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Board of Directors | Session 125

November 2, 2023 | Husky Union Building 303 | 5:30 PM

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## **AGENDA**

### *Call to order*

**Jacob Feleke** calls this meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

### *Land Acknowledgement*

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### *Roll call*

**Jacob Feleke** - President (present)

**Ellis Andrews** - Vice President (present)

**Thomas Sefair-Lopez** - Personnel Director - (excused, absent)

**Melody Fung** - Finance and Budget Director (tardy, 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 (present)

**Naomi Snow** - Director of Programming (present)

**Anastacia Mikaele** - Director of Community Relations (unexcused, absent)

**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

**Leah** motions to approve agenda.

**Francisco** seconds

*No objections. Motion passed. 8.o.o.*

Minute Approval

[08.03.2023 Board Minutes](#)

[10.26.2023 - ASUW BOD Minutes](#)

**Ellis** motions to approve minutes.

**Azaan** seconds.

*No objections. Motion passed. 8.o.o.*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Board Bill 4.05 An Act to Create a Task Force for an ASUW Website with Campus Resources named 'Huskies Matter'**

**Leah** reads the bill. This bill aims to create a taskforce that will create an ASUW website that will have campus resources and it is named “Huskies Matter.” This project will allow students to educate themselves about the resources available and be made more accessible.

**Jacob** asks for questions, comments, concerns, and amendments.

**Naomi** asks if **Leah** has a programming plan in regard to how the website will be done. **Leah** answers saying that she was looking to establish that within the taskforce and wasn't sure whether it would be done within ASUW or on external platforms. **Naomi** asks a clarifying question about whether they're looking for someone outside of the taskforce to work on the programming aspect of the website. **Leah** explains that she was looking to gain perspective about that in the meeting today and she is open to suggestions because she's not sure whether she would go through OCOMM or UW IT.

**Yazmine** questions why they, as the Communications Director, and potentially the OCOMM webmaster weren't included in voting membership; since this is heavily about communications and website creation. **Leah** answers saying that she wasn't sure if it would be through the OCOMM team or another individual.

**Yazmine** gives recommendations to include the Director of Communications, the OCOMM Tech Admin and the OCOMM Web Master in the taskforce.

**Jacob** asks **Yazmine** to motion for an amendment.

**Yazmine** motions to amend letters L and M to include ASUW OCOMM Director, ASUW OCOMM Web Master, OCOMM Tech Admin and remove letter B where it states that OCOMM is non-voting.

**Naomi** seconds.

*No objections. 8.o.o. Amendment is adopted.*

**Yazmine** asks about an instance where if the website is developed, will it fall under OCOMM to maintain and upkeep since they manage all websites. **Jacob** answers that it sounds like a question for the taskforce and recommends it to be discussed there.

**Andal** points out that in the "THAT" clauses, there is ambiguity regarding the division of tasks between the task force and outsourcing. She holds the view that some of the responsibilities listed extend beyond the scope of what is traditionally expected from a task force.

**Andal** motions to amend striking "manage and update the website on an ongoing basis," within the third "THAT" clause and replacing it with "establish a plan for the management and upkeep of the website."

**Leah** seconds.

**Jacob** clarifies Andal's motion.

*8.o.o. No objections. Amendment is adopted.*

**Andal** raises a concern about the name of the website. She believes that the name should be up to the discretion of the taskforce. **Jacob** asks the writer of the bill, Leah, to answer. **Leah** says that she would be open to the taskforce deciding the name and asks if a clause can be added about the name being subject to change.

**Andal** motions to amend adding a second "THAT" clause that will read that "the name of the website is subject to change at the discretion of the taskforce."

**Francisco** seconds.

*8.o.o. No objections. Amendment has been adopted.*

**Ellis** asks clarifying question about whether amendments about a bill could be voted on together at the end. **Jacob** answers that they could but explains that it cannot be done unanimously unless it is grammatical.

**Ellis** asks **Leah** about her vision for where the website is going long term and whether it will be Diversity Efforts or OCOMM or both. **Leah** answers that it is interchangeable between entities. She explains that it could fall under the ASUW website and show up on MYUW where it would be accessible to all UW students, non-UW students, faculty and staff. She envisions more people being aware of ASUW resources and outside resources through the website. She would like more collaborations between ASUW and outside resources.

**Yazmine** motions to amend the third “THAT” clause on the fourth line to say, “coordinate with OCOMM to promote website launch and usage through social media and other means.”

**Francisco** seconds.

*8.o.o. No objections. Amendment has been adopted.*

**Ellis** asks question about whether every voting member in the taskforce has been contacted. **Leah** says not yet. **Ellis** encourages **Leah** to reach out to voting members to get feedback before passing this bill.

**Francisco** asks if **Leah** had a timeline or a plan for when the timeline could be implemented. **Jacob** answers that it is included in the fifth line.

**Yazmine** says that since the project has the potential be huge, it is important to have frequent status reports.

**Yazmine** motions to amend the fifth “THAT” clause to say, “the task force shall provide a monthly status report on each last Board of Directors meeting of the month on the website's development”

**Ellis** seconds.

*8.o.o. No objections. Amendment has been adopted.*

**Yazmine** asks if someone from the taskforce could be delegated to do the monthly reports. **Jacob** says the chair should be responsible for the reports and asks **Leah** if she's in agreement. **Leah** is in agreement.

**Jacob** asks for final motions, amendments, concerns and questions.

**Yazmine** asks a question about the list of membership and how they should be contacted before and whether the bill should be tabled until next week.

**Yazmine** motions to table bill until next meeting.

**Azaan** seconds.

*8.o.o. No objections. Motion has passed.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **[Board Bill 4.03 An Act toagen Establish a Task Force to Review ASUW's Transition Documents and Processes](#)**

**Ellis** reads a clause that she added to the bill. It is letter D under the third "THAT" clause. She would like to move the discussion to next week because Thomas, the Personnel director, who is heavily involved with this bill, had a previous commitment and could not make it to the board meeting today.

**Ellis** motions to table to next meeting.

**Naomi** seconds.

*8.o.o. No objections. Motion passes.*

## **FUNDING UPDATES**

None

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Voting Software Update – Francisco Dojenia

**Francisco** explains how he spoke with **Jacob G.** and how they had 3 options currently. They have an open selection process, and the selected person will start early December. It will be a student employee or the google employee. They will try beta testing in early January and if it doesn't go according to plan, they will investigate IRV testing.

**Jacob** questions if live voting will be included in the software since there are a series of bills from the senate and board. **Francisco** says he wasn't sure. **Ellis** answers saying that it might be included, and it will be up to discretion of the webmaster. She explains that even if everything fails, voting will happen.

**Melody** raises concern about hiring a student for the job because of costs. She explains that with every change of plan, costs increase. She would like the payment to be made after the completion of the project and would like the board to think about how they will ensure accountability in case the software doesn't work. She believes that outsourcing is more reliable than relying on a student.

**Francisco** explains that this is what the beta testing is for, and the software will be checked before elections.

**Melody** further explains that she would love to support students, but each change of plan increases costs and to have back up plans.

**Jacob** asks **Melody** if she's saying to pay them after the job. **Melody** says that it was a suggestion.

**Jacob** explains that that it's a legal issue and recommends a possible clause in the bill, so they aren't held to any legalities.

**Carrie** clears up that the state doesn't require someone to pay before the service is provided.

**Jacob** asks if a board bill can be added to not pay them if they didn't do satisfactory work. **Carrie** says no because regardless of the value of the work they did, they still provided a service.

**Melody** suggests that outsourcing is more secure than trusting a student's work. **Jacob** responds saying that it can be dealt with when the board bill is written.

**Amanda** asks if there's a mechanism for weekly updates.

**Jacob** asks for a timeline. **Francisco** explains that EAC will be looking over updates throughout the process and through January.

**Nandana** asks if they can partner with UW IT to make the software rather than a student. **Jacob** says that a student shouldn't be judged for their work before they are tasked for the job. He believes it's important to give students a chance because ASUW is an organization made by students and run by students. **Ellis** is in agreement with **Jacob**.

**Jacob** asks for questions, comments and concerns.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please give 24 hours' notice to missing desk time

**Ellis** asks for 24 hours heads up to find people to cover.

**Andal** asks if it should be reported **Ellis** or in the 'desk time' chat. **Ellis** says 'desk time' chat with date and time.

- Public Forums need to be given a 24-hour warning

**Ellis** explains that public forums need a 24-hour warning to collect all necessary information.

**Jacob** explains that it is stated in section 3 of the bylaws that public forums need a 24-hour warning and that they should be reported to either him or **Maya**, the Board of



Director Coordinator. He further explains that public forums can be anonymous but regardless, other information such as slides needs to be collected beforehand.

- GPSS Update – Amanda Chin

**Amanda** says they didn't have a senate meeting yesterday or last week and instead other activities took place. They had diversity committee, legislative advisory board (LAB), and signs and policy. They had great turnout and talked about the graduate symposium. They have a senate meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Jacob** makes an impromptu announcement about how Ex Officio members are allowed to motion or second.

**Jacob** asks for announcements or comments from **Renee** and **Carrie**. They have none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Francisco** motions.

**Naomi** seconds.

*One nay. 7.1.0. Motion passes.*

*Session 125 adjourned at 6:20 pm.*

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