



Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/18/2025

Time: 9:00AM

Location: Milgard Hall, R.110

Virtual: youtube.com/@ASUWT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Scholten calls the meeting to order at 9:04AM.

II. ROLL CALL

Education Senator Chrystal Gonzales B.	TARDY/Zoom at 9:13AM
Engineering & Technology Senator Eamon Challinor C.	TARDY
Milgard Business Senator Jayven Coppage E.	Present
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:

President Watkins
Director Hankerson
ASUWT Advisor Conor
ASUWT Advisor Buddy

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Senator Coppage 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 Coppage seconds the motion.

4-0-1 motion passes

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

- President Watkins shares updates on the following:
 - Campus Engagement
 - Presentations being submitted by those who applied for conferences and events earlier in the year, which will be used to pursue funding
 - Future Board of Regent planning for submissions of goals
 - Candidate discussions
 - ASUWT will be supporting student leadership events that address our campus communities, and as recommended by their opinion-making bodies for student suggestions.
 - Conversations with PAWS surrounding mental health workshops for Winter quarter have been taking place, please express interest in assisting to President Watkins.
 - Encouragement to submit a list of initiatives from each Senator after Finals so support can be provided
 - Invitation to the UW Strategic Planning Committee
 - Board of Regents has passed the campus master plan
 - Intent to build relationships across colleges across the state
 - Early registration for students with dependents, on financial aid, and increased services for grad students on the legislative agenda
 - Standing in union with Central Washington University's adoption of agenda items protecting victims of sexual assault and domestic violence
 - Huskies on the Hill is officially February 19th 2026. If you'd like to join meetings they are 2:30-3:30pm on Fridays
 - Senator initiative folders now active in teams
 - Positive support for the UWT team during this time of transition

Senator Gonzales joins virtually at 9:13AM.

- Director of Outreach shares information regarding the Town Hall workshop coming up
 - Trifold set up for tabling is recommended
 - Excel sheet of events will be sent to Senate soon for potential tabling times

- At the LWP conference, Directors Hankerson and Peña-Rojas met with the Purple Club and learned more about how to support immigrant students that may be feeling targeted in our current situations
- Possibility of a rally in Spring quarter with other clubs to support immigrant students

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **[EXECUTIVE SESSION]:** Deliberation: Appointing of vacant roles of the ASUWT board of directors
 - Graduate Affairs
 - Senator Naamat motions to enter Executive Session, Senator Coppage seconds.
 - **Executive session starts at 9:19AM, ends at 9:25AM**
- **[Roll Call Vote]:** Hiring the ASUWT Director of Graduate Affairs
 - Senator Naamat motions to hire Nwagu Aneke, Senator Lawless seconds
 - **Motion is adopted 5-1-1**
- **[Discussion]:** Senator Scholten presents the information regarding the UW Tacoma YMCA's previous and continued efforts to support the UW Tacoma Student Body, provided by the UWTYMCA manager
 - Cassidy has not yet been able to join a Senate meeting, however he's open to discussing future opportunities for collaboration
 - Shuttle service is not likely an option at this time as previously there were not many students taking advantage of the service in relation to the high costs, so YMCA has been supporting the UW Tacoma Pantry, library snacks, etc.
 - Shuttles can be used for RSOs or students with special events if Cassidy is available to drive, such as the Outdoors Club Saturdays' shuttle service

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- **[Executive Session]:** Deliberation: appointing of vacant roles on the ASUWT board of directors
 - Director of Equity and Inclusion
 - Senator Naamat motions to enter Executive Session, Senator Coppage seconds.
 - **Motion passes 6-0-1**
 - **Executive session starts at 9:30AM, ends at 9:50AM**
- **[Roll Call Vote]:** Hire the Director of Equity and Inclusion
 - Senator Naamat motions to move forward with hiring of Rayana Mohamed, Senator Lawless seconds

- **Motion passes undisputed, 7-0-0**
- **[Vote]:** Start appointment process of the ASUWT Court 17 Senator
 - Senator Naamat motions, Senator Gonzales seconds
 - **Motion passes 6-0-1**
- **[Vote]:** Start appointment process of the ASUWT Commuter Senator
 - Senator Naamat motions, Senator Challinor seconds
 - **Motion passes 6-0-1**
- **[Vote]:** Start appointment process of the ASUWT First Year Senator
 - Discussion surrounding what is the definition of a First Year Senator follows
 - Senator Barnes motions to table the discussion, Senator Naamat seconds
 - **Motion passes 6-0-1**
- **[Vote]:** Start appointment process of the ASUWT Transfer Senator
 - Senator Naamat motions, Senator Challinor seconds
 - **Motion passes 5-0-2**
- **[Vote]:** Start appointment process of the ASUWT Veteran Senator
 - Senator Naamat motions, Senator Coppage seconds
 - **Motion passes 6-0-1**

VIII. ADVISOR UPDATES

- Senator Coppage shares about his list of initiatives and offers to review it with other senators if they are interested
- Senator Challinor shares they connected with Cassidy (YMCA) to schedule a set professional dinner, where professionals would share information over a dinner provided by the YMCA, for which purpose Senator Challinor will connect with the Student Success Committee in the School of Engineering and Technology
- Senator Coppage shares that Milgard hosts an annual etiquette dinner which is similar
- Senator Naamat welcomes other senators to connect with them if they would like to plan other events
- Senator Barnes shares he has connected with some senators directly with more info about accessibility in registration materials and will email the rest as well as the Executive Board about sharing the information in more detail
- Senator Lawless shares about the HB3's event (Women in Prison in Higher Education) on December 5th sponsored by the Seahawks, where gifts will be provided for the children of formerly incarcerated students. The Seahawks dance team will be present as well.

IX. ADVISOR UPDATES

- Conor shares that he and Buddy are available if anyone needs support and provides positive feedback
- CSI is closed Thursday and Friday of next week (27th and 28th), as is campus, and the YMCA is closed Thursday with edited hours on Friday.
- As finals approach, this is still an important commitment
- CSI will be virtual through December 23rd-31st
 - ASUWT can still be in the space, but otherwise still closed

X. CHAIR UPDATES

- Mentha has requested a mandatory meeting with all the Senators present, either physically or virtually, coming up soon, Senators must fill out a LettuceMeet after the current meeting

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Naamat motions to approve the adjourn; Senator Gonzales seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes at 6-0-1**
- The meeting is adjourned at 10:09AM.