



Associated Students of the University of Washington

Board of Directors | [Agenda](#) | Session 125

November 20, 2025 | Husky Union Building 303 | 5:30 PM

The ASUW acknowledges the stewards of Coast Salish lands, the lands on which we currently sit, and the UW occupies. We acknowledge the original and current caretakers; Duwamish, Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot nations and peoples.

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Call to Order

Sonal calls this meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call | 16 total. *10 voting. 6 quorum | # present (P). # excused (E). # absent (A).

AE | *President – **Nandana Jaideep**

P | *Vice President – **Sonal Virk**

P | Director of Personnel – **Owen Rivera**

AE | Director of Finance and Budget – **Khushi Loomba**

AE | Director of Communications – **Peyton Sax**

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

P | *Director of Diversity Efforts – **Valeria Perez-Levy**

P | *Director of University Affairs – **Kate Lawson**

AE | *Director of Programming – **Grace Clarke**

AE | *Director of Community Relations – **Jessica Phan**

AE | *Director of Campus Partnerships – **Audriana Scott**

P | *GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs – **Juan Mora**

P | *Student Senate Speaker – **Erick Jacobsen**

P | Board of Directors Coordinator – **Caroline Huguely**

P | Associate Director of Student Activities – **Marshall Traverse**

AE | Husky Union Building Director – **Carrie Moore**

Public Forum

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Kate motions to approve.

Erick seconds.

Agenda approved with unanimous consent. 5:38 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

None.

Consent Agenda

None.

New Business

- [BOARD BILL 3.18 - An Act to Allocate \\$15,000 for the Renewal of the New York Times Games Group Subscription](#)

Sonal reads Board Bill 3.18 aloud in its entirety.

Erick asks if there will be a separate Board Bill to cover NYT Cooking.

Sonal explains that she thought the total \$15,000 incorporated both NTY Games and Cooking. She says she will share it with the Board via Teams to review, but she can't share the entire contract publicly.

Kate says it looks like the \$15,000 doesn't include NYT Cooking.

Ashwin says this doesn't include cooking.

Sonal explains that they are reducing the code amount because not enough people were utilizing the program. She says this Board Bill will cover the 8,000 codes for NYT Games. She says the money for the 5,000 NYT Cooking codes will be a separate Board Bill. She explains that the only contract that she has been sent so far is for NYT Games.

Ashwin says he is okay if the NYT Cooking codes are covered by a separate Board Bill.

Erick motions to approve.

Ashwin seconds.

Board Bill 3.18 passes 5.0.1. 5:46 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 3.19 - An Act to fund EAC's marketing efforts for 2025-2026](#)

Ashwin reads Board Bill 3.19 aloud in its entirety.

Reaa points to a funding breakdown in the references. She explains that they slightly overestimated the total amount to cover taxes and unforeseen expenses. She says the total \$16,5000 will cover an ASUW elections petting zoo, EAC merch for the voting period, a bouncy castle, a photobooth, face painting, goodie bags, and games.

Juan asks if EAC has done these things in the past for elections.

Reaa explains the bouncy house has been done by EAC in the past. She says the petting zoo is new to EAC, but OGR has done it before, and they will use the same service as them.

Erick asks why this wasn't calculated into EAC's funding request last year. He says if this is a recurring cost, it would be a clearer on the ASUW budget.

Reaa explains that she discussed this with **Khushi**. She says that the funding deadlines had passed last year before they knew they were going to pursue these initiatives. She says that **Khushi** supported taking this from the general fund this year.

Juan asks how having a bouncy house or petting zoo will directly impact students' motivation to vote. He asks if there will be tabling efforts next to the petting zoo.

Reaa says the bouncy house is only for the ASUW Fair, which is a carnival to celebrate ASUW entities that happens right before the elections. She adds that 148 RSOs have already signed up to table at the fair. She says the ASUW Fair is beneficial because it makes ASUW appear less bureaucratic. She adds that there will be tabling next to the petting zoo, and it will fall in line with how they usually table during the elections period. She says the petting zoo will give EAC and the ASUW election more advertising.

Kate explains that she oversaw OGR's petting zoo this year, and part of the entry to the zoo was getting people to sign a pledge to vote. She says this is something they can replicate for the ASUW election. She explains that they can't require anyone to vote in the ASUW elections, but they could require people to sign a pledge to vote in the ASUW elections.

Owen adds that a large part of the ASUW Fair is the Presidential Forum, so that will help increase turnout as well because the incentives will bring people in.

Sonal explains that she also talked to **Reaa** last year about this being excluded from EAC's budget. She adds that any of this funding that goes unused will return to the general fund. She says it is very important to allow the student population to vote, and students are often incentivized by things like bouncy castles and petting zoos.

Erick motions to approve.

Kate seconds.

Board Bill 3.19 passes 5.0.1. 5:57 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 5.04 \(R-31-30\) A Resolution Calling on UW Administrators to Protect the Rights of Immigrant and Trans Students on Campus](#)

Erick reads Board Bill 5.04 aloud in its entirety.

Valeria shares her support for this Bill. She explains, however, that she has already pursued the sanctuary campus initiative to little success. She says **Ricky**, the VP of OMA&D, told her that since the city of Seattle is a sanctuary city, UW-Seattle is automatically a sanctuary campus. She explains that the University is hesitant to establish the sanctuary campus as an official title because it will only give the campus more federal attention and risk further budget cuts.

Kate shares her support for this Bill.

Ashwin motions to approve.

Ashwin rescinds his motion.

Sonal explains that she supports this Bill as well, but she does worry about declaring UW as a sanctuary campus because it makes the school even more of a federal target.

Kate says this Bill is not binding and is only a request. She says if the city of Seattle is already a sanctuary city, the sanctuary campus title could be seen negligible.

Ashwin motions to approve.

Owen seconds.

Board Bill 5.04 passes unanimously. 6:06 pm.

Old Business

- [BOARD BILL 1.02 \(SB-31-6\) An Act to Address Adequate and Affordable Housing for Students and Establish Shared Campus Planning Meetings](#)

Erick reads the summary in the Bill aloud.

Erick says this was first passed by the Senate and then recommitted by the Board a few weeks ago. He says that **Dylan**, the Bill's sponsor, worked with **Nandana** to make all the requested amendments. He reads all the new amendments from lines 44-74.

Ashwin says last time one of the main concerns with the Bill was over whether the listed committees were willing to take student representatives. He asks if there is any clarification with that.

Erick says as far as he is aware, they have not heard back from any of the listed committees. He explains that these committees already have student representatives, but they are not appointed by ASUW. He says this is something GAVEL and OGR can work on following the Bill's passage. He explains that he believed the main concern was the housing meeting being listed as a committee instead of a forum—a problem that has been addressed by the new amendments.

Ashwin explains that if they are amending the Bylaws to include these committees, he thinks there should be more communication and approval from these committees before they pass this. He says he likes the housing forum portion of this Bill, but he still has concern over the ASUW appointees to these committees.

Erick says that is a valid concern. He says because they already have student representatives, it is his expectation that these committees would accept an ASUW appointed at-large member. He says that they can't recommit this Bill again, and they can only veto or pass it at this point.

Kate explains that this isn't a large enough concern to warrant a veto. She says that passage of the Bill and then denial from the committees would be better than a veto.

Ashwin asks if this Bill is passed and then the committees deny ASUW's at-large appointee request, would they then re-amend the Bylaws with another Board Bill to remove the change.

Erick says yes. He explains that if the committees get back to ASUW in time, then they can include that in the Judicial Committee's current proposed changes to the Bylaws. He adds that if the committees were to deny ASUW's request, there would not be any legal urgency to remove the language from the Bylaws.

Sonal asks if the Director of Campus Partnerships will be in charge of appointing all these individuals to these committees.

Erick says yes.

Sonal asks if the first iteration of this Bill requested that the DCP was to sit on these committees.

Erick says the expectation was for the DCP to oversee the process and advocate for housing issues, which raised concern over redundancy and overlap with the DOLA and President's roles.

Kate motions to approve.

Erick seconds.

Board Bill 1.02 passes 5.0.1. 6:16 pm.

Executive Session

None.

Funding Updates

None.

Discussion Items

Sonal says they will go around and give updates.

Erick says the Student Senate has passed two new bills, and they have finally worked through all the legislation that carried over from last year. He explains there is currently one Joint Resolution in the works, and there are 17 people who are currently thinking about writing legislation. He says that 45 ideas for legislation were submitted at the Senate's Resolution Revolutions event last month. He explains that UW President, **Dr. Robert Jones**, held his Presidential Forum on Tuesday, and it went very smoothly. He adds that they are working on scheduling Provost **Tricia Serio** for a future forum.

Ashwin explains that the Judicial Committee members are reviewing the Bylaws now that the EPP has passed. He explains that Judicial Committee members have been tasked with an ASUW "reach out" for the Winter Quarter so they can contact RSOs and promote ASUW resources. He says that after the Legislative Reception last night he was discussing someone's nonprofit, which refurbishes educational materials and passes them on to underprivileged communities. He says he reached out to **Khushi**, and he would like to work with STF to start a similar program.

Caroline explains that, as always, she has been working on minutes. She says she has been sending out her weekly BOD Updates emails, which recap the past week's Board meeting. She says, once a month, that email includes personal BOD Updates. She asks everyone to fill out the form with their updates.

Sonal says she has been conducting the internal renovations project study, and she has received about 20 responses from employees so far. She explains that she was selected by **Nandana** to be the student representative for the UW Strategic Planning Committee, which will help plan the next five years for the UW. She says they are planning for the next five years for UW. She explains that she has been working with **Owen** and **Khushi** on starting their Personnel and F&B Committees. She says both committees did exercises to give their members a rundown of the work they will be doing. She explains that she worked with **Owen** on redoing the internal report system. She says they have created a form this year instead of a document, and 1 on 1 check ins for the report will start next week. She adds that she has been working on merch and rebranding for ASUW entities with **Peyton**. She shouts out ASUW employees for doing great work and completing all of their hours. She says she has been serving on the STF Committee, Personnel Committee, F&B Committee, JCC, and the HUB Board of Representatives. She says she has been coordinating office supplies and keeping in touch with Office & Overhead. She says that she has been working with **Valeria** to reach out to students and address their concerns and support them. She explains that she got to represent ASUW at the Board of Regents last week, where she presented the

Legislative Agenda to them. She adds that she just saw the HUB's surplus so employees can get furniture items for free.

Owen explains that the Personnel Committee has begun, and they have been working on hiring trainings so the committee can get hands-on experience. He says the internal quarterly report was sent out on Wednesday, and it will be due at the end of week 11. He explains that there is also an option for employees to fill out the form or ask any questions with **Owen** and **Sonal** on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 pm – 3pm. He adds that he has been working with the HUB surplus and seeing what old appliances they can get taken out of ASUW offices.

Kate explains that she has been going to all her various faculty meetings. She says in the Faculty Council on Academic Standards, they discussed options and majors and how to streamline that system. She explains they are most likely going to codify options within the University system. She says the Faculty Council on Research discussed how to get research and federal funding back into the university system. She explains that she has convened an informal AI Policy taskforce, and they have met twice so far. She says that they have been looking at AI Policy in two ways: one lens looks at AI as a helpful tool, and the other lens looks at AI as something that harms students' ability to learn. She explains they are exploring the idea of requiring professors to have AI policies and streamlined AI policies between class series. She explains that she has been working on streamlining communication with the College of Engineering. She says she has been in constant contact with mechanical engineering RSO leaders, and there are split opinions on how to go forward with this fee. She says she has been talking with **Marshall** and others on investigating other RSO special agreements with their departments, specifically UW EMT and UW Medicine's agreement. She explains they are exploring different ways mechanical engineering RSOs can recategorize themselves to avoid the \$250 fee, but it may come with lowered autonomy.

Valeria announces that edition 2 of the JCC newsletter will be released this upcoming Monday. She explains that they have also started planning JCC week. She says all events have been solidified, so they are just working out the small details now. She says the Diversity Leadership Conference planning is going well, and they are now solidifying workshop topics. She adds that she went to the Board of Regents DEI Council meeting, where she learned some stuff that is disheartening. She explains that she and Asian Student Commission Director, **Anyia**, discussed an idea to connect high school students from South Seattle and Tacoma to ASUW and UW.

Juan explains that he doesn't have too many updates, but he has been consistently working on ICE efforts. He says his main project at the moment is planning the GPSS Winter Ball.

Sonal asks for the time and location of the GPSS Winter Ball.

Juan says the Winter Ball is on December 5 at Mary Gates Hall Commons from 7 pm – 10 pm.

Sonal thanks everyone for their hard work.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Ashwin motions to adjourn.

Erick seconds.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 6:37 pm.