

ASWU Meeting Minutes 03/14/2018

In attendance:

2017-2018 School Year (Voting) - President - Jeff Debray, Executive Vice President - Dylan Reyes, Financial Vice President - Shaun Fisher (Danny Butler proxy), Secretary - Jordan Coleman, Activities Coordinator - Danny Butler, Special Events Coordinator - Rachel Henson (not present), Marketing/PR Coordinator - Hunter Smit, Spiritual Life Coordinator - Hannah Palmer, Sports Coordinator - Mae Curtis, Sustainability Coordinator - Claire Leveck, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator - Elisha Parslow, Natsihi Editor - Michaela Mulligan, Whitworth.fm Manager - Colin Bondy, Whitworthian Editor - Courtney Murphy, Arend Senator - Amber Van Brunt, Baldwin Jenkins Senator - Alex Mowery, Ballard Senator - Savannah Heath, Boppell Senator - Sarah Haman, Duvall Senator - Tucker Wilson, McMillan Senator - Martin Crocco, Warren Senator - Ethan Clardy, Off-Campus Senator - Gracie Meiners, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Stewart/Village Senator - Shelby Krug, Josiah Gallegos, BJ/Stewville Zone Rep - Parker Daniels, Arend/Boppell Zone Rep - Alexa Ricks, Duvall/Oliver Zone Rep - Jacob Seo, Off-Campus Zone Rep - Lisa Huang (proxy), Off-Campus Zone Rep - Hannah Howell (Hannah Palmer proxy), Off Campus Zone Rep - Franklin

Meeting was brought to order at 5:00pm in the ASWU Chambers

Mission statement read by Hannah Palmer

Jeff: We need to review our minutes from the March 7th. Are there any corrections?

Minutes approved.

FVP UPDATES: Danny Butler proxy Club Charters

Film Society: Our main goal is to spread an appreciation of film as an art form. We want to show students the films that aren't as popular and maybe students haven't been exposed to. We are targeting all of Whitworth's student body but we will begin with more direct communities such as film classes and then spread it to more of a mass population of Whitworth. There are two main events we want to do which is on campus screenings once a month open to students where students can vote what they want to see. Our second type of screening is off campus at the Magic Lantern downtown which would be more independent and foreign films. We want to be able to create a long term relationship with the Magic Lantern in order to have Whitworth only screenings. We want to also provide a space for people to be able to workshop their film projects.

Kamau: Is there an issue with copywriting with the film showings on campus?

Film Society: We see our events as simply educational to our Whitworth community and since we have an advisor and it is an education opportunity, it would be allowed. As long as we are not incorporating the promotional aspect of film screenings, we will avoid the issue of copywriting.

Claire: Do you have an idea of the amount of interest you have for the club?

Film Society: There's an easy population that we can access and we want to reach all kinds of people.

DISCUSSION

Hannah U: Club chartering committee recommended approval because they don't really need money, people want to do it, it's cool.

Tucker: They are very knowledgeable about the issue of copywriting and they figured out a solution to that.

Jacob: A film minor is very small and this is an opportunity to make it a larger opportunity for students.

Danny: They emailed me about this club like three months ago and they have been very passionate about it.

Kamau: New clubs are capped out at \$300 and showing one film can cost more than that. So I am worried.

Danny: So since they aren't promoting the film beforehand, there isn't a monacle value.

Celisse: You can show movies for educational purposes but you have to have it in a syllabus. We need to make sure that this club can show movies for free by talking to our copyrite person.

Savannah: Disregarding the copyright issue, I think that this club is a great idea. Even if they showed clips or other aspects of films, it would be a good opportunity for the film minor and for them to have a space to talk about film that isn't a class setting. It's a club that can be for any kind of student.

Hannah U: I think that the club is ready especially because they have faculty onboard and they must be aware of this.

Claire: I think that they would have the ability to reach out for future information because they are passionate about it.

Hannah U: Would the school get in trouble?

Celisse: Yes, we would get sued.

Amber: Can we wait to table it until they talk to the copyright people?

Savannah: I don't want to say that we are going to table this only on the copyright thing because they have other ideas and it's a good club and we get what it is.

Alex: I move to table the vote until next week.

APPROVE: 5

OPPOSE: 7

ABSTAINING: 1

Fails

Savannah: I move to approve the club charter.

APPROVE 13

OPPOSED 2

ABSTAINING 0

Passed

Model United Nation Club: Our club is an extracurricular activity where students can role play delegates. It's an international organization that is present in over 100 countries. We want to start one here and get as many people involved as possible. We want to diversify people's opinions. The things that are involved are a research aspect, debate aspect, and a writing aspect. It allows you to use critical thinking, and think on your feet. What Model UN is about, this global engagement, it fits really well with the mission statement. We need to put ourselves in the shoes of people in other countries. It will be good to have healthy dialogues and enhance our diplomatic skills. So far what we've done is that we went to Gonzaga to witness and practice with their club and did workshops with them for position papers and public speaking skills. Now we have that knowledge for how to run Model UN at the college level. We've had 4 workshops so far to train people and to make it more open to as many people as possible. We have about 18 people who are interested in committed. We would be meeting Tuesdays from 7-9pm in Weyerhaeuser.

Jeff: Did you all do Model UN in high school?

Model UN Club: Some of us did.

Sarah H: What conference are you planning to attend with the group?

Model UN Club: We want to work with Gonzaga and maybe Eastern, and then there is one in Portland as well.

DISCUSSION

Jacob: We know that there is a strong interest for this club and it's a great way to outreach to other schools and communities.

Alex: Model UN Club has a great participation here at Whitworth throughout history and to bring it back would be really cool. It was one of the first things we were known for.

Sarah H: I remember when I came to Whitworth, I was bummed to hear that we didn't have Model UN Club anymore. Now

William: I don't see a reason not to charter this club because of the importance to the community at Whitworth and to the departments and students.

Amber: I move to approve the club.

APPROVE 17
OPPOSED 0
ABSTAINING 0
Passed

Super Smash Bros Club Update:

William: Our club has been going through a great year so far. We meet every Saturday in Eric Johnston. March 17th at 1pm is our biggest tournament and it's a part of WhitCon. It's a \$7 fee for the entire weekend, and \$3 for just Sunday. Lots of tournaments for the Gaming Club.

Kamau: What are couch co-op?

William: The gaming club is taking over the RTT and you are able to sit in there with the big screen and play with a friend.

Andrews: Do we need experience for this game to play?

William: There are going to be different rooms for different games and skills.

Capital: \$13,175

Unallocated: \$3,568.19

EVP UPDATES: Dylan Reyes

Elections

Applications for ASWU positions are due Friday, March 16th at 6pm. The following Monday, March 19th @8pm in the ABC room is the mandatory candidate meeting. Primary campaigning will start the Monday after we get back from Spring Break.

Sarah H: Will email reminders go out to people who applied?

Dylan: Yes, check emails that night.

Student Highlights

Ethan Clardy - Emily

Diversity Monologues is happening tomorrow at 7pm in Cowles Auditorium

PRESIDENT UPDATES: Jeff DeBray

Vote on Cultural Events Coordinator Job Description

Kamau: I worked with my predecessor and figured out things that weren't relevant to the job and that needed to be changed. Mostly these components are things that have to do with organizing things that aren't necessarily cultural events or events that have to do with ASWU. I made some changes with the Cultural Events coordinator and CDAs and the frequency of how often they meet with other positions.

Gracie: Motion to approve the Cultural Events Coordinator position with Kamau's changes

APPROVED 16

OPPOSED 0

ABSTAINING 1

Passed

Springfest

May 5th. The theme is summer camp. We have things rolling with committees.

REPORTS AND VIBES

Kamau: I heard great things about the 17 minutes this morning surrounding the School Walk Out. Two events from me is one on Monday, March 19 @7pm in the RTT about the Washington Post and Christianity and capitalism. March 22nd @7pm in ABC room there will be a screening of the documentary "White People."

Gracie: Last Saturday was the Off-Campus Roller Skating night. Over 200 showed up.

William: Super Smash Bros club is looking for a dorm that will host a tournament which will be happening in April. Also, I am looking at getting this tournament on the WEAPR and so I need someone from Whitworth to be in the tournament. The Smash Bros community at Whitworth will be having a pre WhitCon meeting tonight and tomorrow night where we will be practicing all Smash Bros tournament types.

Aussie: Teach the Movement is looking for volunteers for next Wednesday to go to Glover Middle School from 3:45-4:45pm. We are teaching about Women's history. The students will get bios about women and learn about their roles in history. Free for anyone to go.

Shelby: I had a resident who was excited about being an Eco-rep and working in Stewville. As far as getting a compost bin in the residence halls, facilities isn't willing to provide those other than in the HUB. However, my resident is working with Claire to work for composting in Stewville. The first annual Stewville escape room is this Saturday. We have 10 spots left, \$2 per person and groups of 6-8 people. We have Whitworth Snapchat covering the event. Get the word out.

Alex: Want to talk about the International representatives. Andrews and I talked to Lulu in the ISC and sent out a survey to all international students about how they think this would be valuable.

Theresa: I think that it would be a great idea to have an international representative because there aren't a lot of us and there are so many things that we go through that others don't understand.

Guest: The senators and the zone reps are representing the majority in the dorms and I want my voice to be heard as I am not a majority student.

Jeff: There has been a timeline that was put together to discuss this topic.

Andrews: When Alex and I started thinking about this, I was really passionate about it. I've had to backtrack when listening to the opposing side and hearing that people didn't think it wasn't needed. Some think that since the international students already are represented in a building, there wouldn't be a need for it. ASWU as a group needs to think about how we are going to represent these people and how many people's voices aren't being heard. Are we going to create a way where more people can speak up?

Sarah H: I have been concerned about how some students will have more votes than other students. I think that we should have a different way to come about this and avoid the extra vote.

Guest: International students are a minority and we will never be a majority. In a dorm of 100 people, there are like 5 international students.

Jacob: I enjoy the idea of this position because there a tension between Cultural events and International students. I would love to break that down and provide another position. We need an inside person to represent the international students.

Savannah: I don't think that it counts as them voting twice if they have a senator representative. Their voice will be heard but they aren't a majority and we need to give them a voice in this new culture for them.

Mae: As a senator last year, I never had any international students come and talk to me. Have international students been reaching out to the senators?

Guest: It doesn't matter if we speak up because it's one person against all the other voices.

Jeff: We will talk about this more when we have an outlined job description for this position. There have been a lot of communication for a timeline regarding this issue.

Guest: Regarding international students not reaching out to senators: We have the most international students in our residence hall and I want to point out that many don't go to senators due to the lack of information they have. International students don't know about the process of student government and culturally, some don't want to raise conflict and sometimes it's better to be silent and listen. Also, there are some students who are overwhelmed with this new culture, country, and new people, and going to talk with senators is hard when they don't know what they're going through. I have a resident this year who has been going through a lot and sometimes they feel like senators should go to them rather than international students going to senators.

Guest: We didn't ask for this position because we wanted to. It was because we needed to.

Sarah H: Two updates from Boppell: We got approved for a vending machine but I don't know when, how, or what's going to be in it. We also just started hosting other residence halls during our milk and cookies night. Thank you to BMac! It was packed and we had karaoke.

Michaela: After four long days, the yearbook is done. Beck will be signing yearbooks.

Danny: Could we ever have a yearbook signing party?

Michaela: College students don't usually want to do that.

Shelby: We are having another setup for the escape room from 7-8pm and also you go to the Diversity Monologues tomorrow, you can come over and help again.

Ethan: One resident came to me a couple of days ago about putting some tables in the loop. Facilities said they are more than willing to help us out. We would have to pay \$4,000 for one table to be permanently set into the loop. Also, there was a Facebook dialogue about parking and it will not be changing. Some concerns are about the gravel parking lots having holes, and some feel unsafe walking from the Robinson parking lot at night.

Jeff: I communicated with some administrators about the walk out. Whitworth will not reconsider admissions for peaceful demonstrations.

Hunter: Tables would be really cool for the loop. Even wooden ones that we could move during the seasons would be more cost efficient.

Alexa: If they were movable it would be good to avoid blocking events in the loop. We should get some more opinions of students at large.

Shelby: A leadership class talked about putting them on the side of the loop away from the activities.

William: Please let me know if you or anyone you know has stuff for the Smash Bros tournament.

Hannah P: Spiritual Life Coordinator position is not on the ASWU website.

Dylan: The ASWU website is super out of date.

SHOUTOUTS AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Martin - Sarah H for milk and cookies

Dylan - Michaela for yearbook, Shelby and Danny for the escape room

Jeff - everyone for the engaging conversation

Sarah D - Gracie for roller skating night

Michaela - Yearbook editors for working 30 plus hours

Meeting ends at 6:23pm