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2020-21 ASWU Meeting Minutes | February 17th, 2021

In Attendance:

Parker Daniels President	present
Hannah Higgins Exec. Vice President	present
Faizzan Ul Haq Financial Vice President	present
Jorge Medina Exec. Admin. Assistant	present
Emily Clemons Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Lauren Lorenz Sports Events Coordinator	present
John Haberlin Sustainability Coordinator	present
Katie Ludlam Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sugui Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sam Henson Special Events Coordinator	present
Rachel Ayres Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Esther Brown Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Katie Rose Club Coordinator	present
Emma John Arend Senator	present
McClain Chandler Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Olivia Fowler Oliver Senator	present
Jaedon Tesarik McMillan Senator	present
Meghan Duarte Ballard Senator	present
Jed Young Boppell and Village Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku Stewart Senator	present
Xavier Nila Duvall Senator	present

Isaac Price Warren Senator	present
David Martin Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie Global Engagement Rep	present
Georgia Goff Incoming Student Rep	present
Christian Aguilar Incoming Student Rep	present
Christine Chen Off-Campus rep	late
Jamie Copeland Off-Campus rep	present
Munya Fashu-kanu Off-Campus rep	present
Michael Bedford Off-Campus rep	present
Victoria Viloudaki WhitFlex rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM.
Mission Statement read by Michael B

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jed, Seconded by Olivia
In favor: 17 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 1
Motion passes

President Updates

Beck Taylor: I came to give you a word of encouragement and welcome you back for spring semester. This is going to be a long and challenging semester, but I am encouraged and optimistic about this semester. We have demonstrated that we know how to do community and want to thank you for ASWUs leadership last semester and being committed to the safety of the student body. I am really optimistic about the future and we are seeing positive trends with cases and death. We also hope to have a vaccination clinic on campus sometime later this year and we need to continue and on Friday the university will announce our intentions to return to normal operations in the fall.

Parker: The exec team we met with the COVID cares team and we saw that surveillance testing numbers have gone down and we want to encourage students to participate. First thing is I would encourage you all to participate and we are working on creating a promotional video. Also, just so you know it is just spitting into a tube and they are doing giveaways for those that participate in testing. With commencement we are hoping to have an in-person

commencement if things go well. Larry Probus came to talk about the budget and this year we saved about \$7 million and that was great. Operating expenses will be increased and that will have restoration of student employment as well as to travel and Sodexo.

FVP Updates

Capital: \$17,380

Unallocated: \$ 18,100

Faizzan: Our capital is the same and we will have committee meeting on the 21st at 10 am and I will be sending out an email with more updates.

EVP Updates

Hannah: We have a new senator from Stewart, Adaeze, so let's give her a welcome. Office hours will be sent out so please sign up for that. Newsletters will be due tomorrow at 5 as usual. Spring retreat will be on Saturday in ROB 210 from 2- 5 pm. Student Highlight is the tech team that helped at pirate mania including Tyler and Emily.

Constitution & By-Law Updates:

Jorge: We are now going to go over the changes that the constitution committee have looked and have voted on bringing to the assembly. The first constitution update includes name changes for the FVP to Treasurer and Admin Assistant to communications director.

Faizzan: I'm curious as to why we are changing the names – I am concerned about the financial vice president; we have treasurer for clubs and FVP is much larger than that.

Emma: I feel like treasurer is downgrading the FVPs role to me it seems like the title is sort of put down

Jason: I do think historically we have changed the duties of FVP and taking away the club aspect and now all it focuses on is the financial part and so we

are trying to reflect some of those changes. And we could go down the road of something like financial director.

Faizzan: I do agree that the responsibilities have changed but why are we taking the finance out of it and I am still confused as to why we are doing it.

Jed: These concerns are great, and would it be better to debate this next week so people have time to process this?

Hannah: I think that's a great point I think we have a week to discuss this and one other solid reason for the name change was because that was how other student governments across the nation work and that is the common name and the goal of the committee was to make ASWU more open to students. We wanted to make things as clear as we can to students at large and currently we are working on an internal basis where it makes sense to us but not the students

Faizzan: I really like the way you're moving but I am at a loss as to how this make things easier for students. I've been in this job 2 years and haven't had anyone confused.

Christian: I know from my experience as a freshman that role was one that was confusing to me and treasurer, I understand better and I've heard people try to explain ASWU and it can be hard to explain with the current terms.

Parker: Thank you for all the good points

Jorge: The next major revision we proposed was to remove sections of representative since we are moving away from housing reps.

Parker: Housing reps are changing but we are getting rid of zone reps

Olivia: so, does that mean we are adding positions?

Hannah: We are not getting rid of any rep positions at all

Jorge: The committee also proposed changing the GER and turning it into an International Student Senator position in order to support that community better.

Faizzan: Are you increasing hours for the position with that?

Parker: Yes, they will have the hours a senator normally does in order to be able to do more.

Victoria: Is whitflex being removed?

Jason: As President Beck said, in the fall we are planning on resuming as normal so it will most likely be removed.

Hannah: For elections, a lot of these changes come directly from my experience, primary elections in my opinion are confusing and have no purpose. They create confusion and students typically just vote in one election and so we are suggesting removing primary elections from elections. We are making it so any write in candidates from the election would move on in a runoff if they had enough votes. We also edited the general elections so the threshold moved from one third to 40% in order to make it more accessible. We want this to be voted on soon and would affect spring elections and positions that would be affected.

Jaedon: how would someone take the place of a senator?

Hannah: So we actually just went through this; the procedure is we fill the seat before elections can be held and so we ask for names from leadership from the hall and then ask if they are interested. From there we interview those that are interested to hire someone.

Christian: I am nervous to ask this but when it says his/her when thinking of non-binary folks is that something we can consider.

Jason: I want to say we worked hard but it is not the end all be all, we want to hear your feedback and the constitution has to be approved by the campus as well so when thinking about voting you will have to think about how it affects the organization as an ASWU member.

Jed: We had lots of great questions and concerns and I love that. I would like to remind everyone that even if you disagree really try to listen to their perspective.

Olivia: I am wondering on the wording of any member.

Jason: that is clarified earlier where it says any paying student is a member.

Jorge: We also discussed changing the Special Events Coordinator name to Traditional Events coordinator and sports events coordinator to school spirit coordinator.

Parker: with traditional you can start traditions every year and with school spirit we would move Monday mania to traditional events, but it would be a joint event and school spirit would help a lot more with homecoming week and make it more special.

Lauren: I know in my position I feel like im battling go bucs game day for the spirit thing so I would be cautious about that change.

Sam: I think it's alright for those in current positions to have a say about names but I think traditional concerns me because even the past few years we have had questions about what traditional events we want to keep or get rid of. I am not doing a lot of traditional events now what if some events become outdated.

Jason: I want to clarify that I see the point of school spirit, but we need to see what we want to promote, as far as traditional topic any event can be called tradition. The life cycle of students is four years and its ok to say things are tradition in that window.

Hannah: To echo what Jason was saying, I lived in BJ and everything was tradition, but it was always new, and I still get those names mixed up. We want people to know the differences in these positions and make it clear.

Lauren: I know for events like pirate mania if I did not have that relationships with athletics, I would not have been able to do that so I do not know if moving it to a new position would be the best idea.

Hannah: Moving on the elections, the by-laws have more info about the elections I will keep it brief. Candidates may accept write in if they are in the top three candidates. We deleted campaign guidelines and we wanted to move this to something that can be edited every year, later on we propose that each

semester the guidelines would be voted on so elections are always being catered to that semester. We also made it so full campus is able to vote for positions which are not tied to a location.

Christian: I'm still confused about section 4 clause 4

Hannah: so with that section as of right now because of our current voting system we cannot separate different elections for those positions not tied to a current location.

Jorge: With the current Act of God Clause, we propose having all changes pass an emergency committee first made up of 3 assembly members, 3 organization members at large and the president. Any proposed changes would have to pass this committee and pass the assembly with two thirds majority.

Meghan: with the act of God clause, how long does something stay if you change something and could it stay permanently?

Jason: It would need to be stated in what they want to change how long it is going to last.

Jed: you would also have to pass something that benefits students.

Olivia: when we are talking with constituents do we have a timeline?

Hannah: we do have a timeline, and I believe it is March 11-12th

Upcoming Events:

Building a Beloved Community:

Rachel: in 35 minutes we will have a talk by a Spokane community member about racial reconciliation.

Fred Saffold – What they didn't teach you in history class:

Esther: Next Tuesday at 7:30 we are having an online workshop about black history and our education.

Casino Night:

Emily: Casino Night is coming up and it is an all hands on deck on march 20th and I will be marketing for that soon.

Constituency Reports

Stewart

Adaeze: I was just selected to be senator but have been in quarantine so I do not have much.

McMillan

Jaedon: Mac is doing good; everyone is back and gotten into a game called armada.

Off Campus

David: during Jan term we had an arts and crafts night, and attendance was a little disappointing

Ballard

Meghan: Everything's going well, and we recently had a fun valentine's event.

Oliver

Olivia: We are getting back to schedule and want to plan more weekly events

Boppell

Jed: Bop is boppin, we had some folks leave. But for those still here doing well.

Arend

Emma: Arend is doing great I have been quarantined so haven't heard much. Been looking into policy changes lately in our res hall.

Duvall

Xavier: Duvall is doing well, and I know we talked about primetimes and they are going well.

Warren

Isaac: Warren is doing well but have not had much going on right now.

Baldwin Jenkins

Mac: Poppin off and all of us got covid over Jan term. Someone stole the microwave from the kitchen, but it is back now. I am planning a ping pong tournament soon and there are lots of new faces to learn.

Global Engagement Rep

Michael L: We had four new international students and the rest of the students are doing good.

Whifflex rep

Victoria: Everyone I've talked to a lot of them have come back and I know quite a few people who are wanting to stay home next semester.

Incoming Student Rep

Georgia: Students are doing well and settling in for the semester. On the whole people are doing well.

Campus Vibes

Mac: I got covid which was fun, but be safe.

Hannah: To clarify ASWUs position, people should not get COVID and should stay safe and healthy

Emily: it was Jorge's birthday last week

Shout outs

Hannah: shout out to you all for enduring this meeting

Sam: shout out to people who listen to COVID cares team and quarantine when they are supposed to.

Jaedon: Sodexo has stepped up their game and I am impressed

Parker: Lauren for pirate mania it was awesome

Olivia: Tomorrow in Sodexo you will be able to go and talk to them

Mac: Shout out to the dorms who didn't have a COVID outbreak

Adaeze: second what mac said about COVID it is interesting. But going back to COVID cares I feel a little bit disappointed about COVID Cares and their treatment, and my case was weird, but no one has checked up on me.

Sam: wanted to speak about the COVID Cares team but I've heard of people who have not been quarantining I was not talking about COVID cares

Katie R: Shoutout that I got engaged and shout out to Emily for being one of my bridesmaids !

Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Olivia, Seconded by Jaedon

In Favor: 11 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned: 6:45