



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 | December 8, 2021

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	present
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	proxy
Adaeze Njoku Boppell Senator	present
Larkin Dean Duvall Senator	present
Logan Spencer Warren Senator	late

Ethan Strand 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
Cameron Joslyn Neighborhood Senator	present
Munya Fashu-Kanu Off Campus Rep	present
Marie Fenske Off Campus Rep	present
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	present
Hannah Loesch Village Rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 1700.

Rachel: Thank you notes are going around please sign them if you are in ASWU to thank our community people. Stop by afterwards to sign them if you miss them.

Mission statement read by Ethan.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Cam, Seconded by Rebecca

Discussion: None

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Larry Probus

Rachel: Hi everyone welcome. We have Larry Probus here tonight to talk about bus passes. If you are non-ASWU or if you haven't heard, we have a bus pass

committee that meets every other week to brainstorm ways to sustainably finance bus passes. ASWU spends around 17,000 to 20,000 on bus passes each year and that number goes up each year fluctuating as high as 25,000. This bus pass program is a free program for students and great to offer to the student body. Because of financial difficulties we need to find a way to fund it better for the years to come. Larry Probus is here to hear why we need bus passes and get some feedback. Abby will lead the conversation.

Abby: These questions are on the screen from what I interpreted you wanted feedback but if you want to ask them differently or have other thoughts feel free to stop me. Floor is open for input from constituents or themselves on if this program is used or important.

Larry: I'll jump in a bit. A group of ASWU folks came earlier this year and shared with me the challenges of ASWU funding the bus pass program ongoing and thinking about how we can make this a sustainable program in the future that does not require an ASWU budget. It's also a very difficult time for the university to take on new expenses. I won't go into all the details about that but one of the ideas that came up was- well first of all we want to know if it's important to students and do students value this and plan to continue using it. Let's ask that first.

Abby: I reached out to some people, and they have input to share.

Rachel: We will have a 5 min discussion with clear and concise remarks.

Christian: Thank you Larry for being here. Last year I was an Incoming Student Rep when we were voting on whether or not to keep bus passes in the ASWU budget. I did a survey for this year's sophomores but last year's freshman. I got 90 responses and 60% said they used bus passes. Out of those 60 percent, 30% said they used them once a day to once a week and 35% saying they use it for work purposes. This is about 20 students using it every day or week for work which I think is important.

Larry: Thank you for that data. How many students in here have used a bus pass?

Tristy: I have some quotes from constituents who aren't here tonight but wanted to share why it was important. One of them was saying "The free bus passes provided to Whitworth students made it possible for me to complete my degree. As a low-income, first-generation college student, I knew freshman year that my only mode of transportation would be the city bus. I had to commute every weekend four hours by bus to get to work and return to campus. It was tough, but it allowed me to pursue my degree without the financial burden of transportation. My sophomore year I was unable to afford on campus housing and my only option was to live with my sister in Airway Heights, WA. I spent three hours on a bus every day for two years commuting from Airway Heights to Whitworth to pursue my degree. Without the provided bus pass, there was no other feasible way for me to attend on campus classes. I am continually grateful for the generosity of Whitworth University for providing these bus passes, and I am grateful for this opportunity to share my story because I know there are many students who face a similar reality." Another student uses bus pass every day from the south hill to commute to here and wouldn't be able to complete her degree without it.

Larry: Thanks.

Sienna: When I got the agenda personally, I was with some friends and housemates, and we were all a little bit shocked on if it's even a question of importance. For a lot of us it was our only mode of transportation for to work or to internships or anywhere around town for about 4 years before we got cars. Lots of students agree it's shocking that its even a question because it's so important to our experiences.

Jeremy: I'm a senior here and I grew up in California. Having a car was not feasible. Over the summer I needed rides downtown and to go to appointments or places, so I used the bus pass because it is available and easy while being good for the environment

Chris: In the past we had a program called the shuttle service program which helped international students to get from point A to point B and since it ended, I saw an increase of people who were relying on the bus which emphasizes its importance for international or out of state students.

Aeron: I'm Aeron and I want to represent the Hawaii population at Whitworth. Bringing a car to Washington is really hard and costs several thousand dollars to ship our cars here. I remember the past 4 years here I've used the bus pass to get around. We need to be inclusive of the Hawaii community because the busses are how we can get around and explore Spokane.

Thane: As our campus population expands, parking will continue to be a problem. Encouraging passes will cause less people to drive and we will have less of a problem with parking.

Larry: That's a good point. How many people here have cars? One of the possible solutions is that currently there is a \$100 annual fee for parking passes. One solution is to raise this to \$125 and the extra \$25 goes to funding the bus pass program. That is about 1000 parking passes a year so up to \$25,000 dollars a year for the program. The question for those who have cars, you probably won't use the bus passes most times, how do you feel about fees going up to fund this program? From a sustainability point of view, it does have a nice synergy to help fund bus program from parking while encourage people to take busses. It costs us \$150,000 a year to maintain current parking spaces to repave, seal, remove snow, etc. In addition, as we grow, we have to build more spaces which is very expensive. We just expanded A1 last year, and we would like to not expand if we don't have to. This could also help. If you have a car, feel free to share comments about that raise.

Jamie: I use my car a lot as one of the Off Campus Reps and not speaking for everyone, but I wouldn't mind a \$25 increase for two reasons. One, because I believe in bus passes for other reasons shared here and also on selfish note if it helps free up parking for me that's great. I've had to change my schedule knowing it's going to be hard to find parking and it will help those who don't have a car so overall its worth 25 dollars.

Ethan: I have a car on campus and the \$25 does not seem bad and would be easy to pay and knowing what it would be going for in order to help with bus passes, it makes me feel positive about that. I would totally help out.

Dezy: I have a couple questions for clarification. First off, where is the parking pass money going to right now? How would that effect with the \$25 addition? Second, I know that parking is an issue in general and part of the issue is

overnight parking. What would be the issue with turning the overnight lots into lots that you can use for overnight? Personally, especially in the Boppell/ Duvall/ Oliver lot, there is night issues for parking, and it creates a lot of safety concerns especially for people walking at night. Are there different ways we can change things? I'm not against the 25 dollars increase, I like the idea. I am asking questions because we are going to need to expect backlash because people will say they will not be able to afford it considering \$100 is already a lot for students who are already paying gas, insurance, etc. I am just clarifying this now since it will be an issue later.

Larry: Good question. First of all, for the question about where the money is currently going, we get about \$90000 a year from this program. That is about 900 permits. We calculate it costs us \$150,000 just to maintain current spaces with paving, sealing, removing snow etc. We are not raising enough to cover all the costs right now. The rest of the cost comes out of our general funds. For the second question, I don't think I am not qualified to answer. Is your question why can't every spot be overnight?

Dezy: Yes, like specifically the HUB and Hawthorne lots and those closer to residence halls.

Larry: I'm not the best person to ask you should ask Chris Eichorst our facilities director. One issue is snow removal. When it snows if there are cars there when they come in at 4AM to plow, they can't remove it. Some of the major lots for commuters need to be plowed like all of A1 in order to remove snow. I encourage you to send an email to Chris Eichorst about that. It's good for him to hear feedback if there are issues to try and change the rules.

Nate: I'm an off-campus student and I have a car and I use my bus pass once a week to go to church or visit with people. Lots of students own cars but still use the pass. It's a motivation to not buy the parking pass even at \$100. I live close to campus so I walk and bike in order to save money even though I could bring my car. I believe it would be encouraging to make people who live close to have other ways to get to campus especially with the problems finding parking.

Abby: I understand \$25 dollars is hard to find depending on circumstances and I respect that however if we cannot provide bus pass program, we have just a \$100 option. However, if we raise it to \$125 then we have a free option and a

\$125 option. If we take it away the bus pass program, we are doing that 25 dollars a hardship for someone because they would have that free service no matter what if we maintain this program.

Aidan: One thing I would bring up is if we are going to \$125 students need to know what the \$25 is going for. There has been a lot of frustration in the past with the price raise from last year. The increase and not knowing what it is going to does not help them understand where their money is going. If they know it won't be as big of an issue.

Cam: Thank you for coming and listening to the constituents and the university. As an individual of lower socioeconomic status who owns car and also pays the bills for that, it is difficult to even pay \$100 already for a parking pass. An alternative or an addition to the increase in the parking pass fee is maybe partnering with ASWU to develop a program for lower socioeconomic status students to apply to have the fee waived or to receive assistance in paying for it to receive the pass. It's essential that bus passes are provided to transport, but the addition is something to consider.

Makayla: I echo Cam's concerns. I am also from a low socioeconomic status, and I do have the luxury of living close enough to walk. I have used the bus pass too. In extension we need to address the concern of students who even though the free option is more hypothetically feasible, if they have a job directly after classes and the bus takes longer than driving, it's not always feasible to only use the bus pass but if you can't afford it, it creates a time conflict if you are on a time crunch. How do you get on work on time? I echo the idea of some sort of waiving program or assessment for those who cannot afford the fee.

Abby: That is all the questions I have posed. Do you have other things you want to say or things unanswered?

Larry: This has been helpful for me. I was looking up the prices of other schools parking fees today as well. We have a cabinet meeting retreat next week and I am going to bring it up and share your feedback and get feedback from the cabinet and meet back together with Abby afterwards to move forward. We need to make a decision by end of January to publish our rates for next year.

Abby: Thank you for being here.

Club Coordinator Updates

Jamie C: Today we have International Club, Camaraderie of Armed Forces, and the Roundnet Club

- International Club

Reeshika: I'm the event organizer for the international club our international students are doing well. We have lots of events this semester like Diwali, hiking trips, cooking competitions, I-fest, and others. In the spring we are doing a full event with Jessica and ASWU as well.

Georgia: How do you join the club?

Reeshika: Email me and I'll add on list. Rsharma24@my.whitworth.edu

Jamie: The president is Aditi. Her email is Abeesani23@my.whitworth.edu
The Instagram is @Intl_club

- Camaraderie of Armed Forces

Garrett: I'm the president. We are a small club and new-ish. We started at the start of covid and didn't get a good start from the shutdown. We are looking for members. It's a military support club rather than military affiliation but goes in both. We are currently serving veterans, anyone in ROTC, or anyone who wants to be around that environment or support as well as the dependents of the families. We have a new building called the MAVRC, it's not for the club specifically but our club advisor is the veteran coordinator for campus, and we migrated over there as well. It is on the back side of the football and soccer field area. We have our stuff there. There are veteran corps representatives there and someone is usually in that building so if you are interested stop by or send me an email. We have a few members so no events right now with covid making it tough. We are looking for people to start events and more people that way we have people to volunteer for events. ROTC looks for people to help out as well.

Sienna: How can ASWU support you in growing your club?

Garrett: Just more awareness for the veteran community or those affiliated, I guess. Also, a refresher on the rules for posters maybe. Maybe we could have an exception for military personnel so we can have them up longer. Maybe have a special exception for veteran resources not our club specific so we can keep it up longer. Some don't know the resources we have available on campus. Especially for the new people.

Rebecca: What is your email?

Garrett: gossaughnessy23@my.whitworth.edu

- Roundnet Club

Video played in chambers:

<https://youtu.be/Gra6JEcyFg>

Jamie C: His email is Sbutler23@my.whitworth.edu and their Instagram is @whitworthspikeball. Feel free to send questions to him.

Financial Director Updates

Capital: \$19,200

Unallocated: \$18,860

Travel: \$5,780

- Approved Requisitions

Abby: I have the current account totals here. The ultimate Frisbee club aka Bangarang got \$585 for a spring tourney including travel, entry fees, and food. Storytellers club got \$18 dollars for posters and tea. BAP got \$27 for Christmas club snacks for our meeting.

- Requisition Vote

Abby: We do have a requisition vote on the table. Like I said in the email, the conversation cannot go in the route to discuss pro-life pro-choice politics. I do recognize the subject of abortion and these movements can be a tough topic, so I wanted to give a disclaimer and allow an opportunity to leave if you need to. Otherwise, we will continue. The requisition is for Students for Life for

\$1200 in the travel budget. They are taking 6 students which is the \$200 maximum per person. This moves travel fund to around 70% of what's still left on the budget so over half would still be remaining. I will open the floor for any questions for the students for life group.

Rachel: Can you talk why you are going and what the travel is?

Sarah: We are going to the March for Life in Washington DC in the end of January for a couple days. We want to go to sharing our voice and our concern for this issue that we think is important.

Marie: Are you going with the purpose to represent Whitworth or is it just individual?

Sarah: It is more of an individual thing. We do understand as students from Whitworth our actions do reflect on the student body, but this is more individual.

Jessica: Who are the 6 students and why were they picked to travel to DC?

Sarah: It is whoever can and wants to go. There was no limit on the amount of people but the google form I sent showed 6 people wanted to go including myself and 5 others. It is 2 club leaders and 4 members.

Sienna: Why Washington DC and not the March for Life in Spokane?

Rep: At the march for life there is a rally that goes on to see bigger speakers we can't see in Spokane. We wanted to be able to broaden our perspectives and not just stay our little community because this is a national issue.

Cam: Abby what is the total budget for travel?

Abby: The travel budget is 6000. We would still have 50-70 percent of budget left for the spring. This is the primary reason why the finance committee approved all members is because in terms of utilization we have enough money for the spring. This budget is separate from capital and unallocated.

Maya: Why would ASWU fund individual interest trips? If I wanted to protest in New York for climate change, would you fund it?

Abby: Yes, we did that with Nate Beine. Anyone who pays the ASWU fee can requisition for funds. Part of the reason for adding the travel fund is so ASWU can provide these opportunities and that is another reason the finance committee recommends approving this in order to be consistent because with Nate we didn't look at whether or not we agree with climate change and the same approach is used here to remain consistent. To answer your question, yes both individual interests and clubs.

Dezy: Is this for your education or just personal or for fun? What would be your ultimate motive in the experience?

Sarah: It is definitely educational since we are interacting with others and also wanting to put voices out there. It is easy to hold an opinion but harder to put your voice out there.

Kyle: What are you planning on doing in return to campus? Nate went abroad and came back and made presentations on his experience. What would you do?

Sarah: When we did this 2 years ago, we did not do anything, but we may consider that, and we would love to talk about our experiences there and have an open discussion. As of now we don't have plans, but we could.

Motion to Approve Requisition in the Amount of \$1200 From Travel Account

Moved by Hans, Seconded by Kyle

Discussion:

Abby: This cannot be tabled because of the timeline since they are going in January.

Jason: Remember there the ability to make friendly amendments and the answer can be "yes and" or "yes but". There are parameters you can put on any vote you get.

Christian: I think we should approve it but have an educational aspect afterwards

Marie: Abby I'm confused, there is \$6000 total?

Abby: You only vote on things over \$600. The total is down right now because we already approved smaller requisitions. If \$1200 is removed, we still would have over 50-70% left. This isn't draining the budget.

Marie: How many more things will we have like this in the future. If for example they are all \$1200 what would happen?

Abby: I don't know. Typically, international club will have a large requisition around spring break, and I am planning in my mind for that. However, there is no more requisitions on the table, and we have to be diligent at leaving amounts in the spring. We approved this because it leaves enough for the spring.

Marie: It seems like a lot of money, but I don't know the normal amount.

Abby: Requisitions can be any amount. My brain wants half of every account available for the spring to plan. Approving this allows that.

Jamie C: I was at the finance committee meeting. She mentioned Spokane vs DC, and one reason was there was more opportunities to learn there and speakers to hear. Some background they are taking from their own budget as well and not just taking this money only. They are paying for their own food individually and other things as well. It is not a free trip.

Grace: I want to make it known that I am the senator and voice of Oliver residents, so I want to make their opinions known. I talked to a multitude of my constituents about this vote, giving them simply the information I was given, and received an overwhelming amount of no's to the vote. I spoke to a lot of residents about this, not about a debate or pro-life or pro-choice but simply if they think i should vote yes or no to letting these 6 have access to these funds for this cause. and a lot of responses were the same. No was the majority answer because of the controversial nature attached and how it is very one-sided and gave the same vibes as a Trump or Biden rally. we shouldn't be sending students to go to a one-sided event.

Dezy: I was wondering if this would be paying for the tickets or the flight, but it was answered.

Jamie: They found free housing and did lots of research.

Abby: Their flights are more expensive than what we are giving. We set a cap of \$200 for how much someone can ask so it covers part of the flight.

Tristy: I want to echo some things. It should have educational aspect after if it is funded just like with Nate. With what Grace's constituents were saying, if it's funded, we must make a distinct line between representing Whitworth as a whole since it's a controversial topic and not everyone agrees with the values.

Cam: A concern for me is that this is 20% of the overall travel budget which is significant for one event. Also, I have concerns for my constituents regarding being represented by Whitworth at this rally. Some constituents don't want that to happen. Keep that in mind.

Reeshika: How many days are they going?

Abby: It is a long weekend. Maybe 3-5 days or so. This is paying for flights, so length of trip isn't super relevant.

Rebecca: This is not paying for their whole trip just to help them. Its whether or not we want ASWU to back them or not. They are going to go no matter what so it's just on if ASWU wants to support this.

Motion to Extend Discussion by 5 Minutes

Moved by Makayla, Seconded by Ethan

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 1 | Abstaining 1

Motion passes

Marie: Has Whitworth ever funded a trip that was categorized as political representation?

Jason: Yes, we financed this trip 2 years ago and ASWU approved it.

Marie: Was that the only one?

Jason: It's been a while and depends on what you define as political but yes, we have sent students to things they are passionate about.

Jenna: In response to Grace and the idea of representing a side of a political topic, climate change is also political, and we supported that as well with Nate's trip even if more people agree with it. I think even if there is a clarification of them representing themselves as individuals, they seemed aware that their actions reflect on Whitworth. All opinions can and should get trips like this. There should be no reason why different perspectives would get different requisition opportunities.

Chris: As a reminder, please knock and not talk in circles.

Makayla: If we did make a formal proposition that we approve if you have a plan for educating people, how do we do that process with clear definitions upon returning and clear guidelines on how to represent Whitworth on both personal level and upholding Whitworth standards?

Rachel: You would make a friendly amendment that in addition to approval of the motion that they must have an educational event open to the community upon return. I am hesitant to give them very specific guidelines because its invasive, but we must make it clear that as Whitworth students they need to be careful with the money and spending it well. I don't foresee us having behavioral guidelines other than what the university recommends for off campus programs.

Hans: In response to Cam's comment, it is lots of money but nobody else has used it and we have only used like 10% so far so I think it's feasible and makes sense to spend the money.

Aeron: Reminder to voting members to vote on constituents and not yourself. It may be difficult for some but please reflect and vote based on our mission statement.

Sienna: There has been talk on how much it is. I think it does seem a little unreasonable to send six people to DC. Maybe a lower number can do the same effect and decrease the money and members going.

Jamie C: Knowing lots of clubs and views on campus, we did create this club in the first place, and they are students for life. I have hard time saying we won't fund this trip if we are deciding to support them on campus. We fund things on campus that are controversial which is the beauty of expressing views on campus. We did not give Nate rules that he had to come back with. I think the friendly amendment with the educational piece is smart but specific guidelines is not fair since Nate didn't get them.

Dezy: I understand the comparison between climate change and this, but a lot of movements like this and events like this tend to preach hate or can be perceived that way to a lot of people. My concern is even though it may not be something all of ASWU agrees with, but realistically it is going to look like to others that we support this, not that it's bad to everyone. For some the idea of this hurts people and communities. I don't know if it's something that should be associated with Whitworth. It may not be them going for Whitworth but that is how it will be perceived like regardless. Constituents most likely will feel this is what all of ASWU is and what Whitworth is as a whole and it's not fair. It might harm more people than it would benefit just these six people going.

Friendly Amendment to Motion:

Given potential approval, these students must come back with intention to present a formal presentation of educational experiences at the rally separate from personal experiences and make it public to all Whitworth students.

Moved by Makayla, Seconded by Larkin

Rachel: We are voting to accept the friendly amendment, not the actual vote.

Dezy: If we do amend this, what does that do?

Rachel: We will ask for formal education opportunities and they decide what it looks like. I could envision it as maybe a Q/A night in the RTT about experiences or student lecture. Do you agree Makayla?

Makayla: Yes.

In favor: 17 | Opposed: 2 | Abstaining 1
Amendment passes

Rachel: We are now voting on the whole thing. This is a vote on approving the \$1200 for the students for life to go to the March for Life rally in Washington DC with the friendly amendment that they come back and give a formal presentation that would be open to the Whitworth community.

In favor: 14 | Opposed: 4 | Abstaining 1
Motion passes

President Updates

- UREC Presentation

Rachel: Telmen is here from the UREC to give a presentation.

Telmen: Hi I'm Telmen I am a coordinator of the UREC. I have some updates. First of all, we have intramural tournaments, and the climbing wall will be open during Jan Term. Outdoor rec will also continue. We do not have specific dates because we are still planning. Stay tuned. I am here on behalf of the UREC to thank ASWU for sharing our information and thanks for the time and letting me speak. The UREC is beyond grateful to ASWU members.

- Organizing/ Restructuring in February

Rachel: As we mentioned in the past, we wanted to make sure you know in February we will have votes on bylaws and changes in positions and maybe need a constitutional vote to change senatorial and rep positions with a campus wide vote in February. Stay tuned.

- Jan Term

Rachel: I won't be here in Jan term. See you in all 2022. Some others will be gone. Jan term is a chill time. If you are not here, you do not get paid. Do not submit timecards if you aren't here. If you are here, I hope you have a great time. Chris, Grant, and Jason are here. It will be a laid-back time to plan for the spring.

- Thank you notes

Rachel: There are thank you notes going around. If you haven't gotten them, please grab them and sign them. There are 8 cards.

Vice President Updates

- NSSE Data- Accreditation Committee
(Presenter references PowerPoint throughout presentation)

Kyle: Thank you for coming and listening I know it has been a long meeting. I am the member of ASWU on the accreditation committee. You may be thinking, Kyle we had accreditation last year, why are you here. This is why. This is a presentation on NSSE which is a poll every year for baseline information on how Whitworth students are feeling. It is for first years and seniors compared to other schools. This is the type of topics. Next slide is the stats on percentages of engagement. We had 32 percent engagement. This is within reason to the national norm. This is the demographics; the head of committee says the demographics are in line with the population of Whitworth. It's a good fit. This slide is baseline information about the survey, we have two comparison groups to compare, and it's broken into a set of 20 schools they chose to compare to. We switched this last year so there is two sets this way. One comparison group shows 13 of 20 schools, and one has a comparison versus all middle-sized universities. Whitworth chose to spend money to talk about civic engagement and coping with covid. Whitworth took this study after covid which creates issues because some took the survey before February or in May and June. We have to give ourselves some leeway. Across the country it was a weird year. This is what the survey looks like. The triangle that is not filled in is lower and the one circled in is higher. Consider the premix of covid. Looking at the data we are the same except the supportive environment which can be explained by covid as well as collaborative learning. Seniors feel that it was higher in these categories. These bar graphs show what we think first years and seniors are highest performing in out of all the colleges and lowest performing. First years thought having talks with people with political views other than their own was valuable and we are doing worse socially and that could be involved with the data mix of covid. Seniors who took it last year have different experiences than past years. These are data points to share with ASWU. Seniors did not have many differences on belongingness, but it dropped for first years. This was probably a disruption with covid. As a university we want to have a high percentage of community. The topical module Whitworth chose was coping with covid especially with seniors. Good things overall though. In addition, as a result of

covid there has been an increase in anxiety, but Whitworth is doing good comparatively.

- Constituency Report Reminder

Chris: I've seen the responses so far and we are getting some replies. I want to give you all estimates on how many people you need to report for your halls. Neighborhoods you need 20 people, off campus needs 450. We will talk about finding ways to get lots of responses. If you have questions. Let me. Know

Makayla: Today off campus reps did a tabling event. If you want to do this in your own halls I recommend. We had snacks and asked people walking by and enticed people to take our survey.

Chris: Off campus is doing great. This is a separate constituency report than the meetings.

Cam: For advertising purposes, it takes 3 minutes to complete and is easy.

- Communication Expectations

Chris: Not much here, we will talk more next semester. Talk with internal teams and constituents.

- Town Hall Update

Chris: I have been talking with mental health providers to facilitate spaces to talk about mental health on campus. Constituents are struggling. We want to ensure they are offered spaces and resources to be able to help with their conditions.

- 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: Dollar Ganu is our student highlight this week. She is not here but Dollar Ganu is a student leader, and she converses and relates with people across campus so big shoutout to her.

Coordinator Spotlight

Hannah: I'm Hannah the campus activities coordinator. I get to plan events for campus to engage with students and my job is to plan out of the box events that haven't been done and be creative with events like late night karaoke. It has been fun and a good opportunity to see students interact with each other. You can support me by showing up to events and helping out when you can. If you have event ideas from constituents let me know.

Past Events

- Winter Olympics

Rebecca: It went fairly well. We had about 75 people show up. There were not a lot of events because there was no snow. We had spike ball and hot cocoa. We ran out of water but got more eventually. We also ran out of toppings too like the whipped cream went fast. I kept having people asking me questions and saying the hot cocoa was good. The RAs and ACs were great with support, and it came out to about \$4 a person.

- Honest Advent

Jenna: It went well. We got the art up and thanks to those who helped set up and take down that. The Gallery opening was about \$4 a person not including the art. Lots of people said great things and had a good time.

Christian: I wanted to share with everyone and ASWU that passive events are just as important as active events. Yesterday I walked through the chapel and saw the art and it was overwhelming and healing for me. Kudos to you. Many people didn't go to the event but still see the art and are affected by it.

Cam: I think regardless of faith you should check it out. The artist is great.

Georgia: I loved it and Jenna did great work behind the scenes. The artwork is great and impactful and honest. You don't see that in Christmas story scenes very often. Jenna refuses to take credit so I'm giving it publicly.

Upcoming Events:

- Senior Christmas Party

Aidan: It is this Friday, December 10th which is two days away. It is from 7-9pm. I need 6-10 workers. There will be little set up or tear down crews. Are there any seniors that want to work? I need help with cookies, someone to be a person counter, a tech person, floaters, and a picture person. It will be cocktail attire. Wear a nicer outfit but not overly dressy.

- Craft Night

Hannah S: This Saturday is paint night. It is from 7-9pm in the MPR. There will be painting, and it is a study break. I don't need much help but come hang out if you are free. Maybe 2 people to help for the event.

- Spring Retreat

Rachel: The spring retreat is on February 6th at 1pm ending at 4pm. But then we are doing something fun after. We will be meeting in ROB 210 for a big ol' reunion.

Constituency Reports

Oliver:

Grace: I sent out my check-in survey and have some data to report back from my constituents. In terms of how people are doing, not a whole lot of positive responses. A lot of feelings relating to burnout, stress, lack of motivation, loneliness, and just a lot of mental health struggles. I asked how people are taking care of themselves throughout finals season and I really liked hearing their responses because I think even just writing a response motivates you more to take care of yourself more. In terms of more technical issues that residents have seen in Oliver recently, missing ping pong balls, very hot in the hall, not enough salt on the sidewalk resulting in falling, need new expo markers for the study room and an eraser, new art supplies for prime times, and the chairs in the kitchen are supposedly "super sketchy". The types of things people would like to see in Oliver more is things like more primetimes involving food, more events or another dance, a weeklong spirit week like each hall for themselves, fashion shows, more mystery prime times, etc. That is all I have to report on.

McMillan:

Hans: We are doing well. Our RAs got decorations this week and they look dope. Other than that, we are good. We are stressed for finals. We still only have 1 working washing machine. Life goes on.

Stewart:

Rebecca: Stewart is doing alright. It is kind of slow but there are people playing pool sometimes. Everything is decorated for the holidays with lights everywhere.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

Kyle: BJ has been good. We are in dead week and there has been stress but overall, we are doing good.

Incoming Student Reps:

Elisa: I sent out a survey for constituent's mental health. 57% said they were okay, 26% said bad, 13% said pretty bad, and only 3% of people said they were good. It is not great time. Feedback from the survey includes managing stresses and having events with free food.

Michelle: We are prepping for finals and winter break. One concern I have heard is that it is hard to call the health center and they call multiple times with no response. I called yesterday and still don't have an appointment.

Off Campus:

Reeshika: We are having a survey and we need 450 responses so please fill it out. We are planning events in Jan term

The Village:

Hannah L: The Village is good. Everyone is stressed for finals this week. There are extra quiet hours this week. We are planning movie nights before people leave for break. I don't know what movie yet.

Warren:

Logan: We are alright. Everyone is stressed about finals, but we are working hard. I am planning a banana pancake primetime type thing for studiers next week during finals. Hoodies are being ordered currently

International Students:

Michael: It has not been a great week. Lots of flights are being cancelled due to covid, and finals are rough. Some people haven't been back home and have to reschedule flights.

Neighborhoods:

Cam: We are working. Constituents are packing for Jan term trips and study abroad trips. We are ready to be done.

Ballard:

Katelynn: We are doing awesome. There are tons of people in the lounges. We are hanging out and struggling through dead week but doing good otherwise. We were recognized as having best grades on campus, but mental health has been a detriment. It has been great to celebrate academics, and nobody has a C- or lower but its apparent when people are in study rooms until 4AM all the time.

Boppell:

Dezy: Boppell is looking cute right now. Come look at it it's great. If there was a competition we would win. I came here and got 7 stacks of paper for finals to fill the printer. I get texts at 2am to fill it. Unfortunately, I don't get up, so I am trying to keep it filled a lot and trying to get ahead. I have one big email coming with a final check-in for the first semester. It also helps with knowing who is going to be there over Jan term.

Duvall:

Larkin: We are doing good. It has been quiet with studying, but we see people gather for primetimes or study sessions. I got stickers for Duvall. It is my bribe to get constituency reports done with stickers. We have a holiday party tomorrow which will be a nice break from studying. There are lots of things going on. The leadership team has been dressing like reindeers.

Arend:

Ethan: Arend is good there is lots of studying for finals, but it has not stopped the December spirit. We are having good times and chilling.

Christian: We have a student on campus that relies on a wheelchair due to mobility issues. The hills and ice on campus are tough. I want to set up a phone tree for students to call so they can help her across campus. I want to set up that list for Jan term. Can anyone be willing to be on that list? We will look at everyone's schedules and we will set it up. If any of your friends are interested let me know.

Nick: Hi I am Nick, the sociology student doing a toilet paper drive. Our main need right now is toilet paper. We are asking for donations, and I've extended the time and we also accept Venmo donations and have raised \$300 so far. We are raising money until 4pm on Friday and going to Costco and buying as much toilet paper as I can. I will be posting on Instagram. Donating via Venmo is an idea for those who cannot get off campus. I will stick around after the meeting.

Makayla: In light of flight cancellations, if you are local around Whitworth, I would encourage you to open your home so we can remind people that the Whitworth community is there for people experiencing difficult times and not just for the holidays but also that some students haven't been home in years.

Shoutouts

Chris: Shoutout to Grant for typing everything.

Rachel: Shoutout to Cam, it's his last meeting. He has exciting opportunities. We will miss you and thanks for serving Whitworth well. Shoutout to everyone for a fantastic semester. Starting in September we didn't know where we would be and we have come so far.

Abby: Shoutout to everyone for the voting and discussions we had earlier and the respect in the room.

Makayla: Shoutout to everyone for the commitment and for showing up to support those who are struggling when we are also struggling. I am proud and thankful for all of you.

Christian: Shoutout to Nick who had one announcement and stayed for the whole meeting.

Tristy: Shoutout to the bus pass committee for working diligent and to Abby for coordinating with Larry

Jamie C: Abby is doing a good job but messed up on the brownies. She is always prepared and does lots of work and comes home and works even more. Shoutout to her.

Jason: Shoutout to everyone for a great semester, we have all done great work and great rebuilding of our community. It was not possible without you. I forgot to mention our ASWU crewnecks are here and starting tomorrow you can pick them up. I have to keep track so make sure I am there. Come by starting tomorrow. Wear them for spring retreat.

Georgia: Shoutout to Abby and Jamie for lots of behind-the-scenes work. They look like easy jobs but it's because they do a lot behind the scenes and also thanks for the treats.

Dezy: I had 4 cookies.

Aeron: Shoutout to the senior class of 2022. We have next week and one more semester and then we leave. Senioritis is definitely here.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Cam, Seconded by Rebecca

In favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1843