



Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/28/2025

Time: 9:00AM

Location: University of Washington YMCA R.304

Virtual: youtube.com/@ASUWT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Scholten calls the meeting to order at 9:05AM.

II. ROLL CALL

Education Senator Chrystal Gonzales B.	Present
Engineering & Technology Senator Eamon Challinor C.	Present
Milgard Business Senator Jayven Coppage E.	Present
Pre-Major Senate Zaid Naamat F.	Absent/Tardy
Social Work & Criminal Justice Senator Kailey Lawless G.	Present
IAS: Politics Philosophy, & Public Affairs Bryce Scholten H.	Present
IAS: Science and Mathematics Joshua Barns	Present

Members of the Public:

ASUWT Vice-President Rae Watkins

ASUWT Director of Internal Affairs Maxwell Kao

ASUWT Advisor Conor

ASUWT Advisor Buddy

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jayven motions to approve the agenda, Chrystal seconds the motion.

5-0-0 motion passes

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jayven motions to approve the minutes, Chrystal seconds the motion.

5-0-0 motion passes

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

- Vice-President Watkins discusses the Campus Development/Housing and Dining plan that will be presented to the Board of Regents on November 3rd
- Executive Board is working on putting together an interactive campus master plan event.
- Emergency Preparedness would like to collab with ASUWT on some events, and along with other ideas they would like to discuss.
- Unfinished plans also include plans from the School of Education, Milgard Business, Criminal Justice, and Interdisciplinary Arts and Science; if senators are interested in getting involved with respective planning committees please connect with Vice-President Watkins and David Munson.
- Vice-President Watkins gives an update of current Executive Board projects
- Isabella Webb from Husky Success Series is interested in facilitating a winter warming tri-campus event here, senators are encouraged to brainstorm ideas; Vice-President Watkins and Director of Outreach will also be working on this.
- Friday (10/31) after the Executive board meeting (9-10AM) will be a survey study session from 10AM-3PM; ideally will be completing a student senate survey to send out at the beginning of November; the goal is to avoid survey fatigue mid-year.
- Vice-President Watkins has also sent out information regarding the Presidential Legacy Document addressing task force creation to provide more guidance and information. Vice-President Watkins reminds the senate that the Executive Board can also support them by promoting and such with this if desired.
- Vice-President Watkins will be rolling out a practice of sending LettuceMeet polls on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, hopefully to reduce the number of meet up polls per month.
- Recommends going to Joe Lawless's Campus Safety Walk, all are invited
- WSA: the legislative team are getting prepared
- Planning Sessions for Huskies on the Hill are starting, including getting the Student Legislative Action Committee together; other meetings with local representatives and colleges are taking place as well
 - Advocacy group that would volunteer group of students to address issues at community level and at things like city council and town halls

- Hoping to schedule a few closed-door meetings early next month to align goals and see how everyone is doing with internal changeover and workload changes within both the Executive and Senate boards.
- November 3rd at 10AM is a ASUWT meeting with Joe Lawless as well, but highly recommends coming to Board of Regents mentioned above
- Assistance with Huskies on the Hill would also be appreciated.
- Vice-President Watkins also notes that any student concerns regarding government shutdowns would be directed to the Director of Legislative Affairs or the Legislative team.
- Speaker Scholten also recommends taking advantage of on-campus supports and referring students to these, such as the pantry or the Las Monarcas RSO for undocumented student support. PAWS is useful as well for mental health support. Speaker Scholten will try to invite the Student Advocacy group to visit the Senate meetings soon for more info.
- Vice-President Watkins also recommends stopping by and recommending the CEI to students who may need support during this time.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Unfinished Business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- [Discussion]: Debrief
 - ASUWT President Removal from office and Moving Forward
 - Weekly Vice President Updates
 - Moving forward weekly updates will be sent by the Vice President directly rather than through the Speaker of the Senate
 - Order of Succession or Hiring New ASUWT President 2
 - Notes that since the removal of the President at last week's session, Vice-President Watkins is also the Acting President currently.
 - Due to Title 13, the Senate will be deciding if the order of succession will be followed.
 - 1302.02: President will be succeeded by Vice-President, Vice-President by Director of Internal Affairs, Director of Internal Affairs by the Speaker of the Senate.
 - Decisions are made based on what will make the most sense and will ensures smoothest transition
 - Each role will be voted on later, but these parameters help with succession if the Senate selects this method

- If the Senate feels the successor would not be the best fit, hiring would be selected instead
 - If they feel it is a good fit, an interview will occur for each role
- Discussion follows regarding the steps to be followed if they were to follow the order of succession or not, according to the bylaws listed on the ASUWT website.
- **A motion to vote on the order of succession for management members of ASUWT is made by mistake at this point; when realized, a motion to revoke the action in order to allow more discussion to take place occurs. Jayven motions to revoke the action, Chrystal seconds. The motion passes unanimously.**
- Advisor Conor clarifies what would need to be discussed in or out of Executive Session.
- Discussion regarding the Pros and Cons of succession versus hiring follows. Highlighted are the length and difficulties associated with the hiring process, however if the succession is followed there will still be an absence for the Speaker of the Senate to fill, so regardless some amount of hiring will need to take place.
- Speaker Scholten requests Director of Internal Affairs Maxwell Kao to speak on what general director hiring processes are like
 - 2 weeks of position posting on handshake
 - Another week to schedule time to review the applicants
 - Another week to schedule interviews
 - 1-3 weeks to run all interviews
 - Another week to meet and vote on selected potential candidates
 - 3-4 more for hiring processes in the payroll and trained.
 - In other words, 9-14 weeks to run a hiring process.
- Concerns regarding the November loss of SNAP funding and other issues students may be facing are raised in connection with the hiring process, particularly it limiting what time and resources are available to focus on student needs versus the hiring process.
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- [Executive Session]: Process of Order of Succession vs. Hiring
 - **Executive Session was not entered; discussion focused on pros/cons of succession vs. Hiring, not on people, so Executive Session was unnecessary.**
- [Vote]: Order of Succession for Management Members of ASUWT

- Zaid motions to move with the order of succession; Jayven seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-1-0.**
- [Discussion]: Taskforces
 - Where do we stand?
 - Should this be to be continued?
 - Should this be on future agendas?
 - Senator Zaid believes it should be discussed further at the following meeting.
 - Speaker Scholten recommends collecting data from students, then rediscuss at a future point
 - Upcoming surveys may help with developing this data for use
 - All encouraged to do their own research to decide where energy should be focused

SENATOR UPDATES FOLLOWED, NOT MARKED ON THE AGENDA

- IAS Social Sciences Senator:
 - Pre-Law Society is doing bi-weekly meetings (usually in Joy building)
 - Case Law Book Club is active if anyone is interested
- Science and Math:
 - Met with Yuta Heller: adding textbook cost requirements before registration opens for main course sequences (intro bio/chem/statistics/precalc) that require built subscriptions; estimate month wait time to get this added into systems
 - Yuta Heller, Jenna McKinney-Johnson (lab manager), and DJ Christomstomo with First Gen Fellows: looking to offer prepackaged snacks/water to science students after lab classes due to the extended length of these classes; will be looking in the Execs, specifically Director of Finances, to evaluate funding options for ongoing actions versus a one-off occurrence
- Speaker Scholten requests a presentation regarding the work done covering the textbook information to allow others to follow suit; also recommends looking in OSAS and the pantry regarding snacks

VIII.ADVISOR UPDATES

- Advisor Buddy highlights a one-day conferences from *Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity* and *Leadership Without Borders* at the Seattle campus coming up

on November 14th (9AM-4PM); connect with Buddy if you're interested in attending

- Potential to carpool if desired
- Advisor Conor shares many Executive members are heading the Washington Student Association's General Assembly on Friday through Sunday
- Reminders regarding motions and rules surrounding that follows
- Survey data is on DubNet, reach out to questions
- ASUWT/CSI is getting busier, which is great
- Executives are working hard with other clubs to make sure funds are spent well for the students and the campus

IX. CHAIR UPDATES

- Director Hiring
 - Upcoming still due to unofficial meeting last week
- Senate Hiring
 - Healthcare Leadership Senator, Urban Studies Senator, and IAS's Senate
 - Selection, presentation, voting to select
- Collective Senate Outreach
 - Events
 - Forums
 - Tabling
 - Overall connecting more with OSAS and Cassidy and RSOs, as well as Executive Board
- Council for Campus Engagement every other Wednesday in the Dawg House
 - Lots of great resources, get students involved
 - Husky Hour
 - Campus for Council Engagement coming up next Wednesday

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Jayven motions to approve the adjourn, Zaid seconds the motion.
- The meeting is adjourned at 10:07AM.