



## ASWU Meeting Minutes 10/26/2016

Meeting was brought to order at 5:03pm in the AWSU Assembly Chambers

Mission Statement read by Whit

Motion to approve 10/19/16 minutes by Christina, second by Josh, approval unanimous

### 1. Guest Speaker - Rhosetta Rhodes

Rhosetta - I was given the opportunity to speak about anything I wanted. I decided to discuss leadership and to allow us to engage in a conversation. Rhosetta asked everyone to take out a piece of paper. On the top of the page please write leadership. We are going to make a poem. First statement "Leadership looks like.." fill in the blank. Second statement "Leadership sounds like.." fill in the blank. Third statement "Leadership tastes like.." fill in the blank. Fourth statement "Leadership smells like.." fill in the blank. Fifth and final statement "Leadership feels like.." fill in the blank. At the end of the poem, please write "that's leadership". Alright, now please take 2-3 minutes to discuss in groups of 4-5 about what you wrote down. Can you please share now as a group some of the points you discussed? One at a time please.

Michaela - Leadership is encouragement, tastes like good pizza, it smells like fresh pine trees, and feels like a nice hug.

Bailey - Leadership looks like compassion, tastes like steamed broccoli.

Josh - Listening, acting, meat & potatoes, citrus, that's leadership.

Norma - Working together, healthy dispute, bitter sweet, smells like fart, that's leadership.

Why would we want to think about leadership through the 5 senses?

Mike - It something that connects all of us.

Yes, it connects us all with a common approach.

Breanna- It helps with innovation as well.

Rhosetta - Yes, it helps us look at things in different ways and in a comprehensive way. There is a uniqueness in how we lead as individuals. We all have different leadership styles. Even if we all approach leadership the same exact way, it will all look different, as we are all individuals. I want to talk about how each of you have individual roles, but come together as an entire team. How does that look like when you are actually leading? One day you will be able to answer this. I brought this plant because there is a story behind it. Most people who know her know she does not have a green thumb. But her co-workers kept giving her plants, and gave her an orchid that came with directions, but she still killed it. Another day there was this box in her office with daisies. They don't require as much care as the orchid, but she still had to pay attention to it. Nonetheless, she had to go on a trip, and she made sure to water all the plants before she left. When she came back they asked her if she had watered before she left which she said yes. What she didn't know was she overwatered and killed all of the plants. At the last years' Christmas celebration, her co workers gave her a plastic plant,

knowing she would never be able to kill it and take care of it. When she thought about it, there are different ways you have to care for the different plants. Each one requires different techniques for it to flourish. You can't treat an orchid in the same way as a daisy. A little more attention, coaching or more hands on. She asked herself as a leader, what do the people working with her, need from her? Do they need more direction, or more laid back approach? When we think about the care for plants, everyone has one plant that doesn't need water, but no matter how much you care to get rid of it, you can't get rid of it - weeds. A lot of people try to get rid of the weeds. When we think about weeds in leadership, we don't want to get rid of them, we need them. Weeds are strong, and they can change a landscape. Place the weeds somewhere where they can grow. If you let enough of them grow, it will change the landscape. I want to help people develop to become resilient, strong and determined. When we think about our job and in the context of students as weeds, when they graduate our goal is that there is nothing that will stop them. When you are working with people, all at different levels, approach it from a developmental complex. No one knows everything, and you have all changed my mind about that. Remember you don't have to treat the weed the same as the flower and vice versa. Relationships are the most important factor in leadership. Understand what individuals need to flourish and help them along, and allow them to grow and flourish. Rhosetta passed out handouts on the current reality of their office. Overall we look at being reactive, responsive, preventative and affirmative. Our office has put together an opportunity for student input to help us develop a new program, which Breanna will present at GE-330. I look forward to hearing back from you and reading your responses.

Breanna - Rhosetta is an amazing woman and I am so glad I have had the opportunity to get to know her over this past year.

*Rhosetta read her poem.* That's leadership. Thank you so much.

## 2. Matthew Baker - Dornslife Center

Matthew - The main objective of the Dornslife Center is to provide ways for you all to get plugged in. We know that representatives are required to do a service learning project. Matthew let the assembly know the Dornslife Center is coordinating projects all the time, and is available to help in planning and so many other steps of service opportunities. He asked everyone to at least write down our website, which is [serve.whitworth.edu](http://serve.whitworth.edu). If you go to that website, and poke around you can learn about a whole bunch of opportunities in the community. You can find over a 100 agencies that have partnered with us. Students can sort by education, physical labor, elderly, homeless, etc. You can come find him in Weyerhaeuser 104 just come say hi, and/or request help on a project and get you connected. I want to help make the match for you with the right agency. You can also have my email address which is [matthewbaker@whitworth.edu](mailto:matthewbaker@whitworth.edu).

Breanna - This office and website is a great resource, and I encourage you to start early.

Matthew - The other thing, if you as a person or advocate who want to help others, I would encourage you to sign up for an impact trip. We have spots still open for Spokane during spring break. We lead trips all over the world. The Dornslife center also supports the rise mentor program that goes into local schools to provide assistance to students in education. We also have belief program which goal is to help younger students believe that higher education is important. Lastly, we support the Teach a Movement program, that helps inform people about the rights in education, especially within Washington State.

Whiney - Plug: One of the options for a service project would be to work in the key club garden, getting it ready for winter break.

Norma - When you go into classes to register people, they sign up as a group. Would reps need to set up a group to register on the website to have it count and be recorded?

Matthew - Yes, but you can do it after the fact as well.

### 3. Club Updates

#### a. Physics and Engineering

Erik - In our mission statement, our club have stated that we want to promote the professional development of anyone in the field. Our goal is to help the students along the journey, and educate people on how physics can play in that.

Hayden - We do not meet regularly like other clubs, but instead put on bigger events within the department. We started off with an ice cream social, and we just held a four-year plan workshop for the freshmen. Now our club is scheduling a tour of Mackay International. It is the works to hold other events such as dodge ball night. The officers meet several times a month.

Erik - We have a new professor this year, and he is trying to get the students started on new projects. This is very exciting for us all. Thank you.

#### b. Jubilation

Emily - We are an on campus dance studio which holds classes Monday-Thursday. We hold classes from all ranges of skill levels in all styles. It is a very fun and welcoming environment. We have created a family. Our main idea and mission is to worship through dance. We worship god through the movements in which we take, and also we talk and pray about Christ. We have a whole bunch of stuff happening soon, we are dancing in the chapel next` week, and we are coordinating with the chapel staff to do a performance at the Women's Conference. Jubilation will have our leadership retreat with all the leaders. On December 10<sup>th</sup> Jubilation will have its winter recital. Lastly, we are looking to start dancing in churches in the local area.

Shaun - When do you guys meet?

Emily - There is a schedule by classes at all different times, but they are held Monday-Thursday.

Shaun - Also, if someone wanted to join would they participate in upcoming recitals or would that be out of the picture since it's late?

Emily - Yes, we would gladly welcome all members. They would be able to perform in recitals as well. Send them our way.

Mike - How would interested individuals or churches contact you?

Emily - Best would be email at [e.beloate18@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:e.beloate18@my.whitworth.edu). Thank you.

### 4. Ethan Pribilsky - Grad Students & Intramurals

Breanna - A little background knowledge: Currently for undergraduate students, if you pay the ASWU fee it covers the opportunity to participate in intramural sports. Although there may be small fees to

play individual sports, everyone is essentially paying in as this fee is required. The situation is we have graduate students who want to play intramurals, but have not had the option to play because UREC and intramurals are funded by Student Activities. The proposal we need to vote on is to adopt a policy stating graduate students may participate in intramural sports with the optional fee of \$60 (half of undergraduate fee), which was decided upon by the business office. They would incur the same amount of small fee, if required to play individual sports.

Ethan - Breanna did a great job of summarizing that. Any questions?

Mae - Are we talking half of student fee for day or night graduate students?

Breanna - Every student pays \$120 per semester for undergraduate.

Ethan - The proposal is to pay \$60 for grad students, which is half since they will not be rewarded many of the opportunities as undergraduate students.

Assembly Member - Why is this fee not included for graduate students?

Mae - Graduate students only pay per credit, not tuition as we do. The fees are not included. For example, if they want a UREC membership, they must pay extra.

Jordan - Where did the \$60 amount come from?

Breanna - It was decided upon by the Business Center.

Assembly Member- How many grad students do you think would participate if this was to pass?

Ethan - I'm not sure, Whitworth has never had this opportunity before. I'm not even sure even how many graduate students we have, but with at least the opportunity to play, we might get more than expected.

Alex - What else would the students get included in the fee besides intramurals? Also, why do we have the jurisdiction to vote on this?

Breanna - The UREC and intramural facilities are operated through Student Activities which is what we are representing.

Christina - Any reasons not to pass it?

General assembly voiced for no concerns, it wouldn't affect us negatively in any way.

Breanna - Only negative I could see is if older individuals are participating against 18-year-old freshmen, we might have a problem.

Alex - What else would they be getting with \$60?

Ethan - It is just \$60 for the opportunity to play intramural sports, nothing else is included.

Alex F - There is a few people that might have issues with older people dominating in the league, so I motion to table this discussion to next meeting.

Breanna - Motions must wait until Ethan has stepped out of the room.

Mae - Only thought is most the games are at night, which is when most of their games are so I'm not sure how many would even join.

Luke - Speaking to the domination of older participates, intramurals has noncompetitive and competitive leagues. Students have the choice on which league to join.

Ivan - Do we have to charge them extra on top of this fee for individual sports like undergraduate?

Ethan - Yes

- Ethan Stepped Out -

Michaela - As someone who cannot vote, I just want to say I don't understand why you wouldn't vote yes. There is no negative effect on this.

Jordan - Can we make the stimulation when voting that they don't charge an extra fee?

Breanna - I don't think we have that jurisdiction.

Josh moves to approve \$60 fee for grad students for the eligibility to participate in intramural sports, Mike seconds, approval unanimous.

#### 5. Whit Jester - Sustainability Report

Whit - I sent you all a green pledge a few weeks ago, and almost everybody filled them out so thank you. So first let's talk about how to get a dorm green certified. You must have at least half of the resident student's pledge, and conduct a discussion on the topic. For ASWU, our number was higher than half, more towards everyone, and we did that. So now we must have a discussion about the topic to become certified. The average score from the survey for ASWU was 110, which was out of 200. That score is actually really good. If you score over 100, you are in the best category. The top two trends that I saw in the results for ASWU were people that you like to eat meat and take long showers. Other trends showed that people like to drive not ride buses or bikes and compost was not a very widespread idea. You also like to buy new clothing, rather than old. When thinking about showers, please just be aware that water is a limited resource. The survey was mostly to prompt this conversation and help make sustainability a norm. Now we need to discuss consuming meat. Most of you know that I am a vegetarian, but not many people know why environmentally it is a good idea. First off, animals take up a lot more land and resources rather than plants. You're basically putting a lot of resources into the animals for not very much food. Also animals don't go through photosynthesis, which is bad because of the amount carbon dioxide that is being released. Does this make sense to everyone? These were the biggest trends, but I was very happy of people for being super appreciative and having awesome attitudes about this. Any questions on the green pledge?

Shaun - How would this work in our dorm, and will you keep track?

Whit - Yes, I will keep track of how many of your residents complete the survey.

Mae - Will you please send us the survey again, so we can send it out?

Whit - Yes of course.

#### 6. FVP

Jeff - No requisitions this week.

#### 7. EVP

Norma - Please fill out your time cards before you head out for fall break. It is important because they are due Monday, and we know you don't want to fill out paper versions.

#### 8. President

Breanna - I was just in a meeting with the Mayor and other Student Body Presidents from surrounding university and we met on Spokane gives. We have been declared a compassionate city, and we are looking to partner with other cities and universities to give back. It is important to create relationships within the community. We will be discussing this more as we move forward and how ASWU can do this. Just a heads up.

I also realized that I don't know your birthdays. Next week I will pass around a sheet for you to write down your birthdates so I can get to know all of your birthdays.

Also for all of you who don't know, one of our own is getting married. Bailey is engaged!

Have a great fall break. Stay safe, be smart, and we look forward to seeing you back next Tuesday.

#### 9. Reports & Vibes

Michaela - I just got back from Washington DC where our yearbook (Natsihi) won first place at the Associated College Press National Journalism Convention! It was very exciting as we went up against huge schools across the country.

Ryan - The UREC is going to be putting on Whit Fit. This will be a program to promote students to come to the UREC for 30 minutes to work out. If students do this, they will sign in once a day at the Front Desk by dorm to be counted. The top 3 dorms with the most participation will win a pizza party. The sign in sheet will be on the honor system that you stayed for at least 30 minutes. Our goal is we just want student to come in and be healthy. This will only be for on campus students in residence halls. This will be taking place from November 6<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. My email is [r.stroeher17@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:r.stroeher17@my.whitworth.edu). Senators please promote.

Mike - My first event will be on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Initially it was supposed to be in Lied Art Center, but now I was thinking of doing it in the new music building. What's your thoughts?

Assembly encouraged Mike to do it in the Music Building.

Whitney - There is a waste production challenge between Oliver and Duvall going on right now. We will be promoting it more; it has just been really busy. Please spread the word. The dorm that wins the waste reduction challenge will get a prize that is to be determined.

Rachel - Two updates about survivor. We have had a couple participants drop out, so we are now looking for 1 guy and 2 girls preferably to join. If you know anyone who can do this please direct them to the applications online. Also, if you could post on Facebook about it to promote please. During the application process, there was a lot of feedback about how students weren't going to be able to

participate because of time constraints. Exciting news, we are going to be live streaming it on Facebook. Stay tuned for the schedule.

Megan - On November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm there will be an event called "Let's be Blunt". The event will be about drug prevention. Also senators if you are using heat fact, those aren't coming from us, so please stop using them in your newsletters.

#### 10. Recognition

Alex F - Shout out to the entire team who put on the dance and haunted house this last weekend, it was amazing.

Mae - Thank you, we raised about \$1500 total which was very good.

Breanna - How do you feel it went?

Josh - It came together really well and heard only good things about the dance.

Laura - Shout out to everyone working at the barn dance it was "Dope AF".

Whit - Shout out to Gretchen and Jordan for the Off Campus Barn Dance, it was awesome.

Norma - Shout out to Shaun and the entire cast for an awesome production. Also, Shaun and Abigail did a great job at the Freshmen Fall Fest.

Whitney - Shout out to Duvall and Stewart for being the first to sign up, and bringing onboard 6 eco representatives.

Jeff - Shout out to Josh, Mae and Maddie for their incredible work at Monster Mash. You all handled the stress so well, and it was amazing.

Michaela - Shout out to everyone for being supportive of the yearbook, you are all awesome.

Breanna - Hope you all enjoy your fall breaks, stay safe. Anything for the good of the order?

Josh motions to close meeting at 6:26pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex, approval unanimous.