

ASWU Minutes 3.4.15

- I. Call to order: Ian: 5:01pm
- II. Mission Statement: Danny
- III. Chris Eichorst
 - a. Chris: The idea was brought up a year plus ago- a mobile fire pit. Transformed over time, introduced as a class project- maybe a class could donate funds and provide something for students to use. Recently come up with funding- a donor has donated funds to build this project potentially. Beck has looked at it- we want to get student input. One idea- we have a cool fountain in front of Mac but it's usually not running. It's the idea of a warming place- an outdoor fireplace, it would be gas- a place where you could meet formally, informally or just hang out. Trying to tie in some of the brick that we have on campus. We also have a talented welder that works on our staff; he's done fabulous things. We're asking him to build something special for Whitworth; he would be constructing the cover that goes on top. I'm asking you- do you think this is a good idea? There's a couple options here with slightly different prices. Planning to start as soon as we can, but Beck was interested in getting student feedback. Anyone have issues with it?
 - b. Chase: Yes {likes it}. Where?
 - c. Chris: The idea is kind of in the loop but not smack in the middle. There's also a gas line that runs so that location makes a lot of sense (just West of the HUB in the loop). The cost to run the fireplace- the idea of a timer, you set the timer and talk but when you leave it will turn itself off.
 - d. Ashton L: You mentioned classes donating to it. I wouldn't count on that, there's a lot of push back for solid objects being class gifts.
 - e. Lauren: Will you be cutting down any trees for this?
 - f. Chris: No. We will actually plant some trees this spring. We want to diversify, not all ponderosas.
 - g. Jordan: So this would be open to anyone anytime?
 - h. Chris: That's the idea...I think of it as a free space for the Whitworth community.
 - i. Dayna: The cost to run it comes where?
 - j. Chris: \$1.40 per hour. It would be a cost we would pay, everyone would pay it but there's a cost to having something like this and maybe some maintenance.

- k. Joshua: If we're hoping to have it outside, is there anything we could do to make it a less cold surface to sit on?
 - l. Chris: We could pay more and put an element in the benches. The technical problem is we don't have enough power so we would have to do something to upgrade our power to heat those elements. We've played with the idea but we thought about the metal benches we have over campus and how we thought those would be colder.
 - m. Eli: I like A more than B
 - n. Guest: Just wondering how often people go around the fountain because this is a similar situation.
 - o. Chris: There's no data to support it.
 - p. Danny: During the weather conditions where you'd want to be out there, people will go.
 - q. Chris: It's a pretty good size burner; hopefully you will feel the heat. There's a top to keep the heat in, radiate heat outward not straight up.
 - r. Bre: Living in BJ I would say this year at least 15 times people have asked if we can light fires on campus so I know our dorm community would use this a lot.
 - s. Chris: For the county and clean air, burning gas has more opportunity than wood burning. Who's in favor?
 - t. Danny: I think that location might be too central, not close to any living areas.
 - u. Chris: We've thought about the East plaza, but then there's some who are even further away. Next to the HUB for a reason, people come here all the time.
 - v. Eli: You should put electrical outlets so people can bring their computers.
- IV. Minutes: Approved
- V. Welcome Guests
- VI. Club Updates (**8 min**)
- a. **Athletic Training Club**
 - b. Julia: Athletic training club. In the fall we did a behind the scenes look- what prep time looks like for a football game. For the spring- planning on going to the west side and visiting businesses that need athletic trainers. Also trying to fundraise money for a type of charity. We might help volunteer with Bloomsday as well. We haven't decided on the triathlon yet because it's a lot of work but we will decide soon.
 - c. Ian: Do people have to be an athletic training major to be in the club? (no)

- d. Raleigh: Let me know if you need help with the triathlon.
 - e. **Pre-Med Club**
 - f. Emily and Alex
 - g. Emily: Our goals are to inform students about opportunities for their future careers mostly in health professions, and facilitate social activities. We have a lot of people involved in our club- mostly chemistry, biology and health science majors.
 - h. Alex: We have a BBQ at the beginning of the year, we've had admissions counselors from local medical schools come. Had a speaker come, meeting with International Service Learning- partnering with Whitworth to increase medical service learning overseas. Panel of UW Medical students come talk about how to apply and do well.
 - i. Emily: This spring- next week a Navy recruiter coming to speak. Gives out medical scholarships. Also a doctor and his PA (he's an orthopedic surgeon) are coming to answer questions, and having a student panel at the end of the year talking about how they got into medical school. Contact us through email and facebook page.
 - j. **Pre-Law Club**
 - k. Jonathan: Pre-law Club. Currently have about 30 members and we have alumni. 3 weeks ago we had a professional LSAT representative come give a lesson to give people a view of what the admissions test is like. Last year we had a rep from Willamette law school talking about tort law and admissions process. Coming up- we plan to have another logi-games event. Trying to get seats at corporate tables at the Bryan Stevenson event downtown. I've been interviewing current law students.
 - l. Jessica: When are your meetings?
 - m. Jon: Usually Thursdays at 6. Usually every 2 weeks.
- VII. Speaker: Ken Brown – Chief Information Officer **(15 min)**
- a. Ken: I partly want to get some help- Ian and I will do a survey. I need people to do the freshman or senior survey. Interested in getting feedback on your campus internet experience, how the network is working for you in the dorms, etc. It's interesting that we get very few complaints or information that comes all the way to information systems. Our system say they're working well so we're not aware of any issues until people come to us and say so. I also want to talk about our campus infrastructure and what we're doing to make it better. Parts of the survey- whether you have a Mac, PC, etc. We currently have 750-megabyte pipe- we use most of that

most of the time but not all the time. Allocated that so classrooms, faculty and staff are on a separate part of the network and students are on a part of the network. The classroom faculty staff can use 350. 250 megs per second to serve Netflix and other things for entertainment. 350 megabits for web applications, web browsing, etc. We broke those two apart so if people were over consuming, etc, it didn't necessarily block everyone else from studying who wanted to. We've also changed the guest network. It's designed for parents, vendors, and visitors. This year we unrestricted it so you can do anything on it. We'll be trying to budget more money to get a bigger pipe.

- b. Ken: Consumption is growing faster than we have budget to pay for. We have gig switches in all of the buildings, should have 1 wired port for every bed in the dorms. Wireless infrastructure – 234 access points on campus. We're trying to make sure we have enough on campus, some dorms have more than others. The way the building is constructed affects the performance, along with how many bodies in the room. 3 wireless networks. There have never been fewer than 150 people on the guest networked, peaked at 450 on guest. Weekend gets to 250. Saw a guest bump from Whitworth events this weekend. WhitStudent- we never have less than 900 devices, peak out at 1600. WhitStaff, lowest is 25 and peak is 250. Never fewer than 1000 on the network and usually have 2200. That's a lot. Unique user devices- almost 8,000. Explains a little bit about the challenges we have but we want it to be better. I know a lot of you probably have printers- incompatible with our network. It's negatively affecting your performance. A good idea is to try and turn wireless off. We have implemented wireless printing on campus- can print on printers in the labs, library, etc. Would you like to see us put a wireless printer in every dorm? (yes). We'll have to have help- don't steal the paper. I'll include that in the survey.
- c. Jordan: For the wireless printer- putting a hole in the drawer and a lock that RA's have the key too to solve the paper issue. My Xbox connects great but as a campus employee when I have to change my password there's a period where it keeps logging me out.
- d. Ken: It is an issue and I'm hoping to be able to extend student employee time, how frequently you have to change it. I can't really solve it right now but hopefully soon.

- e. Jordan: It sounds like the staff network has the same as the guest network so maybe moving that to the student network.
- f. Ken: Each network is guaranteed an amount and there are priorities on there. The only thing that's restricted is the file sharing. HBO is really good at noticing those- we've had many complaints that we've had to deal with.
- g. Ashton L: Are you in charge of any of the websites or you just do networks? Pirate port and Whitnet don't function on my iPad
- h. Ken: There's an incompatibility with iOS 6+ but we're working on it. I'll be meeting with the vendor next month and we will talk about it to see if there's a solution coming.
- i. Danny: What other sites do you block?
- j. Ken; There's a filter that blocks some porn sites, some gambling sites, and some hate speech sites. We let the vendor do it- any complaints I get are it's not blocking enough, and nothing is blocked in the library.
- k. Danny: The biggest challenges I've seen with the network are on finals week. At some points Internet becomes almost unserviceable- sites crashing, etc.
- l. Ken: Would you be opposed to me changing the ratios during finals week to give you more to do regular work? It's just a click of a button.
- m. Danny: It seems like the guest network is consistently overused. SafeConnect is a problem for many people.
- n. Ken: We've done a couple of releases, my understanding is that it's better. Made changes on the Mac side. We still need it because the other side is to protect us from big virus attacks, etc.
- o. Danny: What does Safe Connect protect us from?
- p. Ken: It's part of how we can meet obligations to report if we do have to deal with inappropriate behavior. Complying with that law. Not something I'm really happy about but we will continue working on it.
- q. Jenna: When skyping in Arend I got booted off the network 5 times- searching for network, it keeps booting people off.
- r. Ken: That's something I want to know about, we want to try to troubleshoot it. We might send people over to troubleshoot things.
- s. Christina Lott- clott@whitworth.edu

- t. Bre: I appreciate you all being so willing to help. I think dorm rooms are probably the hardest.

VIII. FVP (15 min)

- a. Requisition: Pacific Sociology Association Research Conference
- b. Emily and Horizon
- c. Kevin: Total is \$3,500.
- d. Emily: We've been selected to go present our research at the PSA conference. We requisitioned for \$3,500, which is a big number, but we wanted to present you with our total need. Airfare and food is what we need. We realize it's a big number but we wanted to come to you to see how we can work through this together.
- e. Horizon: We've all submitted applications to the honor society, from the places we can pull from. Understanding some of us have greater needs than others, but this is the overall need.
- f. Horizon: April 1-4. All of us are plugged in at different spaces. We present at round tables.
- g. Joshua: Since this is the students' money that we're spending, how does this impact Whitworth?
- h. Horizon: We mentioned doing a mini Ted-talk to bring back the research. I'll also be listening to other people, we are re-launching the sociology club next fall. Hoping to build that and working towards involving more than just 7 of us.
- i. Emily: This is kind of our launch into a sociological presence on campus.
- j. Jacob: Could you speak to the prestige of the PSA?
- k. Horizon: All of us who submit our research don't all get selected. 7 of us have the opportunity to go.
- l. Jacob: Is it for only West coast schools?
- m. Emily: Primarily Washington, Oregon, California, etc. Working with sociological rockstars.
- n. Ian: What year are the other students?
- o. Horizon: The others are primarily juniors, we have at least one senior.
- p. Jenna: Are you all presenting on the same topic? (No)
- q. Jordan: If you don't get all of this money, what is your plan?

- r. Emily: We have a meeting next week to discuss what each person can contribute. We're also planning a road trip if that needs to happen. The goal is for everyone to go.
- s. Danny: Is everyone in your group presenting research? (yes) Also the sociology department is funding some?
- t. Horizon: Because the conference is in a hotel they transferred funds for our hotel stay. Our sociology department can contribute; we're given \$400 depending that they will work with.
- u. Step Out
- v. Graham: I feel that the benefit to the Whitworth community does not outweigh the cost.
- w. Jacob: It sounds like a weekend in Long Beach at the end of the day.
- x. Kevin: They have to go to the research conference.
- y. Lauren: I don't think my residents would be happy if I voted for this.
- z. Raleigh: Whether or not we pass it, I think it's an amazing opportunity. In order to present research data from Whitworth students at a large conference.
- aa. Samantha: We need to be careful about funding conferences because if it gets out that we do then more people will come.
- bb. Sarah: Think about how many hours of work went into their research. I would be ok giving them some of my student fees to be able to go.
- cc. Sam: How much did we spend on the bubble balls?
- dd. Sam: So why would we give more to that than we would to an academic affair.
- ee. Kevin: The funding we have here is supposed to be for a student activity purpose. More activity based.
- ff. Dayna: You're not supposed to fund things that give academic credit. The fact that its an activities fee- get most bang for their buck.
- gg. Ashton L: How much per person did we give to the last conference? (answer)
- hh. Kevin: All the conferences are very different.
- ii. Danny: Seems like we have \$600 tops.
- jj. Dana: Conferences have a direct effect on the perception of Whitworth's academia. If they go and make a good impression that could make it easier for all of you to get into grad school, etc.

- kk. Eric: The benefit reaches beyond the university, it's exposure and we benefit by them being there.
- ll. Justin: I would recommend the Finance Committee's recommendation. If they really needed the money they could do the drive.
- mm. Joshua: I think I'm not for this, not even the finance committee suggestion. I think after they meet next week- figure out how much they're willing to pay and make a plan for a potential road trip.
- nn. Jessica: Motion to table until they can come back.
- oo. Kevin: If we do table it, do you want me to tell them that it's likely we wouldn't be able to fully fund a flight so they can have that in mind? (yes)
- pp. All in favor of tabling the conversation... not tabled
- qq. Lauren: I recommend going with the finance committee recommendation. After they figure out their funds maybe they can come back. \$100 per person, \$700 total
- rr. Vote taken, few opposed, **Requisition passed for \$700 total.**
- ss. Jerrica: Is there a way to make an average per person thing with all of these conferences?
- tt. Kevin: We can do that periodically but we always do that at Budget Committee.
- uu. Updates

IX. Reports & Vibes (15 min)

- a. Ali: Pass
- b. Benjamin: Pass
- c. Matt: Met with sustainability committee, talked about climate action plan recommendation for the president's cabinet. Including carbon offsets in student study abroad travel. Conversation will go into president's cabinet. Met with members of ASWU, talked about potential projects. 1) Car parking permits. We have cheap parking passes compared to universities across the country. We would like to see those raised and have that money go into green projects on campus. 2) Paper usage in ASWU. Would like to see the percentage of recycled paper that we use go up. Like to see at least 30% recycled. 3) Working with Sodexo to see about Meatless Mondays. The meat industry has a large impact on green house gas emissions.
- d. Niehls: 1 spot left for Bishop climbing trip.
- e. Raleigh: 7pm tonight Carry the Love.

- f. Danny: We had Carry the Love.
- g. Laurel: Department Heads- 7:45am slot for 4 credits. Activities- the Captive next week. Action movie.
- h. Haley: Vibe- a few students want more unpredictability with events.
- i. Jessica: Pass
- j. Jerrica: Department head meeting- Jan Term Smithsonian Internship program. Applications will come out next fall.
- k. Jenna: Pass
- l. Alicen: Broomball with Arend this weekend
- m. Skyler: Pass
- n. Saige: Ice cream brownie social with warren
- o. Bre: Club BJ this Friday night. Speakeasy.
- p. Jacob: Promised an ice cream party to BJ. Basketball team- and coach Logie have committed to scooping ice cream as soon as they're done with their season. Friday at 2:30 they will be playing La Grange, view in the dining hall.
- q. Marianne: Everybody is freaking out and so excited about the bubble balls.
- r. Elaine: Pass
- s. Ashton L: Midterms week, been working with STCU there will be a random acts of coffee thing going on. Talking with target- day after spring break will be another target night. April 2- senior giving kickoff will be started.
- t. Samantha: Pass
- u. Jordan: We already have 9 teams signed up for bubbleball soccer. I want to try them out. Sunday at noon? Goals out on Omache.
- v. Graham: Pass
- w. Kelsey: Pass
- x. Erika: Free Fries last Wednesday, went well. Printed out the sheet of what we're doing with the requisition, put it on the tables. Working with Laurel to do a movie screening- called the Hunting Ground. I want to do that maybe.
- y. Lauren: Pass
- z. Ashton S: Step 7 team comments.
- aa. Katie: Pass

bb. Joshua: Sam Abbott and the Office of Church Engagement- still looking for fellowship positions to fill. One in Coeur d'Alene and one in California. Looking for someone who is comfortable working in a low-end neighborhood. Nonprofit in Spokane called Global Neighborhood, recently acquired a printing company called Blue Button. Asking around to see if people would be willing to pay a little more to go through them.

i. Dayna: Can't mandate it but we could still do business with them

cc. Joshua: Resounding change for orientation was mixing genders for Mock Rock. Hallin' had the least interest in being changed, mixed reviews on the rest of the things.

dd. Kevin: Blue Button does organic shirts.

X. **EVP (10 min)**

a. Updates

b. Eli: Surveying committee has met and solidified decisions. Will be doing a campus wide survey on the 10th, next Tuesday. We will break down all information to see how many people from dorms voted, etc. 8-10 pm. Survey regarding what we've been talking about. 9pm on Monday to 4pm on Wednesday- will be doing random sample survey. We already have the names, senators and reps need to meet with me after. Similar to constituency report.

c. Elections

XI. **President (10 min)**

a. Ian: Julie Rodgers- next Monday at 7pm in RTT. Another perspective on what we've been talking about. Core 150 extra credit. Lots of positive response from last time. Within 2 hours of sending out the email, slots for the dinner filled up.

b. Eli: On the 11th next week we should have a good idea of how certain dorm communities feel about this issue. Week between that and March 18 so people can think about it.

c. Ian: If anyone here wants to go to the dinner with Julie Rogers. Monday night 5pm in the chambers.

d. Next steps

e. Recognitions: Laurel! You do big and great things. Heard so many great things about Ben Rector being here.

- f. Ian: Jacob! That's for the amazing work you did this weekend and for what you have planned.
 - g. Samantha: This is for the great work you've done with the posters and getting the campaigns out for the positions. It looks awesome!
- XII. For the good of the order
- a. Brian: With the events we have around here, I've been here for 3 years and I've seen that a lot of events have been monotonous. The turnouts aren't what they could be. I find a reason is because there's not that much mystery and it's not technically that fun. More unpredictability will drive people to come to these events. Something needs to change.
 - b. Raleigh: So You Think You Can Dance- April 10. Sign ups coming around.
 - c. Raleigh: Danny was great- got Carry the Love on the radio.
 - d. Benjamin: Kipos is hiring two garden managers for this summer and/or next year.
- XIII. Adjourn 6:35pm