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### 2023-24 ASWU Meeting Minutes | September 13, 2023

#### Executive Members:

Georgia Goff   President	PRESENT
Grace Johnson   Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis   Financial Director	PRESENT -
Jamie Gassman   Communications Director	PRESENT

#### Coordinators:

Kenzie Quinn   Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Gwen Brantner   Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Reeshika Sharma   Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Samie Schaffer   Senior Class Coordinator	ABSENT
Angel Ainembabazi   Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Talea Blasko   Sustainability Coordinator	PRESENT
Grace Uppendahl   Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

#### Senators:

Jennedy Cruz Hernandez   Arend Senator	PRESENT
Eleanor Bonikowsky   Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Joie Kane   Boppell Senator	PRESENT
Austin Wolfe   Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey   International Student Senator	PRESENT
Matthew White   McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden   Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Stephanie Fery   Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Eli Harris   StewVille Senator	PRESENT

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**Meeting brought to order at 5:06**

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**Mission statement read by Bobbi Jo**

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**Approval Of Minutes from September 6th, 2023**

*Motioned to approve by Bobbi Jo*

*Seconded by Niraj*

**Favor: 9 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

**Minutes Approved with a friendly amendment to fixed spelling mistakes**

Stephanie: There's a lot of spelling errors, like my name is spelled wrong

Jamie: I'm so sorry

Stephanie: And I think like Georgia says "my main man Scoot" at some point

Georgia: In that case do I hear a friendly amendment to... well I guess I can't make a friendly amendment someone else has to make a friendly amendment

Bobbi Jo: I make a friendly amendment to correct the spelling of Steps name and any other spelling errors

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**What's Up Whitworth**

Niraj: Joha was telling me that he and a coalition of students from his class wanted to do the W U sign as they missed because of covid for their year, I don't know if we can make that possible

Georgia: Yea that's an orientation event

Jamie: Point of Information on that I've been talking with Samie and theirs something in the process for that you can let the senior class know that it's not the guarantee, but there are things being worked on

Bobbi Jo: I'm seeing more warnings for not having a parking pass so make sure by the 18<sup>th</sup> you get your parking pass

Kenzie: Bounce off of that I watched someone have a ticket because they were parked silly so be carful this year, they have like a whole crew doing parking tickets so please make sure to get your parking passes

Joie: I've heard this from kinds students around campus that theirs not enough parking space for like Arend Boppell and then like that whole... Can I say this in my constituency report too?

Georgia: Yea

Gwen: Even though it's closed Warrens parking is absolutely atrocious so I don't know if we are bringing Warren back next year but also I have another thing I was thinking about on Sunday all the lights in the loop were out and it was kinda scary and then some people called security about it and security was not very nice and they were like welp that's a facilities issues and that was it, and we were like this is concerning and we are concerned that the lights weren't on, I think they were fixed, I think they were fixed yesterday when I was walking but I didn't notice them out again, that was just something a few people I was with were like hmm

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**Student Highlight**

Grace J: Student highlight so this week we are highlighting Sydney if you don't know her she's on the tech team we just wanted to recognize her for all the help she gave to all the orientation events time and time again with tech so she's not here today but we love her

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#### **Communications director Updates:**

Jamie: Alright so couple of quick updates from me If you have not gotten your t-shirt yet please come see yet if you have gotten your t-shirt great these are typically not required at ASWU but it is kinda encouraged you wear the shirts unless it's a formal event like a dance your not needing to or if the person putting the event on wants you to wear the shirt please wear them, secondly I'm going to be putting in a office chair order as I know a lot of peoples chairs in their offices are not very good here in chambers so if you would like a new chair please let me know by Friday that you would like a new chair. Finally just a reminder please send me your constituency reports before the meeting with today's date and constituency report in the subject

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#### **Financial Director Updates:**

Michael: Hi everyone so normally this is the time when I would do unallocated and capital amounts but we are putting that on pause waiting for tenth day numbers which are next week Tuesday so by next meeting I'll have confirmed numbers for everyone otherwise I'm just going to announce who's in the finance committee so after I announce this going to set up like both an email chain and a text chain so I can relay that information to you guys and by next meeting I'll let everyone know what time and when the finance committee is going to be meeting so the ASWU members on finance committee that's Grace Johnson, that's Jamie, that's Joie, that's Grace Uppendahl that good everyone following

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#### **Vice President Updates:**

Grace J: One on ones I'm pretty sure everyone signed up for one on one which is great with me so those will start next week and I can send out an reminder and of course coordinate with Todd on your ones on ones wit him. And then newsletters just make sure to get those in I really like those last week, I loved the memes, and I think the easiest way just from this last week going forward is maybe just send me the link so I can just throw the stamp on their on canva you can get the link you can just send it over through email. And then Election timeline so as elections approach we need to propose a timeline to vote on it next week again so take a good look and I will email it as well again these are the elections for Incoming student reps, off-campus, and neighborhoods, and BJ we will be voting on this next week and just keep spreading the word on positions for elections and let me know if you have questions

Bobbi Jo: Is campaigning specifically only online or are they still aloud doing posters like last year

Grace J: Yea posters everything like that it's more so just the idea of campaigning theirs no specific location if that makes any sense

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#### **President Updates:**

Georgia: On to my updates just another reminder I will not be here next week I'm having my tonsils ripped out of my throat and so Grace here will be leading the meeting I mean yall are in good hands so I'm not to worried about it but if anyone does need me I will probably be laying around watching movies, so feel free to email me, text me, call me, anything like that. Additionally we've been asked by the presidents office to fill some student representative rolls for the upcoming board of trustee meetings, for those of you who don't know the board of trustees meet twice a year and that first meeting is coming up this October so and in those various committee they typically have one to two students representing the student body just kinda being able to provide a voice so It's very important, large decisions get made at these board of trustee meetings and is also really vital that we have student voices represented weather or not those meetings are confidential I'm still trying to figure out so in the meantime just try and take a notes and be ready to report back and if it does come back that those are confidential we will just move on from there with that being said we are going to move on ahead and take volunteers for that. The meetings will be October 11-13<sup>th</sup> that's Wednesday through Friday, and are in person this year, in years past we've had some in person some on zoom, there all in person this year. Is their anybody that we know for sure is really interested in that? So we have the academic affairs committee will need two people for that, that's on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> from one to three PM in Weyerhaeuser 303, we have the finance and administration committee which meets Thursday also from one to three pm in the ABC room. Institutional advancement committee their gonna focus on external relations including alumni parents fundraising marketing communications they meet at the same time in Weyerhaeuser 305, student services committee is me and Kenzie also at that same time in

Weyerhaeuser 305, building rounds and technology is Wednesday from 1-3 so everything else is on Thursday and this is also in the HUB ABC room. Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> we need institutional advancement, finance administration, academic affairs. In that case I will move forward with trying to find maybe some other student leaders I don't know if they accept other student leaders though. They are looking for a response today or tomorrow. In that case we will move forward if for some reason you figure out something with your schedules and you are able to let me know. Any questions on that? Yes Angel?

Angel: Is there a budget committee and a budget committee

Georgia: Yes those are different

Michael: The finance committee deals with requisitions and we meet every two weeks for about an hour and we deal with requisitions that's four ASWU members four non ASWU members and the myself, and then for budget committee I chair that to and then there's a lot more people on that and there's a bunch more requirements for who's in that committee and that only meets in the spring for the budget setting period

Angel: Sorry I was hoping that I would be on the finance committee, so I'm kinda wondering what committee I'm on

Georgia: Last update from me safety committee I'm hoping to be able to send some stuff out in the next weeks or so, if there is anyone who is interested in heading up that committee that would be phenomenal as I said last time I am happy to do it, as I've been passionate about for the last three years at Whitworth, however I am also at a full credit load and have some other stuff on top of that so I don't know how well I will be able to do it at this capacity, if needed though I'm happy to do what I can do to schedule that

Bobbi Jo: I can probably do that for you if you want

Georgia: Ok well talk a little later and figure some stuff out. Any questions about anything I just said?

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#### **Events: Past Events:**

##### **Bingo:**

Grace U: Bingo night went alright we had just under 360 people attend, honestly I was kinda proud, a lot of people had a lot of fun we played a lot of Taylor Swift, we did a wave, thank you to everyone who helped out.

Jennedy: I heard from any constituents they wanted more than Taylor Swift, cause they felt Taylor Swift was often repeated they would've liked more variety

##### **Off Campus BBQ:**

Bobbi Jo: Barbeque went good it did start about 20 minutes late, but that was my fault due to some poor planning but I know now for next time, I was pretty excited for the prizes

Georgia: Any feedback for off-campus Barbeque

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#### **Events: Upcoming Events**

##### **Night of Lament:**

Angel: Monday 6:30-7:45 will be hosting an opportunity to talk about Lament for students on campus and using the ASWU platform to bring in more people the goal is to host and invite students who are dealing with coping with school at the moment or have experienced loss, if you are unfamiliar there is a student who passed away last semester and two of her roommates are my housemates so also thinking about them and the other students and to find a place to lament

Georgia: Any questions for Angel, is there anything we can be doing to support you in that

Angel: I think it would be nice if people, well I can also talk about this at the next ASWU meeting, once I've thought of tasks I can give people

Georgia: We'll take care of that next week,.

### **Mario Kart Tournament:**

Georgia: Airtight Mario Kart tournament with Kenzie

Kenzie: Yea that's me, we've got Mario kart on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> which is next weekend, and I'm really excited, I don't believe I will be needing any help so you guys are getting off scott free this time, and yea it's gonna be like a bracket style tournament with four really cool prizes, one of which being a meta quest 2 VR system, and one being a record player, which is exciting and I'm super stocked

Georgia: Awesome Questions about the Mario kart tournament. How many people are able to compete in the tournament

Kenzie: I believe I made the bracket to 24, but I can manipulate that as needed

Georgia: Any other questions?

Niraj: Can ASWU members participate?

Kenzie: Yes but you can not win prizes. Maybe at the end of it if theirs time we can do like an ASWU mini tournament just for bragging rights.

Georgia: Any other questions? Thank you Kenzie

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### **Constituency Reports**

#### **Arend**

Jennedy: Arend Residents are doing okay. I have heard from a couple that they are feeling homesick often calling their parents. We have been having issues regarding our personal trash. The RA's were informed and meetings are taking place on some floors.

#### **Ballard**

Eleanor: There has been a lot of excitement in Ballard during this first week of school. Lots of people are utilizing the lounges and I'm happy to see most of the Freshmen interacting with one another, as well as with upperclassmen. A lot of Ballardians have been interacting with the greater BMAC community as well, which is currently in line with my goal to better include Ballardians in conjoined Ballard and Mac activities.

The first milk and cookies went very well, the most people I've ever seen attend, and I'm proud of the number of freshmen Ballardians that turned up. I hope to continue that through tonight's milk and cookies.

#### **Boppell**

Joie: Boppell is doing well this week. I have had conversations with multiple residents with concerns about parking. They have requested a solution to the possibility of a section of the HUB parking becoming an overnight parking for Boppell residents. Other than that, many residents have been saying hello to me in passing and have expressed that their school year has started off well!

#### **Duvall**

Austin: Everything is going well in Duvall, people seem to have settled into their schedules. There is a vibrant social scene at night, which is good for the incoming freshman because they feel more welcome and part of the community.

### **International Students**

Niraj: The international students are doing good. They are settling into their new classes. A few have added, as well as dropped out of classes. The CDA's are organizing a meet and greet with the First Lady of the university, Janice McQuillkin at the president's house. Overall, everything is fine!

## **McMillan**

Matthew: The residents of McMillan Hall are all doing well, except for the few of us who have caught colds or other similar illnesses. This was poorly timed as everyone's classes had just begun. I have also heard from the first years that their first week of classes has been a bit overwhelming. The only issue I have heard about this week is a malfunction with the printer, but it seems like that issue has been sorted out. Overall, Mac is doing well while getting back into the groove of Whitworth's campus life again.

## **Off-Campus Students**

Bobbi Jo: Off-campus is doing good! We had our first event last Friday and everyone had a lot of fun. I've had a lot of interest with the new off-campus rep positions opening up soon. Overall we're excited for the year, and I got some ideas for future events!

## **Oliver**

Stephanie: My constituents seem to be doing pretty well, I just hung up my first newsletter yesterday and had two residents come to me to answer the riddle I put on it. I also had one student drop by at my unofficial office hours last week and we chatted for a while. Everyone is already busy with homework, and getting into the rhythm. Oliver has also been pretty social still, with lots of residents hanging out in the lounge and coming to prime times. Our CBS meeting went smoothly and everyone seems to be happy with our decided quiet hours. I've had a few questions about why there have been ambulances at Oliver so many times in the past week, but I don't know why and don't know who I would ask to clarify, so have just been telling my constituents the truth (that I don't know). Everyone seems to be somewhat concerned but just a little confused mostly.

## **Stew-Ville**

Eli: The residents of Stewart are getting back into the swing of things. Most of them have just finished their unpacking within the last week and are settling into their new dorms. Schedules are being set up as syllabi and homework are started to be handed out by professors. In The Village, incoming freshman are navigating their first weeks at school, figuring out buildings and classrooms with the help of friends, RAs, and upperclassmen

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## **Shoutouts**

Georgia: Good for the order I forgot to mention we do have a surprise for yall after the meeting so stick around. It's pretty killer, and I think yall are going to really like it. Shoutout to grace for creating the elections timeline, that is not easy to do and I totally forgot about it until she even mentioned it at the exec meeting so I'm glad that you are just really jumping on your responsibilities, shoutout to Laurie for being here today for taking the time to support us always. Shoutout to Grace and Bobbi Jo for putting on events and during the first week of the year it's not easy and can be really stressful, shoutout to Jamie for taking the minutes I know it's a very difficult job I used to have one that was very similar and its rough, so thank you Jamie for doing that. And that is it from me.

Grace J: Shoutout to the res hall senators for your first CBS meetings I now those can be very stressful I've done a few in my time, and I hear they went all great, so shoutout to you all.

Gwen: Shoutout to Todd and Jamie for helping me to organize all the club stuff because clubs are crazy and they rock so thank you guys

Grace U: Shoutout to Bobbi Jo and Jamie for doing the heavy lifting at the barbeque

Eli: Shoutout to Grace Johnson for running the Baldwin Jenkins CBS meetings

Bobbi Jo: Shoutout to Jamie for helping me with literally everything that had to do with my event

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*Motioned to adjourn meeting by Bobbi Jo*

*Seconded by Jenedy j*

**Favor: 9 | Oppose: 0 | Abstain: 0**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:36**

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