



Associated Students University of Washington

Judicial Committee Special Meeting | Session 128th

March 6th, 2026 | Odegaard Undergraduate Library Study Room 333 | 4:30 PM

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AGENDA

Call to Order

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call | 11 total. *6 voting. 4 quorum | # present (P). # excused (E). # absent (A).

P | *Chair; Secretary of Recommendations – **Brian Kim**

P | *Secretary of Judgments – **Madisen Newbury**

P | *At-Large Member – **Sejal Dogiparthi**

A | *At-Large Member – **Abby Sengendo**

P | Ex-Officio Member – **Nardos Kidane**

A | Ex-Officio Member – **Sanjana Sivaraj**

P | *Senate Liaison – **Leila De Folo**

A | *ASUW Vice President – **Sonal Virk**

A | Office Coordinator Proxy; Personnel Coordinator – **Shriya Sundar**

P | Student Activities Office Advisor – **Alan Galvez**

P | Student Legal Services Liaison – **Vacant**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Abby motions to amend the agenda to place Ashwin's Constitutional amendment above Joseph's version.

Madisen seconds.

Motion passes.

Madisen motions to approve agenda.

Sejal seconds.

Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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Leila motions to table minutes for three days.

Abby seconds.

Motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

- ASUW Director of Internal Policy – Ashwin Anand

Ashwin says they finalized shared services cost between SAO/HUB and Board of Directors. They approved funding bills and new interim and next year's Communications Director.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

- Constitutional Amendment Review (Ashwin's Version)
 - o [\[ASUW Constitution.docx\]](#)
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Brian asks whether everyone wants to approve by Article or Section and everyone agrees on article. Brian asks if Ashwin wants to provide context for the purpose of the amendment.

Ashwin says he will provide general context as well as some of the specifics. Board had their Constitutional Convention on Saturday and went in-depth on every article. He says they didn't want to overhaul so they focused on the key issues. They focused on problems from last couple years and how to fix them.

Ashwin sends a document that Erik made, with details about every change that was made. He says the first change is on Article 5.

Brian asks about the general issues that the amendment addresses.

Ashwin says the ballot question answers this pretty well. He says the Open Selection Process isn't defined very well. He also says that by-laws can be amended more frequently so he wants to change parts of the document that can be done within a shorter timeframe.

Brian asks Ashwin to explain the first change on Article 5.

Ashwin says all actions of the Board Bill and all actions of the Senate will take part in the Senate Bill.

Abby asks whether they will be reading through Jospeh's and Ashwin's versions to vote for which Constitution will be included on the ballot or whether both Constitutions will be on the ballot.

Ashwin says EAC can put both Constitutions on the ballot.

Brian says is it is Judicial's role to consider recommendations to make to the Constitutions as well ensuring that people are following the proper procedures to introduce these amendments.

Nardos clarifies that Judicial's decision won't impact whether the Constitutions are placed on the ballot.

Brian affirms and explains that Judicial simply advises and then Senate will review and BOD will have the final say.

Ashwin adds that Judicial is the first level of review and to be very thorough.

Brian asks Ashwin to explain Article 6, Section 3.

Ashwin says the goal was to simplify. Most of the 5 executive positions are detailed in the by-laws so they wanted to reduce the bullet points in the Constitution.

Brian asks if there are any questions and decides to move on to Article 7, Section 2 seeing no comments.

Ashwin explains that this explains how the election is processed and in case of technical glitch, changed wording from irregularity to critical procedural flow to understand the severity. Rather than saying one month within election being declared invalid, they leave the power to decide to the EAC. He also explains in Section 3, that for hiring, appointment expires at the end of the ASUW session, but since the Comm Director is graduating in Winter Quarter, they wanted to change that.

Nardos agrees with Brian's comments that it is better to outsource the hiring rather than keeping it within Board.

Brian adds that for interim position, it may be acceptable to quickly hire, but for the start of ASUW term, they should get Senate input. He clarifies that Senate also doesn't need to provide input in some areas.

Ashwin says that positions are very administrative and don't require student body representation, so they wanted to keep it within Board and expedite the process, especially because they also need to get trained.

Brian asks whether at-large positions are internal and whether that is defined later in the Constitution.

Ashwin says only 5 Board members are defined and that at-large members are in the by-laws. For Director of Programming, they have to say at-large member is in charge of programming. The positions change a lot.

Brian asks if there are further questions and moves on the Section 4.

Ashwin says they wanted to align recall of Directors with what is done in Senate. Ashwin moves on the Section 5.

Brian says we can slow down and stick to Section 4. He asks if there are any comments or questions for Section 4. There are none so they move on the Section 5.

Ashwin says the first two weren't changed. For C, he says it is implied in the by-laws. They consolidated C and D.

Brian says to go through all of Section 5.

Ashwin says they ensured that open-selection process is used for appointments and hiring so we know how Board is doing everything. Everything else is implied in the by-laws. He says they included delivering a report to students to UW body to be more transparent.

Brian asks if there are any comments or questions.

Leila asks when the student report will be delivered by the BOD.

Ashwin says it will be in a relative timeline and depends on when marketing is most relevant.

Brian says to move on to Section 6.

Ashwin says they removed news media and added public to include everyone and also added that meetings will have a hybrid option.

Nardos asks if there is a criterion for what it means to be more accessible.

Ashwin says hybrid will depend on whether they have the option to stream the meeting and says that people will understand what it means.

Nardos asks if there is a requirement for public to know that meeting will be happening.

Ashwin says Communications Director will be responsible for that and that that is a requirement because of the OPMA.

Brian notes that Constitution is a broader framework and by-laws should be more specific about how action is taken. He moves on the Section 7.

Ashwin says that there will be a public forum about ASUW finance to be more transparent. BOD can amend the budget in line with procedures outlined in the by-laws.

Brian asks if there are any questions and moves on to Article 8.

Ashwin says they want to explain what the by-laws are in Constitution and that it only be amended by 2/3 vote by Board and that Judicial may advise on wording and legal effect unless it is time-sensitive. They also added that additional specifics will be in by-laws.

Brian moves on to Article 9: Student Senate.

Ashwin says liaisons will be defined in by-laws of ASUW and Senate.

Brian asks if there any questions or comments and they move on to Section 2.

Ashwin says they deleted a redundancy regarding Student Senate and that large by-law changes will be presented to Student Senate.

Brian asks if there are any questions and they move on to Section 3.

Ashwin says they changed President to ASUW President and included all Commissions as well as any other organizations provided by Senate by-laws.

Brian asks if there are any questions and they move on to Section 4.

Ashwin says they want to understand difference between resolution and legislation and says they changed all resolutions to legislation.

Brian asks if there are any questions and they move on to Section 5.

Ashwin says they removed ASUW legislative and university agenda and that lobbying priorities will be active until end of ASUW session.

Brian asks if there are any questions and they move on to Section 6.

Ashwin says there is no change.

Brian moves on to Article 11.

Ashwin says this article has the most changes because it has been the point of concern. They changed wording from generally to general. They are changing the name of committees to Constitutional Committees. ASUW by-laws will create standing committees. They are specifying that membership will not be constrained by the Constitution. Board of Directors may create task force, and appointment of members will be provided by-laws. Every committee will have an SAO adviser. Individual members can directly appeal committee decisions to BOD and each committee can formulate bylaws which has to be approved by 2/3 vote of BOD.

Brian asks if there are any questions on Section 1 and there are none.

Ashwin explains second section about Judicial Committee which talks about Open Selection Process. They want independent subsection for Judicial Committee. He says to take some time to read through the powers.

Brian says to raise hand if anyone has a comment or question.

Nardos asks why they removed the definition.

Brian moves on to Section 3.

Ashwin talks about ongoing debate about leadership in EAC. Their functions will be defined within the by-laws.

Brian asks to explain Section 4.

Ashwin says they made delineation between standing committees and Constitutional committees. He says legislative steering committee will be made a standing committee and they included provision they will be tasked with ASUW lobbying efforts.

Joseph mentions President of ASUW and GPSS for any documents that supersede their Constitution. University acknowledges OGR as an organization under ASUW. He says that anything that isn't defined should be included or removed.

Ashwin says that their decision is that Constitution doesn't define OGR. Although by-laws can be amended more frequently, the amendments have to be presented to Judicial. He says OGR needs legislative steering committee and that one standing committee has to be dedicated to lobbying efforts.

Brian asks if there are any comments or questions and moves on to Section 5.

Ashwin says they wanted to differentiate two representatives as one for Senate and one for JCC. The next change is that they emphasized financial transparency and wanted to include ASUW discretionary funds into the Constitution.

Joseph says to consider that if there is no set limit and no process of reporting in a public manner, there would be many small purchases that are made. It would be used as a loophole.

Brian asks whether they want to extend the meeting.

Nardos motions to extend the meeting time by 15 minutes.

Madisen seconds.

Motion is passed.

Meeting is extended to 5:43 PM.

Ashwin says that loopholes have always existed. All RSOs have to go F&B for allocations to be made. There are many checks in place for the loophole to be prevented. The limit can be changed and will be decided as they amend bylaws. They want to ensure there are limits but will take recommendations regarding the limit.

Brian asks if there are any questions on the section and they move on to section 6.

Ashwin says they clarified at-large member representative of Board and non-voting membership. They removed F&B Director and want to ensure that JCC has a liaison and additional at-large member from BOD in JCC.

Brian moves on the Section 7.

Joseph says that simple changes can have profound impact and disagrees that having at-large member from BOD would be simple change.

Ashwin says F&B role in JCC can simply happen with liasons and says all commissions can meet with F&B Director.

Once again, **Brian** asks if there are any questions and then goes back to Section 7.

Ashwin says for personnel committee, VP doesn't need to be there but can be there because they are proxy of President. Personnel Director wants people appointed throughout school year term rather than just in spring quarter. Salary guidelines won't be changed by Personnel Advisor.

Joseph asks why the Personnel Service Grievances Committee part was struck.

Ashwin says there isn't much privacy if grievances are brought to an entire committee. He says complaints will directly go to Personnel Director.

Brian says to move on to Article 12 and asks why Section 8 and Section 9 were struck.

Ashwin says they moved it to General Provisions because it applies to all committees and anything more specific is handled in by-laws.

Brian moves on to Article 12.

Ashwin says no changes to Section 1. They changed 20 school days to three weeks before election voting period to make it more clear.

Brian asks if there are comments or questions on Article 12.

Joseph asks whether it is school weeks or work weeks.

Ashwin says he can change it to three calendar weeks.

Brian says to include that in suggested edits for now. He moves on to Article 13.

Ashwin says there are no changes to A or B. For C, Erik brought up the process that Senate handles it. Judicial Committee can provide recommendations after reviewing language. BOD can amend ballot questions but not amendment itself. Judicial Committee may with $\frac{3}{4}$ of voting membership refer it back to Senate. BOD can refer it twice but after, Senate can approve it. All Constitutions are provided on ballot and then EPP will determine how to handle that.

Joseph asks why only Section C was changed, specifically Senate.

Ashwin thought that their procedure was adequate and that Erik brought up more changes. Judicial will review and Senate will determine if amendment is proper.

Joseph asks if Board was going to give Senate information that the Constitutional amendment is happening. There is nothing codified that Senate has to know about it.

Ashwin says if Senate is providing Constitutional Amendment, everyone on Senate should be on board. If Board has any amendment, they would consult with Judicial Committee.

Joseph says Board is still involved in Senate amendment process, but that doesn't apply for Board.

Ashwin says Erik accepted both Senate and Board procedures. He says each branch dictates how they want to approach amendments. He says Board approves after Judicial's input and that Senate still needs Board's approval since they have input of entire student body.

Brian asks if anyone wishes to extend meeting time.

Ashwin says there is no rush but they are on one of the last sections that has changes.

Sejal motions to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

Madisen seconds.

Motion is passed and meeting is extended to 5:59 PM.

Ashwin says it is similar to how Senate Bill goes through Senate and then Board.

Brian asks if there any questions or comments. He asks if Section 2 is the last one.

Ashwin says yes. They again changed the timeline to three calendar weeks is they did for referendum.

Abby asks why they simplified.

Ashwin says they wanted to say prior to starting date of election to make it clear that there is a set date.

Brian asks if there any questions or comments. He confirms that there are no more edits. He says that the recommendation letter will be sent as soon as possible.

Ashwin thanks everyone for input.

Brian asks if they want to continue reviewing Joseph's version with the extended time.

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Brian says they left off on Article 12. He says to raise hand when they have comments or questions ready to be proposed.

Leila asks whether there would only be one person sitting on Judicial from Senate.

Joseph says there would be 6 at-large student members.

Leila says Senate representation may not be necessary and that one representative would not be a drastic change. She says if goal is to create more checks and balances, that representation would be acceptable.

Joseph says it would just be a replacement for the liaison.

Ashwin asks question about how the hours work since they are volunteers.

Joseph says that they are not subject to volunteer policy and that individuals can choose how much time they decide to commit as long as they remain active senators.

Brian asks if there any questions regarding Personnel Branch.

Joseph says 60-65% of seats are designated/protected. There is more Greek Life and RSO representation. Senate is also expanding to departments and have seats from Husky Health. He establishes that they are expanding in legitimacy.

Brian asks if everyone feels comfortable moving on to Article 13.

Joseph says the Director of Internal Policy would chair the committee formed from this Branch instead of Judicial Committee. He explains the members that would be a part of this committee, separating voting and non-voting memberships. He says the Public Records Office will acts as auditors and seek advice to make sure employees are staying in line with meeting minutes and recordings. The Auditory Branch would figure out how to keep records of meetings. Personnel is hiring and training while Auditory breaks up some of the work such as the evaluations.

Brian says there are two meetings left and asks whether they want to extend the meeting.

Nardos asks if they can continue on Monday.

Brian says they can resume on Monday.

Leila says that Personnel Director reviewing all roles is problematic and that having a group working on this would be more fair and transparent.

Madisen asks how many paid employees would be working for this new Constitution compared to now.

Joseph says he can get back to her. He doesn't have an exact number right now because there is a lot of repurposing of current roles. He says open-selection process and volunteer interns would be the focus, and they wouldn't add paid workers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Madisen motion to adjourn and have discussion next week.

Leila seconds.

Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 6 PM.