



2018-19 ASWU Meeting Minutes | **September 19th, 2018**

In attendance:

Tersa Almaw President	present
Andrews Boateng EVP	present
Chelsea Shearer FVP	present
Catalina Corvalan EAA	present
Rohini Vyas Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Amber Van Brunt Sports Events Coordinator	present
Morgan Bucher Sustainability Coordinator	present
Ethan Clardy Senior Class Coordinator	present
Jira Hammond PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Abdul Haq Special Events Coordinator	present
Talya Jackson Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Utsal Shrestha Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Emily Clemons Oliver Senator	present
James Parrish McMillan Senator	present
Jose Aguilera Warren Senator	present
Katie Rose Ballard Senator	present
Lauren Sfeir Arend Senator	present
Katie Ludlum Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Sarah Haman Boppell Senator	present
Almat Yeraly Stewville Senator	present
Elizabeth Sanders Off Campus Senator	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM in HUB MPR.
Mission Statement read by Theresa Chowa.
Minutes from 09/12/18 approved unanimously.

FVP Updates

Chelsea: Capital: \$20000
Unallocated: \$20000

International Club

Utsal Shrestha | ushrestha20@my.whitworth.edu

We're a club for international and all students at large. It's for everyone, people from all over the world, as to meet everyone, get different perspectives, share and cook meals, do activities twice a month, etc. Majority of these are free. We had a club sign up at the fair, 161 people signed up, and majority of it are white Caucasian students--this is good because everyone should be engaged, not just international students. 12 more people signed up later. During our ice cream social on Friday, lots of people showed up.

We're looking forward to the International Festival Nov 16th. We'll have cooking around the world events every month. Someone from some culture cooks a food, we share. The closest one is Sept 28th, it'll be in of the res halls. Everyone's invited.

We have our annual Fall Break trip to Seattle, everyone's invited, but it is targeted to international students to appreciate WA/US culture. Our club main mission is to bridge the gap, and appreciate everyone's participation. Would love to have you there, and let us know how we can be more inclusive.

Almat: How much is the trip?

Utsal: \$100 dollar only--past years it's been \$150-200, but not feasible.

Lizzie: Do people RSVP for the food events?

Utsal: People just show up, but if too many, we might have to add an RSVP section to our emails and updates.

James: Who do we contact?

Utsal: Myself or Lulu Gonzalez, our advisor. Abeyeye Bekele, in HUB info desk too.

UMOJA

Theresa Chowa | tchowa20@my.whitworth.edu

We're UMOJA--the African culture club. Mission is to celebrate and learn African culture in a holistic manner. Update: last year we had our 1st UMOJA gala, over

70 people came, and not just WU students, but communities from GU and Eastern. This Thursday is a meet and greet 4-5PM in the ISC, where we introduce everyone and get to know the officers. Also, we will have a Kwanza celebration with BSU collaboration in December. The Gala again next semester in May, with hopefully lots of people. We're event based, so we don't do meetings, we send emails, we have committee for planning whenever we decide. Dr. Amowi Phillips is our new advisor. Like Utsal, were trying to be inclusive. Not just for black or African students, we want people to share culture with us.

Lauren: Who do we contact?

Theresa: Myself, at tchowa20@my.whitworth.edu

Katie L: Do you come to primetimes?

Theresa: Yes, but probably only one a semester, cause we were known as primetime club last year!

Cool Whip

Tucker Wilson | twilson20@my.whitworth.edu

We are now a club--we have cast a performance team, and our show is Nov 9 7:30PM. Dynamics changed--performers rather than officers. Anyone can be at shows, and our regular meeting/improvs are on Saturday mornings, 11-noon, until end of semester, starting this 1st week of October. We'll sponsor shows with Blue Door Theater. 150 people interested in our list. You can contact us at wucoolwhip@my.whitworth.edu.

Katie R: Where are the meetings?

Tucker: **ABC room, in HUB.**

Lizzie: Where will the shows be?

Tucker: Theater schedule dependent, but right now in stage 2--depends on their times. We'll do regular updates on social media and thru email. Find us @wucoolwhip.

Lauren: What can students expect?

Tucker: It's like a regular improv practice, we dive right into it. Our values are community outreach, and performance.

Almat: Are the shows free?

Meg: \$2, or 8 quarters.

EVP Updates

Election Season

Andrews: Election season is upon us. Zone rep applications are due tonight at 11:59. I'll be in my office until midnight, so come in, submit your app, or come with questions. I have 14 applications so far. Primary voting is next week Mon 24th, general is on Thursday 27th.

On this ballot, we'll be voting on global rep, so we want students, from senators, to know what this position is.

Katie R: If BMAC doesn't have a zone rep, what do we tell them on the vote?

Andrews: We'll set up booths in Lied Square to vote, and in BMAC case, they only vote on that global rep position.

Jira: Where do we find the description?

Jason: There is no description, because it's not approved yet, so talk to Andrews or Utsal to give you a summary of what it entails.

Katie L: Can we be sent what it is, because we don't know the specifics or the purpose behind it? So i can print out and give to students?

Teri: Yes.

Utsal: Will the rep have voting power?

Andrews: Can't tell u if voting or not because the position is only added on the constitution by Assembly, not by the student body, which it needs to have, according to Constitutional law. So if majority vote is yes, then we can talk about the job description details next time in Assembly.

Utsal: Can we move to add that to the description?

Andrews: We can't have a conversation if students haven't approved the position, yes or no on it.

Teri: We voted on this position without description, what was voted last time was that it was starting this year and ending in 2019, in the constitution, but not by the students. If students don't approve, its outed from the constitution, if approved, then we can make a motion to amend it.

Jason: Students have to vote exactly on what was added to the constitution last year, and then talk whether or not it is voting.

Amber: Point of clarification: the position idea that we passed last year, we want to add the constitutions, and students have to agree on it to add it there. And from then we can talk and discuss the description.

Almat: If no voting position, then will the rep be hired not elected?

Andrews: According to what was added, this person will be elected for 2018-19.

Almat: If body approves it, and if the description is ready in 2-3 weeks. Then will the position be elected by near end of semester?

Andrews: No, it will be with the voting, so it won't take that long.

Utsal: What's the purpose of this, if it's not voting?

Andrews: Constitution binds us to approve it, and then talk about voting. Referendum goes later. The ASWU team last year didn't make it easy for us to do anything.

Lizzie: Is there any way to make an informative video to send to students, because there's so many things on this... on what they're voting, a paragraph will not be enough.

Utsal: Technically, we can make a motion for a separate position. The international senator, but with voting rights?

Andrews: With this position, are you trying to do it for this election?

Jason: All amendments have to be submitted a week before elections and then be given a week for discussion and being brought back to constituents, so too late for the ballot.

Almat: Can we make a move to cancel last year's, and add something this year?

Andrews: I understand, but my job is to fulfill the Constitution. Not right now, but we can talk voting, afterwards, if approved. This needs to be passed.

Lauren: $\frac{2}{3}$ votes of body, or majority?

Andrews: A majority.

Katie R: Unfortunately we are bound by constitution, what can we do to amend, make a referendum and adding something to make it a voting position, if its wanted by students? What's the first step?

Teri: The Assembly voted on it, but not students. I think if we approve it, then we can make changes.

Andrews: If we want to continue and develop this position, then we can talk about that then.

Lizzie: Hypothetically, if turned down by students, then we can propose something else, or does it bind us from changing it?

Andrews: Changing what aspect?

Lizzie: Like make it a voting position.

Andrews: We can make a referendum afterwards,

Sarah: Point of Clarification; even if it's approved, and referendum happens, then it will not be payed because budget committee didn't add it in.

Utsal: We have the funding for that.

Jose: To clear up, if it gets passed on, could we change it as a voting position?

Andrews: Yes, but not voting for this year.

Jason F.: We're going in circles.

Utsal: Why weren't senators aware of this earlier? Why not have the conversations before?

Jason: i was not aware that this passed, and in reading constitution, saw the many loops and barriers there are. My fault, I'll take it, and we were trying to find the best way to fulfill the promises made.

Lauren: Can we be sent a description or something?

Chelsea: For ASWU, please read the constitution. This is what happens when we don't read it--we need to be on the same page as we move forward.

Andrews: Let's start thinking of sweatshirts, right away, and if you haven't taken your res hall photos, now is good time for that.

CBS is tomorrow for many of you, if you don't do it this week, make sure it's early tomorrow; it has to be 14 days since first meeting, so Tuesday.

Student Highlight

I have Wesley, CMC from MAC, who greets student to chapel. So good job!

I also have a second student, Lacy, who is with Dornsife who did a good job with CBD. Let's appreciate these students.

President Updates

University Council

Teri: Today we met for first time, supposed to be strategic planning with senior admin, faculty, staff, and talk about what is going on. Beck spoke on Pirates Persist, which wants to increase from 85 to 90% retention rate. Back in 2012, the time when they had highest retention was when they were very selective on incoming students, so when they're low, it lowers, but they don't want to become highly selective, as to keep a diversified community. Many factors that were discussed with Beck, on why students don't retain, were mentioned, like financial aid.

Do you have any feedback on stuff that are barriers, on how to best engage students?

Sarah: What or should be included in surveys.

Teri: Yeah, have a survey on how their experience is. Making sure that first few weeks are good, but are they starting to lower?

What are ways to improve retention? What should admin do?

Talya: If university puts more money on buildings, especially on res halls and theme houses, for aesthetic appeal, to repair beds and couches. Modernize.

Katie R: BMAC are historic and super old but doesn't have to have crappy showers! Have better plumbing, and repairs.

Jira: New ISC, making it more welcoming and inviting, so it actually becomes an inclusive environment where people go to, because it's a trailer park, I'm gonna say it. Make it a good place to meet, and feel safe.

Jason F: A lot of language being used is about inclusive as an entire Whitworth community, but it needs to be intentional. Large scale events are not reaching out or being effective into community as a whole. There's still a lot of negative views and thinking from different groups, there has to be a more personal and intentional outreach.

Brendan: New dryers, because I tried every single one and my clothes still are wet.

Sarah: There's a facilities number posted in laundry room, you can call and they come fix them.

Talya: If admin hands are tied, then they can let us know what we can do to raise money, because students agree, all over campus, that the ISC needs to modernize.

Lizzie: When Beck talked to us, he talked about how off campus students are the ones to most leave--a lot of students on leadership are off campus, but many students are not making relationships. How to get more intentional relationships with off campus?

Sarah: More lead roles for off campus students.

Teri: Any more ideas or concerns, or changes you want to see?

Talya: Spend more money on food, better SODEXO.

Andrews: Today we had a meeting with Owen, the SODEXO consultant, and we reiterated the low food quality, and how sodexo can do better. Next meeting is coming up, if interested, let me know to voice your concerns.

Abdul: They will have a report in 2 weeks, and meet with sodexo, so do it.

Andrews: They are also thinking of a food advisory committee, something new we can contribute as well.

Students of Color Conference

NWCCU report from last year for accreditation came in, with a couple of recommendations--one of the suggestions is that university should raise profile of the international culture center to better reflect it's inclusive environment and values. Evaluators came in and said that we should listen to that. Another is that the Dornsife Center is collecting data that show assessment indicators to create cultural competency, and we should use that data more. Any questions on that

or ideas with those recommendations, come talk to me because I cannot email about that.

Upcoming Events

Katie R: Ballard tea is happening this Saturday, come see what Ballard is all about! Check the awesome community at BMAC. Some former Mac men are living in Boppel, from what I understand, so let the word out. It's 8:00PM in Chapel.

Amber: Tailgate is free donuts, handed before soccer game at 11:30, men's game is 2:30, so come for free food this Sunday.

Utsal: Hispanic Fiesta is next week, and we need volunteers. I'll send link to senators, to sign up.

Morgan: Harvest Festival is this weekend Sat 22nd, 4-6PM in community garden behind Jack in the Box. Signs will be out, we usually have food, planting and other activities in beekeeping, art.

Abdul: Homecoming events will be October 12-14th. Unplugged is on the 12th, send names to me if people want to perform.

Campus Reports & Vibes

Katie R: Report from BMAC. We're doing radical changes with events we do, and leadership is excited, we're getting some pushback though, which we're trying to figure out.

Lauren: what changes?

Katie R: Milk and cookies is our biggest tradition, and in the past, Ballard makes the cookies, Mac eats and celebrates without Ballard women. We want to eat and be merry together, which makes sense.

James: Main idea is to make this more of a BMac community rather than just Ballard or just Mac. should be one community.

James: Completely other note, Brendan, a first year, got the idea from previous Mac men to call for my impeachment, which is a joke. Everyone who signed knew it was a joke, but they technically impeached me. Here--

Andrews: If I take it, then it becomes official.

James quickly puts impeachment note away

Shout-Outs & Questions

Andrews: Ethan and Rohini for Hypnotist event.

Amber: Andrews and SEC for hard work.

Andrews: Lauren and Ethan for working with the copier machine for 1 whole hour.

Teri: Everyone who did CBD and all those who slept in.

James: Brendan for first meeting.

Utsal: Rohini!

Lauren: Jason F, RA from Arend, for coming to meeting.

Andrews: Lizzie, for reach out to off campus students

Rohini: Ethan and Utsal and Abdul and Jason for telling me not to stress, cause I was stressing.

Talya: Does it have to be about shoutout? I have a question: last week, I spoke about partnering with Union Gospel Mission, collecting old flu supplies to people who come in and are in need. Had meeting today. They need small supplies that fits in cups, like Emergen-C, zinc packets, lozenges, etc. This is something ASWU can get behind; we should spearhead this.

Andrews: Shoutout to James and Katie R. as well.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.