



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2025

Location: CP 106

Time: 9:00 AM

Virtual: youtube.com/@ASUWT

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Feleke calls the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

<i>ASUWT President Elias Feleke</i>	Present
<i>ASUWT Vice President Rae Watkins</i>	Present
<i>Director of Internal Affairs Maxwell Kao</i>	Present
<i>Director of Outreach Matthew Hankerson</i>	Present
<i>Director of Legislative Affairs Ben Brown</i>	Present
<i>Director of Finance Samuel Peña-Rojas</i>	Excused
<i>Director of Student Technology Amanda Wartick</i>	Present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Brown motions to approve; Director Wartick seconds.

6 -0-0: motion passes

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Brown motions to table this for the next meeting; Director Wartick seconds.

6-0-0: motion passes

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

President Feleke welcomes all members of the public present at the meeting.

2 Member of the public, ASUWT Advisor Conor, Office Manager Amanda

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- [Discussion]: Nomination Process for Appointing Students to Committees (Not SAF or STF)

- Director Brown requests clarification of purpose of different nomination process.
- President Feleke shares it is required by the bylaws to develop specific criteria for this process, particularly to ensure equity.
- Director Watkins highlights that it is within a committee's power to pull people within ASUWT (or within connected organizations outside of UWT as well) to assist with specific needs.
- Director Wartick agrees with President Feleke that the current language is acceptable.
- Director Brown raises the question of involving Senate more directly within committee selection, which Director Watkins supports. They recommend perhaps to empower Senate more having them put forth suggestions for candidates to then be officially approved/not approved by Executive Directors could be a solution, though this would require adjustment of the current laws surrounding these steps. Directors Brown, Wartick, and Watkins are in favor of empowering the Senate through including them in this process, though the method is undetermined and would require further decisions.
- President Feleke recommends perhaps a Senate representative engaged in these committee hiring processes could be useful.
- Discussion regarding the format of the Seattle chapter of ASUW and potential changes for separation of Executive and Senate duties follow, particularly on the possibility of getting more students involved within the Senate and UWT community in general. Director Watkins suggests perhaps professors could award extra credit to students who are attending meetings and getting involved.
- The concept of a "steering committee" within the Senate is discussed, however with the current numbers Directors Watkins and Wartick express concern it would separate and reroute power from the general Senate. President Feleke suggests this could be a route to take in the future and that we should build towards a solid groundwork to support future growth of the Senate.
- **Director Watkins motions to approve the current plan**, on the stipulation that further discussion regarding the above listed concepts takes place.

alongside deeper consideration of the current bylaws. **Director Brown seconds.**

- 6 -0-0: motion passes, **Executive Directors have approved the motion earlier on the agenda than scheduled.**

- [Discussion]: Surveying Students Standardization

- President Feleke opens the discussion sharing that in the past data of opinions regarding on-campus issues has been shared or posted, and that he will be working with IR to set a standard for future surveys to ensure they are not biased or leading.
- Director Wartick asks for an example of this issue in the past. Director Brown shares that 2 years ago a safety survey was given that had leading questions that were not unbiased, specifically regarding general safety on campus and police intervention on campus.
- Discussion turns to survey fatigue, Directors Brown and Watkins take lead on this discussion. Director Watkins recommends focusing on two surveys (one at the beginning of the year and one at the end) specifically from ASUWT. Director Wartick agrees, highlighting this would allow time to act on the gathered data and show commitment to the information students want to see improved.
- Directors Brown and Watkins and President Feleke note that shifting to match the bylaws, in that ASUWT is required to run surveys on certain issues every 2 years, and using the time in between survey years to take action on the recorded data could avoid survey fatigue, make use of current data, and allow more energy to be shifted to action.
- President Feleke also notes that we could make use of data from other areas within UWT, like capstone discoveries and graduate studies in the Urban Studies field among others. Director Wartick notes that UWT sends many surveys, so partnering with these already ongoing surveys could allow ASUWT to record more data without overlapping surveys with already existing ones. They note that in the current situation, this could allow us to build trust and connection while working towards having 2 specific ASUWT surveys per year as Director Watkins suggested.
- Directors and President agree with this sentiment. The President recommends that there is a lot of data online already and it is worth taking time to look through this existing data as well.

- [Motion]: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 06.03 (24-25 Administration)

- Director Kao shares they are not ready yet, motions to delay for one more week.
- Director Brown seconds.
- 6 -0-0: motion passes

- [Discussion]: Senator Hiring / VACANT Senator Positions

- Director Kao shares that over the next two weeks we should have more information regarding this, especially as hiring processes are moving forward. President Feleke reminds the Directors that it is helpful if all attend at least 2 interview in order to alleviate stress from those carrying the weight of the interview at the moment. He shares that the Senate has their own process and he will connect with Speaker Scholten on that as well.

- [Discussion]: Mission Statement

- The President and Directors review what was discussed last session regarding the mission statement and the “ghost pages” with different versions.
- Director Brown reads out the mission statement from the main ASUWT website, and the President opens the floor to any desired changes.
- ASUWT Advisor Conor asks that if broken pages are found that the link is forwarded to him and Director Hankerson. Director Wartick recommends looking into the SEO of the ghost pages versus the main ones, since the ghost pages are what is loaded more quickly when searched on Google. Advisor Conor says it may need to be discussed with IT then.
- Director Watkins notes they prefer the “ghost version” of the mission statement and reads it off. Discussion regarding which version is the most recent (found to be the one on the main page) and which all prefer follows. The overall decision is that it may be worth reviewing and combining the versions.

- [Motion]: Review and Improve Existing Mission Statement

- **Director Hankerson motions to table this discussion until next week** with the stipulation that ASUWT Directors will submit their suggested changes by this coming Wednesday evening (Oct. 22nd). **Director Brown seconded the motion.**
- 6 -0-0: motion passes

- [Discussion]: Criteria for Appointing Students to Committees (Cont of Nomination)

- This discussion combined with the first discussion on the agenda and was voted upon at an earlier time within the meeting.

- [Motion]: Criteria for Appointing Students to Committees

- ***Motion passed 6-0-0 earlier in the meeting, under the first discussion point.***

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- No new business was discussed

VIII. DIRECTOR UPDATES

- Director Watkins shared they have received their voter pamphlet and suggests having an ASUWT event to help students look over their pamphlets and online resources to understand voter pamphlets better. Suggests perhaps doing it towards the end of the month with snacks at the YMCA under a title like "Voting isn't Scary!"
 - Director Wartick recommends reframing it as an event to learn how to read and use a voter pamphlet so that it remains non-political overall.
 - Director Brown notes that many people focus on larger elections and are unaware of how local elections can effect their lives. Director Watkins mentions potentially getting the government liaison involved in the event as well. Director Wartick agrees that having information regarding what local elections effect would be useful.
 - Director Brown notes that last years meetings with City Council were less than satisfactory, specifically with the lack of information Council had regarding college-student-specific issues. He emphasizes that having conversations about who represents us in those spaces could be useful as well.
 - President Feleke highlight an upcoming event at the Student Municiple Building on October 21st and encourages people to get involved, especially ASUWT students in order to lead by example.

- Director Hankerson shares he will be looking into more opportunities to distribute pamphlets, table along the Prairie Line Trail or at events, in hopes of sharing merch and information regarding what ASUWT accomplishes. He will send out invites to the ASUWT directors soon. He shares a new design for Open Forum fliers he has designed and plans to share as well.
 - President Feleke and Advisor Conor highlight the possibility of using Grit List and Campus Group to share information about meetings and events as well.
- Director Wartick shares that in regard to STF they are working towards hiring, however a candidate dropped out so they will be working towards this still, hoping to involve Senate as well. They express a desire to get more students from a variety of majors represented and would like at least one senate member in the hiring committee as well.

IX. ADVISOR UPDATES

Advisor Conor reminds that Fall Day of Caring is taking place today from 12-5pm and encourages attendance.

He recommends getting more events onto DubNet as there has been increased usage this year.

He mentions that with upcoming events planning ahead can help lower stress and encourages ASUWT directors to make use of data not just from online surveys but from personal interactions and activities.

He echos Advisor Buddy's reminder from last week to make sure meetings start on time to ensure OPMA rulings are followed.

X. CHAIR UPDATES

President Feleke encourages information regarding potential WSA interest/intended attendance be sent to Director Brown, who estimates currently ~5 people will be in attendance.

He notes that with this being a tough budget year and a short session that this will mostly be a maintenance year.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Director Kao moves to adjourn the meeting; Director Brown seconds. President Feleke adjourns the meeting at 10:08AM.