



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 | February 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	absent
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	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	present
Marie Fenske   Off Campus Rep	proxy
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

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Meeting brought to order at 1700.

Mission statement read by Jamie C.

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**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Moved by Jamie F, Seconded by Rebecca

Discussion: None

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

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**Club Coordinator Updates**

Jamie C: Today we have USAS and ChAOS club updates.

- USAS

Zack: Hi I am Zack McGuckin. I am a journalism and mass communication major. I am a facilitator for USAS. This year our people on leadership are busy so we haven't done much. A handful of us in touch with broader leadership have been discussing changing the model of our club structure to be more effective

and we won't fall into traps of putting too much on certain people to be efficient. We are planning on changing the structure and getting new leadership and working with Jamie on the constitution. We have had communication struggles and some people I haven't talked to yet about changing the structure. I will connect as soon as possible. We will have a consensus that is more constructive based on feedback.

Jamie C: Any questions?

Munya: Do you have any events?

Zack: We are hoping to transition to a new structure in the spring and part of the constitution in the future is having elections at the start of spring so new leadership and mentorship happens. There will be events soon, but I am not planning them because there will be new leadership.

Makayla: If a student is interested in applying, how do they do that?

Zack: We will have 4 committees. A workers rights committee for campaigns related to workers' rights on campus. Also, a collective liberation committee, a media committee for posters and things, and a organizational committee which would be related to reporting to ASWU meetings or budget fundraisers and each committee has 2 chairs. Those are our different positions. We will post soon on Instagram as soon as I connect with other leadership people. People can apply if they are interested.

- ChAOS

Savannah: Hi, I'm Savannah one of the presidents of chaos club. Izy is the other president. Our purpose is to foster a community in biology, chemistry and health science students and also planning fun events. One event we recently did was stress night to make slime and stress balls and show a Christmas movie at Christmas time. We did primetimes with science experiments and academic events like peer advising night and meeting chemistry professors. This semester we had a meeting and planning night and we may be doing a jeopardy with professors. Also, another peer advising night, sharing opportunities to present research, and an elementary science fair.

Jamie C: Any questions?

- Club Chartering: Association of Minorities in Pre-Med

Jamie C: We are voting tonight on the association of minorities in pre-med, Luis is going to tell us more about the club.

Luis: Thanks for letting me be here. This club is to address inequalities in today's political and healthcare landscape. We want to create a space where people can feel safe to express curiosities and learn more about inequalities because it is more than just racial lines and socioeconomic classes and so we want to make a space for all types of minorities. It is open to anyone who wants to join. We are interested in bringing in all different types of backgrounds people who work in the field to promote inclusion and to show everyone that they have a spot in this field, and it isn't exclusive to one type of person. We are trying to build connections and we have speakers lined up and we are excited to work with the WSU medical school diversity club and will be working close with them and we have a panel set up if we get chartered. That was broad but I'm excited to answer any questions.

Makayla: Is this predominantly educational based or social based? What are your goals for events?

Luis: I understand the question of how it would be different than the premed club that already exists on campus. We would be collaborating with the premed club and hosting educational events with them, but this club would have more focus on social aspects which are not talked about a lot with educational types of clubs. We would provide different opportunities to grow perspectives.

Abby: Have you reached out to the premed club to see if you can combine missions with them?

Luis: Yes, we did reach out and they are happy to cohost events when it came down to admission-oriented events and other events, but our focus is more around not just helping the community in Spokane but focused around the community of healthcare perspectives.

Elisa: Do you have an advisor?

Luis: Yes, it is Dr. Aaron Putzke. He approved and signed.

Logan: is current premed club not a safe space to talk about these issues?

Luis: It's not because they are a bad space, but the premed club wasn't active much for a year and hasn't been updated their Instagram since 2019. Students said they only did 1 social event last year, so this club would be as inclusive as possible, and we understand covid has been tough and some club suffered but now that premed is starting back up we can communicate that we are back strong to build relationships.

### ***Motion to Approve the Association of Minorities in Pre-Medicine***

Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Munya

Discussion:

Abby: I have strong hesitations from a budget perspective because I think as admirable as it is as a mission, it seems like they need to combine missions with another club, and I don't know why that connection couldn't be made with the existing premed club. It seemed like they would be welcoming, and the effort was lacking. From a budget standpoint, by saying we can afford another club version, we are saying we can afford that for anyone to do this. As much as I love the mission, I think we can do it without having to pay for two similar clubs.

Jamie C: Within the club charter meeting and conversations, at first, I had hesitations because they hadn't reached out to the premed club. Their only proof of inactivity of premed club was it being inactive on Instagram. Not everyone uses Instagram. So, my hesitancy was little communication. Now that there is communication with the premed club that feels a little better, but the committee had some similar concerns with there being two similar groups on campus instead of combining them and having a leadership position for DEI advocacy in premed and they can help plan events bringing in minority speakers. My committee also talked about minorities in stem club instead of specific to premed. That is another idea.

Aidan: Is there not a diversity position in the premed club?

Jamie C: No. I would have to look over the constitution but it's probably president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Clubs can change

constitutions anytime and can do whatever, but it must be in line with our guidelines.

Jason: I would caution us against telling other chartered clubs what positions they should and shouldn't have since they are already chartered.

Christian: Could we table this and have him have a conversation with premed if they want to add that position to address Jason's concern and seeing if they would be open to that?

Jason: Yes, that's an option.

Jessica: I understand the budget perspective, but I have hesitations with voting against it. This whole year we have chartered all clubs so it's unfair that this club and upcoming clubs are unchartered because of budget concerns. We may need to figure out a better system for that. As a minority myself, having a safe space and safe community is important in the education system. It's a good encouragement way for students to stay in those programs of education. I personally am not finance oriented but from my view I think it should be chartered.

Abby: I am not saying we cannot afford the club, but we cannot afford if every club did this. Its unfair to let one club do it and not other clubs. We are opening the door to say we can have multiple versions of a club. It's hard to draw that line later if a problem arose.

Makayla: Jamie you mentioned the proposition of Minorities in STEM. I think its inclusive and advocating for minority driven spaces is empowering but also it is not necessarily just premed but most stem areas. I don't know how it would work whether it is a friendly amendment or whatever, but I would like to talk to them and see if they are open to expanding their mission and goal. I feel like we could further and broaden the perspective of the club dynamic without shutting out the voices needing to be heard of minority students.

Jason: We cannot do a friendly amendment on that it because it changes the mission. You could table it and see if they want to make the changes.

Elisa: What are other clubs and majors with minority clubs? We could get lash back if there are already minority clubs on campus.

Jamie C: There is cultural clubs but no “minorities in...” club.

Rachel: We have a tabling on the table and seeing if they want to work with other clubs or changing, but we are presented with a constitution from one club. I would encourage us to think about just this club and say yes or no on that. We can table but remember the beginning idea as well.

Hans: I think most of us agree the club is good, but we have to consider the future context. Is this plausibly something that could happen a lot? Is this trend going to keep going, have we seen it before?

Abby: I don't know but my point is if it did happen, we could not support that amount of clubs. Its more logical and fair to say we are doing one version and maybe work to combine or another solution. We would be setting the line now so there is one version, and we don't have to that problem. Idk if this will be a trend.

Aeron: I am for this club but going off what Makayla said, we can think about broadening the perspective and mission of the club. The club's name is very niche and limiting. If it was the association of minorities in pre professional programs that would be better so it's open to everyone.

Jenna: My fear is would this draw people away from the premed club and leave a separation and only white people in premed because that feels counter-productive in what they are doing because premed wasn't not a safe space before. If it wasn't, that would make sense. We can't predict the shift but it could be concerning.

Logan: The idea of this being an association of minorities for every major could encompass a lot but if you focus on stem or pre-professional tracks it would be a good idea.

Chris: Looking at it from a perspective of the current vote, its difficult when it's a field that isn't represented properly from underrepresented populations. Attributing it to the stem field is proactive in applying our budget for the future.

Logically we won't be able to coordinate all the clubs in our budget. One stem club could allow us to be proactive and cut costs in the future. Look for that expansion because it could be good for networking opportunities and an inclusive space for those who want to operate in that space. I am a stem major and operating with those from privileged backgrounds, it's difficult to speak about our experiences. This idea can match our mission statement and be proactive in trying to incorporate a club that a whole building is dedicated to now.

Rachel: Not to say its an analogy but correct if I'm wrong, we passed storytellers club. We have english department club too. This is a two-club same purpose thing as well. We passed that. I think to our mission statement as well. It's how we base our decisions. Great conversations and this is very complex.

Makayla: From core classes you may have heard of tragedy of the commons and reiterating the idea of being able to support students in ways other than just approving and disproving this club. I encourage for this to be tabled for dialogue with the students involved in this process so we can find effective ways to bring this up that is empowering but sustainable money wise. The tragedy of the commons outlines this concept that if one fisherman takes more than his share of the lot there's less and less and we run out. Our budget every year is limited and we pass a lot of clubs but if we pass continually and not think about connecting missions in ways that are uplifting diverse experiences in collaborative spaces, we run the risk of separatist clubs that work parallel to each other in ways that aren't efficient financially and socially to uplift students and our goal as ASWU is to bring students together and we can't do that if we funnel away from each other rather than pushing to collaborate.

Grace: I think it's important to note when we approve clubs such as pre-med originally, we are voting to approve that club because they are in alliance with our mission statement to have an inclusive atmosphere. I see why this club is important but the premed club we have should be going along with the mission statement to begin with.

Rachel: If someone want so motion to table you can, or we can vote.

***Motion to Table the vote of the Association of Minorities in Pre-Medicine***

Moved by Makayla, Seconded by Kyle

Discussion: None

In favor: 17 | Opposed: 3 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

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### **Financial Director Updates**

Capital: \$19,090

Unallocated: \$17,185.35

Travel: \$4,980

Abby: These are the account totals. I do not have many updates. I encourage you to be on top of requisitions in the spring as deadlines are fewer so be on top of that and be 2 weeks ahead.

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### **President Updates**

- Spring Fact Book

Rachel: Every semester there is an internal fact book that comes out. These are numbers across the institution on the 10<sup>th</sup> day when most are locked in for the semester and campus climate is measured. I want to share some numbers because they are our constituents, and they matter. We currently have 2035 undergraduate full-time day students. Everyone is a full-time student unless you are below 12 credits. Last fall was 2193 students. This drop is from graduates' mid-year or people leaving. One thing that is cool is we have 118 international students this spring which is up 40 from last spring. The fact sheet noted the countries represented most are Mongolia Nigeria, India, Nepal, and Ethiopia. We have 10 brand new first year students in this spring. We also have 22 transfers this semester. Keep an eye on them because they didn't experience fall so reach out to them and tell them about ASWU and how we can serve them. They are important populations. Also, interesting – fall freshmen cohort persistence number from last fall to know says how many people have stayed here and it is 91.8%. This is the lowest in last 5 years by .05% and down by a whole percentage. 10% left. This is the bigger picture at Whitworth.

- Tabling for Constitution Vote

Rachel: Our vote is on Friday at 8am to 8pm so please vote. Tell your friends and exercise due diligence with that. Chris and I are tabling in Lied to remind

students. We need people to table with Chris from 12:30-1 on Friday for 30 minutes of tabling. Thank you, Samie.

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## **Vice President Updates**

- Passing of the Torch

Chris: For those in elected positions and execs as well, come up with materials to give the next person. I am giving you advance notice so you can think about what items to pass down

- BSU Workshop

Chris: Another event for black history month led by Roberta Wilburn our interim DEI officer. It's about the contribution of African American people to American life on the 28<sup>th</sup> in the crow's nest at 5pm. Contact jaketaylor@whitworth.edu for more information. Hope to see you there, it's a great opportunity to see a community looking at growth of our nation.

- 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: Mario Gonzalez is our student highlight this week. We see him at lots of events and wanted to show our appreciation because he has been appearing lots and taking photos and recognizing student athletes and activities and he is doing great this year.

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## **Past Events:**

- Comedy Magician Derek Hughes

Hannah: The event went well. We had about 115 people so great attendance. It was lots of fun and people had fun.

Grace: I heard nothing but great things. People said they want him to come back and be the concert at orientation and more. Awesome job.

- Mascot Retirement/Reveal

Georgia: Overall it went well. We had a lot of people working and thank you to those contributing, we had 5 minutes to pull it all off so thanks for the patience. Patches was accepted pretty well with some hesitance at first due to previous rumors. Once they saw him dancing and interacting most people didn't have negative feedback. I am proud and proud of our work.

Aidan: I had lots of friends that were excited about patches and his Instagram, and they are following it.

Christian: If we ever use confetti again, we need a dustpan because we picked them up by hand.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- BSU Harlem Renaissance

Munya: Pull up Friday for food and music. Come celebrate black history month.

Jessica: I talked to Dollar, and she is asking for 3-4 people to help with set up at 4:30pm. It will take about an hour. If you are interested reach out to me after the meeting.

Chris I'll be there. There should be food early.

- Interfaith Dialogue

Jenna: I am so excited, they come tomorrow. The main event is Friday night at 7pm. It is a Christian scholar and theology professor and a Muslim scholar and author and political science expert talking together about what it's like to have relationship with people who have different faiths without disregarding your own faith convictions. It's unique. It will be 7pm in the RTT with free pizza, giveaways, and a cool discussion after as well. All student leaders are invited to a special student leader workshop on Friday from 3-4 in WEY 111 to meet in a small setting and learn about how leaders can engage in these topics and what it would look like. It would be helpful for leadership and to show students care about this

and how we can interact and represent our diverse student body. What kind of snacks would get people there?

Chris Hot Cheetos. Hot chip bags at WinCo. \$9.17 with tax.

Makayla: Rice Krispies

Rachel: Ice cream

Chris: Hot cocoa

- Club Fair

Jamie C: Next Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> is club fair, and we have 16 clubs signed up. It will be in the MPR from 11:30-1:30pm. I was a transfer student in the spring of my freshman year, so I wasn't able to join clubs right off the bat and other people feel the same way. If you know transfers or freshman who are looking to be involved again let them know. Half of our clubs will be there almost. They can learn more about these clubs.

- Mental Health Week

Rachel: We are as an exec team talking about mental health on campus. March 14-18th is THRIVE week. We will have passive and active events with engaging communities to be healthy and grow and find community. More to come.

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## **Constituency Reports**

### **Baldwin-Jenkins:**

Kyle: I have another story. There are fire alarms, inconsistent noises throughout the night, and pungent odors in the hallway. BJ has adjusted to the new semester in our own way. We have had 4 fire alarms. It's been bad. Rebecca is living in Stewart and hears all of us walk out in the middle of the night. We had 2 fire alarms 12 hours apart exactly.

### **Incoming Student Reps:**

Elisa: We are vibing. We are getting antsy about if masks are coming off, but I don't have answer for them. I have been telling them to wait for a Whitworth email.

Michelle: We are doing great. People are excited to apply for positions and some of my friends want to run for ASWU positions.

### **Off Campus:**

Reeshika: We are doing good. We sent newsletters this week and sending a survey this upcoming week. We are planning an event on March 10<sup>th</sup> and more details to come.

### **The Village:**

Hannah: We are doing okay. We finally got some people to go to study times which is nice. There has been nobody but it's okay.

### **Warren:**

Logan: Warren has been good. Everyone is freezing. People are getting ready for the first exam rounds. We are staying on top of work and the lounge has people studying every night. We enacted Sunday study primetimes and every Sunday is like that.

### **International Students:**

Michael: We are doing great. I don't have anything specific this week.

### **Neighborhoods:**

Payton: We are doing well. Participation at events is low which isn't rare. A handful of people are overwhelmed by this semester and juggling lots. They are pretty optimistic though.

### **Ballard:**

Katelynn: I have an event coming up, it's the awkward middle school dance. It is a campus wide event in the HUB this year, but I don't know where yet. There will be lots happening, and it will be a big event. This semester, we will be needing a few people to help but I don't know with what yet. If you went to dance in middle school and were awkward and you don't want to go back, we are going there. There will probably be awkward foursquare. Ballard is vibing.

**Boppell:**

Jamie G: We are doing pretty good. We had an event last week with homemade mac and cheese and it had great attendance. That was fun and delicious. Boppell is vibing and getting through the semester well so far.

**Duvall:**

Larkin: We are doing okay; it has been quiet and there is stress from classes. Majority of our washers and dryers are broken so we are fixing that. There was no heat for a week, I don't know why but it was 55 degrees in some rooms and 30 outside. Glad its fixed. Duvall is trying to get to the weekend.

**Oliver:**

Grace: Oliver residents have been doing pretty well overall, although the course load has been overwhelming for many. A multitude of residents that I have talked to have reported that regardless of their course load and other commitments, the community in Oliver has been really crucial to relieving their stress and to having a good time. This mostly looks like primetimes, but I know my residents are also very pumped about the upcoming DuvOliver dance. Another thing to report is the excitement from so many (including me) regarding all of the leadership positions opening up. I think we will have a lot of applicants. By next week's meeting, I will have my March check-in survey sent out with more concrete data from residents.

**Arend:**

Samie: We are doing good. Lot of students are settling into classes and there is less stress in the air and tension. We had our CBS meeting last week which went well. 10-12 people showed up which was good. I am currently in the process of planning a field day for the spring.

**McMillan:**

Hans: We are doing well. I am hearing complaints about it being too cold in the dorm. From personal experience we were freezing all morning. Primetimes have been fun, and we have done PowerPoint and poetry ones. Freshmen are looking forward to less snow. I put Feb 29th on my last newsletter. Milk and cookies is all Katelynn's tonight, hopefully she does well. We are well.

**Stewart:**

Rebecca: We are doing alright. There is lots of stress and a little bit of a low primetime attendance unless food is offered, and the people will then come get food and leave again. Sundays are becoming cereal study primetimes.

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### **Campus Vibes**

Jenna: Lots of updates from campus ministry. Tomorrow night is a documentary film showing called God speed. It is a kickoff for lent which starts off next Wednesday March 2. There is a group that is committing to walking every day and praying together. You can join, it will be once a week. It is based on the film showing at 8pm in WEY 111. Emmaus applications open for the coming school year. Emmaus is an on campus living in the neighborhoods that focuses on justice and faith and they live together to work on that. Let your constituents know about that. Randy Woodley is coming, and he is a theologian Christian speaker focusing on environmental justice. He is speaking Monday night in the RTT at 7pm and has other talks as well. For Ash Wednesday there is a service in the chapel at 7:30am. If you want to know more about lent or Ash Wednesday, come talk to me.

Katelyn: I was told by constituents to ask about backpacks being taken off and put outside of Sodexo. A few constituents are upset because they have expensive science stuff and laptops, and that section is known for stealing.

Jason: If anything is stolen contact security. There are cameras in that hallway so they can look.

Katelynn: Nothing was stolen but they are wondering why we had to leave backpacks out.

Jason: This policy has been implemented and was not enforced for a while but is now back.

Georgia: Yesterday I went in with a backpack and Kathy told me we aren't doing that anymore.

Jason: Contact Megan helm for an answer.

Elisa: There is not a lot of support for Native-American students on campus. It's a small amount but there is no space on campus for them specifically and we don't offer much for them. It's something to work on and do a better job with.

Rachel: Do they want to do a club or is it just a general frustration?

Elisa: Not enough resources but a club or space for them would be great too.

Aeron: ASWU applications are open tomorrow for coordinators. We had the leadership fair today. Talk to your friends and people who may be interested if they want a job. I worked on videos on our YouTube channel that highlights the coordinators. If you have questions direct them here.

Jamie F: I sent an email to off-campus students today about the constitution vote. I was surprised I got 10+ responses with questions and people were paying attention. That was encouraging to see.

Kyle: I have heard a little bit of frustration about 3 events being held this Friday at the same time. I don't know what we can do because two are from clubs.

Chris: There is the interfaith dialogue, dance for BSU, and a dance for swing dance club. It happens. We try our best to keep the schedule updated.

Aidan: One update about the senior class gift. We got 63% funded which is great except it is not fully funded so I may ask for reports about things I have to figure things out. It's a volleyball court for students and not our class will be using it but everyone else so let constituents know to donate since they are who would use it because they will want it.

Makayla: I want to mention that we have upcoming event for off campus students and so please come with your housemates. It will be from 7-10pm in the evening. We are not releasing details yet, but it will be in 3 weeks on a Thursday night. We did that because Friday nights are busy for most. If you have concerns with constituents if it's not a good night, encourage them to email a rep or reach out in the survey we are sending out. If you hear issues with that encourage them to reach out.

Samie: In connection to mental health week, on the 19<sup>th</sup> the softball team and the hidden opponent has a dedication game to mental health. I am not sure what the time is but there will be wristbands and info booths and resources for mental health. Spread the word.

Jason: Two things. One is our men's basketball regular season co-champs have a playoff game tomorrow at 7pm against Linfield. Captain patches will be there so come hang out with him. Also, some good news yesterday. I talked to the counseling center and for the first time in a long time there is no waitlist for counseling center appointments which is incredible. They are back to full staff and so if people are waiting or didn't want to try to go, tell them now is the time.

Jamie C: The games are at noon and 2 for Samie. Both games have resources.

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### **Shoutouts**

Georgia: Shoutout to everyone who helped with the captain patches reveal; I could not have done without you all. Jason and I have been working for almost 2 years on this. Thank you specifically to Aeron he did so much behind the scenes. It was fantastic and I owe him my first-born child or something.

Katelynn: Shoutout to Hans because you don't realize how much someone does in an event until they aren't there. Baking cookies takes a while. Thanks for caring for it every week.

Rachel: Shoutout to everyone who helped table today at the leadership fair. We appreciate you being there talking to students.

### ***Motion to Adjourn Meeting***

Motion by Katelynn, Seconded by Rebecca

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1807