



Associated Students University of Washington

Judicial Committee | **Meeting Minutes** | Session 125

October 27st, 2025 | HUB 303H | 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

Call to Order

Ashwin calls meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call | 10 total. *7 voting. 4 quorum | # present (P). # excused (E). # absent (A).

P | *Chair; Director of Internal Policy – **Ashwin Anand**

_ | *Secretary of Judgments – **Vacant**

_ | *Secretary of Recommendations – **Vacant**

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

P | *At-Large Member – **Brian Kim**

P | At-Large Member – **Nardos Kidane**

P | At-Large Member – **Sanjana Sivaraj**

P | *At-Large Member – **Madisen Newbury**

P | *At-Large Member – **Abby Senegado**

P | *Senate Liaison – **Tessa Raith**

E | *ASUW President – **Nandana Jaideep**

E | Vice President – **Sonal Virk**

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Brian motions to approve

Sejal seconds

Agenda passes unanimously [5.0.1]. 5:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No prior minutes to approve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC FORUM (5 Minutes)

No announcements or public forum.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

- Chair – Ashwin Anand

Ashwin explains that today's meeting will cover nominations and EPP policy approval.

Coop explains that Alan will be taking on Brendan's role, explaining she will come on board during elections season. Asks for clarification about who has voting power.

Ashwin explains that every member with a star next to their name on the agenda are the at-large members with voting power, **Sanjana** and **Nardos** do not hold voting power.

NEW BUSINESS

- Secretary of Recommendations (Nominations and Elections)
 - *Providing additional research on Judicial Recommendations as deemed necessary by the Judicial Committee; Serving as Vice Chair of the Judicial Committee; and perform duties as assigned by the Chair of the Judicial Committee.*
 - *Nominations: **Brian Kim** nominates himself.*

Ashwin asks for nominations.

Brian nominates himself.

*Seeing there are no other nominations, **Brian Kim** is appointed as Secretary of Recommendations. 5:35 pm.*

- Secretary of Judgements (Nominations and Elections)
 - Documenting, organizing, and maintaining official records of Judicial Committee decisions and judgements; Assisting the Chair in drafting and finalizing written opinions and rulings; Ensuring accurate communication of Judicial Committee outcomes to relevant ASUW entities; and performing additional duties as assigned by the Chair of the Judicial Committee.
 - *Nominations: **Madisen Newbury** nominates herself*

Ashwin asks for nominations

Madisen nominates herself.

*Seeing there are no other nominations, **Madisen Newbury** is appointed as Secretary of Judgments. 5:36 pm.*

- *Elections Policy and Procedures*
 - https://uwnetid-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/asuweac_uw_edu/EdOV2nzReHdAml5tdn5JL4sBvu0SEfA6G0DVvK0jVJ2Zbg?e=E4qvjG

Ashwin passes to **Reaa Dureja**, Outreach Co-Chair of the ASUW Elections Administration Committee.

Reaa explains EAC is the official elections entity of ASUW that drafts the EPP, promotes fair elections, hosts forums, and solves issues relating to ASUW elections.

Ashwin starts off with Table of Contents. Gives everyone 2 mins to read.

Sejal asks if the comments in the document are the edits being considered.

Ashwin clarifies about which edits on the document are being considered.

Reaa explains that the way they will proceed is explaining each section of the EPP, the changes by section, and taking a vote at the end.

Seeing no comments on the table of contents, **Ashwin** motions to approve the table of contents.

Motion passes unanimously. 5.0.1. 5:39 pm.

Ashwin moves on to the EPP preamble. **Reaa** explains there were no changes made.

Ashwin asks for questions, comments, or concerns. Motions to approve the preamble.

Motion taken to a vote, passes unanimously at 5:39 pm.

Ashwin moves to Article 1 policies, section 1.

Reaa explains that she will provide the context and initial explanation. She explains that there was some confusion about ballot measures last year and that the changes were made to reflect and address these. She explains some campaigning rules and regulations, as well as some new definitions.

Brian suggests a grammatical edit.

Ashwin motions to approve the grammatical change.

Motion passes unanimously at 5:42 pm.

Sejal asks about an out-of-place indentation pattern in sections 10-17.

Tammy Pham, EAC Operations co-chair, clarifies that it is just a formatting issue. Tab changes will be modified after getting approved.

Sanjana asks about specifying the definition of the term affiliate more.

Sejal adds that she wants to define it as anyone who assists the campaign at any capacity.

Reaa said that EAC would be fine with it. She wants to introduce an affiliate form to officially register that information in terms of judgments.

Ashwin asks what section to include the affiliate form for future reference.

Reaa says to add in campaigning section or complaints section, likely campaigning.

Reaa and **Sejal** clarify about the definition of affiliate, especially because it overlaps a lot with volunteers' role. **Reaa** explains we should hold affiliates and volunteers to the same level of accountability. Says its up to judicial what kind of language to use for that.

Ashwin asks if there are any recommendations for how Judicial would merge the two definitions.

Sejal suggests combining both as one term and adding the definition of affiliate in the EPP and specifying the term.

Sejal motions to approve the additional comment.

Abby seconds.

Motion passes unanimously at 5:48 pm.

Ashwin moves on to article b.

Reaa explains changes regarding EAC resignation and filing deadlines, pointing to an example of last year's intern running for board. She explains changes in seminar and forum dates, as well as the changes to the voting period. There is also an extension to the advertisement removal deadline. Changes were also made to elections results announcements, the financial disclosure form, and judicial complaint hearing date for more time. Lastly, the EAC meeting time has changed.

Ashwin asks if anyone has comments questions or concerns.

Sejal asks about an error where it says 2025 when it should say 2026. Reaa confirms it should be changed

Ashwin asks for motion to approve the change.

Sejal motions

Nardos asks about BOD orientation dates and grammar change needing to be updated to 2026.

Sejal retracts her motion

Reaa says they should change all the dates in the section to reflect 2026.

Brian motions to approve the changes.

Sejal seconds.

Section passes unanimously at 5:54 pm.

Reaa explains section c only reflects the EAC meeting time change.

Tammy clarifies that some issues may be because of the website issues happening.

Motion to approve section C by **Brian**.

Abby seconds.

Motion passes unanimously at 5:55 pm.

For section 2, **Reaa** talks about changes to ballot measures. Talks through a grammatical change.

Abby clarifies about EAC making the rule enforceable and binding.

Reaa says that's an SAO question and usually doesn't get approved due to freedom of speech.

Coop clarifies it's non-binding because you can't restrict people's first amendment rights.

Sejal suggests clarification on who is held accountable for the actions of an affiliate.

Reaa says it's non-binding, so she doesn't feel it is a violation.

Brendan says you can hold candidates responsible, but it's harder to do so for affiliates.

Sejal says that's what her question is and if its not outlined they should clarify.

Ashwin suggests putting the Fair Campaign Practices into the affiliate form because its applicable.

Reaa says she's fine with that, wants to address if we will hold candidates accountable for what their affiliates do. She says she thinks that's up to judicial's reasoning of what they feel.

Tammy clarifies that since the fair campaign practices statement is non-binding they don't include any language related to enforcing punishment necessarily, but if they do decide that to hold affiliates accountable through candidates that would be later on when punishments are discussed more in depth or violations are discussed more in depth.

Brian motions to approve section 2

Sejal seconds

Motion passes unanimously. 6:00pm

Reaa goes through section 3. Outlines the eligibility criteria, especially credits and regent consideration. Also goes over financial disclosure form transparency, forum absence procedure, EAC intern resignation, and some grammatical changes.

Ashwin takes general comments

Sejal asks about if they can specify a time to inform EAC about forum absences by

Reaa says that many of their partners don't want EPP to be that specific because it doesn't leave room for flexibility, and also due to midterm season she doesn't want to specify a time.

Brian asks about a paragraph stating exclusion of ROTC class credits. **Reaa** says she doesn't know what it's referring to as it was added by last year's EAC co-chair.

Coop says you need to have a 2.0 GPA minimum and are classified as currently enrolled by the University registrar.

Ashwin asks if it includes the extension classes in ROTC.

Coop says it refers to your status and if you're a fully matriculated student.

Brendan says he doesn't believe the extension courses in the ROTC are counted.

Ashwin says the wording is specific to being a student enrolled in the university

Coop says if you say in the language that criteria includes you are currently enrolled as per the University registrar that covers all bases.

Sejal agrees because bullet b was confusing.

Tammy also says if someone is confused about their enrollment status, they can check with the University registrar.

Coop says yes.

Brian talks about the ROTC classes at UW and how students from other campuses can come here to take them.

Coop says they aren't matriculated students here, so by outlining that eligible candidates are classified as a current UW student according to the registrar will cover all bases.

Reaa agrees

Tammy suggests adding going to registrar if there's any confusion.

Reaa says she doesn't recommend keeping that language in EPP. She says it may be better to convey that in the Ethics Seminar.

Ashwin clarifies about the changes, and **Tammy** agrees with **Reaa** saying we don't need to include that language in EPP specifically.

Brian suggests an edit to make language clearer. **Ashwin** asks if we should keep the deference to registrar language in the EPP.

Sejal says it doesn't match the tone of the EPP.

Brian motions to strike the line.

Sejal seconds

Motion passes unanimously. 6:11 pm

Sejal motions to approve section 3 of EPP

Brian seconds

Motion passes unanimously. 6:12 pm.

Reaa says section 4 has no changes.

Sejal motions

Abby seconds

Section 4 passes unanimously. 6:12 pm.

For section 5, **Reaa** explains changes to endorsement section, including grammar, endorsement regulations regarding promotional materials and financial disclosure.

Sejal asks about subsection f, upholding a strong code of ethics, asks about it being broad and making it more specific.

Reaa asks how she would like to define it.

Sejal says she doesn't know, inquires if there is anything for them to refer to as the ethics.

Reaa lists the regulations barring use of ASUW resources for campaigning, but everything else is first amendment rights. Recommends keeping it that way.

Coop asks about the language of cease to perform their job, clarifies if that means firing.

Reaa says she is unsure, open to changing that as the EPP cannot fire people.

Ashwin leaves line up for discussion to the committee because there could be a change to the wording itself.

Sejal suggests edits to the wording.

Ashwin motions to approve the wording change.

Brian seconds

Motion passes unanimously at 6:18 pm.

Sejal motions to approve section 5.

Abby seconds.

Section 5 passes unanimously at 6:19 pm.

Ashwin moves to section 6 which is a large portion of the EPP. Go article by article.

Reaa explains section A, only change is the addition of “valid measure”.

Sejal motions to approve article a

Brian seconds

Article A passes unanimously at 6:20 pm.

No changes to Article B.

Brian motions to approve.

Abby seconds

Article B passes unanimously at 6:21 pm.

For Article C, **Reaa** mentions campaigning period moving to the beginning of spring quarter.

Abby motions to approve Article C.

Sejal seconds

Article C passes unanimously at 6:21 pm.

For Article D, **Reaa** suggests adding the affiliate form here.

Sejal motions to edit Article D as the affiliate form.

Sejal rescinds the motion.

Reaa makes suggestions to the specific language and the procedure for the form here to outline candidates needing to register their affiliates with EAC. Discussion about deadline and duration of the form being open, decided that deadline will not be specified.

Sejal motions to approve the changes to article d.

Madisen seconds.

Section D passes unanimously at 6:25 pm.

Sejal asks a question about if Article E should be a sub bullet. **Reaa** confirms it doesn't affect it.

Sejal motions to approve article E.

Abby seconds.

Article E passes unanimously at 6:27 pm.

For Article F, **Reaa** explains candidates are prohibited from using RSO fair, HUB, ASUW office, GPSS, or any entity funded by state resources for campaigning. Also mentions that EAC doesn't take responsibility for updating their policies with university policy changes, it's also the candidate's responsibility.

Sejal motions to approve Article F.

Brian seconds.

Reaa says article F is not complete. Doesn't recommend making a motion.

Sejal rescinds her motion.

For the next section, **Reaa** mentions specifics about campaigning in libraries, residence halls, RSO's or classrooms. There needs to be explicit proof of written consent for the RSO or classroom.

Ashwin takes any comments, questions, or concerns for all of Article F.

Brian motions to approve entire section.

Sejal seconds

Article F passes unanimously at 6:31 pm.

For Article G, **Reaa** talks about the specifics and context for the new official advertisement form. Not mandated, but EAC advocates for candidates to submit advertisements to that.

Sejal motions to approve Article G

Brian seconds

Article G passes unanimously at 6:32 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- *Team Bonding*
- *EPP Schedule*

Not covered during meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian motions to adjourn.

Sejal seconds

Non objectionable. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.