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## 2021-22 ASWU Meeting Minutes | September 8, 2021

### **In Attendance:**

Rachel Ayres   President	present
Chris Clay   Vice President	present
Abby Douglas   Financial Director	present
Grant Hill   Communications Director	present
Hannah Sommerville   Campus Activities Coordinator	present
Georgia Goff   School Spirit Coordinator	absent
Tristy Osbon   Sustainability Coordinator	present
Aidan Walsh   Senior Class Coordinator	present
Aeron Sugui   Marketing/PR Coordinator	present
Sienna Buster   Traditional Events Coordinator	present
Jenna Breedlove   Spiritual Life Coordinator	present
Jessica Lopez-Ramirez   Cultural Events Coordinator	present
Jamie Copeland   Club Coordinator	present
Christian Aguilar   Outreach Coordinator	present
Grace Johnson   Oliver Senator	present
Hans Tamminga   McMillan Senator	present
Katelynn Diaz   Ballard Senator	late
Adaeze Njoku   Boppell Senator	present
Larkin Dean   Duvall Senator	present
Logan Spencer   Warren Senator	proxy

Reeshika Sharma   Off-Campus Senator	present
Michael Lie   International Student Senator	present
Cameron Joslyn   Neighborhood Senator	present

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Meeting brought to order at 1701.  
Mission Statement read by Aeron.

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**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Moved by Cam, Seconded by Grace

Discussion: None

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0  
Motion passes

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**Message from Interim President Scott McQuilkin**

Rachel: We have the privilege of having Scott McQuilkin here tonight. He is going to give us some words of encouragement and get the school year started.

Scott: I'll try to limit this to 2 minutes. Rachel and I met this afternoon and as I thought of this group, I was reminded of the associate VP of marketing and communication Nancy. We hired her about 10 years ago and she stood out amongst applicants, specifically in the way that she was student body president at MSU. She had lots of qualifications and it intrigued me. I want to let you know it is a privilege to be selected and elected it says something to be named a voice for the campus. I want to acknowledge that, and its really about the qualities you bring to the table to improve the campus community. Its significant and what you're doing is attractive. Student leadership is very important this year, as we work to reset the community. Relationship and community are crucial as students didn't get to experience it last year. Rachel and I meet monthly with candid conversations and these conversations will be how we stay in touch and keep informed. One last thing, convocation is tomorrow. I will speak about new testaments and chronological time vs kronos time. It feels like the opportune time at Whitworth and as we look back, we can ask how this was an opportune time. Thank you for the leadership you are providing to the

campus. It's not a small task, and it's all about the qualities you bring to your role. You all have it. Thank you all. I went 3 minutes, sorry.

Rachel: Thank you, Scott

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### **Financial Director Updates**

Capital: 20,000

Unallocated: 20,000

Travel: 6,000

Abby: Budgets have not changed, and these are the starting values.

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### **President Updates**

- Committees

Rachel: This year along with other years, we get to be on committees spread throughout the university. We get to sign up for them now! Y'all hopefully brought your schedules. This is in some of your job descriptions, so make sure to sign up. If I have already emailed you about joining certain committees, look for that. These committees will meet multiple times throughout the year. Some have dates assigned, some don't Here's the overview.

Grace: Quick question. How many do we do?

Rachel: Everyone does at least 1, if not more.

Larkin: if we got an email, should we wait to sign up or can we sign up for more?

Rachel: if you already have an email do that one first, standby for more.

COVAC: They approve classes for professors to teach, they decide new majors, for example they helped start the new doctorate in physical therapy program we are beginning next year.

GCAT: They decide when we get fall break for example. They don't meet as regularly, if you are on this one you decide things for the following school year.

Speakers and Artists Steering Committee: They choose who comes to campus to speak.

University Council: This is top of the top, and it's a monthly meeting. We address the state of the university.

Jason: This is a chance for departments to talk about what's happening and get more of a big picture of Whitworth. It also addresses things that happen with smaller committees like parking, grounds, sustainability, COVAC, etc. It all goes through this

Rachel:

Subcommittee for bus pass dilemma: ASWU is addressing the \$17,000 dollar problem with bus passes. The committee will go all semester and will reevaluate again next semester depending on progress. Emails will be going out to students at large who may be a good fit for the subcommittee.

Club chartering committee: Jamie leads this, new clubs will be approved and they must have constitutions and determines if the club fits the mission of ASWU and the university.

Abby: (Finance committee) Clubs/ students requisition for money and we approve them, vote yes or no, and we also have new travel budget. We will work hard to create standards and be consistent with the new travel budget.

Chris: (SEC) This is the student election committee. Grant will be in this as well. Elections are coming up for senators and representatives. We will have the committee to make sure the standards are fair and equally represented across campus. We are looking for 4 at large students, people can reach out to see if interest.

~committee signups via PowerPoint~

Rachel: If there is a time issue with any of these committees, please email Rachel to switch. This is part of your job, so make sure to attend. The next weeks ASWU meetings you get to report what you heard.

Cam: Is there times for speakers and artists committee?

Rachel: Not currently.

Dezy: What time is club chartering committee?

Rachel: TBD

- Sodexo Update:

Rachel: Next week Sodexo will be here hopefully, I need to reach out via email. They are working to address questions for example about dietary restrictions and meal plans for people of all faiths. They have other things to share and figure out how we can partner. Senators, talk to constituents to see if they have questions for Sodexo, they can also just come to the meeting next week.

- Filming next week

Rachel: Next week we have the opportunity to be filmed for the president's office. They want to showcase students while filming in the loop. It will be simple and casual. Look at calendars, September 14<sup>th</sup> 1:45-2:15pm. If you are available raise your hand. It is right before GE. (Aeron, Grace, Larkin, Reeshika)

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### **Vice President Updates**

- Election Timeline

Chris: This is the election timeline. It needs to be voted on, does anyone want to give opinions? Class began today and we want the applications to be available this Friday. Elections open Monday 13<sup>th</sup> so the candidates have time to gather things, interest meetings vary for accessibility and schedules. The SEC has mandated times for meetings. They are 11:30-12:30 in chambers on Fridays. September 21 and 22 is mandatory meeting for candidates, then there's committee meeting 24<sup>th</sup> to make sure we know campaign rules and we are all on the same page. Run offs and ASWU retreat is in October.

Jason: it should say applications not elections.

Cam: can we do an interest meeting on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>?

Rachel: Applications open Friday though.

Jason: Applications aren't due until the 20<sup>th</sup>

Aeron: Are applications online or paper?

Chris: They are online, Jason said no paper copies this year.

Jason: The platform for voting requires an online application.

Katelynn: How will people know we are opening applications?

Chris: I will be putting up posters.

Jason: This would also be good to put in newsletters.

Rachel: Aeron will advertise on social media?

Christian: Are applications open in the HUB? Isn't it online?

Jason: Applications go live at this time on the schedule. Yes, they are online.

Cam: Going back to my previous question, can we add an interest meeting on the weekend because of evening classes?

Chris: Maybe Sunday after church? Maybe 3 or 4pm?

Katelynn: Can a freshman run if nobody is running in their residence hall?

Chris: Yes, it is open to all. Obviously, there won't be seniors in BJ. Also, RAs and other leadership can't run.

Jenna: What is the ASWU retreat?

Rachel: TBA

Visitor: How many class reps are being elected?

Chris: 2 incoming student reps, 5 off campus reps, senators in Arend, BJ, Stewart, and 1 village rep.

### ***Motion to Approve Election Timeline***

Moved by Cam, seconded by Larkin

Discussion:

*With friendly amendment of another interest meeting on Sunday September 12th*

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Motion passes

- Newsletters

Chris: Senators, make sure to add new things from the meeting.

Larkin: Are we making newsletters for this meeting?

Chris: yes, but there's not a lot of events. I'll send out an email with info.

Dezy: For senators, I have a friend who runs a mental health program, she wants more recognition and people to know about it. Can she come speak or is it an email thing or can she come speak to explain it all?

Chris: Email us a proposal and we will consider it.

Rachel: Is she Whitworth affiliated?

Dezy: Yes, its kylie from lacrosse.

- Meal cards

Chris: Sodexo provides these. There is priority to off campus students and neighborhoods. We have them and will be giving them out at the end of the meeting. Free dinner!

- Student Highlight

Chris: Joe Henson and Hannah Higgins are the student highlights. They worked so hard and did so much work. They deserve so much. Big shoutout and thanks. Orientation went so smooth, and I was so glad to see smiles and enjoyment and the impact on communities. Big shoutout to them.

Rachel: Give a fist bump to them if you see them.

Chris: There will be thank you notes written for them as well.

- CBS Reminder

Chris: Senators, we will have a guideline meeting tomorrow. You will get emails from your AC for meeting times.

Dezy: Who is doing it for the village (Hannah pointed to)

Grace: Is it at 9:30 or is that subject to change?

Chris: Follow your AC's guidance.

Larkin: The schedule says there's a meeting tonight for floor values, is that CBD?

Chris: No that's run by RA's.

Cam: Is the neighborhood's meeting tonight? Do you want anything specified?

Chris: You are there to support and you can delegate for conflict resolution.

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## **Past Events**

- Orientation Events

Rachel: This area (past events) will be for data driven things and satisfaction levels to be shared after events. Orientation was busy, we had the concert, yell off, ran other events, overall things went good. I open the floor for feedback we heard to improve for next year.

Christian: For the club fair, the pre-registration idea was good but hopefully we can get tables on time next time. The concept was good but we need extra tables on the diagram for clubs who didn't sign up early.

Katelynn: For yell-off, we liked the sportsmanship category because it made a difference in the event and cheering for other teams. I liked that.

Christian: Note for movie nights, projector should shine through back of screens.

Jason: We have rear projection screen we can use it.

Christian: Luckily it worked, but we need it to be clear.

Visitor: I was in a transfer seminar class during orientation. We didn't know about the transfer pizza party panel, I heard it last minute but nobody was there. It wasn't advertised enough to transfer kids. We don't have much connections yet.

Christian: Jenna and I talked that we were frustrated because one family during orientation had a member with a disability and we couldn't access some parts of buildings. I wish we could have an accessibility map. I took a group from the parent event to a classroom in Westminster and it was tricky and we had to go around to the side.

Jessica: In relation to movie night, I was in the middle of the crowd. Some students left early and it was too crowded. with Monsters Inc in the spring, it was more spaced out. Someone sat on my blanket, and it was awkward. The event needed more space for social distancing because people were taking off masks which is okay but, you know.

Rachel: The university is saying we don't have to social distance at this point due to county protocols.

Katelynn: In relation to haul in, there was some uncomfortable situations and people were frustrated because you would go to a dorm and it felt weird to leave because it felt like you were going to lose. In BJ the RAs had to talk to people about sportsmanship. Next year the senators should talk to the dorm and lay down the values and the do's and don'ts. Maybe have an exit strategy.

Jason: We discussed this, there were guidelines, but they weren't mentioned or followed. Krista and I want to make this more clear next year. It states you have to do a cheer together at the end. It wasn't followed correctly. Haul-in isn't a competition but it felt like a competition more this year, maybe because it was the first year back. We had a talk on Monday with traditiators.

Katelynn: Some people felt uncomfortable, especially in the back of the group. Its BMAC so people don't really want us to win but the sportsmanship was rough and should be important. I had to have some conversations.

Rebecca (visitor): RAs told me it was a competition.

Rachel: Thank you

- Last First Day

Aidan: It went good, lots of people showed up and most years they don't. This year I handed out all 315 discount cards yay. I will make more. It was a great event, I just downloaded 800 pictures.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- Bingo Night

Sienna: I am so excited. Our office is a mess. Remind RAs and senators to spread the word. I'll send an Instagram graphic and you should all post it! Send it to your RAs to post as well. Get your posters from your mailbox if you haven't. Wear ASWU t-shirts and name tags to the event.

- Carnival

Hannah: Carnival is this saturday, I'm excited! There will be awesome prizes. Remind RAs to tell residents. We have 6 people being dunked in the dunk tank.

Cam: Have we been notified of who is working?

Hannah: Yes, I'll send an email.

Tristy: 7-9pm?

Hannah: Yes. 6:30 arrival though

- Self-Defense Class

Chris: I am in talks with Krav Maga Spokane to hold a program to uphold safety for the community with regard to the recent incident. People need to be able to protect themselves.

Abby: It is on September 19<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, Chris is calling around to find someone who is self-defense certified.

- 9/11 Remembrance- Flags

Rachel: We need volunteers for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 flag set up and take down. It will be late Friday night; we will put up flags in remembrance of those who died in the attack. We are also working with veteran affairs.

Jason: Lets send out the invites later.

Rachel: It will be after bingo to put up flags, take down will be Sunday morning.

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## **Constituency Reports**

### **Ballard:**

Katelynn: First milk and cookies is tonight. Ballard is doing good. Lots of people want to change "Ballard babes" to something else.

### **Boppell:**

Dezy: Boppell is cool. We are out of paper but I got some. I will put it in the printer.

### **Duvall:**

Larkin: Duvall is doing good, everyone is slowing down a bit after orientation. I heard that we think a blue pole by Duvoliver is needed. It's scary to walk by Oliver and Duvall at night. I said I would bring it up in the meeting.

Rachel: In my meeting with Scott we discussed a blue pole for over there, Larry Probus is aware, I will follow up with them.

### **McMillan:**

Hans: McMillan is doing good. I feel like everyone is exhausted from orientation. BMAC goes hard. The basement is flooding as we speak. The laundry machine is broken. The basement RA and I are calling the laundry machine company, facilities has not been picking up the phone.

Jason: Call facilities emergency number.

Hans: I was helping a freshman and we were barefoot splashing in basement. Also, the printer isn't working. It's an IT problem.

**Off Campus:**

Reeshika: Off campus is good. We have off campus BBQ this Friday. It will be in newsletters.

**Oliver:**

Grace: Oliver is good. We are settling in. It has been more homey lately, and its becoming more of a community. There was a trail of dirt and water in the basement. Posters are hung, printer is filled.

**Warren:**

Christian: I am speaking for Logan, she said "Warren move in went well. There were good primetimes and lots of participation. Haul-in had more residents participate but few yell-off participants."

**International Student:**

Michael: We are doing great. We had pre-orientation this year. The students love what ASWU has been doing. We have had one more student join us. From Bosnia, I picked him up at the airport.

**Neighborhood Senator:**

Cam: We are doing good, we had 6 move ins Saturday and 4 on Monday. Lots of people are moving in. Many moved in before this last weekend. Rules meeting is tonight, different than the CBS meeting. There is an afterparty with sparkling water and limited snacks, cornhole, and volleyball.

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**Campus Vibes**

Grace: I'm passionate about the parking situation. There's no parking in Oliver in Duvall, BJ, the HUB, and the parking passes are \$100 instead of \$60. I'm not a fan. People aren't buying the passes.

Sienna: I have a friend in Duvall and she has to re-login to the WIFI on every device every day. I don't know if this is an IT or security problem, but it's been bad. WIFI everywhere is bad. Even the ethernet connection.

Rachel: It might be here to stay.

Katelynn: Going back to parking, around 2pm or 3pm the athletes park in BMAC area, they don't have parking passes on their cars. It's frustrating when you buy a pass but have to park super far away or in dirt lots.

Jason: Mention this to Leroy McCall in security, you can send an email.

Christian: Question. Are there more parking passes given out than spots?

Jason: No

Tristy: Speaking on the issue, on behalf of a lot of people and the club I'm in, we don't like parking further away from the buildings either. However, we are way cheaper than other schools. We do not have a full-time sustainability coordinator and most universities have one. There's lots of parking across campus even at heavy traffic times. It's an issue of people not wanting to walk.

Rebecca (visitor): As a freshman, I wasn't introduced to how to sign into WIFI or connect a device, I had to ask my RA. They need to walk through these things more. They assume we know things.

Tristy: That should be your RAs job.

Marie: This should also be information available to transfer students.

Grace: I've heard complaints since the Duvall incident and how open the campus is. It gets dark in many areas.

Cam: Lots of students are unable to purchase parking passes, including me who is an independent. It's difficult with other bills I have to pay. Others are experiencing this as well.

Rachel: We had lots of conversations about parking, this year we want to address things and send emails to see if people want to talk about this. I can't promise certain details, but I'll look into it. Email or text me (but email though).

Also, Jenna said on the SEC timetable there was October 3<sup>rd</sup> training. ASWU people must attend. Place TBD. Time needs to be saved in your calendars. Sunday 2-5pm, send me an email if you can't go.

Aeron: In regards to social media presence, senators can you put the ASWU Instagram handle on newsletters. It helps with marketing. Our Linktree is in the description.

Chris: Senators I'll put it in my resources.

Tristy: If y'all want to talk with me, go for it. One idea I have is designating certain parking spots to people. You can have certain lots for certain people/ years.

Grace: At night I try to park as close as possible to Oliver.

Chris: Echoing accessibility, it will be difficult to navigate with accessibility. Our buildings are not accessible, which should be a priority. Some people can't walk so we need to make sure they are priority.

Jenna: With orientation I have noticed so much energy and its exciting. Some people are already burnt out. It's so different this weekend.

Christian: Seeing people walking to class is exciting, I am so glad we are not on zoom and we can be together.

Aeron: Last first day event was amazing, it made my day to hug friends I haven't seen in a year. It's sad to see the biggest Whitworth class leaving soon.

Tristy: I agree, I heard people liked it.

Cam: On the contrary, I had discussions with Bucs Bridge first years that they felt overwhelmed with the amount of programming. They wanted more downtime to sit and rest.

Jason: If you have residents who are new students, there will be an orientation survey coming out soon. There will be giveaways as well.

Jaydin (visitor): I'm a Bucs Bridge peer guide and previous Bucs Bridge student, most days were 9AM-10PM with in depth workshops and I remember it felt exhausting and I agree that it was too much.

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## **Shoutouts**

Jamie: Shoutout to BMAC for helping Hannah and Aeron and I picking up tables for club fair.

Christian: 3 things. 1: Aidan's event was awesome! 2: shoutout to the groups setting up tables, facilities didn't bring enough of them. Thank you to people setting up tables. 3: Shoutout to non ASWU people, thanks for coming to the meeting.

Aeron: Shoutout to the whole team, we are nearing the end of busy season. Also, to the seniors.

Rachel: Shoutout to everyone, we did it, training started a long time ago, shoutout to event planners. I appreciate y'all. I am thankful for you. I am available to chat anytime.

Hans: Shoutout to Anthony and his team, an incident happened before the concert and they were resilient, so shoutout to him.

Chris: shoutout to Jason and Laurie.

## ***Motion to Adjourn Meeting***

Motion by Christian, Seconded by Michael

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstaining 0

Meeting adjourned: 1815