

## ASWU Minutes 4.16.14

- I. Call to order- Ian 5:01 pm
- II. Mission Statement- Maggie
- III. Minutes- Approved with a change in the spelling of a name, one opposed
- IV. Introduce Guests: Dylan Olson, Sam, Gabrielle, Jerrica (future East senator), Ashley (WSIG), Josif (WSIG), Mark, Rebecca, Jessica, Allie, Ben, Emily, Mary (Hawaiian Club), Jordan (Tyler proxy).
- V. Big Cheese Awards:
  - a. Alicen Freeman! Has done a great job helping Faith and stepping up when she needs to. Also has some exciting things planned for the future! Keeps up the energy well.
  - b. Faith! Last Thursday was Warren Peace, heard it was a hit! That takes a lot of planning even though we had some tech hiccups this year, great job in Warren this year!
- VI. Club Update **(5 min)**
  - a. Mary (Hawaiian Club): This year we had about 480 people show up to the luau! We had to do things a little differently because of construction in the field house, so we had dinner in the HUB and our show in Cowles, which worked with the amount of dancers we had. My officers put in an incredible amount of work, so did our dancers and volunteers. Coming up we're doing spring fest and plug in picnic next year.
  - b. Ian: Have you decided what leadership will look like?
  - c. Mary: We will have elections this week.
  - d. Ian: What year are you?
  - e. Mary: A sophomore
  - f. Ian: That's impressive!
- VII. Ashton Lupton, Andriana Siefe, & Dayna Coleman-Jones **(25 min)**
  - a. Power of One Conference
  - b. Andriana: Report back about what we learned at the conference, and what we think Whitworth can take from it!
  - c. Ashton: The first session I went to talked about a group called Soul Force, which is a national organization that goes to other organizations (Christian colleges, churches, etc). They talked about being able to have open dialogue about how religion and sexuality can be morphed together, how to have effective conversations. They also talked about being

able to come at it from a people perspective rather than an idea that it's a problem perspective. There were 3 people, 2 did slam poetry talking about their frustration. And then Haven talked about it from an educated standpoint, stuff that's in text, and how to interpret it a different way.

- d. Andriana: Background info on what gender identity is: Gender identity is the innate identification of what gender you are, regardless of biology. I think sometimes people see gender as male or female, but this conference showed us there's more than that. That's not to be confused with sexual orientation: how an individual is attracted to another person (heterosexual, homosexual, pansexual, bisexual, etc). They're all very different. Gender expression: how society defines someone as masculine or feminine, they could identify as male but have feminine qualities, etc. You can't just look at someone and assume that they are male or female because you could get in trouble with that. Also, pronoun use was really interesting. For myself I would say I'm a "she" and a "her" because I identify as female, and "he" "him" for males. There were people that didn't identify as a he or a she, they identified as a "them" for themselves.
- e. Ashton: Haven would always talk about themselves as "they".
- f. Andriana: A lot of people in general might not identify with what they look like, that's just a quick explanation.
- g. Dayna: All of this verbiage is new to all of us, so every time a new term came up we would look it up. These terms might blow you away, but they blew us away too.
- h. Andriana: You almost felt like you couldn't talk to someone or address them afraid I would offend them.
- i. Dayna: Interestingly we were the only Christian school there. Many other large schools from the Pacific Northwest were there. The bigger schools that have more transgender students were there, and have used this terminology a lot more often. We thought if we are this naïve we wanted to share this information with you. People in your futures might use this terminology and you might accidentally be offensive to them without realizing it. We wanted to educate you on what we learned. The safe way to get around it is to ask people which pronoun they prefer.
- j. Andriana: Coming from a position of love and saying you want to treat them the way they want to be treated. You can tell when someone doesn't care, and a lot of them said they didn't want to correct people when they say it wrong if it's not a relationship they want to

invest in. Transgender means a person who identifies with a sex different than the sex they were born with. The opposite is cisgender, which is when you identify with the gender you were born with. The biggest thing is treating people the way they want to be treated, coming from a position of love.

- k. We went to a workshop called “toilet training”. It all had to do with gender-neutral bathrooms and why those are a good thing on campus. You’ve probably seen a lot of gender-neutral bathrooms, single stall that have a sign. Those are for people who are transgender or don’t identify the way society wants them to. If I identified as male but look female on the outside I wouldn’t be able to use the male restroom without being bullied.
- l. Ashton: Also if someone identifies as female but doesn’t express themselves in a feminine way, a lot of people can be harassed in the bathrooms so if there’s the opportunity for a gender-neutral space it doesn’t allow for that bullying.
- m. Andriana: We actually have some gender-neutral bathrooms on campus. There are some single stall bathrooms that are specific to male and female that we could easily change to either gender, that would make a big difference for people that don’t feel safe going into gender specific bathrooms. At a lot of schools they have multi-stall neutral gender bathrooms. They had them at the conference, and it created an environment where everyone was included. At WSU Vancouver once a week every year they do gender neutral bathroom week, making some bathrooms gender neutral. Allows people to use the gender neutral bathrooms or take a trip upstairs or downstairs to use the gender specific ones. Gets people thinking about what they see as the norm, and shows that a lot of people have to choose which bathroom to go into. Gets people to think about this topic through other people’s perspectives.
- n. Ian: How can we make this apply to Whitworth in your guys’ experience?
- o. Andriana: With the gender-neutral bathroom thing, some examples of some bathrooms that could change around campus. Also about bathrooms, some schools would brag about how many gender-neutral bathrooms they had and we couldn’t say that we had very many. For the signage that they put for gender-neutral bathrooms (female-male), a lot of schools put a picture of a toilet and a urinal instead. This says these are the things that are in this bathroom, not who belongs in this bathroom.

- p. Ashton: Also, gender neutral shower areas for people. Imagine going into a shower area and not being able to choose a gender-neutral bathroom stall. We would have to work on this on campus for new dorms, possibly having one gender-neutral shower stall.
- q. Andriana: That would affect how housing works on campus in general. Now these students just kind of go along with it on campus right now even if it doesn't align with what they're comfortable with.
- r. Dayna: We have transgender students here right now and we will next year. George Fox is being sued right now because they wouldn't allow someone who identified as male to live in a male dorm. We want to make our environment as comfortable as possible. It would be difficult to hide your true identity through all of college, so this is reality.
- s. Sam: What steps are you taking to make sure this goes to your roles next year?
- t. Ashton Skinner: I'm talking to Jolyn and Alan Jacob about how it would work with these students and housing and the changes we could make.
- u. Dayna: There's going to be physical dorm and policy changes in place.
- v. Jordan: Is this something anyone could attend?
- w. Andriana: It's been going on for 12 years, in a different location every time but this is the first year Whitworth has gone.
- x. Gabrielle: When you talk about changes next year, is that going to include housing arrangements or the cohab rule?
- y. Andriana: I don't know if anything will be in place next year
- z. Dayna: Maybe having something where students can say that they are fine living with a transgender roommate. None of that has been worked out yet. Some people are out and some are not so it's tricky.
- aa. Andriana: The cohab thing for sexual orientations doesn't necessarily talk about that. There's not much about romantic relationships in the handbook.
- bb. Ashton Skinner: This is a gender identity issue. There are different definitions to go through before we talk about how that works with transgender students.
- cc. Justin: What does it mean for Whitworth being the only Christian institution at the conference?
- dd. Andriana: A lot of Christian institutions don't put a lot of stock into this, not a big priority. This wasn't a gigantic conference, so there may be others that Christian schools go to.
- ee. Ashton: We stuck out. People asked us lots of questions.

- ff. Dayna: We were privileged to be able to hear other peoples' stories. It was a unique experience being in a minority situation. Compassion was there, and if Jesus were going to be anywhere he would be in that room. This was a place for them to feel safe. It was a life-changing thing to hear their stories. Compassion is what you need to approach people with; they're going through a lot.
- gg. Andriana: I went to some sessions that were like green dot sessions. Anti-discrimination response, using language where everyone feels safe but calling people out on something that was hurtful.
- hh. Ashton: Dayna and I went to one about bi-sexuality. Even after we learned some of the new terms, there was a lot of talk about what it means fitting into place on the spectrum. There are so many possibilities, so you have to not be assuming when approaching others and let them tell you how they see themselves.
- ii. Andriana: If you want to get into specifics, we'd be happy to email you.
- jj. Maggie: What's the lambda for on your shirt?
- kk. Andriana: I can't remember the term, but before the rainbow it was the symbol of the LGBT movement.
- ll. Ashton: All encompassing at the top for all identities.
- mm. Ian: I think you should send that out to all of ASWU! It'd be great to hear if there's any action or ideas for programming. If we could get another report sometime? I'd like to see how this conference would benefit the rest of campus.

#### VIII. Million Meals Updates (10 min)

- a. Danielle: Volunteer committee met this week, talked about how we need to get more volunteers signed up. We still have a ways to go, and now that it's getting closer we want to get more Whitworth student involvement. Table set up during meal times for Thursday Friday Monday Tuesday. Signup sheet going around for the next few days.
- b. Matt: We are making our first payment for supplies this week. They had to make the order, talking to Beck to see if we could get trustees on board but didn't have much luck. We made the order with \$180,000. We will be able to make 750,000 meals and we're still fundraising and pushing for volunteers.
- c. Jo: What's the possibility of doing a second packing event to fulfill the million meals goal even if it's not this year?

- d. Audrey: Totally possible. I asked how long they usually need to pack; they said a week to two weeks. If we are able to raise more money, we could make another order. They just need a few weeks notice if we want to do another smaller event.
- e. Rebecca: The deadline for money is the Monday before the event?
- f. Matt: We are collecting money up until the day of the event.
- g. Rebecca M: Tonight at 7pm in the coffee shop is Stories of Hunger that engagement committee is putting on. Beck Taylor will be coming.

**IX. FVP (15 min)**

- a. Budget Committee
- b. Club Charter – The Investment Group
- c. Ashley Sievers and Josif Ilsoi
- d. Ashley: We're here to talk about Whitworth Student Investment Group. This is our second year, but we're not ASWU chartered and we want to be!
- e. Josif: Board of Trustees passed Robblee-Robets Student Investment fund. Managed by WSIG, this is a \$100,000 donation.
- f. Ashley: We have 56 total members, up from 15 at the beginning of this year. We have the same number of upper and lower classmen. We have over 12 majors represented.
- g. Josif: Current group activity- we meet every Thursday morning at 6:15 am in Weyerhaeuser. We are split into sectors, and we put members of the group into these sectors. Need outside meetings as well. On Thursday mornings we discuss the market, look at our portfolio, and pitch stock presentations.
- h. Ashley: We've also had guest speakers. It's cool to see real-life examples. Some goals for this year were to invest over half of our portfolio, and to start using our WSIG office. It's the old sociology lab in Weyerhaeuser. We have computers, software and stations set up. We have weekly sector meetings in that room, and a big TV station in there. We wanted to retain 40 of our new members, which we did! We want to use our office more than we have been, and have a fully invested portfolio next year. We are gaining recognition throughout the state, which is great to see.
- i. Josif: Anyone interested in investing is welcome to come to the meetings through out affiliates program. It is an intensive time commitment. We have analysts who are more fully involved in the investment process through an application process. (multiple other positions as well).

- j. Ashley: We want to be ASWU chartered because it's much easier for us. It is difficult to send campus wide emails so it would be nicer if that were more easily taken care of. We want to be involved in the plug-in picnic as well. We've been gaining recognition in the community, and we think it would benefit both groups to be affiliated with ASWU. We would like \$300 for our club. We had annual reports printed to hand to endowment subcommittee of board of trustees and the business school covered it, but it makes more sense to become ASWU. We would like basic things (bookshelf, garbage can, etc). Also donuts as rewards for competitions we have. Holding social events to get people to know each other better. It would be better to have a budget of our own.
- k. Ashton: Have we looked into if it's ok with how the money is ran and how it aligns with us?
- l. Matt: The only way our money would be getting spent would be the ways she listed. The endowment is separate.
- m. Jacob: Why didn't you approach ASWU initially?
- n. Ashley: We have very strict attendance standards, and with added position and people wanting to come learn for themselves it makes more sense.
- o. Josif: It's not our money, so we have to have dedicated people. This is very educational. Affiliates won't have votes in investment decisions, but they are free to attend training sessions.
- p. Samantha: ASWU gets a bad rap for too many emails, how are you planning to advertise?
- q. Ashley: Last year we went around to intro business classes and talked to them, and had one email sent out.
- r. Jordan: How did you get those members?
- s. Ashley: Word of mouth in the business school helped, talking to friends. We want more people from all over campus.
- t. Dylan: Ethical responsibility of a Christian investment group, including investing in fossil fuels?
- u. Ashley: In our endowment there's a section of bylaws of what can and cannot be invested in (alcohol, casino, defense with intent of harm of human life, etc).
- v. Dylan: Can you speak to fossil fuels or renewable energy?
- w. Josif: That comes down to personal opinion. We adhere to what the endowment says.

- x. Ashley: We have to report everything to the board of trustees. We gave them a presentation of all the stock activity we've done. They can terminate our group if they don't see what we're doing as fit. (step out)
- y. Matt: We're not voting on money passing right now, just chartering the club.
- z. Justin: Seeing as they have a professional presentation, motion to charter club.
- aa. Guest: I don't know if ASWU should support a group that invests in fossil fuels. We should hold to standards of supporting things good for people and the environment. It doesn't seem like something the students should support.
- bb. Maggie: They have the opportunity to invest in fossil fuels, but that is dependent on the students in the group. Because of the rules, it's not something they necessarily will do or want to do every year. If we choose not to support it, it might seem like not supporting inclusivity.
- cc. Ian: Even if we don't charter them they will still be a group on campus.
- dd. Matt: We can say we will support you if you don't invest in those types of things.
- ee. Andrew: The trustees were very impressed and I know that they went out of their way to have heartfelt things to say about this group.
- ff. Dayna: We could say we would like to add that stipulation if we are going to support it.
- gg. Guest: In that they wouldn't invest in those things?
- hh. Dayna: We could add in addition to the list they can't invest in (fossil fuels) if students of Whitworth see it as important.
- ii. Ashton: I think that seeing as this has been a discussion, there would be value bringing it back and see if they could bring in that extra stipulation. We could ask them to come back again.
- jj. Erika: I don't think it's ASWU's place to tell them what they should or shouldn't invest in. That's too much control.
- kk. Justin: Motion to charter club as is.
- ll. Second
- mm. Matt: All in favor, none opposed, club chartered.
- nn. Sam: General question, why do we have people leave the room?
- oo. Ian: We have people here to ask questions originally
- pp. Ashton: We are trying to have an honest conversation and sometimes we can't when they're standing in the room.

X. EVP (2 min)

- a. Announcements

XI. Reports & Vibes (20 min)

- a. **Ian:** Raleigh gave me information- pirate idol at 7:30pm in the dining hall tomorrow. He needs volunteers. Over \$1,000 worth of silent auction and raffle stuff. We have 11 competitors going for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.
- b. Ali: Went to the Department Chairs committee meeting this week. Bev Kleeman the registrar discussed the idea of doing year-long scheduling instead of semester by semester scheduling. This will go back to the departments and they will have future discussions. Also the idea of having a breakfast celebration next February to celebrate Whitworth's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the Art and Athletic Training departments discussed assessment reports.
- c. Andrew: Pass
- d. Jo: Yearbook is done!
- e. Samantha: Social media campaign ends next week, I'll have a report.
- f. Ashton L: I got really fired up before the meeting, there's a display of plastic water bottles in the café right now. I'll be having some serious conversations. The CRC task force is sending out a survey tomorrow to help us make informed decisions. Put that in the newsletters, will probably end Tuesday.
- g. Danielle: Emailed Jim O'Brien, and they're still trying to figure out what they're doing with the café and coffee shop decision.
- h. Emily: Pass
- i. Chase: We had our BJ art exhibit last week. I'm working on the BJ bash coming up!
- j. Jordan: Representing Tyler Coopman, getting together to work on budget for next year. I've heard questions about a softball tournament this year or next year.
- k. Faith: Warren Peace was awesome!
- l. Alicen: Facilities meeting was cancelled. Whitworth Easter bunnies will be making rounds tonight. There will be things around campus tomorrow morning.
- m. Josh: BMac Hall in concert April 26<sup>th</sup>. LS350 is doing an Amazing Race. We will have a speaker from Ethiopia on Tuesday night.
- n. Maggie: Sat in on trustee endowment committee, they all are in love with WSIG. I learned a lot about making a shift in strategies of emerging markets. Also we are selling property. We have some lot on the west side that Diamond parking center is buying. We had a really

good year. From the endowment we are able to gift, the most = 2.5 million from the fund to the university (scholarships, operating funds).

- o. Erika: Audrey and I are on student services committee. Talked about e-cigarettes treated as regular cigarettes with space regulations away from buildings. They made some definitions to weapons policy, response to what happened at Gonzaga.
  - i. Guest: There was a guy in the coffee shop with a gun on his hip
  - ii. Erika: Washington has an open carry policy. Was he in uniform? He's allowed to if he's a spouse of faculty member.
  - iii. Audrey: If that happens always call security if you're not sure what to do. It's worth a call.
  - iv. Erika: Also the use of marijuana on campus is not allowed even though its allowed in the state. Next weekend we're having a BC weekend retreat for the women in the dorms. Speakers, food.
- p. Rebecca M: Senior grad fair is the 22<sup>nd</sup>. You have to pick up cap and gown this Tuesday from 11am-6:30pm. Commencement committee meeting- all programs for all events are in! Vibe from senior class- upset that there's no boat cruise. We're looking into another idea right now.
  - i. Guest: Was there never an alternative plan for that?
  - ii. Rebecca: The boat cruise isn't a required part of my position to organize. It's not a tradition. It's just been an option for the senior class to do with leftover budget, it's become a liability to the university because people have been drunk and it's become unsafe for people on the boat. Not allowed to have it anymore.
- q. Jacob: Tomorrow night is W-club after pirate idol. Not too many people were super stoked about helping tear down. If you're there at the end of the dance can you please help? Raleigh and I are working on the mocktails. Energy drink jello shots! We'll be giving out 30 t-shirts to the first people to come to the mocktail bar. Earth Day is the 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be tables.
  - i. Ashton: It's the 22<sup>nd</sup> planning in conjunction with Kipos, 11-2 in Lied Square, lots of cool booths planned by people from Kipos. Booth from Sodexo, etc.
- r. Bergen: This Friday we have a trip climbing advantage, still 2 spots left. Costs \$10. We have a kayak roll session in the pool on Saturday. Mountain bike ride next Thursday, Spokane river rafting with peak 7 next Saturday. Signups in the UREC.

- s. Ryan: Pass
- t. Kevin: Trustee institutional advancement committee. Total gifts= 48 million. Capital project working on is a new music building or new addition, valued at \$12 million. They have displays and ads on Pandora. This Friday “That Awkward Moment” movie, in the RTT at 8:00pm. The movie that won for Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> is the Lego movie. Also, my next major event is another comedian on the 26<sup>th</sup> in the MPR at 8, Tracy Ashley. FVP will be opening for her!
- u. Lauren: Boppell coffee house is coming up. May 1<sup>st</sup>, starts at 7. If you want to play let me know we’re looking for people. We might have lattes!
- v. Andriana: This week is GSA week, there are things happening. After this at 7pm stories of hunger for Million Meals in the coffee shop. April 23-24, We The People initiative. Corporations limiting the amount of money given to government, tabling will be coming up.
- w. Ashley: Pass
- x. Justin: Had Pie an RA fundraiser last week. We got over \$40.
- y. Cody: Tomorrow is the Track and Field Twilight Invite. Powder Puff football tournament in may. 7:30 tonight is the premiere of the Excellence film in the MPR, video will be shown at 8.
- z. Ian: I went to Academic Affairs committee, bulk of conversation was on budget cuts and updating trustees. Opening of center for family counseling, shared pictures and what the program will do. A professor will have 3 monitors in rooms of students and families, teaching people. Barb Sanders- interim provost last year, then interim dean of school of education, now she’s the permanent dean.
- aa. Matt: If you haven’t already signed up for budget committee that’s next week. Also I was at finance administration committee. In the 2021 plan they’re looking at 2,300 students, Beck mentioned he will be presenting a new plan for the Costa Rica Center in October.
- bb. Audrey: For Million Meals we will be moving into the time of getting volunteers. It’s time to say the number we need now, no longer into asking if people want to be involved, trying to get specific numbers. Part of that is with churches. Justin has done a great job connecting with churches, looking to get a commitment from them now. We would love for this to come from us internally if you have connections. 3 weeks and 3 days away! Also

each of you will be responsible for writing a letter to the person in your position next year, due the 29<sup>th</sup>. Doesn't have to be long, just answering questions.

cc. Katie: If only there was a website to put those things on! (SharePoint!)

dd. Audrey: Update your SharePoints!

XII. President **(2 min)**

a. Announcements

XIII. Shout Outs:

a. Ashley: To Bergen, he talks a long time every week about the events he puts on

b. Ian: Another shout out to Jo and her team for finishing the yearbook!

XIV. For the Good of the Order

a. Jo: Senior Art Show is up! Go!

b. Faith: Free Cool Whip show on Saturday!

XV. Adjourn: 6:25pm