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2021-22 ASWU Meeting Minutes | April 20th, 2022

**Attendance:**

Rachel Ayres   President	present
Chris Clay   Vice President	present
Abby Douglas   Financial Director	present
Grant Hill   Communications Director	present
Hannah Sommerville   Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Georgia Goff   School Spirit Coordinator	present
Tristy Osbon   Sustainability Coordinator	present
Aidan Walsh   Senior Class Coordinator	late
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	late
Christian Aguilar   Outreach Coordinator	present
Grace Johnson   Oliver Senator	present
Katelynn Diaz   Ballard Senator	late
Adaeze Njoku   Boppell Senator	present
Larkin Dean   Duvall Senator	present
Logan Spencer   Warren Senator	late
Samie Schaffer   Arend Senator	present
Kyle Marquez   Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Reeshika Sharma   Off-Campus Senator	proxy
Michael Lie   International Student Senator	absent

Payton Wyatt   Neighborhood Senator	present
McMillan Senator	proxy
Munya Fashu-Kanu   Off Campus Rep	present
Marie Fenske   Off Campus Rep	present
Courtney Cossette   Off Campus Rep	present
Jamie Furr   Off Campus Rep	proxy
Makayla Pugmire   Off Campus Rep	present
Michelle Lie   Incoming Student Rep	absent
Elisa Vigil   Incoming Student Rep	present
Hannah Loesch   Village Rep	late

Meeting brought to order at 1701.

Mission statement read by Munya.

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Moved by Samie, Seconded by Larkin

Discussion: None

In favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

**Club Coordinator Updates**

Abby: Today we have EAC and Astronomy for club updates.

- EAC

Nate: EAC this year is doing good. We have biweekly meetings and anywhere from 3-4 people came or up to 15 to 20 people at the meetings. We had a number of good events in the fall like harvest festival and after covid it was exciting to see lots of people and community members. This spring we had a lecture with Dr. Zhao in political science research. We have lots planned for earth week with many posters around. There are many cool events to come so please show up. We have great things this year. We chose new leadership for next year to recharter.

- Astronomy Club

Video played in chambers: [https://mywhitworth-my.sharepoint.com/personal/nthompson22\\_my\\_whitworth\\_edu/Documents/Attachments/Astronomy%20Club%20Update\(1\).mp4](https://mywhitworth-my.sharepoint.com/personal/nthompson22_my_whitworth_edu/Documents/Attachments/Astronomy%20Club%20Update(1).mp4)

Abby: If you have any questions, the email is on the screen.

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### **Financial Director Updates**

Capital: \$19,090

Unallocated: \$12,154.60

Travel: \$4,290

- Budget next week

Abby: These are the account totals now. We have budget committee meetings today and yesterday. Next week we will be presenting it to vote on. I appreciate your diligence and proactivity in asking questions and sending emails.

- Requisition Deadline Reminder

Abby: The last one is April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have people in clubs that you know or if you need money, this is the last chance to requisition.

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### **President Updates:**

- Beyond the Pines

Rachel: First of all, Beyond the Pines is a PR agency on campus that students run. It is similar to other student media like yearbook, Whitworthian, and Whit FM. I was contacted by the Beyond the Pines advisor asking if they can go underneath the ASWU umbrella. It is communication affiliated but it exists separately right now. I am proposing that next week we can vote on this. There is not a technically official way to add a form of student media into ASWU. I am wondering if there are any questions about this. I have the proposal to use if you have questions. They are not asking for any money for student employment hours. Other organizations have positions we fund as ASWU and Beyond the Pines is not asking at this point, but they do ask for a small budget with maybe \$300 like the clubs get when they start. There could possibly be more down the line but not currently. They just wanted to be underneath the ASWU umbrella. Are there any questions regarding upcoming the vote next week to add this to the media section?

Makayla: What benefits do they gain by being under ASWU?

Rachel: Mostly visibility. They are hoping to better advertise outside of the communication department, and they want more participants and more funding.

Marie: What sort of media do they produce?

Rachel: They do two things. I'm in it so I am a little biased. They in the past have worked with off campus non-profits. For example, if the YMCA wants a pamphlet and doesn't have the funds, they can use students who are trained to create a pamphlet and give it to the organization. Recently they have been doing work on campus through the diversity monologues and the business office. They have an external and internal focus for voting and advertising.

Christian: How many people are a part of it currently?

Rachel: It is a class with 20 students enrolled, similar to other organizations.

Christian: Will it still be a class?

Rachel: Yes. Other media organizations have a class as well and they have ASWU coverage.

Makayla: Is ASWU going to utilize them in some way given what they are oriented towards? Was there an exchange so we can use their resources?

Rachel: They totally could if they wanted to help in promoting Springfest, they could share projects and outsource. It is free and a cool program. This is all possible since it is not set in stone. We will vote next week. Dr. Bogarash can also answer questions.

- Accreditation Committee Sub

Rachel: Kyle has been serving faithfully on the accreditation committee and they have a meeting he cannot go to, but anyone can go. Is anyone free at 9am on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> for a zoom meeting? It is about an hour.

Jamie C: I can do it.

- PELL Grant Webinar

Rachel: Rhosetta Rhodes reached out to me today to let me know about an upcoming webinar for students in leadership roles with colleges with federal funding. The PELL grant is given to students, I have received it before. The webinar wants to discuss doubling the grant amount given. It is a low amount right now with what college costs. The webinar allows us to talk to congress and students and ask questions. I highly encourage you all to go and if you are free

it's about an hour and Rhosetta requested you. The time is April 26<sup>th</sup> which is a Tuesday at 10am on zoom. Right now if want to go for sure, let me know and I can send the information.

- BOT Reminder

Rachel: Board of trustees are in town tomorrow starting with their meetings. Students that I have reached out to, you know if you are going to meetings so please go and you will update us next week for 2-3 minutes. This is to make sure information from the meetings is relayed back to greater organization. Good luck and if you see board of trustee members on campus make sure to smile, wave, and talk about ASWU.

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### **Vice President Updates:**

- Planning Transition Meetings/ Preparing Binders

Chris: As we prepare to transition to next year, make your binders with thoughts and opinions on your positions, how we can improve, ways you were successful, and how ASWU can serve people better. Make sure to start to do that and prepare and plan. I will start to pair the newly elected people up via email.

- Events for Senator Halls

Chris: Please do your hall events and if you don't have access to the calendar make sure to have access because there is not much time left. Events need to be on Infosilem with FRFs filled out and posted on HFS.

- 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: Biruk Kebede is our student highlight today. He does so many things on campus and got accepted into John Hopkins for his master's in public health. He has served as an RA, CDA, a member of BSU, and lots of other things. We want to recognize him and his contributions on campus.

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### **Past Events:**

- Senior Celebration

Aidan: It went really well. One good thing was there was lots of people, and it was also scary because lots of people came at 3:30 so there was a big rush at

the start. I think probably next time I would stay the same with how many blankets I ordered I since I ordered 200. I would do a different food, I think. It went well besides that, and they enjoyed the celebration instead of a grad fair which would have not been as fun.

Makayla: I went and I liked the pop-up tables like BECU and the career center was there. It was helpful for last minute resources like opportunities after graduation and how you can stay connected and get resources with Whitworth. I liked the prizes, and it was fun to destress and release anxiety with graduation.

Logan: I went and helped with the drinks and there were lots of alcohol jokes. It was funny. It was cool to see seniors who hadn't seen each other in a long time and reconnect. It was a great community.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- Mario Kart Tournament

Hannah S: This Friday from 7-9pm in the loop please come play Mario kart. If you are working, we signed up last week and I will send a reminder email tomorrow and arrival times. I am excited. There will be lots of fun prizes and snacks. Come join.

- Neighborhoods Speakeasy/ Open Mic

Payton: It is this Saturday from 3-5pm in Kipos. Kipos is across from The Pines if you are struggling finding it. I am excited. We are beginning with an open mic with a QR code on posters to sign up. Get your posters please. Then there is mocktails and a ton of plants and a plant raffle with cookies, snacks, and yard games. The chickens responded and they will be open to feed and say hi. Invite your friends.

- Senior Fun Day

Aidan: It is this is Sunday from 2-4pm and I have sign ups.

Rachel: Do seniors have second priority to sign up?

Aidan: Yes. If seniors want to help set up or take down, you can but don't help during the event. I will send an email about the games and training.

- Earth Week

Tristy: I said the events already and I don't want to repeat them so look at the calendar. It starts on Friday. Tell your residents. I posted it on the EAC Instagram so share that. I do need maybe 1 person for trivia night on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

running the Kahoot. Let me know if you want to help. Please come get free prizes.

- Arend Hang-Out

Samie: This is a super chill and low-key event. It is right after Aidan's senior fun day on the 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the loop if weather permits. There will be cornhole, Spike ball, giant Jenga, Connect 4, snacks, and music so it will be a fun time. Tell people to come. I am staffed.

- Peaceful Valley Clean-Up

Christian: Hi friends this is our service project I mentioned last week. That is April 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm for the project and 430-6pm for food and fun items. If you have registered, can you raise your hand? If you need service hours for something although it is only 1.5 hours, it will be great work.

- Duvall Drive-In

Larkin: This is on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-10pm on DuvOliver lawn. The movie is Megamind. We are having snacks and drinks so bring friends and blankets. Posters are getting signed, and I have handouts to grab. Please hang them up. Tell your friends and residents. I am good for sign-ups.

- Second Chance Prom

Sienna: We are out of tickets still. It is on April 30<sup>th</sup> and you already signed up so dress snazzy, wear your name tags, and dance your heart out.

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## Constituency Reports

### **Ballard:**

Katelynn: We are good. It has been quiet. People are burnt out coming back from break and it has been a quiet and unmotivated time. People are doing good. I usually have something about the community, but they are staying in their rooms and grinding out the last part of the semester.

### **Boppell:**

Dezy: I have a couple of interesting things. Starting off, it's taurus season so that's cool. It has been an interesting two days. Last night I was going to late night and get snacks and there is a control panel in front of Boppell with security things. It had a flashing light that says trouble. I thought I should call security so I called, and they could come but they didn't. I thought maybe it isn't serious. Then I guess this morning I was in class, and we had fire drill and there was some kind of leak or fire under Boppell so that was interesting because I called security because it said trouble then that happened. I was confused. I had a meeting with Mac and Tim two weeks ago and it was very interesting. If you are

interested in hearing how it went, let me know. I am planning on a few things for next semester for security and student relationships. Hannah and I are planning an event and we decided on a paint n sip with hammocks a couple weeks away for the weather to get better.

**Duvall:**

Larkin: We are doing good. After talking to constituents they said they enjoyed break but are feeling overwhelmed with classes. They wished we got 4-day weekends every week. I have seen lots of movie nights going on in the movie room and I joined in a few times.

**Oliver:**

Grace: Oliver residents have been doing great in a lot of ways, not so much in others. Easter break was a refreshing time for most, either being with friends, family or just catching up on sleep. I can tell that things are slowing down however, people are unmotivated and mentally exhausted at this point, so the influx of events will hopefully help with that. We are in the home stretch before summer, so it's important that we check up on our residents and provide them with support at this moment in time. Also, hoping to do a small event with yard games and music here in early May.

**Arend:**

Samie: We are doing good for the most part. There is a sickness going around. Please wash your hands. Also some students are feeling burnt out with core stress for exams. That's it.

**Baldwin-Jenkins:**

Kyle: The noisiest building on campus is resoundingly woken up by fire alarms constantly and I don't know what to do. We have had maybe 20 this year. Anyways, Easter break was good for some and for some they were crying on the way back because they didn't want to leave home. I felt bad. Everyone is hanging in there and pushing through.

**Incoming Student Reps:**

Elisa: The general feeling is that we are in the calm before the storm. The workload is okay now but anxiety it is about to get a lot worse. Other than that, one thing I've heard is excitement about housing assignments for next year which is a step up from two weeks ago.

**Off Campus:**

Jessica: This is from Reeshika. We are doing good. There is lots of constituents excited about prom and there are newsletters being sent out on Friday. The yard sale is on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Posters and sign-ups will be ready by Monday. Snacks and suggestions welcome.

**The Village:**

Hannah L: We are doing good. We are excited about housing next year and for more than one laundry machine. Everyone had a good easter break and some were sad to come back. That's about it. Most people are getting ready for the end of the year.

**Warren:**

Logan: They have been stressed and sad lately. The break was good, but everyone is dreading school. Over Easter weekend I had an egg dying thing and I sent an email and lots of people came. There was lots of stress about school coming to an end and only having 1 month left. There are countdowns on people's doors. Everyone is getting teased with the weather. They want to go outside but then it's cold. There is lots of excitement on upcoming events like prom and UREC teams for the blacklight volleyball. My event for the semester is a kickball game and I am thinking about leadership vs residents could be fun.

**International Students:**

Michael: Not present

**Stewart:**

Not present

**McMillan:**

Lucien: We are feeling tired lately. The absence of Hans is felt. Things are getting put back to together now. We are feeling better now that it is done. Everyone is hopeful for the end of the semester and the workload is tiring.

**Neighborhoods:**

Payton: Break was good but there is lots of stress in the air. There is not a lot happening with group events in the neighborhoods, but house dynamics are good. My housemate and I had for next year had people come visit and check out the space which is exciting. There is excitement for the event on Saturday.

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**Campus Vibes**

Katelyn: In the Health Science department there is lots of surveys going around and I have one so you should all take it. I have the QR code it's my phone wallpaper. If you get sent a link, please do it. It means a lot and they are short, and you can win gift cards. Shoutout to students doing research. It is lots of work but hopefully it will go well.

Grace: I heard lots of people are sick from Sodexo recently including myself. Lots of food poisoning.

Tristy: SIRC is this weekend which is undergrad research. There are lots of students from Whitworth and other colleges are coming and presenting. Come show support and network with people in grad schools. Also, there is a tree pruning event happening with inland northwest land conservancy. It is with Dornsife, and it is this Saturday from 9-12. Posters are up so I'm plugging it and go if you are interested.

Larkin: I have a lot of constituents walking up and asking about safety. One girl feels unsafe walking from the hub to Duvall which concerns me. I was wondering when the blue light in front of Duvall is coming so I wanted to check in if anyone knows anything.

Tristy: The only update I heard was they are planning on putting 3 more on campus. One in front of the new health science building and one between Mac and Ballard but they are arguing on exact placement. I can't remember the other place. That's about it.

Jason: Last I was told was they would be put in in April, but they didn't anticipate snow. It was pushed probably until May at the earliest I would guess.

Tristy: There are lots of products on backorder and they are getting emails saying it may show up.

Larkin: I just had lots of people asking and I wanted to check, and my resident has night classes so they don't feel comfortable walking and they feel unsafe.

Aidan: I have two things. I'm getting posters for senators for the senior class gift with a QR code soon, but I have handouts until then they will be in your boxes. Second, for senior fun day I had the opportunity of asking professors to do the dunk tank. If you have Josh Leim or Mark Baird, say thank you because they are troopers and are the best. The rest are all coincidentally out of town this weekend. If you have a professor you love, I don't have many from the health science or education departments. Let me know.

Katelynn: I have a few residents, not a lot, but they talk about the gluten free options again in Sodexo. They have maybe two options and one sandwich and the other option is too spicy. There is lots of frustration from people eating the same meal over and over. Gluten free bread is the only thing there really. Nutrition wise it is not sounding great. I talked to the Sodexo guys about it but I wanted to bring it up here as well.

Chris: Last time I held a meeting with international students so they can contact me and we can all talk to Sodexo together.

Visitor: I second that with dairy free options. There are not much.

Chris: We can have a nutrition conversation with Sodexo because the pork problems were accommodated.

Rachel: Including this meeting, there is 4 left. It will go fast y'all. Only 3 where we are up here then the next team does the last one.

Jamie C: There is a track conference this weekend so be praying for them and encourage them.

Logan: Softball and baseball and other spring sports are going to conference this weekend as well. Cheer them on and watch on livestreams for everywher

Jamie C: I will send a livestream to the GroupMe.

Jason: Many know this year for 2022 is the 50 year title IX anniversary. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, which is Monday at 7pm in Wey 107, the athletics department is sponsoring an LFG equal pay equal play movement event with the women's soccer team and there will be a screening and discussion to follow to talk about title IX history.

Abby: Where is 107?

Jason: RTT

Jessica: Diversity monologues are coming up. Keep your eye out for details. It is next Thursday at 7pm in Cowles.

Logan: The Luau is this weekend so stop by for good food and dancing, they are practicing hard.

Chris: There is a Ramadan event tomorrow so sign up with the international club via a link on Instagram or reach out to [abeesani23@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:abeesani23@my.whitworth.edu).

Visitor: If you are interested in being involved in decisions on the theatre program, they are having a meeting this Friday at Stage 2 at 12:45pm and they will announce the season and discuss problems the shows might have and uncomfortable things because "something rotten" had controversies.

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## **Shoutouts**

Katelynn: BMAC is going through tons of stuff, and it's been a tough transition. My shoutout is to Luke and Kenzie. It is lots of work having Hans gone and it is hard to keep up by myself for the two halls. I appreciate you stepping up and helping out.

Rachel: Shoutout for Aidan who went door to door to professors' offices for being in the dunk tank. That's dedication so thanks for the thoroughness and working hard. Your job is so busy. Shoutout to Abby for running budget committee and having lots of thoughts.

Aidan: Shoutout to the seniors. We got caps and gowns which is sad but exciting. The next 4 weeks will go fast, and senioritis is hitting hard. We will finish.

Dezy: Shoutout to all taurus peoples.

Gloria: My boss Meredith told me to announce something. Going off of Tristy, this Saturday on Waikiki there is a tree thinning at 9-12pm to help thin trees to promote new growth and there is another event on the 30<sup>th</sup> called Air Purifier Build for West Central Residents which is a collaboration with the community and helping low-income families with air filters because fire seasons can cause fires in homes with dirty air filters. It's important to help those in need.

***Motion to Adjourn Meeting***

Motion by Christian, Seconded by Logan

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 1

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1751