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2021-22 ASWU Meeting Minutes | April 6th, 2022

Attendance:

Rachel Ayres President	present
Chris Clay Vice President	late
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	present
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	present
Christian Aguilar Outreach Coordinator	present
Grace Johnson Oliver Senator	present
Hans Tamminga McMillan Senator	late
Katelynn Diaz Ballard Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku Boppell Senator	present
Larkin Dean Duvall Senator	present
Logan Spencer Warren Senator	present
Samie Schaffer Arend Senator	present
Kyle Marquez Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Rebecca Kay Stewart Senator	present

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

Meeting brought to order at 1701.

Mission statement read by Jenna.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Jamie F, Seconded by Rebecca

Discussion: None

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Club Coordinator Updates

Jamie C: Today we have HOLA and Ultimate Frisbee Club for club updates.

- HOLA

Jessica: Hi everyone. I am the treasurer for HOLA. It is the Heritage of Latin America club. We promote our culture throughout campus through events and socials and one event we do each year is for Día de los Muertos. We perform in I-fest and also have lots of socials. One event we had recently was karaoke night which was just before break. It was fun with lots of students there. HOLA is mostly social focused with building community at Whitworth, and we are working to extend out into the Spokane community next academic year. Elections for the club are coming up and they start this Friday. Applications are open until the end of April, and we decide as a group who is running and the positions. We have various events and I think that is pretty much it. One upcoming event is this Friday with elections, and we are talking about an annual dance at the end of the year for fun. This is a dance with music from Spanish

genres. Everyone is welcome and we are trying to set a date because it is getting crazy.

Jamie C: Evelyn is the best contact. If you have questions email her or reach out to Jessica

- Ultimate Frisbee Club

Video played in chambers: https://mywhitworth-my.sharepoint.com/personal/jrobblee24_my_whitworth_edu/Documents/Attachments/Epic_Ultimate_Promo_Video.MP4

Jamie G: That covers it pretty well. Regionals is in Portland in a few weekends. Wish us luck, hopefully we can go to nationals. We are having fun and it is free and open to anyone. We are looking for anyone and it is co-ed even at tournaments. I joined knowing nothing and have loved it.

Christian: Would it be possible to access the video again?

Jamie C: I can show you again.

Jamie C: If you have questions email James or the co-captain presidents. Check your emails for upcoming speaker requests and new clubs chartering.

Financial Director Updates

Capital: \$19,090

Unallocated: \$16,450.35

Travel: \$4,780

- Requisition Deadline Reminder

Abby: Last deadline for the year is April 26th. If you want money, it has to be in by April 26th.

President Updates:

- UREC Updates

Rachel: Telmen is here from the UREC with another presentation.

Telmen: Hello I hope you all had a great break. I am Telmen the outreach coordinator at the UREC. Today I am telling you what the UREC is doing for April. First is anyone looking for a yoga class? It is open so you can join and if you have

questions let me know or check out Instagram. Our intramural deadline is extended until Friday so join if you want if you have time. On April 9th we have a specific unique event for the climbing wall. You can win prizes by climbing and it has a little bit of a fee but there is big prizes so it is worth it. This is our highlight of April; it is Active April incentive program. UREC is doing these every month and you'll have to exercise, and you can win prizes like a massage or UREC t-shirt. You win prizes for exercising and it is good for your health. We are also hiring and if you want to work for the UREC we have multiple positions available so apply before Monday. This is actually the highlight; black light volleyball tourney has 16 teams, and it is on April 22. A team can have 6 people. You will play the game in the dark. It is from 10pm to 1 am. This is the photo from past years to see it will look like this. It will be fun. Here are outdoor rec activities if you want a break after spring break. Come to these. For example, a hot springs sounds good and you can try them just reach out to me or Instagram. Do you have questions?

Chris: Will you have access to the PowerPoint?

Rachel: I have it yes.

Telmen: If you have requests or questions reach out by email. My last name is really long. Instagram is easier. Thank you.

- Safety Survey Results

Rachel: We sent a safety survey a couple weeks ago to all day students and at 5pm on Friday it closed. Here is some data we collected. I would love to hear some feedback on the numbers as well as what we can do to move forward. (References graphs). The scale from 1-5 is 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree. 68% said I feel safe on campus during the day ranking a 5. There was a big drop off at night with 4 coming in as the strongest with 35% of people. Keep in mind there are 15 who strongly disagree that they feel safe with 100 saying they feel safe. 15 is a lot, we can't guarantee everyone feels safe, but it is noteworthy. We had 282 responses. Next, I feel safer the in presence of security. This was 4-5 so pretty close. Next, if there is an emergency campus security would respond in an efficient and timely manner: 4 was our strongest one and there was a downward curve. Next, I feel my race, ethnicity, gender expression, or sexuality contributes to a lack of personal safety on campus. Many people disagree which is a positive response. 97 people answered a 1. There was an interesting plateau with 2-5. Next, I feel my race, ethnicity, gender expression, or sexuality decreases the likelihood my report would be taken seriously by campus security or administration if I was physically harmed or part of an emergency. 115 disagreed which is a good thing but there are significant numbers going the other way as well. Last one is I know what steps to take if I feel unsafe on campus. 20% of students felt they strongly agreed. We got lots of positive feedback but there are still concerns. As ASWU, what can be tangibly do? I am

preparing a report for Rhosetta Rhodes to see the stats and then she can see what they said but as ASWU, this is probably the graph we can act the most on. 57 students strongly agree they know what to do, but 81, 81, 45, and 18 are not able to know what steps to take. I want to see these numbers at 100%. We want to do some educational efforts for students to know what to do if they feel unsafe on campus. This is something that has been brewing in the safety committee which is Reeshika, Sienna, Georgia, and myself. I want to hear your thoughts in regard to the surveys or we can go back to the graphs.

Makayla: Can you scroll up? Are there any demographic indicators like race or gender specifically within that poll?

Rachel: No it is a whole pot. I wish we had it narrowed down. Are you surprised by the data?

Makayla: I live off campus and we live on a street with no lights so once you leave campus it is scary. Even walking around I talk to other women who felt there is not enough lighting around campus. Not just on the edges but sometimes in the middle of the loop or library to warren or sidewalks. I catch myself at 7pm shifting my head around. McEachern and other places especially in the dark it can be scary and there is a concern with the farther buildings like WALT or the UREC with no lights as well. Walking at night is concerning.

Rachel: Good points. Along with these graphs we had short answer responses and there were lots about lighting. It will be in the report that we want more lighting. It is a genuine concern.

Sienna: Part of the responses were specific areas which is helpful and so we know what areas to target. I hope we can move something forward with that. We might have to focus more on education but next year we will be passing it on.

Rachel: What about educational efforts as ASWU can we do to educate about safety and wellbeing as it's important to us. I want to hear ideas about retention and engaging students with being safe on campus. Brainstorm session.

Makayla: I don't know the names of security people. I think it would great to have a panel or have bios of people on security. I feel like I could ask people and they would not know the names either or have had interactions with them besides parking tickets. We should work on demystifying the relationships with security which would be nice.

Dezy: I'm glad I could come to this meeting. I am meeting with Mac from security about security in general. This is good for me to share because I have

questions to bring to him personally. If you have questions, I would love to share it too so I can bring more things to him because I have 3-4 questions so far, but I know that relationships with security have been rocky in some perspectives. I want to bridge the gap between Whitworth students and security. If you have concerns, the meeting is next Tuesday so email me before then.

Chris: Maybe they could have increased racial bias training for them specifically. I had 3 friends tell me experiences where we were asked if we were students and had to show our ID or we are in Graves and they kick us out more than one occasion and doubt that we are students. They should understand racial bias and tendencies.

Elisa: This is more for on campus, but the CBS meetings at the beginning of the year would be good for talking about safety for everyone to hear.

Rachel: We want to implement this and not just do an educational post.

Grace: One thing I do is put resources on newsletters. I tell residents to put security's number in their phone but also in my newsletters to see and refer to.

Makayla: Can we encourage RAs to do programming for this and not just at CBS but once a semester maybe inviting security guards to the meetings to talk about their positions and visit res halls? A large population on campus would be more connected.

Rachel: Send me more ideas if you have them.

- Transition Meetings

Rachel: We are getting closer to the end of the year. These transition meetings are required. Once elections are done, you will know who is in your spot next year. If your position is elected in the fall don't worry but get materials organized. Coordinators you have someone hired so set up the meetings. Don't wait until the end of the semester since they are required.

- Reminder on Leadership/Elections

Rachel: As ASWU members you cannot endorse or promote a candidate who is running an election. Campaigning starts tomorrow and any leadership like CDA, CMC, and RA cannot publicly advocate for a person. They have a big following and we don't want swaying and it is a rule for each year. Let me know if you have questions.

Courtney: Can you say who you are voting for?

Rachel: Up to you, but don't scream it at the top of your lungs.

Chris: Hesitate on the details since it would influence them potentially.

Vice President Updates:

- Election Polls Signups

Chris: We are signing up for election polling. If you are in BJ, Boppell, Warren, StewVille, or Oliver, nobody ran so please tell your friends and have them reach out and we can have them work for a write in candidate spot. They just need to do it before election starts and we can add them to the ballot, and they can have benefits with that. Here are the times to sign up for polling booth. We are serving snow cones and helping students vote. Results will be given 10:30pm that night.

- Constituency Reports

Chris: This is for residence hall senators and the off-campus senator, we have our annual constituency report to see how students are doing coming up. You got a peak of this with your survey's, but this is an in depth check in from ASWU to see how we can support and work on improving for next year and set up a transition for those coming in newly elected. It is set for May 7th maybe and due by May 15th.

- 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: Katelyn Pounds is our student highlight today. Thank you for your help with events like casino night and supporting us. Shoutout to you. You'll get a free drink card to Sodexo locations on campus.

Upcoming Events:

- BJ All-Nighter

Kyle: I will not sleep, and I haven't been sleeping in preparation. Lots of food and tournaments are planned. You can buy laser engraved trophies for 10 dollars on Amazon, so I am getting them customized. It is this Friday to Saturday.

- Off Campus BBQ

Reeshika: The BBQ is Sunday April 10th from 5pm-7pm in Holmberg Park. We have free food and burgers including vegetarian options with music and yard games.

Raffles as well. I need two for set up from 4-5pm. Can someone be there from 5-7pm as well for food serving? You better be there.

Jessica: Can I bring Tupperware?

- Pirate Mania

Georgia: it is this Monday April 11th. senators you got your posters not because you didn't pick them up but because they need to get put out. There might be two more in there. It is from 930-11pm. You won't have to stay the whole time if you go for set up, pizza, or spirit gear. The rest will probably stay the whole time. I am excited tell everyone. We will do golden parrot hidden thingy across campus starting tomorrow at noon those who find them to get extra raffle tickets. There will be free pizza and spirit gear. We have rally towels and foam pirate hats. It is first come first serve. No t-shirts this time since we did it last year but maybe extra t-shirts from ASWU, but I haven't asked Jason yet, maybe not. For set up come at 8:30. Last time we did not go the whole time, so it probably won't go to 11 but just to be safe.

- Incoming Students Easter Egg Hunt

Michelle: This is our first event. On April 12th from 430-530pm at the loop and we are spreading 436 eggs around. Tell a friend and be there.

Elisa: We are hiding 3 golden eggs with gift cards or tickets. Basically we need 4 people to come at 3:15 to hide the eggs on April 12th which is Tuesday. One to stay for music. It is open to everyone on campus, and it is free.

Georgia: Are there things in the eggs?

Elisa: Yes. There is also a snack table and prizes and decorations for your bag.

- Senior Celebration

Aidan: This is more of a heads up for seniors. This is April 19th from 5-630pm, but caps and gown distribution is at 3-7pm. This is the handout event mainly, but photographers will be there as well for free with cap and gown pictures. BECU will have a table with stuff, and I will be handing things out too. I am still collecting donations for senior class gift. I need a few volunteers. Sign up next week.

- Senior Fun Day

Aidan: This is April 24th time to come and also keep on your calendars I will need help. This is a carnival event with prizes. Normally there is senior bingo but we are having a carnival this time so more people can leave with things. I will maybe need 14-16 people.

- Second Chance Prom

Sienna: It is April 30th from 7-9pm. Seniors your tickets open 11th and the rest open on the 12th.

Larkin: What is the dress code?

Sienna: Prom outfits.

Jamie G: Do photo people come at 5pm?

Sienna: Yes

Makayla: I have never seen this venue, are there places to sit there? One dance we had there was nowhere to sit but maybe 8 chairs.

Sienna: Yes, there are tables and chairs and I think it is accessible.

Tristy: I have 5 upcoming events. Earth day is April 22nd, and earth week is that week. We are going downtown for a climate march. Earth week is on Sunday starting with chalk on the hello walk. On Tuesday we are partnering with Hosanna for an environmental worship night and vigil. We are not worshipping the environment. On Wednesday we have a climate panel from Kalispell and Spokane tribes and people working with the city of Spokane doing environmental work. It is from 7-830pm. On Thursday it is an environmental psych day for mental health and the environment with an event from 11-2pm. Friday is trivia night at 7pm before the Duvall drive-in. You can win fun prizes like plants or Chaco's. On Saturday it is our last event, and we are planting around the WALT so I am ordering plants and we will be doing gardening things and so come get your hands in the dirt at 9 or 10 am.

Makayla: Can we access the events?

Tristy: They are on the calendar.

Chris: You should have access, reach out to us if not.

Constituency Reports

International Students:

Michael: We are doing great. Good to see everyone back but some students got sick, and some were in quarantine. That's all.

Neighborhoods:

Payton: Things are well. Everyone I've seen from break had a good restful time and it was needed. People are definitely busier now.

Ballard:

Katelynn: We are doing great. There were lots of gals in sun today out front of Ballard. I got a compliment when one resident said there was so much community in Ballard which is great. We had a fire drill today. Not a lot of people came out, but it showed they were not there but rather getting out and about.

Boppell:

Dezy: Boppell is doing good. There is a lot of people in Boppell doing the Luau so there is lots of talk about that. People are trying to get people to come to that. Not many people are signed up. I'm working on an event, and it is a surprise.

Jamie G: I have been so busy so that's about it. Everyone is busy and adapting back from break.

Duvall:

Larkin: We are doing good. It seems like everyone was rested and are looking forward to the next break. When I talked to constituents, they said they have lots of essays and exams but also are hanging out together.

Oliver:

Grace: I sent out my monthly survey for the month of April and have some data I'd like to report on. In terms of how residents are doing, some feel very refreshed from Spring Break, but some feel tired and like they are lacking motivation to get back into the swing of things. I've had residents report stress for exams, the housing lottery being confusing as well as majors/minors and choosing those. Overall however, most of my residents had an incredible Spring Break.

Arend:

Samie: We are doing great. There were lots of cool travel stories from break. I am also in the process of planning an event. People are getting excited. We have a few reports of burnout already which is sad after break but understandable. I am going to try and do a destress event.

McMillan:

Hans: We are doing well. With nicer weather we are outside more doing some frofing. Several of us are learning how to ride a unicycle. 3rd floor has been playing a card game. There is a revisited interest in super smash bros, so we have been doing that. We got together and had a dorm wide meeting to talk about helping each other and continuing traditions and not having it all fall on

the senator. The first-floor urinal isn't working but some think it is. We had a solid turnout to 2-dollar Tuesday at Didiers. Milk and cookies goes on.

Baldwin-Jenkins:

Kyle: BJ is getting a new ping pong table. Our AC got a request in. We are reenergized for the final push.

Stewart:

Rebecca: We are doing alright. Break was needed but it is low energy. We have another mascot. Its name is arson. Speaking of arson, Thursday at midnight the BJ fire alarm went off and then again today. I don't think Kyle was there for either, but I was there for both.

Incoming Student Reps:

Michelle: We weren't doing well before break but now we are energized, and they should all come to the easter egg hunt. Some maybe are a little upset that they have to live on campus a second year and they are trying to get into neighborhoods and there is lots of housing lottery stress.

Elisa: Some students are sick with maybe a flu going around. Be cautious.

Chris: There is a little covid and sickness spike.

Off Campus:

Reeshika: Everyone should be at the BBQ to eat food and not getting prizes for you guys. Please come. We are doing good.

The Village:

Hannah L: We are doing good. It is a slow start for everyone. The tree fell and I wasn't there, but it was shocking and they took care of it.

Warren:

Logan: Spring break was good for residents. I got a 50/50 response for restful and some didn't get rest. Lots of people got leadership positions for next year. Hopefully someone does Warren senator. We had a fire drill, and they did not do well. It was supposed to be 4 minutes and it was maybe 10 minutes to get everyone out. Our AC sent an email that was strongly worded not swearing but we would die if we took that long. Overall we are alright.

Campus Vibes

Samie: This is for a niche audience. Cheer tryouts are this weekend so if you want to be a cheerleader please register. I can send the link. It is 10 dollars to be

there, and the team is awesome so tell your friends. Men are encouraged to try out.

Aidan: Back to the senior class gift, we are still trying to get \$3000 dollars to fund it. We are over half-way. In the time until graduation I have only been told I can send the link and that's only how I can get people to donate. There are posters for senators in their boxes and it will have a QR code. I did the math and if 300 people donated \$7 dollars we would be funded.

Logan: Can you send it to alumni?

Aidan: There has been lots of communication and we tried hard for emails to be sent and they sent it to seniors yesterday and I recorded a video for advertisement. On one pine day, alumni saw it but it's up to me now. There is only so much I can do on Instagram. Any donations are appreciated.

Jamie C: It is currently D3 week this week and SAC is handing out cookies until 2pm at the track meet on Friday. Come out to see the meet.

Rachel: Two things. One, we have lots of events coming and it's hard to advertise right from break, so I encourage you the best way to advertise is word of mouth, group chats, and encouraging people to go. Posters can only do so much. Senators if you are trying to find a way to talk to constituents you can tell them about events. Also put it in your newsletters. My other thing is primetimes. I want to come to some. If you have a cool one coming, let me know and I am going to bug you.

Chris: I have a few updates. One update from one of the student ambassadors, he currently interns for the APIC Spokane in partnership with PIC Washington. They are hosting an Asian and Asian-American, native Hawaiian, and pacific islander student graduation celebration on Sunday May 1st at Gonzaga. This is to honor and celebrate graduates from the Spokane colleges and universities and local high schools. There will be food, professional photography, and custom graduation cords for all communities. If you want more info email Mark at mponce22@my.whitwoth.edu he has more information. The deadline is Friday. If you know people who may be interested, reach out and connect them with Mark. Also if you haven't seen, there is a GoFundMe for Biruk who is trying to pursue his masters at John Hopkins. It is a big opportunity so if you have the capacity to donate that would be great. Look around for community opportunities to donate to. Also we have a student experiencing medical difficulties. Julia Horowitz has gone through a lot so shoutout to her resilience and hearing about her fighting it is important.

Dezy: Lots of people like the new health science building. It's a flex to say my major is health science. We are excited for more study spots and maybe a coffee shop would be fire.

Jamie C: If you are feeling hungry on Monday April 11th from 4-8pm, the AT club is doing a fundraiser at chipotle, and they get 30% of proceeds. Clubs need to fundraise because it is great to get money other than from ASWU.

Jason: Two things. Some may know that Friday is Bucs Bound on campus. Over 300 potential people will be on campus. This is very important to get new students so if you see lost people, be nice. Talk about how much you love Whitworth and how they should come. In addition to what Rachel was saying and advertising, ASWU owns an inflatable shark costume. If you want to see one to advertise with, let me know

Chris: I would literally pay one of you to wear it.

Makayla: If you feel comfortable asking teachers and want space before or after class to talk about events, profs will let you talk about the events in class to spread the word. I've done it in most classes, and they are chill.

Chris: There is an opportunity with the DEI office, there is a belonging retreat on this Saturday April 9th from 10am-4pm. If you want an opportunity to share spaces with those who have had similar experiences or learn more about shared experiences on campus, you should attend. We have limited spots so reach out to Ayaka at adohi@whitworth.edu .

Katelyn: The link to register is in the bio of the Whitworth DEI Instagram account.

Chris: I will be a facilitator.

Shoutouts

Dezy: Shoutout to Jamie G for holding it down since I haven't been able to come and sending me emails and updates and helping with events.

Georgia: Shoutout to Aeron for always being a legend. I sent him posters this morning and it was a quick turn around and he has much patience. Thank you to all for helping with pirate mania.

Makayla: Shoutout to individual teams and clubs for putting so much on in the next few weeks. It is an intense month. April is more intense than May with events and things. Mad respect for everyone. Way to integrate school spirit.

Grace: Shoutout to Aeron and Grant. Communication is key and we appreciate you, especially Aeron with the posters and getting people to get involved with what we do. I appreciate you.

Makayla: Shoutout to Grant for typing our chaos.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Larkin, Seconded by Michelle

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 1812