



Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/04/2026

Time: 12:15 PM

Location: University of Washington YMCA, R.303

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Scholten calls the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Education Senator Chrystal Gonzales B.	Excused
Engineering & Technology Senator Eamon Challinor C.	Present
Milgard Business Senator Jayven Coppage E.	Present
Pre-Major Senate Zaid Naamat F.	Present
Social Work & Criminal Justice Senator Kailey Lawless G.	Absent
IAS: Politics Philosophy, & Public Affairs Bryce Scholten H.	Present
IAS: Science and Mathematics Joshua Barnes	Present
Commuter Senator L Haueter	Present
Court 17 Senator Beren Lord	Present
Transfer Student Senator Anthony Riewald	Present
Urban Studies Senator Aesha Aden	Tardy

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Coppage moves to amend the agenda to add the following under Unfinished Business. the agenda; Senator Naamat seconds the motion.

- **[DISCUSSION]:** Partnership with ASUWT and Husky Sustainability Fund

7-0-1 motion passes

Senator Naamat moves to amend the agenda to add the following under New Business. the agenda; Senator Riewald seconds the motion.

- **[EXECUTIVE SESSION]:** Executive Session regarding the Director of Undergraduate Affairs position

7-0-1 motion passes

Senator Naamat moves to amend the agenda to add the following under New Business. the agenda; Senator Barnes seconds the motion.

- **[VOTE]:** Hiring of the Director of Undergraduate Affairs position

Senator Coppage raises point of information seeking clarification around the Executive Sessions purpose

Senator Scholten reiterates that it is a discussion similar to the Executive Sessions for the hiring of the Director of Graduate Affairs because it had been interviewed before.

6-0-2 motion passes

Senator Coppage moves to approve the agenda; Senator Naamat seconds the motion.

7-0-1 motion passes

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Naamat moves to approve the minutes; Senator Challinor seconds the motion.

7-0-1 motion passes

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Member of the public identifies himself as Samuel Pena Rojas as the ASUWT Director of Finance. He updates the Senate on his work on the Annual Allocations for ASUWT and the request for an increase to the City Liaison position due to the stronger relationship with the city. As well as the raising of hourly positions to \$21 per hour. As this budget will be finalized on 02.06.26's Executive Meeting. He asks if any senator would like to inquire more about contacting him via email.

Member of the public identifies himself as Maxwell Kao, the Director of Internal Affairs, provides a brief update on the Elections Administrator Chair and seeks to have the position hired by the next week.

Speaker Scholten asks when the Senate will see the Elections Calendar

Director Kao states that the Senate will expect to see it sometime around the 25th

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- [DISCUSSION]: Partnership with ASUWT and Husky Sustainability Fund

Speaker Scholten invites Livia, Director of the Husky Sustainability Fund to discuss partnership

Livia introduces Earth Day 2026 which is approaching on April 22nd. She states that it is aligned with ASUWT's desire to bring greater access to resources for students in a way that is also taking care of the planet.

She states that Senator Coppage and City Liaison Terell Stalworth approached her to discuss piloting the professional clothing pop-up. As last year during earth day they had a clothing pop-up that was extremely successful reaching 170 students and gave away 251 pounds of clothing. This year she would like to collaborate to make the pop-up better and test out the professional clothing thrift pop-up. As well as educating students on fast fashion and living a more sustainable lifestyle. She discusses how clothing acts as an entry way into sustainability and wants to discuss how collaboration would look like. She is not looking for funding as she is looking for support from the senators who have already agreed to help with the project.

Senator Coppage says that during this clothing drive ASUWT will have their own table focused on professional clothing. He has been working with City Liaison Stalworth on getting donations from local companies: JCPenney, TJ Maxx, Men's Warehouse, etc.

Speaker Scholten asks if they are willing to partner with local businesses. As there are a lot of clothing stores in stadium/theatre district

Livia states that on Earth Day. There will be a lot of local organizations who come to participate, and none of them are for-profit businesses. She mentions that they are partnering with Belmore Inc, who makes all upcycled and recycled streetwear to have an event after Earth Day to have a networking event. She says that in the future they could look into soliciting donations from local businesses but currently it is not within their capacity.

Senator Coppage states that they can reach out to whoever, and that they're not limited to big corporations. He encourages senators to reach out to local companies that they're interested in collaborating with.

Livia states that they are also looking for donations from students. Last year they received 431 pounds of clothes so there was no shortage of clothing. They will see if the companies donate lots of clothes, they will stop donations from students and

assess how professional and non-professional clothing and organize properly so that people understand what's going on and where they can get what they need.

Livia also recommends a program at the city called Beyond the Bin, which focuses on waste reduction that opened a grant for next year for \$10,000 - \$15,000 for waste reduction projects. And that there is a lot of money in the city to do these types of things. She reiterates that these types of pop-up events are the way we can seek to have a permanent place, but there are other opportunities for doing these types of projects. She hopes to see ASUWT continue interest in all sustainability issues such as waste reduction and transportation. She encourages the Senate to reach out to questions or discuss project ideas.

Senator Barnes asks if more manpower is needed for event setup.

Livia says that she will have one paid intern helping, and that Jayven and Terrell will also be helping. She encourages everyone to come help on Earth Day or the night before as she was doing a lot of work. She talks about the various sustainability events coming up and encourages people to volunteer and reach out. And that anything done with Husky Sustainability Fund can be logged as volunteer hours with Husky Volunteers.

Senator Riewald asks what they would want to see from a Senator to help the Sustainability initiative.

Livia says go to Jayven or Terrell to see if there is anything they can delegate to, and if they see any Earth Day promotional material then to reach out to her to volunteer.

Speaker Scholten adds to recommend engaging with their own constituents and relay all the information regarding the event to them and go to the events themselves.

Senator Coppage asks that the biggest ask is outreach and to ensure that clothing is to be secured via outreach to local companies.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- [DISCUSSION]: Resignation of ASUWT Director of Outreach

Director Rojas says that the ASUWT Director of Outreach Matthew Hankerson's last day will be on February 5th and that on February 6th the Director of Outreach position will be opened

Senator Coppage does not see the point to acknowledge on a Vote of acceptance of Resignation because it's not a voting matter due to the succession clauses.

Senator Aden arrives at 12:29 PM.

Senator Coppage motions to amend the agenda to change the following.

- **OLD:** [VOTE]: Acceptance of Resignation: ASUWT Director of Outreach
- **NEW:** [VOTE]: **Acknowledgement the Resignation of the ASUWT Director of Outreach**

8-0-1 motion passes

Senator Coppage motions to Acknowledgment of the Resignation of the ASUWT Director of Outreach; Senator Naamat seconds

8-0-1 motion passes

- [DISCUSSION]: Appointment Process for the ASUWT Director of Outreach

Director Scholten introduces the order of succession as stated in **ASUWT Bylaw 1302.04** and the interview questions for Multimedia Specialist Eon Hu. He states the importance of this succession due to the number of events coming up and having the Director of Outreach as soon as possible would be beneficial.

- [VOTE]: Start appointment process for the ASUWT Director of Outreach

Senator Coppage motions to move forward with the succession process of the ASUWT Director of Outreach; Senator Namatt seconds.

8-0-1 motion passes

- [VOTE]: To interview candidate for the ASUWT Director of Outreach position

Senator Coppage motions to interview a candidate for the ASUWT director of Outreach position; Senator Naamat

8-0-1 motion passes

- [DISCUSSION]: Interview ASUWT Multimedia Specialist Eon Hu, to fill the ASUWT Director of Outreach position through the order of succession

Multimedia Specialist Eon Hu hands out Resumes to all Senators

Senate interviews Multimedia Specialist Eon Hu on his qualifications and capabilities to fill out the Director of Outreach Position. Eon seeks to prioritize communication with everyone at ASUWT and see what the needs are of the organization and the students. He doesn't take responsibilities he can't fulfill completely.

Senator Barnes asks if Multimedia Specialist Hu has any ideas/plans to encourage participation at campus events. Multimedia Specialist Hu says continuing existing

relationships with campus departments and testing different ways to have students interact with promotional materials.

Senator Naamat motions to not enter Executive Session for the Deliberation on Eon Hu to fill the ASUWT Director of Outreach Position through the order of succession; Senator Coppage seconds.

5-2-1 motion passes

Senator Coppage motions to hire the ASUWT Multimedia Specialist Eon Hu to the Director of Outreach position contingent on the vacancy on February 6th; Senator Barnes seconds.

Rollcall Vote:

- **Senator Challinor: Yay**
- **Senator Coppage: Yay**
- **Senator Naamat: Yay**
- **Senator Scholten: Yay**
- **Senator Barnes: Yay**
- **Senator Hauter: Yay**
- **Senator Lord: Yay**
- **Senator Riewald: Yay**
- **Senator Aden: Yay**

9-0-0 motion passes

Senator Barnes motions to enter Executive Session to discuss candidates in regard to the vacant position of Director of Undergraduate Affairs; Senator Riewald seconds.

8-0-1 motion passes

- [EXECUTIVE SESSION]: Executive Session regarding the Director of Undergraduate Affairs position

Executive Session was entered at 12:56 – Exited at 1:07

Senator Riewald motions to appoint Zaid Naamat to the Vacant Director of Undergraduate Affairs Position; Senator Haueter seconds.

Rollcall Vote:

- **Senator Challinor: Yay**

- **Senator Coppage: Abstain**
- **Senator Naamat: Abstain**
- **Senator Scholten: Yes**
- **Senator Barnes: Yay**
- **Senator Hauter: Yay**
- **Senator Lord: Yay**
- **Senator Riewald: Yay**
- **Senator Aden: Yay**

7-0-2 motion passes.

Director Naamat leaves the Senate tables as he is no longer a Senator.

Speaker Scholten announces that the Pre-Major senator position is open, and if anyone is interested in the position, please reach out to asuwtia1@uw.edu with a letter of interest and the resume attached

VIII.SENATOR UPDATES

Senator Coppage discusses that the YMCA is holding a RSO competition and encourages ASUWT to get involved

Senator Barnes is working on collaboration with the YMCA and the First Gen office to start a Snack Cart for the science and math students. He encourages if anyone is curious about/want to get involved, to reach out to him.

IX. ADVISOR UPDATES

Advisor Molina encourages the Senate to come to the Legislative Reception on 02.06.26 as city officials, and legislative representatives/aids will be coming to attend and to dress comfortably. He also encourages everyone to sign up for Huskies on the Hills

X. CHAIR UPDATES

Speaker Scholten introduces the idea of cancelling the Senate meeting on 02.11.26 due to Huskies on the Hill being on the day before and students will be getting back around 5-6 PM. He also says the meeting on 02.18.26 may be cancelled because he will not be there because of his grandfather's funeral, so Director of Internal Affairs Maxwell Kao would be chairing in his place. (As referenced in ASUWT Bylaw 302.03)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Challinor moves to approve to adjourn; Senator Riewald seconds the motion.

7-0-1

The meeting is adjourned at 1:17 PM.