



# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/16/2026

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: University of Washington YMCA, R.303

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Watkins calls the meeting to order at 8:41AM.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

<i>ASUWT 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 Finance Samuel Peña-Rojas</i>	Present
<i>Director of Student Technology Amanda Wartick</i>	Present
<i>Director of Graduate Affairs Nwagu Aneke</i>	Tardy/EXCUSED
<i>Director of Equity and Accessibility Rayana Mohamed</i>	EXCUSED
<i>Speaker of Senate Bryce Scholten</i>	EXCUSED

## **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Peña-Rojas moves to approve; Director Wartick seconds.

**5-0-0: motion passes**

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Peña-Rojas moves to approve; Director Wartick seconds.

**5-0-0: motion passes**

## **V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

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

- First Public Commenter:
  - Requests clarification regarding the next steps from the Director of Internal Affairs in connection to the formation of an accountability process
  - Requests further information regarding the removal of the past Director of Legislative Affairs, asking why it was handled differently than their own case
  - Questions why ASUWT does not have a judicial branch.
  - Provides information regarding the corrective period
  - Questions whether the Speaker of the Senate is formally excused at the Executive Board meetings or not
  - Begins a comment about the WSA audit, but runs out of time
- Second Public Commenter:
  - Expresses opinion that FERPA would not prevent revealing the details of DoLa's removal, states it as actions taken outside of OPMA without proper procedure
  - Notes the agenda does not specifically list president versus vice-president under updates, expresses criticism regarding this in connection with other instances of where the ASUWT President was incorrectly titled Vice-President
  - Expresses concern regarding the timeline of lobbying activities prior to formal approval of legislative agenda
  - Questions why the order of succession has not moved forward
  - Requests President Watkins looks into the WSA audit
- Advisor Buddy moves his advisor updates to this time as he must leave for another meeting
  - Notes that Ben Brown's removal was not connected to his DoLa position, so it is covered by FERPA
  - Senate is moving forward with interviewing the Legislative Liaison for the Director of Legislative Affairs position

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- [DISCUSSION]: Time Off to Vote (TOTV) campaign updated letter sign on

- President Rae reviews the general premises of the TOTV campaign
- Directors take a moment to read through it
- Discussion follows on which other campuses may or may not be involved and what the timeline might be
- [VOTE]: Time Off to Vote (TOTV) campaign updated letter sign on
  - Director Wartick motions to sign the letter, Director Kao seconds.
  - **5-0-0: motion passes**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- [DISCUSSION]: 15-minute presentation by Kenzie Knapp on Lobby Days
  - Please see recorded meeting for full presentation
  - It is noted that next week's meeting has been cancelled with OPMA so that Directors could attend if they wish to attend Lobby Days
- [DISCUSSION]: Huskies on the Hill planning tasks and updates
  - Quote from Legislative reception food is under the expected price
    - Food options will be considered
  - President Watkins will forward an email to the Directors from the team with all the dates and plans
  - A bus schedule is being developed
  - Upcoming meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> between Tri-campus to discuss details
  - Update from Legislative Liaison will continue under Director updates
- [DISCUSSION]: Budget Consultation with ASUWT
  - Cherie Berthon, Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget, gives an update on the current state of budget updates
  - Please see recorded meeting for full presentation

Director of Graduate Affairs joins at 9:21am, during the presentation

## VIII. DIRECTOR UPDATES

- ix. *Director of Internal Affairs*

- Election Administration Chair Applications are being reviewed
- Nwagu Aneke is joining today and has been going through on-boarding and will hopefully be ready to fully join in at the next Executive meeting
- *Director of Outreach*
  - *Instagram access has been regained\*
- *Director of Legislative Affairs (represented by Legislative Liaison)*
  - *Currently unavailable*
  - *Presents after Director of Finance once connection is secured*
    - *Legislative Liaison shares that the Huskies on the Hill Trainings are starting next week during Husky Hour, Wednesday from 12:30-1:30*
    - *First legislative training January 21<sup>st</sup> from 12pm-2:30 in BB104*
    - *Work on the legislative reception is moving forward*
    - *Confirmations from city council members and legislators are coming in*
- *Director of Finance*
  - *399 opt-ins since legislative fee was implemented (~\$1,995)*
  - *Campus Master Plan info session on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Milgard 110 from 12:30-1:30*
  - *Huskies on the Hill planning is ongoing*
  - *Annual allocations for ASUWT budget, Campus for Council Engagement, and SCFC operations are being worked on*
  - *SAFC will be reviewing CCA request*
- *Director of Student Technology*
  - *Presents after Legislative Liaison*
  - *Over the next few weeks work on finalizing special allocations within SCFC*
  - *Annual allocation submission processes are being calculated and are closer to completion*
  - *Tri-campus funding items will be discussed soon*
- *Director of Graduate Affairs*
  - *No updates at this time*
- *Director of Equity and Accessibility*
  - *Excused*

## **X. ADVISOR UPDATES**

- Previously shared under Public Comment

## **XI. CHAIR UPDATES**

- President Watkins shares the following updates:
  - Chancellor informed the President that the Board of Regents thanks ASUWT for showing up at the November meeting

- Discussion on the new Link coming to campus is ongoing
  - Billboards and branding will be going up
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> ASUWT will be at Democracy Lobby Day rather than holding a meeting
- DEI offices and collaborators are working on resources regarding what to do if ICE shows up on campus/at events like Huskies on the Hill. Development of pocket-cards with rights is being discussed.
- The University as a whole are looking into the impact of visa conversations for post-graduate students/scholarships/jobs etc. Graduate Director will be looped into the conversations
- The University is looking into ensuring that their programming and media is welcoming to everyone
- Winter Faculty Assembly has met; they will be considering the balance of possibly reducing service hours of faculty
- Discussions around minimum wages for students are ongoing; the President and Director of Finance are looking into what can be done since the other University of Washington campuses both have higher pay rates for students
- Legislative Agenda is still being considered as Senate has expressed a desire to re-word some of the language used.
  - Discussion and clarification regarding what Senate's specific concerns were follows

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Peña-Rojas moves to adjourn the meeting; Director Kao seconds.

### **6-0-0: motion passes**

President Watkins adjourns the meeting at 9:48 AM.