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### 2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes [03/04/2026]

#### Executive Members:

[Abby Ruffcorn]   President	PRESENT
[Eli Harris]   Vice President	PRESENT
[Jasmine Arevalo-Amaya]   Financial Director	PRESENT
[Chloe Jane Crandell]   Communications Director	PRESENT

#### Coordinators:

[Michael Barnes]   Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
[Gwen Brantner]   Club Coordinator	PRESENT
[Vernon Glass]   Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
[Avery Hamilton]   Senior Class Coordinator	PRESENT
[Jasmine Schmidt]   Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT

[Ellie Woods] | School Spirit Coordinator PRESENT

[Aubrey Lathrom] | Traditional Events Coordinator PRESENT

Senators:

[Halle Price] | Arend Senator PRESENT

[Katayanna Glavin] | Ballard Senator PRESENT

[Seth Phillips] | Baldwin-Jenkins Senator PRESENT

[Azalea Vlietstra] | Boppell Senator PRESENT

[Bennett Johnson] | Commuter Student Senator PRESENT

[Grace Reynolds] | Duvall Student Senator PRESENT

[Nina Susin] | International Senator PRESENT

[Kaleb Capellar] | McMillan Senator PROXY

[Cristian Martinez] | Neighborhoods Senator PRESENT

[Emily Edstrom] | Oliver Senator PRESENT

[Aloisa Morales-Saldana] | StewVille Senator PRESENT

Representatives:

[Isabella Gichole] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Logan Roy] | Incoming Class Representative PRESENT

[Laney Thomas] | Commuter Student Representative PRESENT

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Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

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Mission statement read by Vernon

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Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 02/25 by Vernon

Seconded by Bennett

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Minutes have been approved.

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Student Highlight

Eli: Our student highlight this week is Gavin Hoaglund last Friday he jumped in and learned how to be a Patches handler.

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ASWU Highlight

Eli: Our ASWU Highlight this week is Aloisa just because she's been so on top of everything, getting her posters and events planned and so we just want to recognize her for that.

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What's Up Whitworth

Vernon: So, first thing. Do you all know what the Black Lens is? The Black Lens is a Newspaper in Spokane, it centers around the African American community and with my efforts in Olympia I

have been featured in this newspaper. There are multiple copies in the ISC that you can pick up. Number 2 I have been interviewed by Dale Soden, who is running the History of Race sessions. He will be having a presentation on the 1970s to today and referencing a conversion we had. Number 3 Fry Bread night will be in the ISC on Friday from 5-6 or 5-7 I don't know but there's fry bread in there.

Nina: You can go to the Career Center and put a withholding for your paychecks so that your money goes to your taxes. A lot of international students have been doing that. But recently, payroll is now doing this on their own and people didn't know about this so people are losing money. Apparently, they were supposed to be doing this before. A lot of people have been coming to me asking if they should take their withholding but I'm not sure because they aren't talking about it. So it's just super frustrating.

Bennett: I've addressed this before, but I am going to continue to address it. People are not stopping at cross walks even when the light is on. I've tried addressing with facilities before and they keep saying that adding more indicators is unsafe. So, I don't know what to do about this but its dangerous.

Happy Birthday Gwen!

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## Club Updates

Swing & Ballroom Entertainer Vote:

Jennie: It's Tom Hamming from West Side swing. He will be teaching Lindy hop.

Vernon: What's the location of the event?

Jennie: It's in the Chapel.

Motioned to approve entertainer by Bennett

Seconded by Isabella

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Swing & Ballroom entertainer has been approved.

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## Athletic Updates:

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Christian:

Looking back:

- Mens Basketball wins NWC Chip
- Track completed their first home Outdoor meet of the season
  - 44 conference qualifying marks
- M&W Tennis handled business against L&C and GeorgeFox this past weekend  
Baseball won their series against UPS 3-1

Looking ahead:

Friday

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- MENS BASKETBALL TRAVELS TO TEXAS FOR D3 PLAYOFFS!!!!

Saturday

- Wten: 11 AM – vs University of Puget Sound
- LAX: 1 PM – vs George Fox University

Sunday

- Wten: 10 AM – vs Willamette University
- LAX: 1 PM – vs Willamette University

OTHER AWAY

- Baseball
  - Softball
  - M & W Golf
  - Track & Field
  - Mten
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## Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Finance committee is meeting this Friday.

Unallocated: \$10,402.72

Capital: \$16,940.68

Motioned to approve FSOP by Bennett

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

FSOP changes have been approved

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## Vice President Updates:

Eli: SEC we meet next Tuesday. Senators, please encourage people to apply for elected positions! Believe it or not Bennett and Cristian do not need your posters since they do not have a residence hall to hang up in.

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## President Updates

Abby: We have our UGM serve day this weekend. We want to make sure everyone can get there since its mandatory.

Assembly goes on to make carpooling plans.

Abby: For this serve day wear clothes you can do work outside in. Please bring your ASWU sweatshirt.

Isabella: Are the sweatshirts in for new members?

Abby: Not yet but they are ordered. I also sent an invite for our serve day with Gonzaga. We are going to be doing Spokane Serves. It's mandatory but not the whole time. We are exploring Gonzaga's facilities, and they are coming to Whitworth to do the same thing. We are probably going to be interviewed by Spokesman review. Food will be provided for this.

Emily: That is the same day as SIRC. So, if we could get more information about this.

Abby: I can definitely get you more information on that. I'm very proud of everyone we have the same amount of people as EWU for HFH. I also talked with security, and they have changed their language on their website for safe rides. This next slide is a map showing the lighting conditions. There were over 30 lights that weren't working or weren't coming on. But now they are almost all fixed or getting fixed.

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## Past Events

### Mario Kart Tournament:

Seth: This was my tournament and it went really well even though it was the night before the 3-day weekend. It was a lot of fun.

### Cupcake Catchup:

Aloisa: My event was last Friday. We made cupcakes and got to chat with people from other buildings. I posted pictures on the Stewart IG. I also handed out cupcakes.

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## Upcoming Events

### Despicable Me in the U-Rec:

Michael: This is this Friday from 8:30-10:30. We will be using the big screen from orientation. We will also be having Raising Canes. SO please tell your people. It's going to be a lot of fun. Please dress up.

### Casino Night:

Aubrey: I will be sending out a very long email before the end of this week that gives you all of the info we talked about these past couple weeks. If you have any questions or can't make it, please tell me now. If you know anyone who wants to come, please let me know.

Katayanna: I wanted to let you know that I get off work at 6:30 so I will be a little late.

Aubrey: Please let me know day of if something comes up. Please text me.

Ballard Tea:

Katayanna: This is next Saturday around primetime hours. It's a traditional event. Please encourage people to do it. It's not super serious its just meant to be fun. We are partnering with the Swing& Ballroom dance club. So, you should come by.

Slime Jam:

Aloisa: This an event I'm doing with Azalea. We are thinking of having slime and a study break. It will be 7-9pm.

Just Dance:

Grace: This is an event Seth and I are doing. It was really popular last semester when I did it. There will be food and competition.

Pizza and Praise pt 2:

Logan: It's the same event that I held last semester just an hour shorter. Please let people know that its not just an event for freshman its just run by freshman. It's also the Thursday before work week so that everyone can come.

ISC 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary:

Vernon: This is in collaboration with Nina. It's quinceañera themed. There will be Costco sheet cake and soda. It will be the Friday before Spring Break so it will be a nice way to go into Spring Break.

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Constituency Reports

Arend

[Halle]: Arend has a Nintendo Switch! It arrived on Monday, and we had the grand opening yesterday during Prime Time, where our RA, Adamaris, hosted an Olympics Prime Time and used it as one of her events. There are still a couple of kinks we need to work out, but we are all excited for it to go into the RA closet to be borrowed and continue to further the community in Arend.

Ballard

[Katayanna]: Ballard residence have been hard at work studying as midterms are approaching. Many residences are looking forward to Ballard tea, along with getting ready for spring break. Many are still complaining about the football players being loud around 6 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays but understand that there is nothing further that can be done. We hope that practice ends soon so we can get our much-needed sleep for midterms.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ residents found themselves out of the res hall over the 3 day weekend. The pressure of midterm exams has the life of the lounge up and down. With the couple days of warm weather many residents were out and about doing outside activities. The residents that showed up to my Mario Kart tournament enjoyed it and had lots of fun. We have gotten a price to repair the Pool Table in BJ for \$800. Hopes are to get it actually repaired soon and fulfill the requests of my constituents. This past week has been great for BJ.

Boppell

[Azalea]: This week in Boppell has had it highs and lows. The water in the building is still not fully hot, but thanks the to the diligence of facilities, lukewarm water has been established and a replacement part is in the process of being installed. In other positive news, the new ping pong table has been a great hit, filling the lounge with the sounds of community and competition. As we go into a new week Boppell is grateful for water that is tolerable and any excuse to take a break from studying.

Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuters are having a week. Midterms are in full swing and many are stressed and attempting to study. Academic buildings and computer labs both lock at hours that make it hard for commuters to succeed, and cannot be unlocked. Additionally, commuters, including myself, feel unsafe crossing roads. We are forced to park in lots far away like A1 or the lower Hawthorne lot, and cars are not stopping at crosswalks even with lights flashing. I have assured the constituents who have reached out that I will do what I can, but I have already been shut down by facilities. Not all hope is lost, students can look forward to an event co-ran by Halle and I when we get that scheudled!

Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall is getting quieter as the week for midterms draws closer. Primetimes are back to their usual lower attendance that we saw back during the fall semester. But our

events centered around food and cooking are seeing the most resident interaction. Overall, Duvall is doing well.

#### Incoming Class

[Isabella]: The incoming class has been working hard preparing for midterms. Many people have expressed interest in joining leadership and applied to be RAs and CMCs and are currently preparing for their interviews. Overall the incoming class is doing good and are still looking forward to spring break.

#### International Students

[Nina]: International students have been enjoying the sunny and warmer days. Many are excited to get their taxes done next week in the workshop we will be hosting. And so many people are excited for our pool/ping pong table to arrive, and for the ping pong championship to happen. All in all, international students are good.

#### McMillan

[Gavin]: The guys of McMillan got their first taste of water polo in a long time and were super stoked to have its return. Milk and Cookies turnouts remain a little low, but game nights still see success and spirits rose because of a naming occurring. The men are looking forward to events like Casino Night and Ballard Tea, while keeping their focus on their studies. McMillan is well.

#### Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhoods are quiet this week, diligently working away in their classes, with some houses hosting fun events to start out the month. we have a lot to look forward to this month as we get closer to spring break, until then we get to enjoy this heavy rain before the sunshine. Besides that, not much is new besides my destroyed garbage can that was struck one fateful morning by some aggressive driver.

#### Oliver

[Emily]: Oliver residents enjoyed taking a break from school last Friday for Faculty Development Day. The survey I designed for Whitworth Student Talent went out this week, and is already starting to have names added! I'm in the midst of planning for my DNA extraction prime time at the end of March. Oliver Twist is also being planned for the middle of April, and I'm excited to collaborate with the swing and ballroom dance club for the event. We're looking forward to a night of art deco swing and fun drinks.

## Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: In Stew-Ville, everything is quite quiet as usual. Constituents are roaming the lounge as they play a few games of ping pong. They have very much enjoyed the new paddles, as they can play the game better. Additionally, Cupcake Catchup was very loved as constituents came to decorate cupcakes, eat the cupcakes, and have a small chat with those attending. Most of those who did show up filled out the QR code and had an eagerness to do so.

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## Shoutouts

Aubrey: I need some feedback on prom ticket stuff.

Eli: They've been free in the past but my freshman year they cost \$5. I think that's pretty affordable.

Michael: I know you've played around with the idea if they come to your office hours, they will get them for free. But otherwise, they can pay for them at the desk.

Avery: Has there been low attendance?

Aubrey: No but we've had some people not come after getting tickets and people not get tickets but still show up.

Avery: If it's not a super big incentive to get people to buy tickets I would keep it free because I know that if I had to pay, I probably wouldn't go.

Aubrey: Yea exactly, so I don't know. I think if theres an issue with a whole bunch of people getting tickets and nobody shows up then I think we make it so people have to buy them but that wasn't an issue last year and you had to pay for the tickets. The year before that I don't know what Grace did. But since last year was paid I gave ASWU free tickets because we weren't working the event.

Eli: I think Grace's was free.

Chloe Jane: I'm pretty sure it was free.

Todd: There were tickets because she had to have some way to account for the number of people. Oh, it was because of the size constraints of the space.

Aubrey: Last year we had it paid but it was around the same attendance as the year before so that's why I'm kind of messing with different ideas on what to do because I still want it to be accessible.

Isabella: You could always do a deposit.

Jasmine: Or you could have a coffee card.

Aubrey: If you have any thoughts let me know.

Vernon: Shoutout to everyone who had pizza and went to the chiefs game on Saturday. Also, shoutout to Seth who bought a \$200 jersey with me.

Bennett: People think that we implemented the new chalking policy. That was exacerbated with us posting a video on it. It's really hard to approach because people are really frustrated.

Vernon: I get where you are coming from but its just assumptions.

Eli: People blame us for everything.

Gwen: You can specify that the division of student life did that.

Avery: We picked out commencement speakers. It was actually a pretty fast process. One is Ahmed Amir and the other is Tania. They both accepted. We've been working on that for a long time.

Emily: I have posters in people's boxes. If you are in art buildings or know people on those buildings, you should tell them about it.

Vernon: Shoutout to and RIP to the Lightning Tree. If you have posters for the ISC you can put them in my box and I can hang them up.

Michael: I need 3 people to help with my event. Is anyone available. If you can be there by 7pm for setup that would be great. I trust that all of you who can help will show up.

Logan: Alexis told me that the QR codes for the campus worship auditions don't work so email her.

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Motioned to adjourn meeting by Vernon

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 14 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [5:42]

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