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Board of Directors | Session 122

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## **AGENDA**

### *Call to order*

**Jacob Feleke** calls the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

### *Land Acknowledgement*

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### *Roll Call*

**Jacob Feleke** - President (present)

**Ellis Andrews** - Vice President (present)  
**Thomas Sefair-Lopez** - Personnel Director (present)  
**Melody Fung** - Finance and Budget Director (present)  
**Yazmine Mendoza** - Communications Director (present)  
**Francisco Dojenia** - Director of Internal Policy (present)  
**Leah Sishu** - Director of Diversity Efforts (present)  
**Nandana Jaideep** - Director of University Affairs (tardy, present)  
**Naomi Snow** - Director of Programming (present)  
**Anastacia Mikaele** - Director of Community Relations (present)  
**Azaan Leslie Brown** - Director of Campus Partnerships (present)  
**Andal Sridhar** - Student Senate Vice Speaker (present)  
**Amanda Chin** - GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs (present)  
**Rene Singleton** - Associate Director of Student Activities (present)  
**Carrie Moore** - Husky Union Building Director (present)  
**Maya Lukalapu** – Board of Directors Coordinator (present)

Approval of Agenda

**Ellis** motions to approve agenda.

**Francisco** seconds.

*No Objections. Motion passes. 8-0-0.*

Approval of minutes

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

- Book store – Thomas and Chris Zempel

**Thomas** and **Chris** came to talk about an “Inclusive Access” program. Chris explains that it is the digital content of course material provided through canvas, it is the lowest market piece of content. It tends to be 60% less than the print content – less than e-books. The best fit for this is when textbooks are required in class. Mc-Graw hill, the textbook company, was able to save students 500 million dollars through this program. Many institutions throughout the nation have implemented this program and they believe that UW needs it too as well. She explains how this is especially beneficial for students who must wait for financial aid to process their textbooks because with this program, they would not have to wait.

**Thomas** explains how Disability is asking for the courses that will have this option so they can spread awareness regarding it. They are looking forward to this program as it has audio options available.

**Chris** explains that student success is expected to increase with this program, and it will decrease barriers to education. Winter quarter is when this will be released but it is a pilot. It will be available for “day 1” classes. They present a paper presentation that shows what the program looks like. There is an “opt out” option for students who do not want to participate in the program. The first 12 months they will be collecting student responses to this program.

**Ellis** questions what they would recommend to students who do not have access to home technology. **Chris** says that the online textbooks can be accessed from anywhere and that the print option is still available.

**Jacob** orders a 5-minute recess at 5:55 pm.

**Jacob** calls back order at 6:00 pm

- OPMA – Jade McNallan

**Jade** introduces herself. She explains the “Open Public Meeting Act”. They are meant to shine light on government public meetings for the public to see. It is for transparency and to prevent corruption.

**Ellis** announces for everyone to close devices unless they are taking notes.

**Jade** continues to explain OPMA. She explains that whenever a majority of board members are gathered, it is considered a meeting. She provides an example about the “Board of Regents,” where they were taken to court because of talking about business related issues in a public setting. Now they are required to open windows every time they have dinner because it constitutes a meeting. She explains what else counts as ASUW business and the rules that ASUW needs to be compliant of in regard to meetings.

**Ellis** explains how they have a media manager who posts. She asks if they can comment on those posts, or would they be considered meetings? **Jane** responds saying that it depends on the content. Decision of substantive information cannot be private. They are subject to release.

**Andal** explains how the senate just had a steering meeting. They were planning to create an all-senate slack; it will be over 100 members. **Jane** discourages it as it hard to manage that many people, however, they can have one person pushing out information.

**Andal** explains how senate committees have group chats, she asks if this is allowed? **Jane** says yes. **Andal** asks another question about how senator sandbox was discontinued because it was an OPMA violation. She explains how none of them were official business so why was it a violation? **Jane** says she can see both sides, but it feels appropriate for new legislation ideas to be a public meeting.

**Renee** explains how it became an issue once some people used it to solicit information about things that should be public.

**Ellis** asks a question about how far in advance a meeting can be cancelled. **Jane** says at least 24 hours in advance so that they can let the public know.

**Thomas** explains how **Melody** and him have their own committees and have meeting times they can't make. Can they cancel meetings for the rest of the year, or do they have to do it on a weekly basis? **Jane** says that you can cancel them, but all meetings have to be special, and agendas cannot be changed. You must wait until 2024 to change the time.

**Leah** says the 72-hour window for agendas is restrictive because committee members have a fast turnover rate for issues. **Jane** says that it is strict and cannot be changed.

**Andal** asks a follow up question about regular meetings for the senate. **Renee** and **Jane** answer how the senate requires regular meetings because it stays the same.

**Leah** asks about the year 2024. When do they send in the times? **Jane** says they will be sent a form.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **SENATE**

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**Andal** says their website can be edited now.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

### **FUNDING UPDATES**

- **Melody** has to write a board bill for 2 laptops and 1 tablet. **Yazmine** says that one of them is broken (aa1) and they are missing senate aa.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Intern Pay Task Force — Ellis Andrews
- Voting Software Update – Francisco Dojenia

**Francisco** explains that they are trying to bring in an outside person and a student to run the software applications for elections.

**Nandana** asks if it must be built through ASUW or if it can be bought.

**Francisco** says that ASUW needs to be able to edit for the future, so it is important for it to be built.

**Jacob** asks for the timeline on the project. **Francisco** is unsure as of now. He will update in the future.

- GPSS Update – Francisco Dojenia

**Francisco** explains that there are 100 applications for the open job, and they want updates on the records page. They would also like to know more about the Israel and Palestine Conflict.

- VP Personnel restructure task – Ellis Andrews

**Ellis** explains 4.02 – a taskforce to explore. She's hoping to get started by next week.

**Leah** asks if it is to add another Personnel Director. **Ellis** confirms and explains that **Thomas** believes that his workload should be handled by two directors.

- Office noise level and Professionalism – Ellis Andrews

**Thomas** explains that employees who work in 121 or 131 have had issues with noise levels and have been uncomfortable working in their office spaces.

**Ellis** explains how it's like an internship or a first job. They are a corporation and a professional environment. Remember to remain conscious of other members.

**Jacob** asks if there is an office expectation list. **Ellis** says yes and that it will be sent to people next week. They will also drop them off to people and be handing them out when people come to pick up office supplies.

- Desk Time – Ellis Andrews

Coordinators have sent out a desk excel sheet. **Ellis** explains how there are many hours of desk time that need to be filled out. Two people always from 9-6 have to be at the desk. She will send out expectations for it next week.

- Weekly Tabling Schedule – Ellis Andrews

**Ellis** explains the engagement taskforce meant to improve voter outreach.

**Jacob** says that ASUW is partnering with King County to promote voting. Some candidates might come out and speak. Minimal expectations for ASUW to be involved but would be appreciated on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4, 5, 7.

**Renee** confirms that candidates will not come to speak.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- New Office Space Update – Ellis Andrews

**Ellis** explains that the fairest way to determine who gets the empty office is to send out an application to all entities (who do not have an office space) to apply since it was an entity that moved out and not a board member.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Ellis** motions to adjourn the meeting.

**Anastacia** seconds.

*Everyone votes no objections. 7-0.0*

*Motion passes.*

*Session 122 adjourned at 6:55 pm.*

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