



Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/04/2025

Time: 9:00AM

Location: Tacoma Milgard Hall HIPS Classroom 110

Virtual: youtube.com/@ASUWT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Scholten calls the meeting to order at 9:12AM.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members of the Public:

ASUWT President Watkins
ASUWT Director Hankerson
ASUWT Advisor Conor
ASUWT Advisor Buddy
Four OSAS members

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Gonzales motions to approve the agenda; Senator Naamat seconds the motion.

4-0-1 motion passes

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Naamat motions to approve the minutes; Senator Gonzales seconds the motion.

4-0-1 motion passes

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

- President Watkins provides the weekly update:
 - Executive interviews are coming to a close, more information upcoming
 - Board of Regents report is coming up, please submit a short summary paragraph of what senate and executive members have been accomplishing
 - WSA conference was successful, legislative agenda will be coming soon
 - Teams' folder has received some folder restructuring, senators are welcome to look through, and are welcome to pick up tasks if interested
 - Fill out nomination form for Transportation Advisory Board asap
 - Posters sharing about the legislative fee during the registration period will be going out shortly
- Speaker Scholten encourages senators to look through President Watkin's weekly updates
- Director of Finance provides an update on SAFC special allocations proposal
 - Information for the SAFC proposal for special allocations is being finalized, due November 7th
 - Minimum wage increase for hourly positions is the main asset being pursued
 - Executive Board will be reviewing this soon

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- **[Discussion]:** Outreach
 - Office of Student Advocacy and Support conversation and questions (7 minutes)

- Share the overview of what they accomplish, including supporting students overcome barriers or challenges, running The Cupboard,
- Remind not to take Cupboard food if you don't need it, but please use if you need it
- Off-campus housing platform
- Community Engagement Fair just passed
- DSHS will visit in January to help students with benefits and questions
- Housing for 4 students in Court 17 who are experiencing houselessness or at risk of it (currently full)
- Case Management for students with complex issues, they try to stretch funding and help as many as possible
- If you know students struggling, especially with the SNAP funding cuts, please connect them to OSAS
- Large Quarterly Senate Events with Vice President and Director of Outreach (7 minutes)
 - Vice President Watkins asks what is most important to Senate; ideas include an open house, a Senator forum, getting more involved with the administration side of things to build connections.
 - Upcoming projects include tabling events (particularly in the WPH or Husky Commons), getting Senate involved with student comments, visiting classrooms, and an upcoming town hall meeting in the Dawg House.
 - Pre-major Senator *** requests planning an event to involve students since there is a wide variety of students within their purview, so they'd like to coordinate an event
 - Vice President Watkins mentions a meet-and-greet night with students, faculty, admin, and senators may be a positive event to plan.
- **[Executive Session]**
 - As per the ASUWT Bylaws 1302.02, the ASUWT Senate will interview the ASUWT Vice President, Rae Watkins, to make an educated decision on whether to proceed with a vote to appoint the ASUWT Vice President, Rae Watkins, into the vacant ASUWT President position.
 - Vice President Watkins is interviewed regarding their potential for the Presidential position

- **Senator Naamat motions to enter Executive Session, Senator Gonzales seconds; by consent, Executive Session was entered at 9:35AM.**
- Deliberation: appointing of vacant roles on the ASUWT board of directors
 - President
 - Director of Graduate Affairs
- **Executive Session is exited at 9:58AM.**
- **[Roll Call Vote]:** Determine whether the ASUWT Vice President, Rae Watkins, is the best fit for the vacant ASUWT President position.
 - Senator Gonzales motions to extend the offer of hire to Rae Watkins, Senator Naamat seconds
 - All present Senators (5) approve the motion, and it is adopted
- **[Roll Call Vote]:** Hiring the ASUWT Director of Graduate Affairs
 - Senator Gonzales motions to table this for the next meeting, Senator Naamat seconds
 - Motion is adopted 4-0-1
- **[Discussion]:** Senator Barnes presents the process for post-registration costs appearing on MyUW before students register for certain classes
 - Senator Barnes shares a document regarding accessibility of registration materials to be read in Senators own time, and upon request to him
 - Breakdown of steps:
 - Identify relevant faculty that can assist
 - Identify the issue for your specific department (accessibility, homework key visibility, additional required purchases) that are not explicitly mentioned before registration
 - Workshop solutions
 - Additionally: review survey data from past surveys and join in discussion within your student bodies
 - Propose the solution to follow
 - Record your findings and outcomes, please share results with the Senate to continue documentation of accessibility to registration materials
- **[Discussion]:** Senator Scholten presents information regarding the UW Tacoma YMCA's previous and continued efforts to support the UW Tacoma student body, provided by the UWYMCA manager
 - Senator Naamat motions to table this topic, Senator Barnes seconds
 - Motion passes 4-0-1

VIII.ADVISOR UPDATES

- No advisor updates

IX. CHAIR UPDATES

- Speaker Scholten reminds that Voter Day is today in the UWY's CSI room.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Naamat motions to approve the adjourn; Senator Barnes seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 4-0-1
- The meeting is adjourned at 9:57AM.