larger. Then in future planning you could convert the men's bathroom as well.
- n. Brendan: Maybe converting a men's bathroom as well so one upstairs and one downstairs.
- o. Dayna: That's a great idea. We will focus on one for now and then we can on our website have a thing that says here's where all the gender-neutral bathrooms are.
- p. Eli: If it's in an open place and there's the male bathroom and the gender neutral one, do you feel pressure to still make that choice? If it is going to end up becoming a women's bathroom...
- q. Kai: The issue that I have is that as it is there are only a few bathrooms I feel comfortable using. There's a single bathroom right outside my dorm, etc... My fear is that if I go into a male bathroom I always feel like I'm going to get kicked out. It would give me a sense of safety and people not asking whether I know if I'm in the right bathroom.
- r. Eli: It would be more advantageous if both were gender neutral.

s. Bre: Get one ASAP and put a sign on the door but also start transforming the guys one soon too.

t. Dayna: Does the men's bathroom in the hall have a urinal? (2)

u. Dayna: If you're in support of this idea please say aye. Thank you.

XII. For the good of the order

a. Jacob: if you don't want the pompoms there's a box in my office.

XIII. Adjourn 6:14pm.

Kira Miller: Proxy for Graham Silcher

Benjamin Olson: New Mac Senator

Jessica Scruggs: New StewVille Senator