



2018-19 ASWU Meeting Minutes | February 13th, 2019

In attendance:

Tersa Almaw President	present
Andrews Boateng EVP	present
Chelsea Shearer FVP	present
Catalina Corvalan EAA	present
Rohini Vyas Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Amber Van Brunt Sports Events Coordinator	present
Morgan Bucher Sustainability Coordinator	present
Ethan Clardy Senior Class Coordinator	absent
Jira Hammond PR/Marketing Coordinator	present
Abdul Haq Special Events Coordinator	present
Talya Jackson Spiritual Life Coordinator	late
Utsal Shrestha Cultural Events Coordinator	late
Emily Clemons Oliver Senator	present
James Parrish McMillan Senator	present
Jose Aguilera Warren Senator	present
Katie Rose Ballard Senator	present
Lauren Sfeir Arend Senator	present
Katie Ludlum Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Sarah Haman Boppell Senator	present
Almat Yeraly Stewville Senator	present
Elizabeth Sanders Off-Campus Senator	present
David Martin Duvall Senator	present

Pema Tshogyal Off-Campus Representative	present
Erik Blank Off-Campus Representative	present
Grace Schmidt Off-Campus Representative	present
Christopher Clay Arend & Boppell Representative	present
Mitchell Anderson Baldwin-Jenkins & Stewart Representative	present
Gracey Gonzalez Duvall & Oliver Representative	present
Ehizogie Agbontaen Warren Representative	absent
Karen Sobtafo Global Engagement Representative	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM in ASWU Chambers.

Mission Statement read by Katie L.

Minutes from 02/06/2019 approved unanimously.

FVP Updates

Capital and Unallocated

Chelsea: Unallocated: \$11,732.56

Capital: \$18,061.42

Requisitions

Chelsea: So this is just an update. The Finance and Charter Committee met, and there was a requisition to send the same student from the last conference for a new conference, for Computer Science, for \$530.00, that passed. Threshold for voting in Assembly is \$600, so it only passed through them.

Club Charter: Women's Soccer Club

Chelsea: So we have a request to charter a club, women's soccer. Pretty simple, they meet, they play, it's great. It's not intramural, not regulated through Urec, most schools have intramural, club, and actually athletic. Don't know what division we are...

Sarah: It's 3.

Chelsea: okay, so a little over 3...Sorry I do math, don't do sports.

Lizzie: Move to approve Women's Soccer club.

Andrews: David, did you vote?

Jason: if he doesn't vote, it's abstaining.

Andrews: you just make my life harder.

Motion to charter Women's Soccer Club

Approved: 16

Abstained: 1

Opposed: 0

Motion passed.

Club Updates

Alzheimer's Awareness Club

Weston Kroes | wkroes19@my.whitworth.edu

I'm the rep for club. We don't do ton, but we have 2 planned lectures, Dr. Epps is going to speak March 11th, 7PM, still finding a room, on research that's happening here, since Dr. Mike can't do that. We will have a guest speaker, don't know when, sometime in April, and someone off-campus. We send out information through email promote materials and resources If you know someone who struggles with that. That's it.

Chelsea: Questions? Cool.

En Christo

Christina Reeves | creeves19@my.whitworth.edu

Hello, I'm Christina, co director. Simple updates; we have 20 consistent volunteer, which is incredible, so with that we can start serving soup again with sandwiches, and having street teams. Starting to potentially slowly increase sack lunches to provide for street teams as well, and prepare for our biggest fundraiser, the flower sale at graduation, and prepare the new leadership for upcoming term.

Lizzie: What do street teams do?

Christina: Starbucks has new thing, where you can hang out without buying something, people who are homeless hang out, and interact with them. Also going to New Washington Apartments, apartments with those who've had criminal past, need a start, and recently started going there.

EVP Updates

CBS Meeting

Andrews: Most of these are happening today, some already happened. If you are interested in those, attend primetimes at 8:50PM, set community values. Senators, if need help with materials, let me know, li can get them to you.

ASWU Constitution Ratification Vote Update

Andrews: This is happening Feb 21st. We've done lots of advertising, main changes, please read and spread the word so people know what we're voting on.

Sarah: Question on that, when we vote on it, will this be separate votes or one big vote?

Andrews: All together.

Constituency Reports

Currently going on, Sen and reps leading. I checked, you need 40%. Off campus needs minimum of 100 responses. You can make electronic copy to send around. Questions?

Almat: What's the deadline on that?

Andrews: the 19th.

Student Highlight

Andrews: Boitu, RA in Oliver, after Austin Channing Brown talk, he led important conversations on race relations, inequities, and injustices. Give him a shout out if you see him, or go to Oliver, talk to him, he's doing good work.

Also, AhLana from Boppell, she's a really good active member, if you know her give her a shout out.

President Updates

Committees Update

Teri: So for committees, I sent an email, some got back to me. For those not, I need a filling for advancement of institution, meet Thursday April 11, 1-3PM. If you can make it, I'll point you. If not, I'll appoint you.

Sending finalized people tomorrow, so, you will get email shortly from committee chair people.

Global Engagement Representative Discussion & Vote

Teri: So you can discuss about it, and then hold vote. So. Discussion, begin.

Jira: No topic for discussion, just open dialogue?

Teri: So the thing about the GRE, GER, exam...currently it's just for this year, when they made the constitution last year, it was just for 2018-19, rather than

indefinitely. So we're voting on this, so we can hold larger school vote. Can't put it in constitution unless Assembly votes for it. Any questions?

Andrews: I'd like to hear what you heard from constituents, senators.

Sarah: So I sent out a poll to my constituents, several days ago, yesterday, today morning, so everyone has access to it. And I asked why are you responding the way you are responding, got 75% approval to continue position, some feedback I got was "good to insure international students get unique voice. As part of Whitworth's devotion to diversity and inclusivity, it's important students have a voice in ASWU." Lot of powerful responses like that, it's interesting than just expected it's "cool". Few responses, concerned that it will create further separation between international and American students, if it could be avoided that would be great. Majority of my constituency would like to continue the position.

Katie R: While doing constituency report, I got couple responses on which what kind of events in future? Some responses, said they'd like more events that target international students and their issues, and GER is important for that.

Amber: This is more of a question; as we make differences, we'd just take that out, part, 2018-19 school year? Last semester, we just tabled it as we were going through it.

Andrews: Yes.

Karen: So I had my first event this past Friday, didn't expect many people since it was my first, but lot of people showed up, they were really proactive, said it was a position that people want to see grow.

Teri: If done, I need a motion.

Lizzie: I move to approve the position for this year and indefinitely, is that what we're doing?

Sarah: You'd move to approve the changes in the constitution, proposed...

Jason: So the move would be to remove "the 2018-19 academic year".

Lizzie: Cat, you heard Jason, please copy and paste that.

Jose: 2nd.

Motion to eliminate "for the 2018-19 academic year" from Global Engagement Representative position in the Constitution.

Approved: 17

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion approved unanimously.

Teri: Before moving on, I wanted to add something that students should know about. So during Faculty Development Day, during their training, they have time they will receive inclusive pedagogy, it's very interesting that after Austin Channing Brown talk, they're taking active steps to promote stuff going on here, creating a safe and welcoming space.

Upcoming Events

Off Campus Garland Movie Night

Lizzie: Hey. So tomorrow is movie night, will be super lowkey. Sent poll thru the weekend. Students voted to watch Bohemian Rhapsody, and we have spots for all of you. Tomorrow, we will be giving free movie candy in the HUB from 12-12:50PM, let them know.

Ji: need help?

Lizzie: super lowkey, no, but thank you. Movie starts at 9!

Langston Hughes Project

Utsal: So Langston Hughes Project starts Friday 7pm in MPR. I will have sign up sheets for ASWU, short notice, but didn't know what I needed. Anthony might need volunteers. If you all came and help, remember there's free chicken and waffles. Show up!

Unveiled

Talya: Unveiled Worship Night, next Monday, 7-8, let constituents that Chicken and Mo' will have food. Need 2 volunteers to serve food, but food is served at 8. This is MPR.

Leadership Fair

Jason: Tomorrow, 11-2 in MPR, some of you signed up to help. Have some shifts that need help, 12:30-1:00 only have 1 person, 1:30-2:00 and clean up only one person per shift. Nobody to help with cleanup. Anybody available, please come, it's better for us to have more people table to look cool. People dont wanna talk to me, you guys are doing the work...

David: I wanna talk to you.

Chelsea: when did I sign up?

James: 11:30-noon.

Jason: Don't worry about cleanup, I can do it.

Sarah: we should all have GE time available for this!

Jira: I will make a tri-fold board, so if you have any pictures at events, of people or venue, please send them in ASAP tonight so I can make it for tomorrow.

Jason: If you are working at event, make sure to wear ASWU jacket and nametag.

Unplugged

Talya: Spring Unplugged will be March 15 7PM in HUB Dining Hall. Spread the word. There's a deadline to sign up to perform, March 3rd. Let residents know so they can sign up on time. Put as many posters as you can around your res halls.

Constituency Reports

Ballard

Katie R: Ballard is good. Lot of people are helping with the dance. With the report, most of my residents said they have hard time on what is and not an ASWU event, 90% of people I asked. Many had bus passes, they vary though--some use it everyday to work and friends, some used it once for fall and not since.

Arend

Lauren: Arend will be having a Lock-In on March 8th, Chapel, can't tell you, secret. Dont have all responses yet, but people want more vegetarian options, so let this go for food advisory committee, and international festival was big event that many enjoyed. On bus passes, some have it, don't use it, some have cars, I don't know why they have them.

Oliver

Emily: The guy with the mouthwash stopped. Somebody is vomiting in sinks, though.

James: You smelled it?

Emily: No, it's in the men's bathroom, I dont know, I really don't...

Andrews: Did you catch the mouthwash?

Emily: I really don't know...**snorts**

GER

Karen: Everyone is good. Met on Friday, talked about lot of issues. We're meeting again, hopefully get to something more precise next Friday.

Off-Campus

Lizzie: Reports or vibes first?

Andrews: reports first, vibes second.

Lizzie: I asked them about events they liked, lot of comments on international festival, good feedback on 90's dance and bbq; something to work on was making more competition games, I guess they enjoy competition stuff, so more for like free wifi, etc.

BJ

Katie L: BJ doing good. We are thinking of doing a fun little game, which used to be tradition. Also need to find ways, because of the very separate size of buildings, to bring everyone together. Currently talking to residents. Similar feedback, many don't know what aswu events are. Bus passes some are using it all the time, other

Mitchell: Window still broken, broke all ping pong balls...

Katie L: During CBS meeting, hopefully it settles much of mayhem.

Mac

James: Snow Day yesterday, 2 separate students came to me, said that ASWU should cancel school more often. Told me to say it in the meeting. We went sledding with Ballard yesterday, lots of fun, one of the Macmen built an igloo, still built outside.

Boppell

Sarah: We have new residents, got to know one, Stephanie, she flies everywhere, tomorrow she's flying out to meet her fiancée for Valentine's day, I've been enjoying getting to know her. One person submitted application for senator, a potentially male senator, don't know records but might be the first in a while. There's also a huge hole in ceiling. As I walked home, men were in ceiling. There's a caution tape.

I'm having trouble making residents participate in hall events, responding to surveys, if anyone has any ideas on how I can do better for people to care for things?

Ji: Have you tried food?

Sarah: You would think, but Bop is weird.

Chelsea: donuts by stairs was successful. People feel bad, but it's effective, people answered every time.

Sarah: Bop is trying to come with a new event, just for Bop residents, hard to brainstorm, create something that people don't feel like obligation, but can come and hang at leisure.

Stewart

Almat: Happy days, Stewart is good. I made a requisition for post it cubes, I don't know what it is, whatever they're called, confused, because residents change them, try to reverse them. Okay.

On reports, many said they don't know what is ASWU and what is not. Speakers are great, fall fest great, had tons of fun. Bus passes, I'm seeing different responses, some say once, others every once in a while. Another thing, with last question on GER, most of them said no, and honestly, I have no idea what representation means for them, can't say. Been asking around, they say we want some stuff, but they never talk to me, which is weird. All good, living the dream.

Warren

Jose: Nothing much, going around tonight fro reports, after CBS meeting. Only asked my roommate.

Andrews: thanks for honesty.

Duvall

David: Took CBS meeting last night, instead of 2 hours, only took about 15 minutes.

Campus Vibes

Katie R: I had a resident tell me that she wants bluelight by BMac area, we don't have one near us. She's super small, has a raspy voice because of surgery, anyone know of the procedure to get blue light, ideas?

Jason: Call LeRoy McCall, head of security, best person to talk about this.

Sarah: This has been implemented before in Back 40.

Andrews: We have some reports about submitting app online and this not working, I personally do nothing with that, but I contacted the tech person and he reset system, so please try again if you submitted one already.

Jason: Is it still down? Noticed this afternoon it was getting an internal error for any position. Hoping it was fixed.

Andrews: Yes, it's open. Make sure that you have good wifi, and do it on campus.

Jason: Anybody who submitted an application after Monday, need to resubmit.

Andrews: I apologize.

Amber: after a couple of really intense nail-biting games, our basketball game is actually guaranteed to have Thursday night home game. Men's basketball team will have home game next Thursday night, spread word, it'll be exciting, will play at Whitman next Saturday if all goes well.

Lizzie: What time will it be Thursday night and against who?

Amber: Don't know who yet, hasn't been set until last sec, but yeah, next Thursday.

Lizzie: Is there a poster? Figuring out a good way to post about it?

Amber: once they have poster, I'll send a poster.

Mitchell: cost money, right?

Amber: Don't think so, hasn't in the past.

Shout outs

Chris: everybody in this room, y'all are great people.

Andrews: Ethan, who is not here, but doing great. Getting jobs!

Jira: Karen, for a successful first meeting.

Teri: Chelsea, who wasn't recognized in the story, it's IG check it

James: whoever cancelled school yesterday

Jason: Jose, for serving on Friday night.

Erik: move to adjourn.

James: 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 5:39PM.