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#### 2025-26 ASWU Meeting Minutes [05/06/2026]

##### Executive Members:

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| [Abby Ruffcorn]   Outgoing President                     | PRESENT |
| [Vernon Glass]   Incoming President                      | PRESENT |
| [Michael Barnes]   Incoming Vice President               | PRESENT |
| [Jasmine Arevalo-Amaya]   Outgoing Financial Director    | PRESENT |
| [Basma Al Najjar]   Incoming Financial Director          | PRESENT |
| [Chloe Jane Crandell]   Outgoing Communications Director | PRESENT |
| [Karen Quintero]   Incoming Communications Director      | PRESENT |

##### Coordinators:

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| [Michael Barnes]   Campus Activities Coordinator | PRESENT |
| [Gwen Brantner]   Club Coordinator               | PRESENT |

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| [Vernon Glass]   Cultural Events Coordinator | PRESENT |
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| [Avery Hamilton]   Senior Class Coordinator | PRESENT |
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| [Jasmine Schmidt]   Spiritual Life Coordinator | PRESENT |
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| [Ellie Woods]   School Spirit Coordinator | PRESENT |
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| [Aubrey Lathrom]   Traditional Events Coordinator | PRESENT |
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Senators:

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| [Halle Price]   Arend Senator | PRESENT |
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| [Katayanna Glavin]   Ballard Senator | PRESENT |
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| [Seth Phillips]   Baldwin-Jenkins Senator | PROXY |
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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 | PROXY |
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| [Emily Edstrom]   Oliver Senator | PRESENT |
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| [Aloisa Morales-Saldana]   StewVille Senator | PRESENT |
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Representatives:

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| [Isabella Gicole]   Incoming Class Representative | PRESENT |
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| [Logan Roy]   Incoming Class Representative | PRESENT |
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| [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 N/A

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Approval of Minutes

Motioned to approve minutes for 05/06 by Kaleb Capeller

Seconded by Halle Price Favor:

13 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Minutes have been approved.

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Special Guests:

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Student Highlight: Derek Esvelt

Michael: This student highlight was given to us by Todd Sandberg. Derek Esvelt came to us while he was walking around the loop as we were picking up from SpringFest loop-a-palooza and asked if we needed help. He ended up just helping clean up even though he has no responsibility to and did it out of the goodness of his heart, today we make sure we honor him.

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ASWU Highlight: Jasmine Schmidt

Vernon: Our ASWU student highlight is Jasmine Schmidt. SpringFest and loop-a-palooza was a lot, I saw your event, specifically, En Christo, gained a lot of attraction before loop-a-palooza. Especially with how big loop-a-palooza is we just want to let you know that we see you we

recognize you that En Christo event was amazing.

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What's Up Whitworth:

Bennett: I don't know what was happening on campus but there was no parking.

Gwen: Temple Grandin was here today.

Bennett: Traffic was backed up from Newport to Waikiki.

Vernon: What time?

Bennet: I noticed it when I came to campus, but the event was over, so it was around 11:45.

Aubrey: 8:00 am to 12:30 was the official time.

Chloe Jane: There was also some protesting happening outside campus today.

Logan: What was it?

Katayanna: It was to protest animal testing, but they were blocking people's paths to get to their classes.

Vernon: Do any of you know where this was?

Chloe Jane: It was on the opposite side of the auditorium.

Vernon: Thank you.

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Happy Birthday

**Jasmine 5/6**

**Michael 6/28**

**Kaleb & Seth 7/12**

**Avery 7/19**

**Ellie 8/24**

**Logan 8/25**

**Basma 07/24**

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Club Updates:

**Women's Soccer Club:**

Lindsey: I'm Lindsay I will be a captain of our club's soccer team next year. Unfortunately, any of our current captains are not able to be here but I was asked to be a representative of our team officers couldn't make it. So I just have some notes from them. We practice two times a week on Omache in both fall and spring semesters. We work and scrimmage with the boy's club soccer team. We play other soccer teams such as University of Montana, Seattle University, Washington State, University of Idaho, etc. Our captains for next year are going to be Savannah, Zoey and me. We are currently in the process of getting full size goals that can be used by both club teams, however I am also going to be purchasing some smaller goals for us and some other materials for us, just so we have more materials. We unfortunately lost our Coach Nick because he had other responsibilities in his personal life that he had to take care of, but we were able to adjust this year by the captains essentially becoming our coaches running our practices and all

that stuff. Looking to next year we are reaching out to new players on Instagram and on campus and the hopefully scheduling more home and away games.

Chloe jane: Will you guys be getting a new coach?

Linsey: We are trying to, I'm not completely sure about the process for that but I know I've asked a couple times that it's something that they were attempting to do but I don't know how far into that process.

Abby: Todd and I are wondering how big the team is?

Lindsay: we have I believe 20 or so girls inconsistently, 10 that are pretty consistent.

### **The Hidden Opponent:**

Gwen: Due to scheduling hidden opponent couldn't be here, but I have a message from them.

Gwen: The Hidden Opponent has had a very successful year so far! A little bit about our club, we are a chapter of a nationwide non-profit organization that provides support and community for student athletes with a focus on mental health. Our main goal is to educate, support, and advocate for mental health resources in our close-knit community.

We have had over 10 events, including club meetings, to talk about mental health resources and different ways to focus your mindset. We have also hosted awareness games with many teams on campus to dedicate a game to mental health and provide a space to openly talk about mental health without the stigma that is usually associated with student athletes' mental health. We have also put on a final week relaxation station for students to stop by and grab snacks and do some calming activities like coloring, to take a break from finals week. We will be hosting that event again this May during finals week.

Our club has grown in popularity and numbers a lot this year, more specifically due to our social media presence. This year, we implemented a new player spotlight campaign, which gives student-athletes on campus a chance to share their experiences with mental health on our social media page. We have also started to meet with athletic teams on campus to provide a presentation about mental health to give them a better understanding of how important it is to prioritize and support others.

We are excited to see what the next year brings and are constantly inspired by the people who reach out to us to thank us for providing a community they can connect with and feel supported by.

Gwen: I can't answer questions, but you can email Sedona Liming.

### **Psi Chi/Psychology:**

N/A

### **Men's Volleyball Club:**

Gwen: We will vote to approve which Val presented to us last week. Any questions before we vote?

Vernon: If you are associated with men's volleyball club, will you step out for the voting process.

Vernon: Do I hear a motion?

Kaleb: I motion to approve the existence of men's volleyball

Halle: I second

In Favor: 15 | Opposing: - | Abstaining: -

### **Club Approved**

### **Climbing Team:**

Gwen: We are also voting for climbing team. Any questions before we vote?

Vernon: Anyone associated with climbing team, please step out.

Vernon: Do I hear a motion?

Bennet: I move to approve the climbing team.

Halle: I second.

In Favor: 15 | Opposing: - | Abstaining: -

### **Club Approved**

### **International Club:**

N/A

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Athletic Updates:

### **Looking Back:**

- **Baseball wins series against Whitman this past weekend**
- **Track and field qualifies 1 more athlete for d3 nationals this weekend at nationals (5 Women & 4 men qualified as of right now)**

### **Looking Ahead:**

### **Friday**

- **Baseball vs. Puget sound @12:30, winner advances to tournament finals @3:30**

### **May 21-23**

- **d3 Track & Field Nationals @Lacrosse, Wisconsin**
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#### Communications Director Updates:

Karen: I am so excited to be the next incoming communications director. A little about me I'm currently a junior and upcoming senior studying business and theatre, this is my first time as a member of ASWU, so that's exciting. I look forward to making some positive change with all of you incoming students.

On another note, as a courtesy to the next users of your email, we ask that you clean up aput things in folders and clean up some stuff for them. If you need help figuring out how to do that come see me!

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#### Financial Director Updates:

Basma: Hello everyone I am your new incoming financial director. I'm looking forward to this upcoming year and working with you all. I am also a. first time ASWU member, so it'll be an exciting year. For our financial updates we had our last finance committee and with that we got our new numbers.

- **Capital: \$16,172.69**
- **Unallocated: \$4,212.72 Finance Committee:**

**Neighborhoods Senator: \$475 to cover additional materials from Ballard x Neighborhoods event**

**Ballard Senator: \$300 to cover end of the year finals event**

**International Club: \$500 to cover expenses from International Graduation**

**End of the year tasks! - email from Todd & in ASWU General**

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#### Vice President Updates:

Michael: Hello everyone, some of you may know me from this year, my name is Michael Barnes and I will be next year's vice president. For those of you who are not returning, I'm sad to see you all go but I'm excited for those who are returning. For whoever is new for next year I think we are going to have a great two semesters. We'll be doing one on ones for the new people and with senators. I'm excited to learn more about what you guys' plan for this next year and to see

how it goes. And after this meeting those of you who can stay behind and help go into the back room and help clean up and tidy to start fresh next year that will be very appreciated.

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#### President Updates:

Vernon: To all the new member, welcome, I'm very glad you are here. My name is Vernon I am next year's ASWU president I am so excited to work with all of you. A couple things we need to address. First is banner bearers. Every year for fall and spring convocation, there needs to be at least two banner bearers from ASWU who take banners on and off the stage. I've done it twice and not complicated. It's fun, you get to sit through convocation and listen to Scott McQuilkin. I will be speaking at fall convocation. I am looking for one man one lady for this. Diana and Pax, thank you. I will email you both, we'll get on touch. Next, ICW committee. You will learn about committees more during training, because you are in ASWU you have to be a part of at least one committee. we have a lot of different committees such as finance committee, budget committee, we have a club committee which is usually ran by our club coordinator, TikTok committee which will be run by our communication director. I personally run the ICW committee, it stands for the Independent Colleges of Washington and basically it advocates for the private institutions across the state. That means us, Gonzaga, Pacific Lutheran etc. This year we were trying to advocate for a senate bill that would reverse 50 percent of the Washington state college grant and college bound scholarship which if you are in state then you mostly receive that. Unfortunately, we were not able to get that bill passed but luckily it was very close. Next year we are going to go very strong with this committee. This also helped me go to Olympia with Scott McQuilkin and meet some state legislators about my experience and how these finances can help students like me here at Whitworth and across the state. Our advisor Dale is asking for people to join, you do have to be a part of at least one committee.

Lastly making subfolders. This is for outgoing members only, make sure that you go into your ASWU email click on the three dots next to your inbox and create a subfolder. Label that as the current year to store all your emails in there. Thank you and I can't wait to get next year started with you all.

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#### Past Events:

#### Unwind:

Kaleb: It went well. The tea was really good. Downtown abbey didn't work which I wasn't happy about, but it all worked out. But we got a bunch of coloring stuff out, it was a really good social opportunity we had about 30 people show up.

Halle: I went to this event. The tea was very good. I dragged a couple people out of their rooms because I knew they would like it. I had a lot of fun and there was some good conversation.

Thanks, Kaleb and Emily.

### **Spring Fest:**

### **Senior Celebration**

Avery: Senior celebration went really good, the weather was great and lots of people came. I haven't heard anything negative which is great. Everyone got their regalia. The hot dogs and ice cream seemed like a huge hit. I was happy with it.

### **Honors Showcase**

Gwen: It was really good. We had a lot of great student work this year. We had a great turn out. We had to get extra chairs. There was so many people that I didn't get the chance to look at anyone's project. I was constantly talking to everyone, and we had some really great projects. Highlight was probably Abby's project she's doing really great work congrats to her.

Michael: Any feedback?

Bennett: I was there helping work it, I thought it was very well run not just by Avery but also by all the other people.

Gwen: I also agree that it was great I do wish it wasn't right before the honor showcase.

Avery: The registrar picked the date and didn't ask anyone for their opinion

Gwen: Any seniors in the honors showcase could not stay the whole time which was a bummer.

Aubrey: students who aren't in the country who are seniors didn't get to celebrate it, which was a problem, but it is something our registrar should acknowledge.

Avery: I asked if there was a way to change it, but it was a no Aubrey:

I think we just need to get ahead of it this year.

### **Student Market**

Micheal: It went great, everyone who signed up showed up all the tables were filled. One bad thing that happened was the sprinklers turned on. I was making sure everyone stayed dry.

Everyone really enjoyed it and I got a lot of great feedback.

Chloe jane: I thought it was really good, I think you definitely overpurchased things but it went really well.

Gwen: that is the best turnout I've experience in a spring market. I made a lot of money and lots of people came. I think having the freebies at the ASWU table was good idea. It was during a

Why Whitworth day which I think we should keep doing for attendance.

Katayanna: Is this done every year?

Gwen: Happens in the fall and spring.

## **Duvall Drive in**

Grace: It went really well, everyone seemed happy. I wish we could've gotten the popcorn machine, there were some technical difficulties which I think we'll keep in mind for next year. Everyone seemed to like the movie choice.

Halle: I worked the cotton candy machine, and it was so fun and one theme. Vernon and I made over 100 cotton candies. It was successful!

Bennett: I want to shoutout Grace, there were a few things that went wrong that were out of her control and she handled it very tactfully to give her constituents the best. It was a really good event.

## **En Christo Event**

Jasmine S.: This went really well; it was cool to see how many people came to help make care packages. The most special moment was getting to pass them out downtown people were very grateful to receive the packages. People were super excited to see all of the different things we picked out for them.

## **Loop-A-Palooza**

Aubrey: This went better than Micheal and I expected. We ordered 450 meals from food trucks, and we were sold out with an hour to go. We appreciate all of you and your help out there. We do have a feedback from on teams or come talk to Micheal and I in person.

Halle: Grace and I thought that the waiver form should be closer to the things that require waivers. People had to run to go sign it and come back.

Gwen: I think we should move all the tables closer to the inflatables. It would feel more lively and energized. Some areas of the lawn seemed empty, and everyone was spread out so it seemed like there was low attendance. I think it would raise energy if everything was maybe closer to the library.

Micheal: How do you feel if we moved food trucks closer to the inflatables?

Halle: Would there be a way to switch yard games with check in tables and put waivers in the center?

Gwen: The food trucks can park by the library too, on the pathways.

Aloisa: I loved the mascots; I think we should do it again.

Logan: I say more BBQ. I heard it sold out really fast so maybe more next year.

## **Ice Cream Social**

Seth: The BJ ice cream social was a huge hit. We had at least 75 people come through to get ice cream or a root beer float. As far as things to improve next time, maybe more ice cream and more toppings. I unfortunately left for 30 minutes to get more ice cream just in case. The lounge was the most lively it's been since trivia night. I was very happy with how this event went and I got some great feedback.

Halle: I got to go, and Seth got me dairy free ice cream. I felt so blessed and thought of.

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Upcoming Events:

**Finals Gift Bags 5/8 8-10pm Ballard:**

Katayanna: That is this Friday and just got approved for my budget request. I'm getting a much of Alani's and Red Bulls, and gum and things to get people through finals. Anyone is welcome it's not just Ballard people so stop by. During primetime hours, I'm excited to give everyone a booster during finals.

**Off Campus Yard Sale- 5/9 in A1 Lot 9-11 am**

Bennett: I'm super excited for this, this post is getting a lot of traction. I'm nervous that I didn't account for how many people might show up. All of you are invited come sell things, come buy things.

Gwen: Is there a sign up?

Bennett: People can just pull up.

**Nina EVENT 5/9! in Duvall/Oliver Courts!! Water games etc 4 PM!!**

Nina: That should be on Sunday. It's going to be really cool; it's called first summer. I bought a Slip n slide, and I already got facilities to make sure everything will be ready. There's going to be ice cream and soda, volleyball and water guns.

**Senior Showcase - 5/16 4-5:30pm**

Avery: That's going to be on the 16<sup>th</sup>, we have a lot of speakers, people that don't get to speak at showcase get to speak here. I think it's going to be really cool.

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## Constituency Reports

### Arend

[Halle]: You can feel the exhaustion and anticipation of Arend residents. As finals approach, you see students either fervently studying, excitedly talking about their summer plans, or anxiously making final preparations for the mass exodus. RAs are finishing strong with prime times and on calls that truly highlight the servant leadership aspect of their job. They give up their time this finals week to answer questions, provide fun nightly study breaks, and check out students as they head away from the pinecone curtain for the season. As for me, this is my final constituency report and final meeting as an ASWU staff member. I just wanted to say how honored I am to have had the opportunity to serve this constituency and watch Arend become a residence hall that is full of life and community. I have been immensely blessed by this team and cannot thank you all enough for how much you have taught me, supported me, and cared for me. Halle Price, Arend Senator signing off.

### Ballard

[Katayanna]: Ballard is doing great as the sun is out and many can be seen out and about. Residence is stressing as finals are approaching, and many are ready to leave for the summer and have a break from their workload. Residence have expressed their excitement for my finals gift bag event on Friday, along with pie an RA event from my RA on Sunday. Overall Ballard is antsy and ready to leave.

### Baldwin-Jenkins:

[Seth]: BJ is doing very well currently. Though with finals prep now in full swing, many are grinding away to get studying in. The final primetimes this week have been a huge hit. Including the last Among us primetime, which had a great turn out. Many people got Ice cream or root beer floats at my Ice cream social event. We had such a good turnout. I am very thankful for the VB&J LWG. I couldn't have pulled this event off without their help and support. We are very excited to end the year strong though in this tight community many will miss the friends and energy that this environment has brought.

Boppell:

[Azalea]: This last week in Boppell was a great one! Residents thoroughly enjoyed everything SpringFest had to offer and spent every day this past week outdoors in one way or another. As finals are approaching, residents are finding it difficult to stay inside and focus but with a study-based primetime this week and quiet hours being implemented this upcoming Sunday, residents are shifting their focus towards buckling down with the promise of summer just around the corner. It has been wonderful and exciting year in Boppell, and I am grateful to have been able to serve my constituents and grown and learn from them. I am excited to see the culture of Boppell continue to thrive next year!

Commuter Students

[Bennett]: Commuters are dragging their feet this week as we enter the days before finals week. An event on campus today caused traffic on Hawthorne to be backed up onto Waikiki all the way to Newport Highway. This caused some struggles in getting to class on time and finding parking, as even A1 was completely full. Many did enjoy Springfest as they made their way back to see Patches and some other mascots. Commuters are very excited for the Commuter and Neighborhoods yard sale as that post has gotten almost 1,000 views,

which hasn't been achieved since the Trunk or Treat in October. We can't wait to see how it goes!

### Duvall

[Ellie]: Duvall is doing well. With finals just around the corner, Duvall's quiet halls are being utilized as perfect study spaces. Everyone is excited for the summer, but also sad that this wonderful year is coming to an end. Overall, Duvall is ready to rest!

### Incoming Class

[Isabella]: The incoming class is so excited that they are nearing the end of their first year of college. Even though students are busy preparing for finals, they are still making time to enjoy the nice weather with lots of spikeball and frisbees flying around. Logan and I ordered some stickers to give out to the incoming class as a little memory of their first year at Whitworth. Overall, the incoming class is sad to leave their friends but excited to go home for the summer.

### International Students

[Nina]: This week has been very emotional for international students, as we had our international graduation at the Chapel. It was a very special moment to honour our seniors. Students are also excited to watch the Indians Baseball game, and later this week to attend my event on Sunday. Overall, students are ready to lock in for finals and definitely ready for summer.

### McMillan

[Kaleb]: McMillan Men are hunkering down for dead week. Many are eager for summer, with some of our men taking finals for their last time. We hope that the last Milk and Cookies and the last Quad Events have high turnouts, with traditional roles being passed down tonight. Quad Roles and roles of McMillan Oracle/Ballard Sage will be passed down during BMAC In Concert this Saturday, for which I will be counting backwards from 30 as a talent. It has been a great

honor to serve on behalf of these men, and I'm super excited to have a nice summer and take some easy classes next year to recover my GPA.

## Neighborhoods

[Cristian]: The neighborhoods are wrapping up their final week, Unfortunately, the neighborhoods senator could not make it today due to a track meet. But he would like to first thank you all for the awesome year and is excited for next year. The neighborhoods residents are slowly packing away their belongings to be ready by check out to leave their houses that they turned into homes throughout the school year. though it is sad we are coming to an end, it's also exciting as we get to welcome our next years residents into our awesome community.

## Oliver

[Emily]: The tea tasting last week offered a great opportunity for residents to relax and taste various teas from Revival before dead week. Oliver residents have been enjoying the lovely weather by playing volleyball, spike ball, and hammocking out front, despite the obvious tension as residents prepare for their finals. The promise of summer break has kept everyone going. Residents are preparing to move out and are finalizing summer plans – ranging from summer jobs to traveling the world and everything in between. It has been wonderful to serve Oliver this year, and I am looking forward to seeing Seth take over next year.

## Stew-Ville

[Aloisa]: In Stew-Ville, things have been going smoothly. Constituents are feeling ready for the summer. Some constituents are graduating, and I am very excited for them. Everyone in Stew-Ville is not excited for Finals, but we must get through and strive! 24-hour quiet hours are starting soon, which isn't a problem for Stewart Hall, and hopefully it won't be a problem for the village!

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#### Shoutouts

Todd: As we complete this meeting, please consume some cake or take some to go.

Abby: I just wanted to say thank you to Jada she is our new Warren senator!

Jada: I am a current Arend resident and I'm excited to bring back Warren next year. I'm excited to create new events and work with all of you!

Gwen: For the WCT I am conducting a survey, help me out our final project relies on that.

Jasmine: I have grant reflections printed out and its nice to see the ASWU money put to good use.

Vernon: I want to shoutout every single outgoing ASWU member. It has been a journey and such a blessing working with all of you especially as a coordinator collaborating on a day-to-day basis, it meant the world to me. And to incoming ASWU members thank you and I can't wait for next year!

Chloe: I want to shoutout everyone for such an amazing year it has been so fun working with all of you and were done with our last meeting!

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Motioned to adjourn meeting by Kaleb Cappelar

Seconded by Halle Price

Favor: 15 | Oppose: - | Abstain: -

Meeting adjourned at [5:47]

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