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# 2020-21 ASWU Meeting Minutes | March 24, 2021

# In Attendance:

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Parker Daniels   President	present
Hannah Higgins   Exec. Vice President	present
Faizzan UI Haq   Financial Vice President	Present
Jorge Medina   Exec. Admin. Assistant	present
Emily Clemons   Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Lauren Lorenz   Sports Events Coordinator	present
John Haberlin   Sustainability Coordinator	present
Katie Ludlam   Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sugui   Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sam Henson   Special Events Coordinator	present
Rachel Ayres   Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Esther Brown   Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Katie Rose   Club Coordinator	present
Emma John   Arend Senator	present
McClain Chandler   Baldwin-Jenkins Senator	present
Olivia Fowler   Oliver Senator	present
Jaedon Tesarik   McMillan Senator	present
Meghan Duarte   Ballard Senator	present
Jed Young   Boppell and Village Senator	present
Adaeze Njoku   Stewart Senator	proxy
Xavier Nila   Duvall Senator	present

Isaac Price   Warren Senator	present
David Martin   Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie   Global Engagement Rep	present
Georgia Goff   Incoming Student Rep	present
Christian Aguilar   Incoming Student Rep	present
Christine Chen   Off-Campus rep	present
Jamie Copeland   Off-Campus rep	present
Munya Fashu-kanu   Off-Campus rep	present
Michael Bedford   Off-Campus rep	present
Victoria Viloudaki   WhitFlex rep	present

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 PM. Mission Statement read by Lauren.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Jed, Seconded by Michael B. In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining

Motion passes

# **Guest Speaker**

Sodexo

Megan Holmes: Our main purpose today is to review and share with you the proposed meal plan for fall of 2021. To set a background for how meal plans were determined, we worked with a national meal expert to build meal plan structures. They look at things such as participation of plans, how many meals on average are being used and also flex dollars used. We have proposed the first meal plan with 21 meals per week with \$150 to give students the full 3 meals each day. Next, we would have 16 meals a week with \$350, then 13 meals per week with \$300. We also have a block 125 with \$400, commuter block 60 with \$365, and commuter block 25 with \$250 of flex. Are there any concerns with the plans?

Michael L: do you know price range?

Megan: I do not know a range, just the structure

Meghan: right now, we have plans with 21 meals and 250, so the flex went down is there a reason for that?

Megan: the meal plan in the fall we started with 19, 16,14 and 9 meals and we received feedback that maybe that wasn't enough meals, so we decided to give the students 2 additional meals per week in the spring.

Rachel: I want to thank you for giving us 3 meals a day we really appreciate that.

Katie R: as off campus student I don't go into Sodexo but use a lot more flex but none of these options appeal as I would want more flex but keep meal amounts.

Faizzan: I had a question, I have seen how other restaurants and coffee shops use Gonzaga dining money, is there something similar for whitworth?

Megan: that is something to look into.

Jed: with these plans I know this year some plans are mandated based on hall, are these open to all?

Megan: I don't know the specific details; I would imagine that they would continue to do that.

Michael B: I know before COVID people were able to sign up for to go, but I've had lots of people enjoy the to go boxes, will that continue?

Megan: I don't know the specifics for next year's plan, but COVID has made us think outside the box and improve.

Michael L: would it be possible to add more variety to the food available?

Megan: if you or any student needs any specialty item have them get in touch with us. This year when we started it was kind of rough but since then we've expanded and made changes. We have added global, pasta, pizza and some new menu items. We started a student council and through that added some new specialty items. Tomorrow we are hosting a Starbucks tasting in MPR from

12-2 and that is to determine the blend we are serving. We are having easter brunch coming up soon and easter egg hunt as well.

# Club Updates

**Hawaiian Club**: So far, we haven't had many activities but currently working on a video to supplement our annual Luau and using a video to showcase the normal customs we would normally do during the year. Hope to finish this project by mid-April. We need help and assistance with reimbursement lately to pay the film coordinator. The video will be the only project for this year. Contact kdiamond22@my.whitworth

**West Minster Round**: West Minster Round is the official unofficial club for the English department. During non-covid times we have events such as live action clue but due to COVID, we had to shift around events. Last semester we did a hot chocolate poetry event and we asked students and profs to join us and read some pieces. In the spring we are looking at two events, one is a literary kahoot and also hoping to do a writing outside time. If interested, contact mhampton22@my.whitworth

**En Christo**: Instead of making lunches and heading downtown we have been writing letters and mailing them to residents. The residents have loved having pen pals and we have raised money to buy activities to relieve covid-related boredom and isolation. We also partnered with U-rec to donate food to tower residents. We are launching a video drive where people can drop videos to be share with residents. Email enchristowu@gmail.com or kanderson22@my.whit

### **President Updates**

Parker: one more week of NSSE so keep pushing that. Next week game night same place, at 9 pm on Monday. We will have an ASWU dialogue on Tuesday after GE just to discuss and hang out. The new outreach coordinator job is open to apply so get word out. Now onto coordinator job descriptions

#### Marketing/PR

Aeron: 2 changes, change office hours to 6.5, part Q is a duplicate so delete that, and add "work closely with U-rec marketing"

Jed motions, Olivia seconds

Hannah: friendly amendment, P is a repeat of K so delete section P

Jason: A friendly amendment, instead oo working closely with U-rec Marketing PR maybe we can put work closely with other departments instead of just one

Jaedon: why 6.5 office hours?

Aeron: I work 13 hours a week and so I divide that by 2

In favor 18 | Opposed 0 | Abstaining 0 Motion passes

#### **Club Coordinator**

Katie R: In section B it says keep record and changed it to "maintain record of club activities". In section D it says keep club leadership informed of proper procedures and I put keep club leadership informed of proper procedures to keep club status. In F I put hold at least 5 office hours a week. Added a section talking about attending all regular meetings, retreats and that they must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and in good standing with University. For qualifications I changed in section A wording to effective, in section E added "the ability to empathize" instead of relate to.

Jed motions, Christian seconds In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0 Motion passes

### **Campus Activities Coordinator**

Emily: remove line E about daily office hours since we don't do that and remove coordinator meetings from line G.

Jed motions, Olivia Seconds

Jason: one friendly amendment on article D it says attend NACA in the fall, it will not be regional so remove regional.

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

# Spiritual Life Coordinator

Rachel: just some name changes from old verbiage and for line J I added to attend leadership trainings.

Jed motions, Olivia seconds

Jed: friendly amendment to remove part i under section D and put meet regularly

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

### **Sustainability Coordinator**

John: for section b that is not an event I have seen in this job or see a specific need for, so I removed that. In line C removing and adding that if EAC and if student body wants to work with student garden then they can do that and replace with work with EAC for linkage. For item H changed up wordage and removed specificity to meet and work with sustainability committee. Line j change carbon offsetting to refer to the By-Laws.

Jed Motions, Michael B. seconds

Jason: friendly amendment, in line G staff should not be capitalized

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

#### **Cultural Events Coordinator**

Esther: I expanded the first section with task and responsibilities to better represent the events that are put on. For part B I added meeting once a month instead of semester, and part F added working with Lorna's position

Jed motions, Michael B. seconds

Jason: in part A did it change to say meet with student success

Esther: oh yes it did

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

# **Traditional Events Coordinator**

Sam: I am not special events, so that would be fixed to traditional, on Part H it says regional NACA so remove regional, same with daily office hours, and also remove coordinator meetings.

Jason: amendment change section A wording to "such as" instead of "including".

Jed Motions, Olivia seconds

In favor: 17 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 1

Motion passes

# **School Spirit Coordinator**

Lauren: added on section C other athletic affiliates (i.e., Gobucs Gameday, Whitworth sports). IN section B, added to build school spirit, in section D add during every sport season instead of just sports. In F, change to traditional events coordinator. Added section E to direct school spirit at games.

Olivia motions, Jed seconds

Jason: Friendly amendment to remove section A since we do not represent all sports, and in part D change dorm to residence hall and change alumni relations to official name.

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

# **FVP Updates**

Capital: \$15,280

Unallocated: \$ 16,484

Faizzan: accounts remain the same, no finance committee update next meeting will announce the date for next finance committee.

# **EVP Updates**

Hannah: I forgot meal cards. SEC updates with Emily

Emily Clemons: Hi I'm Hannah Higgins, we have an SEC meeting tonight at 7, applications open on Monday and close a week after for senator positions so encourage people to apply. If you can put it on your newsletter that would be super helpful.

Hannah: Office hour signs ups I am doing biweekly meetings with reps, and our student highlight is Emily Clemons for a wonderful casino night!

# **Upcoming Events:**

# **Diversity Monologue:**

Rachel: Diversity monologue is this Friday at 7 pm there will be over 90 speakers and it will be on YouTube live. Make sure to get some friends and watch.

# **Incoming Student Paint Night:**

Christian: This Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. I am a silly goose and didn't realize I had the posters in my mailbox, so senators please hang those up.

#### Easter Baskets:

Rachel: Easter baskets are on their way shoutout to those that helped me, we are still accepting donations until Friday. The CMC's and I are going down there next week to hand them out.

### Springfest Mini:

Parker: it will be on May 1st, we are calling it mini cause we wanted to correlate it to Springfest but also let people know this is not what Springfest normally is. There will be a drive-in concert, food trucks and it will be a great time.

Jed: Can we do Mini Springfest, why that order?

Jason: It is actually going to be called Lil' Springfest

Olivia: Who is performing?

Jason: we don't know yet we are checking availability and pricing.

# Microaggressions and Identity Politics:

Parker: this was Jericho that was started a few years ago and this is going to be an event that focuses on more serious events. It will be talking about microaggressions and identity politics in mid-April. It will most likely be a two-night event we will be bringing in professors and staff so that's in the works.

# **Constituency Reports**

#### **Arend**

Emma: Arend is doing good, this week has been kind of hectic, the noise level has gone down. There has also been food stealing going on.

### Whitflex rep

Victoria: I'm trying to figure out how to make Whitflex care packages so that is a challenge.

#### Duvall

Xavier: Duvall is doing okay, has been really quiet lately nobody has been talking to me recently.

#### Warren

Isaac: Not much going on right now.

#### **Baldwin Jenkins**

Mac: BJ is poppin off, sent out a survey last week and got pretty good feedback on whether people would want a pool table or tv and right now its leaning towards a pool table. Been planning the ping pong tournament and people are wanting that to happen even if they are planning on watching. Printer doing great.

### Global Engagement Rep

Michael L: Nothing new this week, talked to a few people happy about the weather. A few students went to casino night and had fun.

# **Incoming Student Rep**

Georgia: the students are doing well apart from frustration with no spring break, few people did come to our office hours few weeks ago.

Christian: A few freshmen have talked about having spaces to cry, sometimes you want a place to cry and if you see someone having a moment don't make it weird.

### Off Campus

David: People are starting to miss their spring break, but otherwise it has been quiet. Couple of things in the works right now.

#### Stewart

Proxy: Stewart is doing good; our small groups have been going well which has been encouraging.

#### McMillan

Jaedon: Mac's doing good, I got the bro tanks ordered should be here in April. For my office hours I cleaned the attic and have more hang out space in there now.

# **Ballard**

Meghan: We are working on designs for Ballard bro tanks

#### Oliver

Olivia: Still 3 washers broken, hopefully they get fixed soon. I've had lots of complaints about having to pay for printing especially with STEM students. Has been really quiet and lots of studying, lot of people hate not having spring break since today would have been our spring break. Two events I am planning.

### **Boppell**

Jed: Bop is boppin, this last week a student complained about a printing problem but a student on someone's behalf alleged that a club discriminated against someone, but I don't know much else. I am thinking of events with gift card prizes and I with a Boppell resident am sad to hear Lorna Hernandez Jarvis is leaving whitworth.

### **Campus Vibes**

Lauren: last minute event 2<sup>nd</sup> chance bracket tournament, I only have 16 people signed up and want more. Please send out the link and due Friday night

Georgia: I have been looking into counseling and was frustrated that you can only book over the phone and they are only virtual which sucks since classes are in person and people might not always have a safe place to do that.

Michael B: I have a proposal to add a small session during the meeting for prayer. I am a catholic and I don't know much about all of you, and on my team, they do a small prayer, and when I say prayer, I don't mean one specific prayer I want people to open up and be vulnerable they can open up and be grateful or think of something positive. Some institutions such as the house of reps and senate do this before every session also nearly all the hospitals in Spokane. One final point is that when I read the mission statement, I don't see the word love in there, and I know we can't fit everything in there, but this small prayer could be an opportunity to do that. Jorge will be sending out an anonymous survey to say how you feel about adding this and I want it to be noted that if there is anyone that has some sort of trauma that would make them uncomfortable you can totally say that and you can speak freely. My intention was that we can all be here together and be vulnerable.

Christian: I have gotten a few messages from members of LGBTQ community and allies about cyberbullying and reminder that God loves everyone, and no hate is warranted to anyone. I encourage you all to stand up if you see anything like that going on.

Olivia: second to last TLAC meeting on Monday, we have been talking about Seek and having students evaluate at the end of every semester. Not all classes such as Studio and physics that make it hard to accurately get feedback. I just got an email from Alan and our washers got fixed, our washers had COVID masks stuck in water pumps.

Emma: I had question for Georgia, are you saying you had to call every time?

Georgia: I'm not sure but on website it just gave me a phone number

Emma: For the counseling thing you call once but once you get a counselor, they will make an appointment for you, so it is not that scary you just call that once.

### Shout outs

Jed: shout out to Emily you are the BEST

Emily: Sam said you put that in the chat, and I started sobbing

Christian: shout out to Jason he was a problem solver during casino night

Emily: Sam because he helped with all the little things at casino night

Georgia: shout out to Katie for serving as proxy on behalf of Stewart

# **Adjourn Meeting**

Emily moves to adjourn meeting, Olivia Seconds In favor 13 | Opposing 0 | Abstaining 5 Meeting adjourned: 6:40