



## ASWU Meeting Minutes 02/22/2017

*In attendance:* President - Breanna Lyons, Executive Vice President - Norma Heredia, Financial Vice President - Jeff Debray, Secretary - Tristan Renz, Activities Coordinator - Bailey Vallee, Cultural Events Coordinator - Camina Hirota, Marketing/PR Coordinator - Brenna Bruil, Special Events Coordinator - Rachel Henson, Senior Class Coordinator - Gretchen Van Lith, Spiritual Life Coordinator - Mike Christie, Sports/Tournaments Coordinator - Luke Atherton, Sustainability Coordinator - Whitney Jester, Natsihi Editor - Michaela Mulligan, Whitworth.fm Manager - Evan Jaeger, Whitworthian Editor - Karlin Andersen, Arend Senator - Christina Locatelli, Baldwin Jenkins Senator - Shaun Fisher, Ballard Senator - Maddie Gregory, Boppell Senator - Emily Gates, Duvall Senator - Andy Weeks, McMillan Senator - Josh Miller, Off-Campus Senator - Jordan Dale, Oliver Senator - Hannah Underwood, Stewart/Village Senator - Abigail Hochberger, Baldwin Jenkins/Stewart Representative - Alexander Mowery, Warren Senator - Mae Curtis, Off-Campus Representative(s) Grace Meiners, and Laura Mecier, Arend/Boppell Representative - Amber Van Brunt, Duvall/Oliver Representative - Ethan Clardy, and Warren Representative - Alex Fergus.

*Absent:* Off-Campus Representative - Michael Hafermann.

*Guests:* Anne Marie Noll, Lynn Dickerson, Riley Loudenback, Peter Houston-Hencken and James Parish.

Meeting was brought to order at 5:01pm in the HUB Multipurpose Room

Mission Statement read by Shaun

### 1. Bailey Update

Bailey - I really wanted to talk to you guys about our jobs. I had a major heart check today. You probably got my panic email this morning. I didn't make advertising for that event before and I thought. I am going to bring in this guy, and no one will be there in attendance. I also thought about my expectations and our job descriptions. Are we working the full amount of money that we are paid for? The one thing that popped out to Jane(?? Meridith?) yesterday was people-oriented events. That's really important. Our job is for all students on campus. Its for us as well, we pay that fee to go to events. I'm calling on all of us, as we go into the end of the year. Take that heart check, and finish strong. I believe it says a lot about your character by how you finish. I have always had to give 110 percent. Go above and beyond, talk to people, and advertise. Please keep me accountable and I will do the same. Tonight at 6pm David Coleman will be in the MPR. Its hilarious, and you should all go after the meeting. Also on March 2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Cover a comedian will in the MPR at 8pm.

Breanna - I think the idea of are we working the hours we are paid for, with the min wage increase is extremely important. I would encourage you to log your hours over the next few weeks, and do a self reflection. Try to figure out if you're spending your time actively. I would encourage you to do that, so that we can reflect and help each other.

Norma - One of the thing I have tried to do this semester is visit with you during your office hours, not just mine. I think this will help with this.

### 2. Whitney - Lent Project

Whit - Week and a half ago, I woke up with a great idea. I've been transitioning into a zero waste lifestyle. Essentially living in such a way where no waste I produce goes to a landfill. I've been looking into this for some time, but started after my trip over Jan Term. There has been people who have been doing this for years. We are trying to get students involved. I decided to take advantage of the Christian atmosphere, and this project will be called the Wasted Project. This project will start on March 1st. I made a website for this project. Day 1 will be orientation to focus on making resolutions commitments. Basically saying this is what I'm going to commit to doing. That's the first step. Next week will be a discussion and talk about how they are doing and get feedback on how to move forward. We're going to have a workshop on how to make toothpaste, deodorant, and soap among other things. That's happening, there will be practical workshops. Last week will be reflection and how they went wasted. That's the project. [Wastedlentproject.com](http://Wastedlentproject.com). Go and look at it, and share it please.

Abbie - Is there still spots on workshops?

Whit - Yes, they will be open.

Alex - What would I tell people to get interested?

Whit - The Average American throws away 4.3 pounds a day. Its cheaper, and a lot more economic to opt for zero waste. You save money by buying in bulk, cooking, and using cloth diapers and also living simply is just healthy and satisfying, Also, you get to hang out with me every week.

Brenna - Whit does not want this to be all in or not, it can be any variation. Come learn about the project, and commit to one thing or something. Non threatening

Breanna - Large argument, and Whit is the biggest supporter. This will allow people to try something practical and be coached through that. If someone is wanting to try, this is a great time for support.

Whit - I will start advertising after tonight. Advertising will be mostly on social media, but word of mouth is powerful. So please help me spread the word, and it will be so great. If you have any questions, you can ask it on this website or me directly. I'll put a link on Facebook.

### 3. Club Updates

#### a. Kipos

Anne Marie - I have brought along a freshmen Roman to show how we are going to continue our work through the years. Whit, I and others went to the Washington State Sustainability Conference. We learned a lot of different ideas and we will try to implement them. Million things going on. We are thinking of doing a Cookbook, and co-op with the Art Department. We will start looking for recipes. Also, we are looking at doing a Sustainability Theme House, right in front of the garden. Goal would be to put on workshops and provide more education. Also, Whit put on the first ever Sustainable Week last year. We are thinking of doing Harvest Festival 2.0. Earth Day Festival later this year. Really exciting. Cook book release party, documentary, panel discussion, giveaway of sustainable products during the week. Let me know if anyone of you are interested. We meet on Sundays from 6-7pm. Another big thing is that our corner in the MPR is always stuffed with chairs. Sodexo has approached us of creating a green corner for all sustainable organizations to participate in. We are working on this to provide more information, and signs to direct students to there for more use.

Jeff - Are you still having issues of chairs being put in that corner?

Anne Marie - Yes, but when we update this we are looking for new furniture to provide a different feel.

Alex F - Climate change panel date?

Anne Marie - The Thursday after Earth Day. We will publish the calendar when it is all finalized. I think it would be cool to include what happens when you're cooking in the cookbook, so if anyone knows anyone who took Chemistry in Cooking, please put them in contact with me.

#### b. Swing and Ballroom Dance

Eugene - President for this year and next year. We have had big attendance which is incredible. After 3 weeks in the Fall Semester, we saw a drop with the first round of tests. Every Saturday we hold a dance, and again we have continued to see huge attendance. It's getting to the point in the year where we are limited on teaching, so we are using our club budget to bring in instructors. Yule Ball was a huge success. Overall it was great, and we are looking to do something similar this spring. Still planning out the dates, and trying to plan around other events. Shaun has offered his assistance with Jazz Vocal Club. Any questions? We started the year with only 3 leadership positions, but we also added a secretary who is a freshman.

#### 4. Survey Results - Senators and Representatives

Breanna - I would like everyone not to share the same results, but bring up trends and certain comments you found.

Abbie - Stewart, reports were about conservative students feeling like a minority and can't speak out. Also comments about how ASWU and perhaps the University in general are shying away from pressing issues and staying neutral. Some desire for the university to approach those events and issues and not ignored. If you have any ideas on how to do this, please let me know?

Alex F - Out of curiosity, what were the issues they want addressed?

Abbie - About cultural issues and political issues. Students feel they are not being addressed. Explaining the ban and healthcare, education would be examples. Students are not being informed.

Jordan - More responses, a lot of the comments in terms of the people who are conservative and being shut down. They feel like on campus, if you voted for Trump, your opinion is not valid. They truly believe he was just the better of the two options. Also, more liberal agendas are being pushed in the classes. That is an outcome of one viewpoint. Both are seen on campus. It doesn't look like we are trying to feed a certain agenda.

Mae - One part that stood out to me was the question what could ASWU do to make them feel safe and students responded saying there is not enough lighting, additional blue lights installed, more in-depth roommate forms for more compatibility, and more measures to be taken to get rid of ice.

Shaun - Some of the things that stood out to me was the question of those who have felt discriminated against in the past week. Over 25% of the people said they somewhat or strongly agree. One of our residents, switch roommates because of this. One comment stated, "I never felt like a minority until I came here". I really think this needs to be addressed.

Breanna - Have any of you had any discussion with your leadership teams?

Lynn - As far as deicing, I talked to facilities when it was really bad and they said that the stuff they have just doesn't work under a certain temperature. They listened, but they are doing all they can with what they have.

Michaela - The more specific place I have had an issue with is the sidewalk between Oliver and BJ, that goes behind the village. That spot is dark and has a lot more ice than in others. Would like to see more lights put back there.

Emily - One person in my survey said that someone in their class was called out for disagreeing with the teacher on an issue. The experience negatively impacted them.

Mae - Talked a lot about felt that they were in class being discriminated against for being Asian. Comment was "You Asian kids take school very seriously". Professors are a huge part about what makes people feel safe.

Peter - Any teachers named?

Mae - No.

Camina - As far as that situation, David Garcia has been notified about it, and it has been a misunderstanding. That doesn't mean that this doesn't happen. It's the reality for a lot of students.

Breanna - Another thing, I brought up some of the realities to Beck and he was concerned he wasn't hearing about them. I think this is because people are going to other outlets. It is important to report them, so these students aren't feeling alone.

Lynn - We have had some issues with Pride issues and I met with Rhosetta and she was on it so fast. Rhosetta and David will slay this stuff for you.

Norma - I am aware that there is a process to report this, anyone know what it is called?

Camina - Student Concern Form. If anyone has a situation, please let them know about the office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. They are wonderful.

Breanna - If you can email me your reports, and I will put out a final report to the cabinet.

Jordan - Do you anticipate us doing anything else on this subject?

Breanna - I think that is something for the team to decide. We really wanted to lay out what is being talked about on campus already and how we can support those different groups. As a team we can make a decision on how to move forward.

Jeff - What do you see a need for, if anything?

Alex F - When I was doing the constituency report, I found that a lot of students that wanted to talk about it more. Although some people just wanted to do the survey. I don't want to read too much into it, but it was although most appreciated someone caring and talking to them about it. Really successful.

Luke - Its pretty clear that there is a lot of viewpoints, so statement probably isn't the best. Just

encourage people to talk and discuss.

Brenna - We have had a lot of events, but not a lot of people go to them. We should be doing more one on one.

Hannah - Students are interested in having a panel and discussing issues. What if we got professors or community members, and did the traveling prime time thing, in small groups? Lot more comfortable.

Alex F - Do we have authority to plan a prime time? When Students for life were trying to plan one they said there were certain parameters. Some issues are controversial, so how do we think that there would be pushback?

Breanna - Preparedness and both sides represented are what they are looking for in a prime time. We would talk with the RD's and ask how it would work best with their communities.

## 5. Reports and Vibes

Camina - On Friday, the Black Student Union will be bringing Tiffany Wilson and Sessionz at 7:45pm in the Dining Room, called the Soulful Showcase. Free with ID, \$5 without. Celebrate Black History Month. Also, on Tuesday Feb 28th, in the RTT there will be a showing of the Color of Fear. This deals with racism, and it will rock your world, and blow your mind. Hugh Vasquez and Victor Lewis who star in the film are coming to campus that night. We do pay a lot of your money to bring people like them here. Engage in a discussion with them. Encourage people from all backgrounds to come. Both of these events are on Facebook. To get the word out, copy and paste the event to your dorm pages.

Mike - Event on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> with artist Israel Nebeker. Kind of a big deal. I had a meeting with students who wanted to do a mental health issue in Fall Semester. There have been a lot of students who lost parents. Israel's story is really interesting, dad was diagnosed with cancer, and ended a relationship during the same time. He didn't want to just move on and decided create something beautiful instead. He will do a Q&A and perform as well. He never does events like this, so it should be a great time. It will be in the Chapel at 7:30pm. A lot of our fellow students deal with loss, with relationships, death, etc. This will be a beautiful event. Show students that they aren't alone.

Hannah - Recently I was at Sodexo, I was asking about seeing ingredient lists. The lady serving the food did not know, do you know who I could talk to about getting that type of stuff?

Breanna - Dan King, or Jim. You could ask them to break down the ingredients. Go to the office.

Emily - Would I talk to the same people about taking out more fruit?

Lynn - Can you email me that information Mike? We have a mental health support group, on Monday from 6-7 in the ABC rooms. You don't have to be LGBT to come. There is a bin of stuffed animals. Send them our way.

Michaela - I'm hiring for next years' editors. There will be both a design editor and social media director. Applications are on the desk and there are posters around. Due on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you know anyone interested, they should apply. Both paid positions.

Andy - Duvall is still planning our Drive In. We had a date, and now we are going to reschedule because it was the day before Springfest. We are looking at other dates and also looking for a bigger

tarp. Before I go to student life, can you guys check to see if you have anything bigger?

Luke - Tonight at 8pm in the UREC is a 3-point contest. Two people who score the most, will compete at the game tomorrow. Huge game tomorrow at 7pm against Linfield. Also there is 150 t-shirts we will be giving out. You should all be there.

Eugene - Pep band will be there.

Breanna - Why has there been no interlude at the games?

Luke - They are always changing who does the music, so it has been difficult.

Mae - I always talk to residents and I believe we need new ways of advertising. Social media is effective, but not when they turn off notifications for the hall page. They just don't want to see all the information. For example, on my posts it shows seen by 46 and there's over 200 people in Warren.

Andy - Also, in response to that, we didn't get a huge response from our RD's on sending out the survey. Would be nice to have another way.

Laura - Possibly an idea for next year would be for new students to give us your phone number and we send out a text with information.

Brenna - There has been backlash on that idea in the past. I think it is important to ask students how they want to know. I was putting up a calendar in Sodexo. I asked students if they ever look at the calendar? They said sometimes, but mostly receive info from posters and word of mouth. Bailey also recommends that if you talk to them about events, ask them how they got the information, so we can figure out what to do next. Try to ask more questions. There are a couple senators who haven't taken a picture. If you haven't got your picture taken please stay afterward. Also as far as the email sent out for events for this week, did people see it? Yes. Email me if you have any suggestions or questions. Ask for additional suggestions on advertisements please.

Jeff - Requisition this week from Pride, and because it's for \$1,000 it has to be approved at a meeting. We, the finance committee, recommend passing it for \$300 because of possible additional funding sources.

Lynn - We are wanting to bring Jeffery Marsh, a LGBT activist and star to campus. We are wanting to bring them here for Pride Week in April. We got the price down to \$4,700 and with the help of money from Camina and Rachel, donations from church, fundraising and club funds we are on our way to raising the amount. We are trying to hit everyone, not just the LGBT community and spread out. I have always been told to go higher when asking for money and be thankful for anything. One thing I would add that originally I think the scope on the paper looked smaller than it could be. I think the direction we would want them to speak on is covering additional subjects. Such as how to be you, which is widely applicable. Everyone in college trying to figure out what we believe, and this can lead to self growth and such. Intend to be important resource for everyone.

Alex F - Date?

Lynn - Not sure, still looking at dates and working with their agents.

Camina - There is a group on campus who is reading their book right now. They (Jeffrey) is already

having an impact on students. I don't read but I might take it on.

Lynn - Book club is Thursdays from 6-7:30pm.

Josh - What are your other sources of funds you're looking into?

Lynn - Reached out to a couple different departments and groups. They said their budgets are tight, and that they don't have money, however they are willing to support in another way. I am waiting to hear back from a Church for possible donation.

Jeff - We recommended \$300, do you see that as that possible?

Lynn - I think it is. I am bound and determined to make this happen.

Jeff - How much are you short on?

Lynn - \$2,900 left to raise. Halfway there.

Gracie - Is this one single person or a group of multiple people?

Lynn - Single.

Mae - Church gets access to the event if they pay for it?

Lynn - This would be open to the entire community. Church that is donating is on the West side, so don't know if they would drive down here. It would be a super cool chance for all groups.

Alex - This would come out of unallocated?

Jeff - Yes

Alex F - What are some of your fundraising ideas?

Lynn - Just started talking to Maxine about work with Retro Donuts. I talked to the manager, and should be working with them. Certain percentage of the sales go to the club. Lots of donuts.

- Lynn steps out -

Breanna - Discussion, questions?

Jeff - We have \$3,833.38 in unallocated now.

Alex F - Rational for not giving them the full amount of money?

Jeff - We, the committee, thought that using a 1/3 of the budget on one speaker was not rational.

Hannah - Could we give them more money afterward, if they didn't reach their goal?

Jeff - Yes.

Hannah motions to approve \$300 from unallocated to the Pride Club, second by josh, approval unanimous

Christina - March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Arend Spring Dance. First day of spring. 8-11pm. Be aware.

Amber - Spring cleaning clothes drive at the dance for my service project.

Rachel - Survivor is the weekend, and we will be live streaming it. Also, Second Chance Prom will be on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bozarth Mansion.

Norma - Bowling is on Friday from 2pm-4pm. Seniors bring your discount card, and it will be covered by ASWU. Start exploring other ideas and dates for future events. Carpool at 1:45pm in the HUB

Motion to approve 02/15/17 minutes by Hannah, second by Alex, approval unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Amber at 6:21pm, second by Christina, approval unanimous.