



Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: October 07, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: University YMCA Student Center, Rm 307

Virtual: youtube.com/@ASUWT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Scholten calls the meeting to order at 9:11 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

<i>Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (PPPA) Senator Bryce Scholten</i>	Present
<i>Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (SM) Senator Joshua Barnes</i>	Unexcused
<i>Engineering & Technology (SET) Senator Eamon Challinor</i>	Excused
<i>Graduate Senator Roxx Schmelta</i>	Excused
<i>Milgard Business Senator Jayven Coppage</i>	Present
<i>Pre-Major Senator Zaid Naamat</i>	Present
<i>Education Senator Chrystal Gonzalez</i>	Tardy
<i>Social Work & Criminal Justice Senator Kailey Lawless</i>	Present
<i>Nursing & Healthcare Leadership Senator</i>	VACANT
<i>Urban Studies Senator</i>	VACANT

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Coppage makes a motion to approve the Agenda of 10.07.2025, Senator Gonzales seconds.

6-0-0 – Motion Passes

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Naamat makes a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 09.23.2025, Senator Coppage seconds.

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker Scholten welcomes all members of the public present at the meeting.

3 members of ASUWT: Maxwell Kao Director of Internal Affairs, President Elias Feleke, Sam Pena

President Feleke reminds everyone to show up to the Involvement Fair

Director Sam asks if anyone would like to allocate anything for special allocations process

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Speaker Scholten reminds everyone about the purpose of the 4 task forces that the senate oversees. Food Equity and Basic Needs, Campus Development, Inclusive Access. Most importantly how the labor should be distributed between the task forces. ASUWT is only needed to maintain 2 task forces. Someone recommended a transportation task force to increase accessibility for transportation

Senator Naamat says that as a group we should try to gauge which task force requires more effort/resources.

Senator Scholten says that his experience in FEBN (Food Equity and Basic Needs) means that

Senator Naamat

Senator Gonzales says that we could set up a form to

Speaker Scholten recalls his conversation with the dean of education and how many complaints at the school of education were regarding accessibility on campus.

Senator Gonzales adds on that many people in the education school are not able to attend many of the events hosted during Husky Hour. Due to the classes being held during that time.

Senator Naamat talks about

Senator Scholten shares that the public parking in Tacoma. He talks about his experience meeting with Pierce transit and that they provide a whole class/presentation. He says that he cannot speak on his experience using public transit but he wants to promote it.

Senator Naamat shares that this would be a good opportunity

Senator Lawless shares that the proposed Transit task force would be beneficial because the university was not designed to have a lot of parking capacity in the beginning.

Senator Scholten shares that a task force like this would be perfect to target the issue of transit.

Advisor Molina shares that when approaching the City Official about parking, the City will refer to the parking options that already exist. So ASUWT must come up with new ideas/solutions or coalition of new ideas, it will be the same response from the city.

Senator Naamat says that it might be at least viable to advocate for the lowering of parking prices. Especially with the rising cost of living in general.

Senator Scholten says at Tacoma Community College they do needs based parking vouchers

Director Pena Rojas shares that with the release of the new campus masterplan, ASUWT could try to align student interests within the masterplan to increase the chance of the administration endorsing the solutions proposed.

Senator Gonzales refers back to the state senate budget allocations and asks if our institution's financial budget has been cut.

Advisor Leary says that the institution will be deal with a 2 million dollar deficit so that many things on campus may be cut.

Senator Gonzales shares that the basic needs task force could be recalibrated to soften the blow of the existing budget cuts to several services within the University
Senator Scholten....

Director Pena-Rojas shares that the current legislative session will be attempting to keep the revenue at the same level as this year.

Senator Scholten says that many students on campus complain about transparency. He talks about his experience talking to other campuses and how they are being transparent with the money that goes to parking. He asks Director Pena Rohas if it is possible to make the money allocated from parking fees to be more transparent to the students.

Senator Scholten says that this could be something that the transportation committee look into

Senator Gonzales says that for

Senator Lawless

Director Sam asks if there are any ideas that FEBN could look into

Senator Gonzales says we could look into grant funding for childcare. Because she does not know how hard it is to move around academic calendars. They says they could provide transportation 30 minutes before each class but not for your child. She adds at that childcare in Washington is very slim. She adds that if a childcare building/room is created, it would have to

Senator Coppage shares about the childwatch system in the YMCA and he says he's talked to YMCA dDirector about expanding the childwatch to a childc daycare system.

Senator Gonzales says that at her school in California, she says that the childcare facility would give jobs o many of the education/childcare majors, and that the college would pay for the fees for the certifications. And that it would just be a tansition of how this allocation would look like

Director Sam asks Senator Leary who would we have to talk to for all of this ifnformation

Advisor Leary

Senator Lawless shares that she currently has an internship with a YMCA and that it could be possible for the current UWT YMCA to hold internships as referred to Senator gonzales experience at Californian universities.

Senaotr Scholten emphasizes tht what is created today will last years beyond us so it is good to keep that in mind. And that we can discuss more about this in the next meeting

Outreach:

Senator scholten shares that OSAS (Office for student advocacy and support)

Director Penja Rohas yields his time.

Senator Scholten says that he will talk to the Director of Outreach regarding outreach for ASUWT

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Advisory Leary shares that

VIII.SENATOR UPDATES

- N/A

IX. ADVISOR UPDATES

- Advisor Leary asks that everyone is on time at 8:30 and has all the documents before hand for the hearing next Tuesday. He also asks that people be available for involvement fair today. Additionally he shares that when polling/surveying students it can be a little bit more informal, for example with a whiteboard, non traditional methods etc.

X. CHAIR UPDATES

- Speaker Scholten reminds everyone that they have to let him know

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Naamat motions to adjourn the meeting; Senator Coppage seconds.

5-0-0 – Motion Passes

Speaker Scholten adjourns the meeting at 10:03 PM.