



We, the Associated Students of Whitworth University, strive to provide advocacy, a sense of belonging, and communication through grace and a holistic approach. Our members aim to represent the diverse student body and collaborate to produce an environment rich in unity, optimism, and civil discourse; while also empowering students to be their authentic selves.

2022-23 ASWU Meeting Minutes | February 22, 2023

Executive Members:

Georgia Goff President	PRESENT
Christian Aguilar Vice President	PRESENT
Michael Stavridis Financial Director	PRESENT
Sydnee Lum Marketing & PR	PRESENT

Coordinators:

Grace Johnson Campus Activities Coordinator	PRESENT
Jamie Gassman Club Coordinator	PRESENT
Jessica Lopez-Ramirez Cultural Events Coordinator	PRESENT
Micah Cunningham Spiritual Life Coordinator	PRESENT
Haley Horsburgh Sustainability Coordinator	PRESENT
Larkin Dean Traditional Events Coordinator	PRESENT

Senators:

Samie Schaffer Arend Senator	PRESENT
Sierra Witte Baldwin Jenkins	PRESENT
Kenzie Quinn Ballard Senator	PRESENT
Katelynn Diaz Boppell Senator	PRESENT
Katie Chilcote Duvall Senator	PRESENT
Niraj Pandey International Student Senator	PRESENT
Lucien Dallabetta McMillan Senator	PRESENT
Reeshika Sharma Off-Campus Senator	PRESENT
Lotanna Akukwe Oliver Senator	PRESENT
Ava Dennis Warren Senator	PRESENT

Representatives:

Gio Coronado Incoming Student Representative	PRESENT
Maleah Robles Neighborhoods Representative	ABSENT
Bobbi Jo Crittenden Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Grace Stiger Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT
Nick Yochum Off-Campus Representative	PROXY
Hannah Sommerville Off-Campus Representative	PRESENT

Meeting brought to order at 5:01pm

Mission statement read by Jamie

Special Guests

Todd: Hi there, I am Todd Sandberg, and I am the director of the Rec center on campus. Some of you are familiar faces. This is a group from a sister school of Whitworth University from Japan. This school has a 30 year history as a sister school with Whitworth University. Kind of at an annual basis, Tazo, a professor in the education program, has been bringing students to Whitworth University. His first trip was in 1993. This year is his 30th anniversary of bringing students to Spokane and to Whitworth University. What's really cool about this program is I have been able to start an exchange with Whitworth students, so I have been able to bring Whitworth University students to Japan. What's cool about this is that Tazo has been unable to travel outside of Japan for the last two years because of Covid, but now we are able to start this program back up which is really exciting! It's been very difficult to travel since 2020. This is his first return since 2020. We are starting this exchange program back up again in May, and I will be bringing 11 Whitworth students for a 3 week experience to Japan. I just wanted to introduce that for all of you.

Tazo: My name is Tazo and my friend Todd Sandberg gave us a great introduction so thank you. Thank you so much for inviting us here, it truly is a blessing to me here. These are my seminar students and they are all education majors. Elementary and upper as well.

Todd: They are here for two weeks, they arrived on Monday The purpose of this trip is first cultural. This is their first time to the United States for many of them. Secondly, because they are education majors. During their time here, they are here in multiple public and private institutions which consumes most of their week, and then they also have a homestay experience with some faculty members and other friends that have been apart of this program for many years. And they are also going to Whitworth and Gonzaga for Japanese classes. And they spend time in my study tour class as well.

Tazo: And doing lots of shopping as well.

Todd: Anyways, we appreciate your support and we just wanted to come and say hello. If you see them on campus, please don't hesitate to say hello. Thank you.

Approval Of Minutes from February 15th, 2023:

Motioned to approve by Katie

Seconded by Bobbi Jo

Favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstain: 0

Club Coordinator Updates**Proposals****Bowling Club**

Jamie: Starting off with Casey from the Bowling Club!

Casey: Hi! My name is Casey and I am a first year senior and I took the Bowling class this past January and I was reminded on how much I love bowling. Whitworth does not have a bowling club and so I'd really love to start that. I've been in talk with Lilac Lanes because they are the most well maintained and the closest. We have settled on Sundays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. They have discounted lanes which helps, but we will be asking members to generally cover lane fees. As long as we have enough people to cover 2 lanes, we should be good. As for equipment, you can rent things there, and I have also been going to thrift stores to find things like bags, and bowling balls. All thrift stores in Spokane offer 25% off for college students on Mondays by the way. I'm trying to get together used balls and bags so theyre a little nicer than house balls. But anyways, we just want to have a fun time and bowl casually.

Jamie: Any questions?

Lucien: Do you have any people lined up to join the club or interested?

Casey: I have about 8 interested in joining but there is communication that others are interested as well/

Lotanna: Could you clarify how many times per month you would want to go?

Casey: I think about twice a month to keep it reasonable, and depending on how things go, we could kick it down to once a month.

Updates

Students for Life

Sarah: I'm president for Students for Life. Over the fall, we have done weekly meetings and different events. In the spring we are looking to do a couple of speaker events and tabling events. We will be doing meetings every other week.

Katie: When are your meetings?

Sarah: Mondays at 8:00pm in the Hub ABC room.

Sierra: What is a good way to get more information?

Sarah: People can email me at squinn23@my.whitworth.edu or reach us through our instagram, and we are hoping to get posters up soon with more information.

WhitCode

Nirjal: Over the fall, we had six different events. Some were social hours, others were workshops. We are planning two events for March including a coding competition, we are also continuing the Peer Mentorship Program, and last we are also looking for officers for next year. Please let us know any questions and we'd be happy to share.

Katie: What is a good contact for this club?

Nirjal: nshakya23@my.whitworth.edu.

Sierra: When do you all meet?

Nirjal: Our social hour is every first Monday of the month from 6:00pm-7:00pm where we have pizza and just hang out.

Katie: Where do you meet?

Nirjal: Eric Johnston, room 308.

Financial Director Updates

Finance Committee & Account Totals

Capital : \$13,900 | Unallocated: \$12,375.

Michael: Hello everybody. Here are the account totals. The next finance committee meeting will take place, next week on Monday which is the 27th of February. If you have any requisitions you would want processed before that time, please get them in before that Monday.

President Updates

Meeting with Scott

Georgia: Scott has agreed to come speak next week at our meeting on March 1st. He is more than happy to talk about all sorts of questions we have for him. He is aware that there are probably going to be lots of questions regarding potential graduate housing as well as hiring updates. We are excited to have him.

Safety Committee

Georgia: I will be trying to send emails out about the safety committee today or tomorrow. I'm thinking Mondays at 5:00pm but keep your eyes out if you are interested in safety committee. For those who still are interested in joining, email me and I'd be more than happy to include you.

Phil Labree

Phil Labree has been working to invite the Marine Corps Battle Color to Whitworth University. This is a really big deal, they just performed at a Kraken game. They travel all around the nation and are some of the best. When they are here it's going to be an amazing performance. That will be Thursday, March 9th at 6:00pm in the Fieldhouse. We will help advertise the event with some signage and social media posts. Spread the word. He said that he may need help with things like ticket handlers but I will keep you posted. Tickets are free and you can get them on the Whitworth website.

Haley: What exactly is the event?

Georgia: Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment. They do battle color ceremonies. It's the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.

Jason: They flip the rifles and throw them to each other. It's really awesome.

Georgia: They are the best of the best. It will be super cool.

Vice President Updates

Hired Positions Info

Christian: It is hiring season. Applications are open for all coordinator positions as well as the Communications Director position. Applications are due March 1st. You can find it on HFS. I will send the QR code to Senators if you all want to include them in your newsletters. We want a competitive pool of applicants that want to serve our student body. We want all students to have the opportunity to be able to apply to ASWU, so please spread the word.

Incoming Student Representative

Christian: As we know Sydnee has switched positions. This week we will be conducting interviews to fill this spot of Incoming Student Rep so hopefully we will fill this spot, but right now we have some pretty good candidates that we are excited to interview.

Meeting Structure Committee

Christian: I will be hopefully finding some more alternative times to figure out when we can meet together since some times are not working for some but working for others.

One on Ones

Christian: We are getting back into full schedules for one on ones, Senators and representatives. If you haven't solidified your time for a one on one please let me know after the meeting so we can get that set in stone.

Student Highlight

Christian: Our student highlight this week is Keke Aolani Jones. She works at the Hub Info Desk. Today, during the campus drill she did an excellent job facilitating the drill and telling everyone where to go and how to handle it. She was really great about it.

Meal Cards

Christian: Please come grab meal cards after the meeting, all ASWU members and guests! Sydnee will be handing them out this week. Come have a meal with the team, or by yourself! Thank you for being here.

Events: Past Events

Javier Colon

Jason: Last Thursday, Javier Colon was here. We had 82 people in attendance. Sounds like people really enjoyed it. People loved the Squirrels we handed out to advertise it and it was a huge hit.

Christian: I have friends of mine who are marketing students that thought the squirrels were a great marketing and advertising piece.

Patches' Birthday

Jason: Patches' Birthday was last Friday night at the basketball games. We had six mascots from around town show up which we weren't expecting. People loved the T-shirts and cake went quickly. It was a lot of fun. It was a lot of work for what seemed to be 6 minutes, but I think it paid off and athletics loved seeing us out there as well. We don't have numbers because this was a basketball game.

Katie: I have heard from multiple people that those are the best T-shirts that ASWU has handed out.

Events: Upcoming Events

Awkward Middle School Dance:

Kenzie: Awkward Middle School Dance is in two days. I've been working my butt off. It's going to be a lot of fun. There's going to be punch, a DJ, dancing, and music. There will also be those kinds of things that you find at a middle school dance. I'm tabling tomorrow at 11:00am.. There's cool prizes you can get including glitter putty, bubbles, things to that extent. There may or may not be a giveaway but that is TBD. Additionally, go to The Pines and get the Awkward Middle School Lotus.

Harlem Renaissance Ball

Jessica: Harlem Renaissance Ball is happening on Saturday from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. We are all so excited about this and have two full menus for this event. They are representing Nigerian and Kenyan food which is really exciting. We will have live music from some students so that is happening too. If I could have 3 people for setup that would be great. It is in the Hub MPR, and it would be 5:00pm for setup. Dress formally if you can.

Spring Club Fair

Jamie: The Spring Club Fair is March 1st in the Hub MPR from 11:30am until 1:30pm. About 20 to 25 clubs have signed up. Snacks will be provided. It's going to be a good time.

Christian: What is the total number of clubs?

Jamie: 58.

Movie Night

Grace: Movie Night at Wandermere will be next Friday, March 3rd at 8:30pm. We will be playing Puss in Boots: The Last Wish. Tickets are available at the Hub Info Desk. Go and grab them while you can. Everyone in attendance will be able to get a free medium popcorn and a free small drink. It will be lots of fun. I will need about two or three people to help me work and greet people, and I can get those that volunteer a free ticket into the movie.

Constituency Reports

Boppell

Katelynn: Boppell is great. Some of the RA's wanted to put up a sign to let residents know that if the printer is broken to call IT instead of leadership. So, I made a poster. People are not making food as much so I am not seeing people anymore. It seems that the colder it gets the more Boppell residents keep their heads down, so a lack of nod greetings as you pass people. It has been super warm inside so that's been great.

Duvall

Katie: Duvall has had a much less eventful week, which we are all thankful for. Two of our pods still haven't been able to move back in due to the water damage in the pods, and according to facilities, it looks like it will be another week and a half. The residents are getting tired of the fans everywhere and some ceiling tiles are still missing from the water damage. I've noticed there's a much larger gathering

happening every night on the third-floor lounge where everyone studies and laughs. Some of the leadership and I will be collaborating on ideas soon for this spring's event soon.

Oliver

Lotanna: Like Arend, we also had a CBS meeting and 11 people showed up. We made slight changes to our standards. My residents also shared a couple of prizes they want to see in Casino Night. One of my residents also mentioned how we have a broken pool stick.

BJ

Sierra: BJ is chugging along. Many people had their first exams of the semester today and so stress has been high the past few days, but we are making it through. We have had many people involved in prime time lately. Including, a group that watched Big Hero 6 and a great turn out at the RA info night primetime on Sunday which is exciting. I have also just heard some grumbling about the snow which is so valid after those beautiful 40-degree days. Both of the CBS meetings in BJ and the Village went well and resulted in basically no changes to the guidelines, but I did get to have some fun interactions with residents in the village which was cool.

Arend

Samie: Don't have much to report on, it has been pretty quiet. We did had our spring ratification last Wednesday with 8 people that showed up. We did change our standards slightly though so it was nice to hear student voices and see that change is actually being made and implemented.

Off-Campus Senator:

Reeshika: Off-campus is doing well, I have heard a lot of complaints about parking. and we are having an event in March which I will have more information on that next week. A lot of people are excited about Casino Night. If you want to come to my office during hours, please email me.

Warren

Ava: Recently I haven't seen a lot of my constituents. However, the ones I have seen I've been asking around what people want for my spring event. When I went to a prime time it was pretty quiet, but I did see a new face which was great. However, of course, people have been talking about the snow that just dropped and also the places that people were stuck in during the active shooter drill.

McMillan

Lucien: McMillan is doing good. We're settling into the school year. A sickness has swept the halls and hit a number of people so its definitely been a quieter time. We've been running board game nights every Tuesday and it has allowed some quieter residents to feel welcome to come and join the larger community of our dorm, which I love to see! Other than that, things are running pretty smoothly! Milk and Cookies every Wednesday at 10:55PM in Mac 2nd. Be there for some good times!

Ballard

Kenzie: Ballard is doing well, we've been getting ready for Awkward Middle School Dance, which is this Friday. We've got milk and cookies tonight as always. Residents have been worried about classes and roommate conflicts now that everyone's getting back into the groove of things.

Neighborhoods

Christian: Maleah is not here, but she has the following to report. The neighborhoods are doing good. Applications for neighborhood housing will open up soon! I have heard a number of people are getting sick again due to the weather change. Over all everyone seems to be doing well and keeping themselves busy with classes.

International Senator

Niraj: The international students are good. We are very excited for Top Chef that is happening on the 26th. The CDAs have been hosting some socials for us, which have been amazing. We are very grateful for the funding for the new flag poles in the ISC and the Nutrition Center.

Incoming Student Representative

Gio: Our incoming students are doing well! Although the weather isn't very exciting a lot of students are excited about lots of the events coming up, most notably the "awkward middle school dance." There have been many talks about the fairs that have been going on in the MPR, and people are glad for the information that has been given and for a lot of the handouts and snacks, especially the little squirrel people got from the Wellness Fair. Other than that, life has been good at Whitworth for our incoming students.

Campus Vibes

Niraj: There is the Top Chef competition on February 26th at 4:30pm in the Dining Hall. Nigerian, Indonesian, Mongolian, and Ethiopian food will all compete. It will be really great.

Katie: Honors Weekend is this weekend so be extra helpful and happy when people ask you for directions or pass by.

Georgia: This is something Lotanna and I have been talking about. I'm not sure if y'all have heard about The Chosen. It's a phenomenal show. We were talking about getting a group together to get together and watch one episode per week. It's not a club or an official ASWU event, just me and Lotanna and whoever else that wants to get together and watch. We were thinking Monday nights. Just let us know if anyone is interested.

Shoutouts

Gio: Shoutout to Jamie and Samie for helping me out at the Student Leadership Fair. I was blanking on what to tell students, and they were helping me so I could help students out.

Christian: I have somewhat of a long list. Shoutout to Gio; there has been a lot of changes with Sydnee switching and he has been rolling with the punches. Representing twice as many people. Shoutout to Kenzie. Shes been killing it with advertising for Awkward Middle School Dance. The drink was so creative, the tabling, just an excellent job. Shoutout to Reeshika, she had two people come to her office hours recently. Shoutout to Lucien for disguising his office hours. He is being proactive especially when it comes to office hours. Shoutout to Maleah for putting in effort and being creative for her office hours, and she's going to be advertising getting coffee with her for her office hours. Next, shoutout to Haley for subbing for proxy for Nick with little notice. Last, shoutout to Sierra for hosting her first CBS meeting and getting to know more of her community.

Jamie: Shoutout to Sydnee for taking on such a big position. It's a lot, especially for freshman year so shoutout to you.

Jason: Quick shoutout to Larkin and Kenzie for convincing their professor last week to let them out early for the Javier Colon concert. Not even just them, but their whole class.

Katie: Shoutout to Grace for taking over this big job.

Motioned to adjourn by Katie

Seconded to Katelynn

Favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining : 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm
