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Board of Directors | Session 123

February 1, 2024 | Husky Union Building 303 | 5:30 PM

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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 (absent, excused)

Melody Fung - Finance and Budget Director (present)

Yazmine Mendoza - Communications Director (excused, absent)

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 (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)

Christina Coop - Associate Director of Student Activities (present)

Carrie Moore - Husky Union Building Director (present)

Maya Lukalapu – Board of Directors Coordinator (present)

Approval of Agenda

Naomi motions to approve agenda.

Leah seconds.

Vote is unanimous. Agenda is approved.

Minute Approval

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Naomi motions to approve minutes.

Francisco seconds.

Vote is unanimous. Minutes are approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

[BOARD BILL 2.32 - An Act to Hire Benjamin Fudal as a Rainy Dawg Radio Technology Manager for the 2023-2024 Academic Year](#)

Naomi motions to approve.

Nandana seconds.

Vote is unanimous. Bill is adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

[BOARD BILL 3.13 - An Act to Grant Funding to WGA Smash](#)

Melody reads the bill. She talked to coop and confirmed that SAO can pay for their facility cost. She clarifies that this is a special case and will not happen again.

Francisco motions to approve.

Andal seconds.

7.0.2. Motion passes. Bill is adopted.

FUNDING UPDATES

[BOARD BILL 3.21 - An Act to Grant Funding to Taiwanese Student Association](#)

Melody reads the bill. This bill aims to grant funding to the Taiwanese Student Association.

Naomi motions to approve.

Ellis seconds.

8.0.1. Motion passes. Bill is adopted.

[BOARD BILL 3.22 - An Act to Grant Funding to Filipino American Student Association](#)

Melody reads the bill. This bill aims to grant funding to the Filipino American Student Association.

Francisco motions.

Naomi seconds.

Ellis objects.

Francisco rescinds motion

Ellis asks whether the "facility costs" mentioned earlier exclusively refer to the funding of facilities or if it also includes support for individual matters. **Melody** explains that it pertains only to facility costs.

Ellis motions to approve

Francisco seconds.

8.0.1. Motion passes. Board bill is adopted.

Approved funding

- [FINANCE BILL 6.13 - An Act to Grant Bricolage Literacy and Visual Arts Journal.docx](#)

Melody explains how this bill has already passed because the funding was only \$135. It was for supplies for their event and their rental costs were around \$30.

[BOARD BILL 3.23 - An Act to Approve Senate budget amendment](#)

Melody reads the bill. This bill aims to approve the senate budget amendment.

Jacob asks what the additional budget was. **Melody** asks them to look at the attached pdf and explains that the change is highlighted.

Francisco asks if the discretionary funds are at the discretion of the speaker. **Melody** confirms that is it.

Jacob expresses concern about the allocation of funds, particularly in relation to past instances where amounts of \$200, \$200, and \$300 were mentioned, leading to a total of \$3,300. He is uncertain about whether this aligns with the rules in the finance budget regarding the permissible amount for a specific line item. **Melody** clarifies that there are no restrictions on the unused amount of funds for any entities, as it automatically returns to the general fund. The decision to allocate \$3,000 for each entity was made for flexibility, anticipating that the full \$6,000 might remain unused.

Andal explains that the intended use of the \$3,000 additive programming funds was for room reservations, noting that while it may not be fully utilized, at least half will be. If funds run out, there's a plan to seek assistance from OID. Additionally, the discretionary funds could be used for updating the senate website.

Melody explains that the allocated money is budgeted regardless, and if a specific line item, for example, \$6,000, isn't utilized, the funds will remain unused and won't be redirected elsewhere.

Francisco motions to approve.

Ellis seconds.

Vote is unanimous. Bill is adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ASUW Townhall – Nandana

Nandana says that it has been difficult planning the Town Hall event with admin and suggests moving forward with the Town Hall without administrative involvement. She feels that it's important to act rather than procrastinate, and they welcome others to join in spearheading the effort.

Naomi agrees with **Nandana** and advocates for holding the event without administrative involvement to avoid additional barriers. They suggest centralizing the Town Hall on ASUW.

Leah asks if they play on opening the floor for discussions and inquires about the logistics of planning the event, including the room reservation and timing.

Amanda says that they should book the room asap because they tend to be reserved fast.

Naomi says they must ensure they have time to advertise this event.

Andal suggests having a document with all relevant information.

- BOD Reports – Members

Ellis says huskies on the hill was great. She shares progress on two task forces: one focused on voter engagement and voting software, set to have voting software by spring, and another on transitioning, including changes in hiring processes. She mentions upcoming mandatory meetings for outgoing and incoming board members to facilitate a smooth transition. Additionally, she encourages support for House Bills 5999 and 2242 and that she will share links in the board chat.

Amanda shared details about upcoming events and plans for the spring quarter. On Saturday, there's a "Drag Brunch" event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering waffles/vegan pancakes, and two drinks for \$20 (or \$25 on the day). Following that, there's a "Puppy Love" event featuring campus dogs and movie nights the following Friday. The Research Symposium is scheduled for April 4th, and Cultural Showcases are set for April 2nd.

Melody says that F&B has resumed its activities, securing hours for approving and getting approval for funding. While the winter quarter presented challenges in terms of time constraints due to various presentations and budget review meetings, the team is looking forward to maintaining momentum in the upcoming spring quarter. She shared some personal updates about how she's been coding and enjoying it. She was also able to secure a venue for a semi-formal event.

Andal says that the upcoming Senate meeting is anticipated to be eventful with seven active pieces of legislation, showcasing increased engagement from new senators and freshmen. She said that Huskies on the Hill was a great experience, and that she has many ideas for steering next year.

Francisco says that the Constitutional Reform Task Force is actively engaged in reviewing Civil Service branches, with an upcoming meeting to discuss the matter. The Task Force is awaiting updates on the formation of the Steering Special Committee dedicated to Senate reform. He reports that there's a vacancy in the Judicial Committee, open to student applications. The speaker is also involved in documenting and recording institutional history. On a personal note, he recently enjoyed time with his siblings and niece. He gives an update that the student government's advocacy led to the addition of Dr. Pepper to the vending machine, highlighting the effectiveness of student-driven initiatives.

Maya says that she's been working on the SASC taskforce with Leah. She's busy with school which is expected because it's the middle of winter quarter.

Jacob has organized meetings to discuss past bills related to pre-exam materials and Husky EMS. He intends to bring these matters to the Provost Advisory Committee and Tri-Campus Advisory Committee. Meetings are also scheduled with identity commissions to gauge interest in discussions with the Director of Admissions and Vice Provost of Academics about enrollment issues within the community. He enjoyed Huskies on the hill and encourages continued engagement with the bill through

testimonies. He has also scheduled meetings with Portland State University and Seattle University to understand their operations and discuss transportation changes.

Naomi says that huskies on the hill was fun and that they are actively planning the RSO Leadership Conference and emphasized their side quest in expanding the funding for the Special Appropriations Fund from ASUW.

Nandana says that huskies on the hill was fun and that she enjoyed lobbying. She's been working on the university agenda and plans to present it to the steering committee soon. She is involved in initiatives related to climate bills, PACS, and concerns about UW INCO committee investments. She addressed student health insurance, HFS transparency, and upcoming meetings, including one with an intern about hosting a game on campus.

Leah provided updates on the Board Bill 4.06 Task Force, highlighting their RSO survey and the weekly meetings. They invited others to join and increase awareness of ASUW and the Board of Directors. She mentioned an upcoming forum on February 15th and shared information about events, including the Asian Makers' Fair on February 8th, the Black Student Commission and the National Society of Black Healthcare Professionals' blood drive, and the upcoming Queer Prom organized by GEC and QSC. Personal updates included taking a draining CS midterm and participating in a clothing drive organized by their sorority until February 5th.

Azaan provided a written report for his board report: *“Events that have been happening: Approval of the budget for the Campus Sustainability Fund that outlines clear intentions and motives as to what they're using the money for including but not limited to: increasing grant money for mini grants (under 5K), grants (over 5K) and UW Resilience Seed Grants which advance the sustainability aspect of projects. Another main focus for them is education and outreach with two teach-ins coming up and a sustainability conference I have the pleasure to attend. They made it heavily clear throughout the meeting that the idea of sustainability needs to be pushed especially with the different paradigms outside of the concept of white-centered sustainability. For U-Pass, their main goal is the improvement of the night ride services. Recently their has been an article published on the critique of them however we see it as a list to do in order to create change for the night ride. I also do not put it past them because both of these committees were not being paid at all until this current fiscal year which is outrageous for student organizations literally making change on*

campus, but we can see this reflected in underpaid staff anyways. Some improvements include, more accessibility on the visibility of nightride and improvement of the app.”

Anastacia is in collaboration with Caroline Conley, the president of the DAWG Pack, for potential athletic endorsements. Updates on the constitutions were shared with the OFSL, particularly Panhellenic and IFC, and Panhellenic has been actively engaging with questions. She also mentioned personal engagements, such as YOSC this Saturday, Poly Day practices, and the recruitment conference for Southeast Asians, Rising Seas, happening tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacob announces that he got a request from College Pads to organize the off-campus housing fair on Tuesday, March 5th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first floor of Main Street. The estimated cost for the event is around \$664, and he will find out if they are responsible for paying for it.

ADJOURNMENT

Francisco motions to adjourn.

Naomi seconds.

8.1.o. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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