



# Associated Students of Whitworth University



Minutes  
February 4, 2009

- I. Call to Order at 5:00 PM
- II. Roll Call

Executives:

ASWU President, Obe Quarless	present
ASWU Vice-President, Kalen Eshoff	present
ASWU Financial Vice-President, Kendra Hamilton	present

Senators:

Arend, Patrick Yoho	present
Baldwin-Jenkins, JaJa Quarless	present
Ballard, Emily Dickson	present
Boppell, Aaron Quigley	late
McMillan, Eric VanderHeyden	present
Stewart/Keola/Shalom, Dan Lewis	present
Warren, Jeremiah Sataraka	present
Duvall, John Dorrenbacher	present
Off Campus, Seth Flory	present

Representatives:

Arend, Beau Lamb	present
Arend, Shannon Eshoff	present
Baldwin-Jenkins, Mark Bond	present
Baldwin-Jenkins, Ashley Antunes	present
Duvall, Grant Mattox	present
Schumacher/McMillan, Stephen Jansons	present
Stewart/Shalom/Keola, Brittany Roach	present
Off Campus, Angela Anegon	present
Off Campus, Brian Stenberg	present
Off Campus, Dan Dan Quarless	excused
Warren, David Kuraya	proxy
Warren, Breezy Moser	excused

Media:

KWRS General Manager, Bud Bareither	present
Natsihi Editor, Charley Brinkman	present
Whitworthian Editor, Joy Bacon	present

Coordinators:

Activities, Tyson Motsenbocker	present
Cultural Events, Michelle Bess	present
Interactive Arts, Nicole Holland	present
Intramurals, John Ellings	present
Outdoor Recreation, Chris Adams	present
Senior Class, Katie Zerkel	excused

SERVE, Danika Heatherly	present
Special Events, Kelsey Thurman	present
Sports Events, Collin Gibbs	present

- III. ASWU Mission Statement – Michelle Bess
- IV. Welcoming of Guests – Obe Quarless
  - a. Sarah Ozanne
  - b. Morgan Feddes
  - c. Julie Wooton
  - d. Jasmine Linabary
  - e. Ben Bonnema
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> passed
  - b. Minutes From the December 2<sup>nd</sup> passed
- VI. Financial Vice President – Club Updates
  - a. Colleges Against Cancer – Sarah Ozanne
    - i. Relay for Life April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Kickoff date is Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Multipurpose room
    - iii. We hope to raise \$30,000
    - iv. Meetings for relay are on Tuesday at 7pm usually in the ASWU chambers
  - b. Open Conversation Orientation Club – Ben Bonnema
    - i. We had a viewing of ‘For the Bible Tells me so’
    - ii. We had Coffee House Conversations
    - iii. We hope to continue these conversations
    - iv. In April we will have a day of Silence
    - v. We hope to have Magdalene Su Lee come in late may
    - vi. Weekly meetings from 8:30-9:30 in George’s Place’
- VII. Coordinator Reports
  - a. Radio- We are still alive even though we are not broadcasting. We will be moving from KWRS.fm to whitworth.fm with a kickoff party
    - i. We will have a kickoff party smashing radios
  - b. Mac – Mac Hall in Concert if April 23<sup>rd</sup> contact Eric VanderHeyden if they would like to perform.
  - c. Activities Events – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm slam poets in the HUB. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> in the HUB there will be a comedian from last comic standing
  - d. Arend – Green with envy dance is coming up. No date is set as of yet.
  - e. Cultural events – Food and Sex Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-4:15pm.
  - f. Special events – Feb 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a club fair in the HUB at 7:00. Whitworth unplugged 9:00 Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. The Vagina Monologues may not be happening on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. Whitworthian- We will start up daily online starting Friday. First staff meeting is Monday at 5:30. We would love new people. No previous experience required.
  - h. SERVE – Jamaica trip will be fundraising for Valentines Day with Crush Sodas. Buy them for your friends.
  - i. Interactive Arts – A new exhibit will be coming next week on different interpretations of love in art.
- VIII. Internal Structure Discussion
  - a. Seth – See appendix 1 and 2
  - b. Kendra – How many people don’t really know what is going on?
  - c. Kendra – If we want to make changes in the structure of ASWU we need to change the Constitution. By putting structure in the By-laws we have the ability to change easier. We are doing this in response to the constituency report from December. We are moving structure from the constitution to the bylaws. After students vote on changing the set up then we will ask them to allow us to make adjustments without going to an all student vote. We are adding in section eight that we will not make major changes without students being polled.
  - d. Discussion

- i. Mark- The first proposition includes the dorm being built and the next new dorm? Do we really need to make the change to the constitution by moving the structure to the bylaws? Would we be compromising the constitution?
- ii. John- People elected us to make decisions anyway. In the future elected representatives can still make changes. It makes it easier for us as elected representatives to represent the campus.
- iii. Michelle – Most students don't give a rats tail about this... We should be doing this within our organization.
- iv. Katie- We are taking the chunk out to make sure the student body as a say in major adjustments. What is considered major?
- v. Seth- Each dorm gets to elect at least one member and we can't get rid of senators and representatives. We can only switch how representation is distributed.
- vi. Katie- The last time that we tried to group two dorms together students through a fit. I think that students care about regrouping of setup.
- vii. Seth- We have to seek student opinion first.
- viii. Katie- I don't like how ambiguous it is for us to take student opinion.
- ix. Morgan – Why does this change representatives? Do coordinators need to be put to a student vote?
- x. Kendra – Those positions are not in the constitution anyway.
- xi. Tyson – The various zones should be named after members of the current ASWU so they can live on forever.
- xii. Patrick – How does this work with budgeting?
- xiii. Seth – There is not any plan to change dorm budgets.
- xiv. Kendra- It is really just a senator within every dorm.
- xv. Patrick- I needs to be clear to students that dorms are staying individual.
- xvi. Jasmine – In the clause for the constitution where do we draw the line on how small of a dorm can still receive a senator?
- xvii. Seth – This wording is based off of past money.
- xviii. Jasmine – Where is the money being saved going?
- xix. Kendra – If we save in salaries it may go into unallocated or it may go into budgeting and clubs.
- xx. Joy – We don't set student fees
- xxi. Eric- Can we extend time for discussion? Motion to extend discussion five minutes.
- xxii. Emily – I have problems with the wording. In job descriptions 'the' is omitted. 'they are charge will' needs to be reworded.
- xxiii. Michelle – Representatives will work primarily with which senators?
- xxiv. Seth- Once we have the next new dorm zone six will not have a rep since the zone would have its third representative.
- xxv. Kendra – The reps work with all the senators in their zone.
- xxvi. Jasmine- Where do the reps go for GE 330.
- xxvii. Seth- They would have meet with ASWU during GE 330.
- xxviii. Jasmine – Do they have to go on retreats?
- xxix. Seth – There will only be two representatives that go with different leadership teams.
- xxx. Kendra – We will talk about this on Monday at 5pm. I will email everyone.
- xxxi. Kendra – We need to vote or continue with discussion. We need to vote to send it to a student vote.
- xxxii. John- I move that we make the wording changes and vote on the amended proposition
- xxxiii. Move to vote on proposal one. Aaron Quigley. Seconded John.
  1. Arend, Patrick Yoho p
  2. Baldwin-Jenkins, JaJa Quarless p
  - Ballard, Emily Dickson p
  - Boppell, Aaron Quigley p
  - McMillan, Eric VanderHeyden p
  - Stewart/Keola/Shalom, Dan Lewis p
  - Warren, Jeremiah Sataraka p
  - Duvall, John Dorrenbacher p

Off Campus, Seth Flory p

Representatives:

Arend, Beau Lamb p

Arend, Shannon Eshoff p

Baldwin-Jenkins, Mark Bond p

Baldwin-Jenkins, Ashley Antunes p

Duvall, Grant Mattox p

Schumacher/McMillan, Stephen Jansons p

Stewart/Shalom/Keola, Brittany Roach p

Off Campus, Angela Anegon p

Off Campus, Brian Stenberg p

Off Campus, Dan Dan Quarless p

Warren, David Kuraya p

3. Warren, Breezy Moser p

Vote passes

xxxiv. Move to vote on Proposition two Patrick Yoho. Brian Stenberg seconded

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1. Arend, Patrick Yoho p

Baldwin-Jenkins, JaJa Quarless p

Ballard, Emily Dickson p

Boppell, Aaron Quigley p

McMillan, Eric VanderHeyden p

Stewart/Keola/Shalom, Dan Lewis p

Warren, Jeremiah Sataraka p

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Duvall, Grant Mattox p

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Stewart/Shalom/Keola, Brittany Roach p

Off Campus, Angela Anegon p

Off Campus, Brian Stenberg p

Off Campus, Dan Dan Quarless p

Warren, David Kuraya p

Warren, Breezy Moser p

Vote Passes

- i. Kalen – We want to have the vote next Thursday. So that it will be set before the leadership fair.
- ii. Kendra – We have a lot to do to help with the campus understanding. Let’s throw out ideas.
- iii. Seth – Do we want to call them Propositions one and two
- iv. Kalen- They are called proposals on the thing we just pasted.
- v. Kendra- We will call them proposal one and two.
- vi. Eric- Can the titles be easier to pinpoint.
- vii. Katie- We can call them proposal one and two and we can put a paragraph to describe.
- viii. Lets use Youtube
- ix. John – Tyson was telling us about his lack of qualification in Youtube
- x. Eric- We should use the chicken suit and gorilla suit.
- xi. Patrick- I brought a poster idea.

- xii. Kendra- You get a prize.
- xiii. Seth- This should be awareness not looking at voting one way or another.
- xiv. Jeremiah- Can people vote yes for one and yes for another?
- xv. Kendra- Yes.
- xvi. Katie- We should not as a group endorse this. We can do this as an individual.
- xvii. Mark- Can we support it either way? Shouldn't we be unbiased?
- xviii. Jeremiah- Why do we want to change?
- xix. Kendra- Because we are becoming inefficient both financially and size wise.
- xx. Kalen- For organizations sake it is good to make this change.
- xxi. Jeremiah- I feel like we are loosing in the number of ways for people to get involved.
- xxii. Kendra- Dayna sees that the government is so large that there are too many people to do the job. There are other ways that people can get involved. She didn't think that continued growth would be beneficial.
- xxiii. Joy- Student growth cap is up to 2010. They are writing a new strategic plan. We are at 1900 right now.
- xxiv. Kendra- I need three people to help make a YouTube video. (Patrick, Grant, Stephen, and Ashley) Dan will have the suits.
- xxv. Kendra- Posters will be in your boxes.
- xxvi. Kalen- We have a sign up sheet for people to do stuff. We will have a booth at lunch next week. For Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- xxvii. Joy- When is there going to be an announcement? People need to have been told a week early.
- xxviii. Seth- There will be a email tomorrow.
- xxix. Joy- Are we saying people should vote yes?
- xxx. Kendra- They are representatives and they can share how they feel. Put it in your newsletter.
- xxxi. Seth- We will print stuff ASAP.

II. Student Elections Committee will set elections timeline next week.

III. Obe Quarless

- a. Can we have the off campus reps share
  - i. There have been complaints about off campus students being to loud by neighbors. As a school we cannot punish them, but we would like to ask people to have some respect for the fact that they do represent Whitworth even off campus. We should try to work on having Springfest be more community involving.
  - ii. Obe- Brian Benzel will be coming to talk to us.
- b. All students are invited to join the Washington Student Leadership Forum in Olympia with the Governors prayer breakfast. 'Discover the essence of leadership through Jesus.' Terry McGonigal will be the faculty Chaperone for the trip. Lily grant will pay half of the One Hundred dollar cost. We would like to send twenty students. March 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Michelle- There were a ton of great speakers last year. I really appreciated it. It is great for networking. I made connections in the Business community and legislature.
  - ii. Contact Obe or Terry McGonigal
- c. Tray-less update- At this point we don't know exactly how much we have been saving. At the end of February we should have a solid idea of how much we are saving.
- d. Prejudice Across American will be doing a group presentation Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.
- e. Katie- Class of 2009 is graduating this year. Yahn!!
  - i. We will have the Grad fair Feb 18<sup>th</sup> where seniors buy announcements and caps and gowns, financial aid will have loan info, health center will have info also.
  - ii. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> seniors can take yearbook pictures again.
  - iii. Drs. Sardinia and Pierce are the most influential profs for the year.
  - iv. Boat cruise will happen in May.
  - v. Please put the grad fair in the newsletters.

IV. Vibes

- a. David- How can we cut costs for books?

- b. John- Tray-less seems silly if we are tossing all the dishes during break and the food was not that great. Communicating open hours would be nice. We had a lot of complaints with food for Jan term.
- c. Morgan- The dishwasher broke down over break.
- d. Seth – The Burrito stand is not open past 1:30 anymore.
- e. Patrick- Fitness Center is over crowded.
- f. Emily – Ventilation is poor.
- g. Aaron- Track is using facilities inside which is adding to the problem.

IX. Meeting Adjourned: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Tyler Hamilton ASWU Secretary

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Obe Quarless, ASWU President

## Appendix 1

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#### Spring 2009 Proposal 1 to the Whitworth Student Body

Proposal 1 involves a significant and greatly needed reorganization of ASWU's representative structure. If passed, this action will rewrite 'Section 2 of Article V' in the ASWU Constitution. This rewrite will reflect a decision to move to a zone based system of electing representatives. The language of 'Section 2 of Article V' will read as follows:

#### **Article V. Organizational Structure: Legislative Assembly**

##### **Section 2. Representation**

- a. **Housing Districts:** The Shalom Center, Schumacher, and the Village as well as the grouping of all Theme Houses are considered to have a constituency so small that giving them a senator would create disproportionate representation. Thus they shall be placed in groups as follows and those groupings shall be called housing districts:
  - i. Schumacher with McMillan (Mac/Schu)
  - ii. The Village with Stewart (Stewart/Village)
  - iii. Theme Houses with Shalom Center (Theme/Shalom)
- b. **Zones:** All residence halls, the Housing district represented above, and the off-campus community shall be placed in one of six zones as follows:
  - i. **Zone 1** – Off-campus, Theme/Shalom
  - ii. **Zone 2** – Ballard, Mac/Schu
  - iii. **Zone 3** – Warren
  - iv. **Zone 4** – BJ, Arend
  - v. **Zone 5** – Duvall, East
  - vi. **Zone 6** – Stewart/Village, Boppell
- c. **Senators:** Each residence hall, and the off-campus zone (zone 1) shall have a senator whose term shall consist of one academic year.
- d. **Representatives:** Those zones made up of on-campus constituencies shall have a representative if their total population exceeds 220. The off-campus zone shall have one representative elected by the general off-campus population and one representative elected by the residents of the Theme house/Shalom Center housing district. With the exception of the off-campus representative, all representatives shall have a term of one academic year and be elected at the beginning of the academic year for which they serve. The off-campus representative shall serve a term of academic year and be elected during the year preceding their year of service.

#### **Rationale**

This restructuring is intended to alleviate inefficiencies resulting from over representation generated by the current system. With the opening of the new dorm next year, ASWU will consist of ten senators, eleven representative, three executives, eight coordinators, and a variety of support characters. With so many participating in assembly meetings it becomes exceedingly difficult to make quality decisions in a timely manner. Furthermore, as the legislative body grows, more and more of the budget must be allocated to salaries. With the change proposed above, six representative positions would be eliminated, reducing salaries and making ASWU a more efficient organization.

#### **Organization**

Once this new wording is implemented, representation will be organized in the following manner:

Zone Proposal		Respective Populations		Total Pop.	# Senator & Comp.	# Reps. & Comp.
	Members					
1. Offcampus, Theme/Shalom	3	775	103	878	1 x 8	2 x 3
2. Ballard, Mac/Schu	2	65	108	173	2 x 8	
3. Warren	2	230		230	1 x 8	1 x 3
4. BJ, Arend	3	168	168	336	2 x 8	1 x 3
5. Duvall, East	3	160	160	320	2 x 8	1 x 3
6. Stewart/village, Boppell	2	118	84	202	2 x 8	
<b>Total</b>		<b>Range</b>		<b>147</b>	<b>80hrs</b>	<b>15hrs</b>
						<b>95hrs x Minimum</b>

### Job Descriptions

It is important to note that Senators will continue to serve in the much the same capacity they always have. Senators will publish newsletters, organize traditional events, and facilitate community service activities within their respective dorms. As matter of internal organization, a senator is expected to support the other senator(s) within their respective zone.

The role of representatives on the other hand will change considerably. As representatives will be elected on a zone by zone basis, they are charged will representing a broader constituency instead of the residents within a particular residence hall. Representatives also have the job of supporting the senators within their zone in organizing dorm events and service projects.

### Measure of Cost Savings

Representatives serve for 7 to 8 months and receive compensation at a rate 12hrs/month at minimum wage (currently \$8.55). Every January Minimum wage readjusted and in 2010 minimum wage is estimated to reach around \$8.80. With the elimination of six representative positions ASWU will save approximately \$4500 during the 2009-2010 academic year. The mathematical breakdown of these estimates follows:

$$(5 - 7 \text{ month positions}) (3 \times 12 \times \$8.55) + (4 \times 12 \times \$8.80) \times 5 = \$3651.00$$

$$(1 - 8 \text{ month position}) (4 \times 12 \times \$8.55) + (4 \times 12 \times \$8.80) \times 1 = \$ 832.80$$

$$\$4483.8$$

In addition to the reduction in salaries, less membership will reduce other costs related to training activities, upkeep, bureaucracy, and other circumstantial costs. The amount saved in these various expense areas is difficult to estimate, but should prove substantial.

### Future Growth

Within a few years an additional residence hall will be added to the East side of the campus. Under the current system the new residence hall would require an extra senator and representative. Under the proposed zoning system this residence hall would fit into Zone 6, replacing the Village. As this zone's population would then exceed 220 it should receive a representative, but this will not happen as a senator will be elected to the new dorm adding to the zone its third voting member. With this contingency in place ASWU will only grow by one member instead of two, which results in the realization of further cost savings. The following table shows how this future change will alter the organizational structure:

Zone Proposal (Future)		Respective Populations		Total Pop.	# Senators & Comp.	# Reps. & Comp.
	Members					
1. Offcampus, Theme/Shalom	3	775	103	878	1 x 8	2 x 3
2. Ballard, Mac/Schu	2	65	108	173	2 x 8	
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5. Duvall, East	3	160	160	320	2 x 8	1 x 3
6. Stewart, Boppell, New	3	78	84	160	3 x 8	
<b>Total</b>		<b>Range</b>		<b>147</b>	<b>88hrs</b>	<b>15hrs</b>
						<b>103hrs x Minimum</b>

### Attached Documents:

Organizational Table of Current System for 2009-2010 w/considerations for future growth and possible overflow  
Revised Article V of the ASWU Constitution

**Organizational Table of Current System for 2009-10 w/considerations for future growth and possible overflow**

Current System			Total Pop.	# of Senators & Comp.	# of Reps. & Comp.	# of Over Flow Reps. & Comp
Senators	Reps.					
Off-campus	1	3	849	1 x 8	3 x 3	3 x 3
Ballard	1		65	1 x 8		
Mac/Schu	1	1	108	1 x 8	1 x 3	1 x 3
Warren	1	2	230	1 x 8	2 x 3	2 x 3
BJ	1	1(2)	168-172	1 x 8	1 x 3	2 x 3
Stewart/Village	1	1	118	1 x 8	1 x 3	1 x 3
Duvall	1	1	160	1 x 8	1 x 3	1 x 3
East	1	1	160	1 x 8	1 x 3	1 x 3
Arend	1	1(2)	168-172	1 x 8	1 x 3	2 x 3
Boppell	1		84	1 x 8		
Range	10	11-13		80hrs	33hrs	39hrs
	Total 21-23			Total 113-119hrs x Minimum		

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East	1	1	160	1 x 8	1 x 3	1 x 3
Arend	1	1(2)	168-172	1 x 8	1 x 3	2 x 3
Boppell	1		84	1 x 8		
New	1	1	160	1 x 8	1 x 3	
Range	11	12-14		88hrs	36hrs	42hrs
	Total 23-25			Total 124-130hrs x Minimum		

Revised Article V. Organizational Structure: Legislative Assembly

**Section 1.** Composition

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### **Section 3. Meetings**

The Assembly shall convene within one week of the commencement of each semester and shall also meet at least once during the January term.

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### **Spring 2009 Proposal 2 to the Whitworth Student Body**

Proposal 2 involves a change to the ASWU constitution. If passed this action will remove 'Section 2 of Article V' on the makeup ASWU's legislative assembly from the ASWU constitution and resituate the language as 'Section 1 of Article II' in the ASWU bylaws. As a current section of the constitution any change to the representation structure requires a 2/3 vote in the affirmative from the student body. Resituating 'Section 2 of Article V' in the bylaws allows ASWU to restructure the representative system with a 2/3 vote in the affirmative from the convening assembly. (Note: 'Section 3 of Article 5' in the ASWU constitution will be reclassified as 'Section 2'. Furthermore, all sections of Article II in the ASWU bylaws will be reclassified at one numeral higher than present classification in order to make room added section. [For clarity see the attached drafts of the proposed constitution and bylaws]. Furthermore, 'Section 1 of Article V' in the ASWU constitution shall be expanded to include a provision which secures each residence hall's ability to elect an assembly member to represent its culture, needs, and opinions.

In response to these changes an additional section (Section 8) will be added to 'Article V' of the ASWU bylaws checking the assembly's ability to make changes to the representation structure without first seeking student opinion.

#### **Rationale**

This change in process is seen as an effective solution to many of the inefficiencies which arise during the cumbersome process of reorganizing ASWU to fit Whitworth's dynamic needs. With the high rate of growth in student population and the regular addition of new residence halls to the campus, maintaining an efficient and effective student government has grown exceedingly difficult. Given the current system of reorganization, making the necessary adjustments to the representation structure requires a great deal of time, effort and coordination which hinders ASWU's ability to make those adjustments in a timely manner.

#### **Checks and Balances**

The revision of 'Section 1 of Article V' in the constitution and the addition of 'Section 8 to Article II' of the bylaws are seen as necessary measures to check the assemblies ability to make significant and overarching changes to the representative structure. In rewriting 'Section 1 of Article V' in the constitution a basic framework is provided for how ASWU must structure the Legislative assembly. More specifically, this new language assures that no change made to the representation structure will end the practice of allowing each residence hall to elect at least one member of the assembly to represent them. The language of this revised section follows:

#### **Section 1. Composition**

The legislative body, herein called the Assembly, shall consist of senators and representatives. Each residence hall shall elect at least one senator or representative to the Legislative Assembly, except in the case of residence halls where the constituency base is so small that it would disproportionate representation. In such cases the Assembly is required provide a solution which would allow these smaller residence halls to vote for and be represented by another residence hall's senator or representative.

As a manner of protocol ASWU will seek student opinion through constituency reports and/or campus surveys before making significant changes to representation structure. In order to reflect ASWU dedication to follow this protocol, 'Section 8' will be added to 'Article II' of the bylaws and read:

#### **Section 8. Restructuring Legislative Assembly**

It is a matter of great importance that students are given the chance to influence any possible restructuring of the representation system. In order to maintain the integrity of ASWU's decision making process, the assembly will seek student opinion through constituency reports and/or campus surveys before making broad changes to Section 1 of this article.

#### **Summary**

In practice, these changes will result in a streamlined process where members of ASWU will recognize the need for some adjustment to the representative structure, formulate a plan for restructuring, seek student opinion, reformulate the plan as needed, and finally vote on and implement the plan.

#### **Attached Documents**

Revised Article V of the ASWU Constitution

**Proposed Changes to Article V Constitution**

*Highlighted portions indicate a change*

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**[Section 2 Removed]**

**Section 3 [Reclassified as Section 2]. Meetings**

The Assembly shall convene within one week of the commencement of each semester and shall also meet at least once during the January term.

**Proposed Changes to Article II of ASWU Bylaws**

*Highlighted portions indicate a change*

**Article II. Legislative Assembly**

**Section 1. Representation**

- a. **Senators:** Each residence hall and the off-campus constituency shall have a senator whose term shall consist of one academic year.
- b. **Representatives:** Each residence hall shall add one representative to the Assembly for every 85 persons who live in that residence hall for a term of one academic year. No residence hall shall have

more than two representatives and the off-campus constituency (including all theme houses) shall have no more than three representatives.

- c. **Special Circumstances:** If there is a circumstance where a residence hall's constituency base is so small that it would disproportionately affect equal representation on the Assembly, the Student Elections Committee must propose a plan to solve the problem. This proposal must then be taken to the Assembly where it must be approved by a two-thirds vote in order to take effect.

[All following sections renumbered as presented]

**Section 2.** Voting Philosophy

- a. Senators and representatives are not obligated to vote according to the majority opinion of their constituents, but they should make every effort to assure their vote reflects the best interests of their constituency.
- b. Senators and representatives must report back to their constituency their decisions on voting matters.

**Section 3.** Assembly Meetings

- a. All Assembly agenda items must be set and approved by the president.
- b. All paperwork must be completed and submitted to the appropriate executive officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- c. If a presentation must be made to the Assembly regarding resolutions or student concerns, the president must be contacted to provide an explanation of procedure, make certain that all paperwork has been done correctly, and provide a date and time for the presentation.
- d. All Assembly meetings shall be run in accordance with standard parliamentary procedure.
- e. At the beginning of each meeting a roll call shall be taken. A member may be either present, absent, excused, or late. An excused member is one who has informed the executive vice-president and has found a proxy to take his/her place.
- f. An Assembly member who must be absent is required to adequately inform his/her proxy prior to the Assembly meetings and obtain the necessary information from that proxy after the Assembly meeting.
- g. Under normal circumstances, a proxy must be approved 24 hours prior to the Assembly meeting.
- h. A proxy cannot represent a living area in which he/she does not reside.
- i. Special meetings may be called by the president or by a majority vote of the Assembly and shall be called 24 hours in advance.
- j. All executive officers, Assembly members, and media heads are required to attend all meetings. One unexcused absence shall result in a meeting with the executive vice-president. Two unexcused absences shall result in a meeting with the Review Board.

**Section 4.** Senator

The senator's job description shall be posted on the ASWU website.

*Financial Compensation:*

Senators shall be compensated for eight hours a week at minimum wage. Senators who are elected in the spring shall be compensated for eight months (September through April) and senators who are elected in the fall shall be compensated for seven months (October through April).

**Section 5.** Off-Campus Senator

The off campus senator's job description shall be posted on the ASWU website

*Financial Compensation:*

The off-campus senator shall be compensated for eight hours a week at minimum wage for eight months (September through April).

**Section 6.** Representative

The representative job description shall be posted on the ASWU website.

*Financial Compensation;*

Representatives shall be compensated for three hours a week at minimum wage. Representatives shall be compensated for seven months (October through April), with the exception of Shumacher which shall be elected in the spring and compensated for eight months (September through April).

**Section 7.** Off-Campus Representative

The off-campus representative job description shall be posted on the ASWU website.

*Financial Compensation:*

Representatives shall be compensated for three hours a week at minimum wage. Off-campus representatives shall be compensated for eight months (September through April).

**Section 8.** Restructuring Legislative Assembly

It is a matter of great importance that students are given the chance to influence any possible restructuring of the representation system. In order to maintain the integrity of ASWU's decision making process, the assembly will seek student opinion through constituency reports and/or campus surveys before making broad changes to Section 1 of this article.