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Board of Directors | Session 123

January 18, 2024 | Husky Union Building 303 | 5:30 PM

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## **AGENDA**

### *Call to order*

**Jacob Feleke** calls meeting to order at 5:37 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 (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 (excused tardy)

**Carrie Moore** - Husky Union Building Director (present)

**Maya Lukalapu** – Board of Directors Coordinator (present)

Approval of Agenda

**Francisco** motions to approve.

**Ellis** seconds.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion passes.*

Minute Approval

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**Ellis** motions to approve.

**Anastacia** seconds.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion passes.*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

[Board Bill 4.06 An Act to Adopt the Elections Policies and Procedures](#)

[2024 Elections Policies and Procedures with Edits Highlighted](#)

**Francisco** explains that the highlighted sections are the changes made.

**Jacob Gannon** explains that all the changes made were highlighted in yellow. Some of the changes made were basic updates to dates and the campaign advertisement removal deadline.

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

**Leah** asks if they can change the campaign advertisements removal deadline date to a later date like April 19th? She explains how last year it was really challenging to get it done before the deadline. **Jacob G.** explains that the only issue that the EAC is concerned with is the deadline to have the complaints done, however, he would be ok with moving the deadline to April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm.

**Leah** motions to amend the campaign advertising removal deadline from Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 12 p.m. to Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m.

**Azaan** seconds.

**Nandana** objects.

**Leah** rescinds motion.

**Nandana** asks what the latest date can be for EAC to have their complaints hearing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Jacob G.** answers the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Jacob F.** says that the deadline shouldn't be pushed further than the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Nandana** motions to amend the campaign advertisement removal deadline to April, 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday.

**Leah** seconds.

*7.0.1. Amendment is adopted.*

**Ellis** asks why they chose a dollar as the bribe moment. **Jacob G.** explains that the judicial committee decided that a dollar seemed more appropriate since many things are priced higher than a dollar even at the dollar store.

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

**Ellis** motions to approve.

**Leah** seconds.

**Ellis** yields time to **Jacob G.** He explains the importance of individuals currently on board who are considering running to thoroughly review all the modifications implemented because the EAC will ensure accountability for everyone involved.

*7.0.1. EPP is approved.*

## **FUNDING UPDATES**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Bi-Weekly Board Reports – Board (moved)

**Jacob F.** motions to suspend the rules to move board reports as the last item on the agenda.

**Ellis** seconds.

*7.0.1. motion passes.*

- ASUW Collaborative Fair (proposal) – Yazmine

**Yazmine** explains that the proposal aims to address the limited engagement experienced during events like the RSO Fair for ASUW entities, programs, and affiliated groups. They suggest establishing a recurring ASUW-centered fair at the beginning of each quarter to provide a visual and physical platform for UW students to understand ASUW's composition and activities. The fair, planned for locations like the quad or red square, aims to consistently attract new students and increase awareness. A corresponding online presence, with a dedicated sub-page on the ASUW site, is proposed to showcase the event and participating entities. Their tech team would manage this aspect. The proposal acknowledges logistical challenges, emphasizing the need for tables, time, and marketing resources, and presents a visual aid illustrating the layout for maximum visibility. The first fair is expected to be held during the spring quarter. They ask for feedback, questions, comments and concerns.

**Naomi** says how she loves this idea. She asks if they reached out to the Outreach of Involvement Director yet. **Yazmine** explains that they did but have not for other groups listed on the document.

**Andal** explains how she thinks that this is a great idea. She suggests holding a big fair at the beginning of every quarter and having smaller tables in the hub throughout the quarter.

**Thomas** recommends a cover letter and resume workshop as a booth and a job booth.

**Amanda** requests not to have it in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April because GPSS will be hectic.

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

- College Pads – Francisco Dojenia

**Francisco** asks **Carrie** to speak.

**Carrie** explains how she mentioned during orientation and one of the initial board meetings that, through the contract with College Pads, there is a contractual obligation for the board to host a housing fair at least once a year. She has shared all the contract documents with **Jacob F.** and **Ellis**. Recently, College Pads reached out because they haven't been able to connect with the board and they are eager to proceed and are actively planning the event. They are currently seeking a date for the fair but are unable to move forward without the board's involvement as they require a sponsor. She explains that it is crucial to address this commitment promptly. She mentions that the individual who had **Naomi's** position last year was in regular contact with them.

**Yazmine** asks if it'll happen at the same time as the fair.

**Jacob F.** clarifies that it will not be done simultaneously.

**Andal** asks when applications for ASUW positions open up. **Thomas** answers that they will open in less than a month.

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

- ASUW Townhall – Nandana

**Nandana** says that this quarter would be perfect to host a town hall because **Jacob F.** can advertise it in the all-student email. She believes it is a space for ASUW to learn more about student issues because currently they do not have a good understanding of issues affecting multiple communities, whether it's like campus safety or climate or anything.

- All student email items –Jacob

**Jacob F.** explains that in his all-student email, he wanted to put a survey of what student issues might look like and to gauge what they should be talking about in the town hall. He explains that there should be a discussion topic and if it's enough of a

common topic, they should invite someone from admin that could possibly speak on that subject.

**Yazmine** suggests that if the board is considering organizing a town hall to address specific student issues, it would be beneficial to implement an intake form. This form would allow students to submit their concerns and questions in advance, like the approach **Jacob F.** discussed. This way, the board can adequately prepare and inform themselves beforehand. They propose the idea of having student moderators for the town hall.

**Nandana** emphasizes a preference for a more structured approach to avoid chaos during the town hall. She suggests focusing on questions that have been submitted in advance, ensuring that the board is well-prepared, and nothing catches them off guard.

**Leah** explains that she likes Nandana's idea, but she would also like for students to have a space to ask questions. She says that the town hall should happen before elections to give students the opportunity to explore.

**Andal** asks if they have a room in mind and if it's like a panel format?

**Jacob F.** says that what he envisioned was to base it off what students wanted.

**Yazmine** is thinking about the intake form should be cut off two weeks before and the importance of all voted ASUW members being there.

**Jacob F.** says that participation from directors is based on comfortability.

**Amanda** explains that when GPSS hosted their townhall, it became a student vs admin issue, and she recommends having structure.

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

**Yazmine** says that they should start a document with a skeleton of timelines.

**Nandana** asks **Jacob F.** knows when he's sending the all-student email. He says the hard deadline is on Monday.

**Jacob F.** asks if anyone is interested in planning the town hall. Many of the directors express interest.

**Yazmine** asks **Amanda** if she would be interested in being their advisor for the town hall's planning with respect to her availability. **Amanda** says that she is open to checking in with them but has other priorities with GPSS.

**Carrie** reminds **Jacob F.** that his all-student email needs to be approved by her first and that she needs at least 24 hours to do that.

- TedX Talk- Jacob
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**Jacob F.** got contacted by the chapter at UW to fund their event. He explains that their name would be pasted all over the event. They're asking for 10,000 dollars.

**Melody** explains that she is also in contact with them and that they're coming in to present for the finance and budget committee soon.

- Constitutional Reform Task Force – Francsico Dojenia

**Francisco** explains that the task force meets every Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in hub 303 and they would love to hear input from everyone.

**Yazmine** motions to suspend the rule.

**Melody** seconds.

**Ellis** objects.



**Ellis** asks why they would like to suspend the rules. **Yazmine** has thoughts about the ASUW Townhall, a previous discussion item.

**Ellis** rescinds objection,

*7.0.2. Motion passes.*

**Yazmine** made the town hall document and wants to give access to anyone who's interested and would like to start planning.

**Nandana** says that everyone who is interested can be part of a slack channel.

- Bi weekly board reports

**Jacob F.** says that over the past two weeks, he's been shuttling back and forth to Olympia. During these visits, **Leah, Maya L.**, and him testified in support of House Senate Bill 5999, aiming to increase financial aid through the Washington State College grant to 70%. This adjustment would expand eligibility for students within a certain income range. Concurrently, there were other bills being addressed during our time in Olympia. Returning on Tuesday, **Ellis** and him testified on House Bill 2242, which received overwhelming support. Shifting the focus back three weeks, he had a memorable time in Houston, although we experienced a loss. Despite the defeat, witnessing the yellow and blue confetti fall was a unique moment. Transitioning to the realm of sports, our introduction to the Big Ten wasn't without challenges—we faced significant setbacks, losing our headquarters, several team members to the transfer portal, and even our coach. It's been a tough period, but there are still moments of positivity amidst the challenges. He attended the Board of Regents meeting where he engaged in discussions with individuals, including the Dean of Admissions, Paul Seeger. During this interaction, he raised inquiries regarding diversity issues. In light of this, he plans to reach out to commissions from JCC to facilitate a meeting with both the Dean of Admissions and the Dean of Academics. He says that if anyone is interested in participating in this conversation, it could be a valuable opportunity to delve into pertinent topics.

**Ellis** says the office hour rankings will be posted after the meeting and she is going off of last week. She went with **Jacob F.** to Olympia. She is behind in school. She says, “Go Dawgs, we’ll be back next year.”

**Naomi** introduces herself at the ASUW director of programming. She’s been focused on ASUW, hitting the gym, and enjoying her classes. She is currently enrolled in a fascinating Russian class called Underworlds, which delves into the afterlife. In terms of her job, a major project is the RSO leadership conference. She’s figuring out the details and hoping for a late February date. The room is booked, and food plans are underway. She’ll be sharing the schedule soon, as she wants everyone in ASUW to be involved. She’s been reaching out to RSOs, attending their meetings for some fun and to boost visibility.

**Nandana’s** dance team is gearing up for their first competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has been juggling school, ASUW work, and preparations for the RSO leadership conference. She is working on the university agenda with Francisco. She presented a forum in the Senate to spread awareness about her role and the councils she’s involved in, still looking to fill appointments. She attended the first PACS meeting, addressing the capacity constraint major issue. The provost is forming an information group, and she’s requested ASUW representation once it's established. She is currently collaborating with the registrar to track progress on the issue. At the Faculty Council Academic Standards, they discussed a lottery system for major admissions, and she personally opposed it, and she is open to hearing others' thoughts on the matter.

**Leah** went to Olympia with Maya and Jacob, providing testimony on the Washington College Grant's proposed 70% increase and expanded eligibility threshold. She is excited for the South Asian Student Commission Task Force which is set to have its first meeting tomorrow. The focus will be on sharing goals, discussing ASUW offerings, and connections to bylaws. She attended the JCC open house, where she met interns from various entities. They’ve officially opened the JCC fund, and discussions are ongoing on how to allocate the \$15,000, with ideas ranging from collaborative events to themed drag shows. Additionally, she collaborated with the Black Student Commission on postponing a concert planned for Black History Month until spring quarter.

**Azaan** is the Director of Campus. He grew a nice mustache and aced his civics test today. He has welcomed two new members to the campus team, Sophia and Mati, who are both cool and fun additions. In CSF, they’re currently reviewing various grant applications and proposals. Notably, one proposal focuses on developing a societal embedding framework for community-engaged, socially impactful engineering at UW. This involves making engineering curriculum more sustainable. Another project in the works is Spring Powwow 24, and he’s intrigued by the

direction it's taking. Regarding the U-Pass committee, there will now be a flat rate, eliminating the need to tap off. This change is expected to begin at the start of the spring quarter, and they'll provide more details as they become available. He is collaborating with Sally to assess the safety of areas around campus, particularly those considered campuses but not always recognized as on campus. They're evaluating streets and dividing them up for a comprehensive safety assessment.

**Yazmine** is the Director of Communications, and they use they/them pronouns. They have kicked off the interview process for interns, aiming for at least five positions. They are particularly excited for this quarter as their focus is to enhance collaborative efforts with entity directors. They have key tasks on their plate, including meetings with EAC for elections, collaboration with Thomas for the jobs campaign, and boosting engagement with their media manager. They're also planning outreach to SMURC, thanks to Francisco's reminder. They're pleased to share that we've already hired our first intern in PR.

**Andal** explains that the senate has seen a lot of legislative activity with over 25 new senators joining in the last week and a half, pushing them past the 100 mark. To integrate them, they're organizing activities like Mock Senate before the actual Senate sessions and legislative writing workshops to answer their questions and provide training in parliamentary procedure. Also, they've made the move to the hub, which is a great change. Their office hours are now from 11 am to 1 pm.

**Amanda** explains that they're holding a cv workshop, karaoke, drag brunch, puppy love events are happening this quarter. They're planning a 420 event.

**Thomas** is eagerly awaiting his team placement for his full-time job after graduation, and he's hoping it's not with the 737 team. He explains that ASUW is transitioning away from Slack and asks everyone to be active on Teams. Group chats, project discussions – everything should migrate. The goal is a full transition by quarter-end, bidding farewell to Slack. The Personnel Committee had its inaugural meeting, marking an exciting beginning. He explains that hiring is on the horizon, with job applications hopefully rolling out within the next couple of months. HE mentioned pay updates last week, and the process is ongoing, albeit a bit time-consuming with 79 individuals to review. Lastly, Renee and him are collaborating on some adjustments to personnel policy, including bidding adieu to cover letters – an outdated formality no one's enthusiastic about anymore.

**Anastacia** achieved her reading goal, finishing two and a half books, and concluded her position with Panhellenic, now investing time in researching family history at the Burke Museum. She is engaging in Pacific Islander research and mentoring for YEOC. In her ASUW role, she's facilitating discussions with RCSA, Panhellenic, and soon IFC to ensure informed voting. She is working on the revival of the Transfer Student Advocacy Committee. RCSA updates include addressing unfavorable reviews for Motosurf in Husky Den and resolving vending machine payment issues.

**Melody** explains that the Finance and Budget team is gearing up for a busy period with the submission and review of budget requests. Due to a delayed start in special appropriation funding last quarter, there's already a significant workload. The team is actively processing applications daily. Personally, she's taken on more classes this quarter, inexplicably choosing to challenge herself by planning to take 24 credits. She's ahead in her coursework. Additionally, she's involved in planning a semi-formal event with the East Asian RSO's and is seeking venue suggestions, preferably off-campus, for the upcoming event. .

**Francisco** introduces himself and mentions how back in his high school French class, he was called Francois. Currently, he's immersed in history and education classes, involving a lot of reading. His primary focus has been on the constitutional reform task force, engaging in thoughtful discussions. He has upcoming meetings with Lincoln Johnson and historian Paul Zukowski. The Judicial Committee is diligently reviewing bylaws and legislation, ensuring alignment with the Constitution and bylaws. He is collaborating with OCOMM on a records page, judicial website, and a wiki to document history.

**Maya** caught up on all her minutes. She recently visited Olympia with Jacob F. and Leah. It was her first-time experience at the capital. Tomorrow, she has her task force meeting, which she's eagerly anticipating. On a personal note, she's thrilled to announce that she's made it onto the MESH Set Design Team.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Azaan** motions to adjourn.

**Naomi** seconds.

7.0.2. Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned at 7:23pm.

## **ZOOM**

**Topic: ASUW Board of Directors Meeting**

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