



# Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/11/2026

Time: 12:15 PM

Location: University of Washington YMCA, R.303

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Scholten calls the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.

## II. ROLL CALL

Education Senator Chrystal Gonzales B. Excused	Absent-
Engineering & Technology Senator Eamon Challinor C. Excused	Absent-
Milgard Business Senator Jayven Coppage E.	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
Urban Studies: Senator Aesha Aden	Present
Commuter Senator L Haueter	Present
Court 17 Senator Beren Lord	Present
Transfer Senator Anthony Riewald	Present

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Riewald moves to approve the agenda; Senator Aden seconds the motion.

**7-0-1 motion passes**

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the previous Senate Meeting were not completed in time for the 2/11/2026

Senator Haueter motions to postpone the minutes for 1 week and next week's senator meeting; Senator Lord seconds the motion

**7-0-1 motion passes**

#### V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

- A member of the public spoke briefly about Huskies on the Hill and how much of a success it was. The member of the public identified themselves as a team lead and complimented the organization and management of the event and was a good representation of a tri-campus effort
- President Rae Watkins gave a shout out to everyone who came to Huskies on the Hill and complimented them for attending. Announced a Letter Writing Event to representatives will take place and encourage people to attend. Rae has been appointed Chair of the Washington Student Association Executive Committee to extend connections across the state. President Watkins will follow up with information regarding ASUWT event opportunities soon

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- [Vote]: Approval of the ASUWT 2026 Elections Timeline as proposed by ASUWT advisors in the absence of an ASUWT EAC outline in as per Title VIII, Section 815.00 of the ASUWT Bylaws.
  - **Motion to approve by Senator Riewald; Seconded by Senator Lord**
  - **7-0-1**
- [Discussion]: As per the ASUWT Bylaws 1302.02, the ASUWT Senate will interview the ASUWT Director of Internal Affairs, Maxwell Kao, to make an educated decision on whether to proceed with a vote to appoint the ASUWT, Director of Internal Affairs, Maxwell Kao, into the vacant ASUWT Vice President position.
  - **Director of Internal Affairs Maxwell Kao interviewed for the position of Vice President. Senators were provided with pre-scripted questions and had the option to asking any that came to mind**
- [Executive Session]: Deliberation: appointing ASUWT Director of Internal Affairs, Maxwell Kao, to vacant ASUWT ASUWT Vice President position.
  - **Motion to not enter Executive Session by Senator Haueter; Seconded by Senator Aden**

- **Vote was unclear from the count so Chair initiated a Roll Call Vote to determine the motion of not entering Executive Session**
  - **Senator Coppage: Aye**
  - **Senator Lawless: Aye**
  - **Senator Scholten: Abstain**
  - **Senator Barnes: Aye**
  - **Senator Aden: Aye**
  - **Senator Haueter: Aye**
  - **Senator Lord: Nay**
  - **Senator Riewald: Nay**
- **5-2-1; The Senate does not enter Executive Session**
- [Vote]: Determine whether the ASUWT Director of Internal Affairs, Maxwell Kao, is the best fit for the vacant ASUWT Vice President position.
  - **Motion to hire Maxwell Kao for the ASUWT Vice President position by Senator Barnes; Seconded by Senator Haueter**
  - **Chair informs the Senate that a 2/3s majority is needed to pass**
    - **Senator Coppage: Yay**
    - **Senator Lawless: Yay**
    - **Senator Scholten: Yay**
    - **Senator Barnes: Yay**
    - **Senator Aden: Yay**
    - **Senator Haueter: Yay**
    - **Senator Lord: Yay**
    - **Senator Riewald: Yay**
  - **8-0-0: Director of Internal Affairs Maxwell Kao will be offered the role of ASUWT Vice President**

## **VIII.SENATOR UPDATES**

- Senator Barnes spoke about reaching out to Cassidy in the University Y Student Center regarding the Snack Cart for Lab Students for science and mathematics. Snack cart is controversial action in working with the University Y Student Center due to the limited number of students who might participate in it
- Senator Coppage is hoping to build a partnership with the Husky Sustainability Fund

## **IX. ADVISOR UPDATES**

- Advisor Molina and Advisor Leary were not present for this meeting

## **X. CHAIR UPDATES**

- Speaker of the Senate Scholten will be taking a brief leave of absence beginning 2/12/2026 through 2/23/2026. Speaker of the Senate Scholten announced that the Senate will not be pursuing the succession process for the Speaker of the Senate Role to move into the vacant Director of Internal Affairs position due to their commitment to their Senator position and the role as Speaker of the Senate.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- Senator Aden moves to approve to adjourn, Senator Lord seconds the motion.
- 6-1-1
- The meeting is adjourned at 12:44PM.