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2024-25 ASWU Meeting Minutes [10/22/2025]

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

[Mary Penfield] School Spirit Coordinator	PRESENT
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[Aubrey Lathrom] Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT
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Senators:

[Halle Price] Arend Senator	PRESENT
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[Josie Crandell] Ballard Senator	PROXY
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[Seth Phillips] Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	PRESENT
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[Azalea Vlietstra] Boppell Senator	PRESENT
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[Bennett Johnson] Commuter Student Senator	PRESENT
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[Grace Reynolds] Duvall Student Senator	PRESENT
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[Nina Susin] International Senator	PRESENT
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[Kaleb Capellar] McMillan Senator	PRESENT
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[Cristian Martinez] Neighborhoods Senator	PRESENT
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[Emily Edstrom] Oliver Senator	PRESENT
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[Aloisa Morales-Saldana] StewVille Senator	PRESENT
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Representatives:

[Alea Tabi] Incoming Class Representative	PRESENT
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[Logan Roy] Incoming Class Representative	PROXY
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[Laney Thomas] Commuter Student Representative	PRESENT
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[Hayden Rosdahl] Commuter Student Representative	PRESENT
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[Swachha Deb] Commuter Student Representative	PRESENT
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Meeting brought to order at [5:00]

Mission statement read by Halle

Approval of Minutes

Kaleb motions to approve minutes from 10/15

Bennett seconds

Favor: 13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Student Highlight

Eli: Our student highlight of the week is Madalyn Dotson. She did the outdoor portion of the haunted house. She held strong even after her whole team dropped the ball.

ASWU Highlight

Eli: Our highlight is Kaleb Cappeller. Haunted house was quite the event and we want to celebrate Kaleb for the hard work that went into that.

What's Up Whitworth

Gwen: If you're not leaving campus tomorrow, there is a cool whip show you can go to in the RTT at 7pm.

Nina: The ISC is going to do a winter clothing giveaway. If you want to donate or need winter clothes, let me know.

Bennett: I've had students complain about lime scooters in the parking spots.

Mary: Captain Patches has an Instagram now!

Birthday

Happy Birthday, Aubrey!

Club Updates

Gwen: First, we will vote on the BSU speaker that was presented last week by Vernon.

Club Speaker Vote:

Halle motioned to approve club speaker

Bennett seconded

Favor: 12 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

BSU Club speaker is approved.

Club Speaker Presentation:

Sydney Hubbard: Tyler Volk is a seasoned sales executive and local entrepreneur. With a background in engineering, finance, and enterprise sales, his career expands over several industries including aerospace, software, and insurance. Tyler worked his way up from a chemical engineering process design role at Boeing to the lead aircraft sales executive for some of Boeings most critical customers including Air China, Singapore Airlines, and

Qantas. He later transitioned to enterprise software sales at Workday. Today, Tyler owns a local State Farm Agency in Mead. Tyler is passionate about investing locally in the Spokane community and coaching others in sales and leadership strategies to fulfill their own goals.

His talking points are:

- Outline of presentation:
- 5 min – My background, Chemical Engineering -> Aircraft Contracts -> Aircraft Sales -> Software Sales -> Business Ownership
- 5 min - Selling Internationally – how negotiation styles differ culturally and the importance of understanding the culture you are in to facilitate a successful negotiation
- 5 min – Team Selling – how to sell cross functionally with a team. The importance of defined roles, delegation, and communication.
- 5 min – Buyer Qualification – how to identify and qualify your buyers. Why screening out unqualified buyers is the #1 indicator of a successful sales executive.

His talk is in line with the missions and goals of Whitworth University, ASWU, and our club by:

Tyler Volk's talk directly supports ASWU, Whitworth's, and Business Clubs mission by modeling values-driven, thoughtful leadership and practical skills that help students flourish. His path from engineering to global aircraft and software sales to local business ownership reflects authenticity, humility, and vocation-as-service. Topics like international selling emphasize cultural humility. His focus on ethical buyer qualification demonstrates stewardship and care for wellbeing over short-term wins, showing how to represent, listen, and lead with integrity on campus and in the community.

Club Speaker Presentation:

Max Broennle: The ACT club in collaboration with the theatre department and

Elise Forier Edie are bringing guest speaker and professional actor Adam Kroeger. Adam will be coming to campus November 5th at 4pm-6pm. Adam is a professional actor with many accolades and experience. He has taught many workshops in the past and was taught by Elise Forier Edie, our department chair. His work includes Oppenheimer and This is Us. A self tape is a type of audition that film or theatre companies may hold for performers instead of the traditional in-person audition. Adam will lead a workshop on learning how to navigate these auditions as it takes time and skill to make sure you're giving your best performance for the casting directors. Our department chair Elise Forier Edie has organized a contract for him which includes a stipend through the theatre department. That stipend will help with travel, housing and food expenses. All of which will be at Adam's discretion. We have reserved Stage 2 of Cowles Auditorium. The space is well at capacity

for our estimated attendees. Adam will start by introducing himself and telling us about his experience as a professional and some of his work.

- He will then dive into the discussion which you can see on the request form.
- This will take 2 hours from 4-6pm.
- There will be time during his discussion for questions.

Adam aligns with Whitworth's Statement on Freedom of Expression and Civil Discourse and encourages mutually respectful inquiry. Adam has no history that we are aware of that would violate this statement. He is only coming to discuss self-tapes and the film industry.

Communications Director Updates

Chloe Jane: As you are all aware, Josie has been out due to her getting a concussion. Since Fall Break is just around the corner and I get to go home to see her, I thought I'd have everyone sign this card for her. I will leave it right here on the table for people to sign after the meeting.

Financial Director Updates

Jasmine A.: Our numbers changed as we got our commission from the poster sale. Fall budget committee will be happening. Those of you who are on the committee have received an email with a calendar invite. Make sure you accept or decline.

Unallocated: \$7,882.18

Capital: \$19,500

Vice President Updates

Eli: Fall Retreat will be happening on 11/1 at 9am. In Teams, there is a poll on where we will be getting lunch catered for. Please vote so we can make a decision.

President Updates

Abby: I wanted to give a Board of Trustees recap on my resolution. I gave a proposal on getting security some new officers as well as a proposed budget for security and the board was really happy with it. They really liked the idea and think it needs to be added within this fiscal year. I have a meeting about this coming up next week with Ken Brown and some other people to talk about what this will look like and whether it will be student officers or professional officers.

Vernon: I was on Institutional Advancement and that's one of the ones where you don't really talk much. They showed some really cool advertisements.

Mary: I was on grounds. Warren will be opening next fall. PACCAR will be finished in January. We also talked about ideas for the next 10-15 years like a new liner for the tennis bubble and a new greenhouse.

Kaleb: There were talks about turning the Hawthorne building into a Nursing school.

Eli: That is actually happening.

Jasmine A.: The finance and administration committee talked about very similar things just from a financial point of view. Plans are happening, and Whitworth is trying its best.

Abby: We also have a new committee. It's called the ICW committee; it's the Independent Washington Colleges committee. They want 3-4 students that would be willing to represent Whitworth, ICW and advocating on behalf of the students who receive the Washington College Grant and College Bound Scholarship.

Vernon: I'll help if none of the incoming will do it.

Abby: If you're interested, please let me know.

Past Events

Haunted House:

Kaleb: This event surpassed all of my expectations. It was a really great exercise for me as a theater person. BMAC Haunted House was a huge success. It gave students a big event to look forward to amidst midterm stresses and allowed participating students to flex their creative muscles in ways they couldn't normally. Most of the teams worked very well together, but a few struggled. Nonetheless, they all joined together and put on the largest yearly event BMAC has to offer. The weeks of preparation and hours of sleep lost all boiled down to this 5-hour event, and it paid off. We had a few difficulties in the beginning involving poor behavior from guests, but after that, the actors and groups found their flow. I have some statistics regarding the event to share. Please save knocking until the end.

- 2 boxes of Granola Bars
- 2 pallets of Gatorade
- 2 boxes of Cheez-its and Pringles
- 8 Large Dominos Pizzas.
- 5,500 sq. ft of tarp
- 14 rolls of duct tape
- 1 visit from the Fire Department
- 40 student volunteers
- 66 Feedback Form Responses
- 321 Entrants

Eli: This was a great event. Congrats on that.

Max: How was the poor behavior handled?

Kaleb: We had some poor conduct from people that entered. Basically, I shut down the house for 10 minutes. I told them to text me if that happened again, and I would go in with each group.

Cultivating Spirit and Soil:

Jasmine S.: Me and a group of 12 people worked at a local garden partnered with Growing Neighbors. It was really helpful to bring a bigger group of people for this couple because there were a lot of foundational things that needed to be done. In the Spring hopefully we can see the produce.

Diwali:

Vernon: Diwali was an amazing success. The food was gone in 30 minutes. Lots of people stayed and danced. Lots of ASWU folk came including Niraj! We were originally going to have this on the patio, but it was too cold.

Eli: Any comments?

Nina: It was great, I was there. It was a great event and everyone that I talked to loved it.

Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat:

Bennett: This is going to be in the X4 lot. We have 4 total people signed up. Please encourage people to sign up. We also decided to invite Michael to join us. We're really looking forward to having the event. We are also giving \$20 to people for their candy and decorations.

Avery: I can also get small posters printed if need be.

Bennett: You can also come if you don't have a trunk too.

Michael: Is ASWU allowed to win?

Avery: If it's not going to a specific ASWU person then they can win but if it's just one person's trunk and its ASWU, I'm not sure.

Jasmine A.: We can talk about it and send you guys an answer to that.

Halloweiner Fest:

Michael: We will be teaming up with Trunk or Treat. It will be a hotdog eating competition. But there will also be hotdogs and sausages for people who don't want to compete.

Pizza and Game Night:

Aloisa: I'm gonna buy 22 pizzas. There's going to be drinks, games, and jeopardy about Whitworth. It's not really a Halloween event but Halloween can be talked about.

Winter Carnival:

Aubrey: On Teams I posted our signup sheet. The orange section is for UREC employees only. The other sections are for ASWU and UREC employees. Don't signup for the setup tables yet.

Mary: The more people to help the better. It's super fun.

Aubrey: We are buying pizza for everyone. We also need clubs. There will be concessions, inflatables, and HEAT smoothies.

Jasmine A.: Is face painting happening?

Aubrey: We are still talking about that.

Constituency Reports

Arend

[Halle]: My Prime-Time last week went off without a hitch. I just hung out in the kitchen, baked cookies, heated apple cider, and listened to residents debrief the Mariners' loss that night. Arend residents are all trying to figure out their spring schedules now, so the RAs and I have been helping to the best of our ability. We are all counting down the days until fall break and getting to go home.

Ballard

[Josie]: Ballard has been feeling the fall spirit with prime times such as pumpkin painting where many Ballard residents painted their own pumpkins. We had many participants in the BMAC haunted house with one of the Ballard sections (the dolls) winning the scariest section voted for by students who went through. We are happy to be finishing finals and excited for fall break!

Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ has been thriving as of late. With prime times having even more turnouts than the last two weeks it seems. Many residents loved the Bmac haunted house and thought it was really well done. Although the energy is very high in BJ, residents are very much ready for Fall Break with many of them heading back home and out of town for the break.

Boppell

[Azalea]: Boppell is more than ready for fall break with residents eagerly pushing through exams, papers, and projects. This week, residents requested that a ping pong table be added to the lounge space. We're currently working on making that happen to provide another fun and social activity option in the hall. Overall, the community atmosphere feels determined and focused as everyone prepares for the break.

Duvall

[Grace]: Duvall is amazing. As the weather gets even colder, we are thankful for our hall being so well-heated. There is still so much community among the residents, with groups of people always in the lounges studying, the kitchen making meals, or the TV room watching horror movies. Overall, we are doing well and are very ready for the break.

Incoming Class

[Logan]: The Incoming Class is experiencing their first ever mid term week at Whitworth and seems that we've successfully overcome the stress and anxiety that comes with mid terms. The first official incoming class office hours were held and I taught a number of my constituents how to create their digital signature as well as create their plan in self service for next semesters classes. This Fall break couldn't come faster but the incoming class is excited to come back after this break with expectations for the rest of the year to come.

International Students

[Nina]: International students are doing great! We recently had a very successful Diwali celebration — huge shoutout to Vernon for organizing it. The event was packed, the food was gone within about 20 minutes, and everyone had a great time.

Students are also really looking forward to our field trip this weekend to Green Bluff, and our Minecraft server continues to be a big hit. Overall, spirits are high and engagement is strong!

McMillan

[Kaleb]: Mac Men are excited for their fall break. Most of them have finished their midterms or midterm projects and are excited for a few days off. As expected, a few were upset by not having general access to the building during Haunted House, but there was plenty of warning in advance. Milk and Cookies turnouts have continued to be high. In other news, residents are excited about finding a second fire hydrant. Residents' spirits remain high.

Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhood residents are scratching and clawing their way into fall break, this semester has continuously tested our resilience but nevertheless we have pushed through. We enjoyed a weekend full of events where we enjoyed movies, snacks, games and other activities thought of by my awesome residents, we are looking forward to the last few events of the month and our trunk or treat. Lastly, We will enjoy this well deserved break over the weekend before we bounce back for the second half of the semester.

Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuter students are pushing on this week to make it to fall break. They look forward to the break and seeing their families or staying on campus for sports and clubs. Commuters had a great time at the BMAC Haunted house and had great things to say! Many have been using the food offered in the Commuter lounge to refuel during the day, making sandwiches and Cup of Noodles. We are all excited for the many upcoming events happening after break.

Oliver

[Emily]: The common rooms in Oliver are full of residents preparing for midterms and group projects. We are trying to balance healthy sleep schedules with exams, to varying degrees of success. Despite the mid-semester stress, our RAs have hosted engaging primetimes for residents, including game nights and swing dancing. Everyone is excited for the upcoming fall break!

Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: Stewart smells fantastic as constituents make ramen, apple cider, and more ramen! The RAs hosted a fun primetime decorating the hall, and it was lively as they played 8-ball. Continents also took the time to visit the BMAC haunted house; some of them were scared, or too nonchalant. Anyway, we are all so ready for the fall break!

Shoutouts

Kaleb: I want to shoutout Luke Lewis he is the elder Mac men. He was super involved in Haunted House and everything else this year. It was great to have him.

Aubrey: I have 2 shoutouts. First shoutout to Abby for doing an amazing job in front of the Board. Shoutout to Vernon I worked with him at a camp over the weekend and he did an amazing job.

Michael: I will need help for my Halloweiner event.

Chloe Jane: Make a signup sheet.

Bennett: Shoutout to Kaleb. He handled the house so well. Also, is it possible to move back the time for retreat?

Abby: The problem is the later we push it back, the later we will be there. It will be ok. We will have coffee and donuts and a yummy lunch. It's only for 4 hours.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb

Seconded by Aloisa

Favor: 15 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [5:45]
