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CALL TO ORDER

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Erick Jacobsen reads the following statement: The ASUW Student Senate acknowledges the Indigenous peoples of this land, and the land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot nations, and the Duwamish peoples, whose land our university currently occupies. It is our role and responsibility as guests to understand how our impact entangles the caretakers.

APPROVAL OF SENATE AGENDA

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the approval of the agenda, do I hear any motions? I will go to Julia.

Julia Tanner moves to add questions to vice chair elections under committee meetings

Erick Jacobsen: We forgot to do this in steering so this is just correcting my mistake.

Wesley Andrus seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Erick Jacobsen: We still have not approved the agenda; do I hear any motions?

Pierce Wallbaum: So I've spoken to some of the other sponsors on R-31-25 and just so you guys know, we're still going forward with talking with the Odegard council, but we're unfortunately not going to move forward with the bill.

Pierce Wallbaum moves to table 3-31-25 indefinitely

Shreyan Mitra seconds

Tanya Bhandari: Can I just get some clarification kind of for the record? And I'm sure for the other senators who were looking forward to this bill why it's being tabled indefinitely.

Tanya Bhandari objects

Pierce Wallbaum: So just for some context, um, the majority of the bill uses research that was written by a senator that is no longer in senate and is no longer here to represent that and we're not comfortable representing research that's not our own. Also a lot of the research is now outdated. So we have to go in and change that. And we spoke with Odegard Council and they actually requested that we don't move forward with the bill, considering that we weren't consulting them during the time of the writing and there's still more than willing to work with us now, so the bill is just no longer necessary. I definitely suggest anybody that wants to write a bill go ahead and do that, but for this bill, it's just no longer necessary.

Tanya Bhandari rescinds objection

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other objections?

Approved by raised hand vote

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve agenda

Grace Braidish seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to announcements and public comment you can line up over here and address the senate.

Abigail Appleyard: Hey everybody super fun topic, but the Health Center is having free STI testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea for people who are asymptomatic. The funding is provided by the wonderful ASUW. So thank you so much for that. We have a program on November 4th through the 18th for a variety of days and times, so if you have classes, don't worry about it. There's kind of those that work for you in your range. One of the really great features about this campaign is that none of your insurance information is reported. It is entirely free. It's not like we cover your co-pay. This is really great because if you're worried about maybe your parents seeing that you got this sort of test done and you just want to avoid that conversation altogether, you have that option. If you're interested, you can go to this page to get more info. There should be a link also that will be in the teams chat and sign up if it's something that you think would benefit you.

FORUMS

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to public forums we have one today from the Student Health Fee and that will be with Joseph, Husky Health, the Counseling Center, and LiveWell.

Joseph Riggio: Hi, you guys know me as Joseph Riggio, the Vice Speaker to Student Senate. But behind the scenes, I actually do a lot of work with student mental health as well. Part of the reason why I joined ASUW in the 1st place was because of student mental health issues. In the back over there is we have directors from Husky Health. I think Joel is joining us. Yeah, you guys can come up too. I know I was gonna introduce you guys and have that, but that plan, that ship has sailed. So if you guys want to come up to the front just so that way people can see you. As I'm talking about this issue, that'd be great. So while they're coming up here, we have Counseling Center, UW LiveWell, Husky Wealth. There's our units under the Services and Activities fee. I just want to get. Show of hands real quick. First of all, I just want to preface you do not need to participate in this little activity by raising your hands or not participate if you're uncomfortable giving any information about your utilization. And so I just want to preface this right now. But raise your hand if you yourself have used one of these services before from the Counseling Center, from Husky Health or from LiveWell. OK, great. Keep your hands up, but raise your hand now if you know somebody who has used those services. OK, great. Now everyone put your hands down and this is where it gets a little bit interesting. So raise your hand if you yourself or someone you know has experienced a mental health issue on campus or has suffered from psychological distress, depression, anxiety, so on and so forth. OK, let's so take a look around you see how many hands are up. This is why I do what I do. So I'm a resident advisor for context too. I've been on the front lines for a little while in terms of first year experiences. And I can tell you that year after year I see the same things over and over again. The National College Health Assessment as well as the University of Michigan's study Minds Health Assessment as well has launched pretty stark data on student mental health in colleges, nearly 40%. So 47.9% of college students disagreed or strongly disagreed that well-being was a priority at their college, justifying that the University of Washington must take a significantly more proactive approach in addressing student mental health. This is from a resolution that was passed last year. R-31-4 is to provide more. Funding to the counseling center. And so now I'm going to transition. That's a little bit of context for you into why for nearly a year and a half, members from ASUW and GPSS and the Services Activities Fee Committee have been working together with health units. To bring to you today, Health for every Husky or the Student Health fee. So a little bit about the fee. Currently our committee has proposed, or our health units have proposed a fee to our student committee that we're going to put on a campus survey starting November 6th. This is going to be \$125.00 per per quarter per student. And the fee would directly fund the Student Health Services, UW Counseling Center, Husky Health Center and LiveWell as well. And just for context, this fee is not health insurance. It is shared investment that supports on Campus Services available to all students regardless of insurance status. A little bit more about why it's needed. It would establish consistent funding to sustain and enhance historically underfunded health and well-being services that students rely on. Just judging from the previous raised hands or whatnot, these services are very much needed. We have that through utilization data too. Who does it impact? Well, everyone. In fact, college graduation and student mental health are directly linked. People who are experiencing poor mental health are much less likely to graduate than people who don't, but that is a bit

oversimplification. But I'm sorry, I don't have my notes in front of me for that one. How would we compare if we were to implement a Student Health fee to other universities? So looking at some of the other Big 10 schools, we're actually pretty much in the smaller range of what most universities in this chart do for their Student Health fee. And also just saying we would beat WSU as well in the Student Health Fee. I'm just going to point that out there too. So yeah, we would pay more less than students at most comparable institutions nationwide with this. And so I'm actually going to turn it over now to our health partners. I'll let them. Introduce themselves and come up to the mic one at a time, but I'm gonna go ahead and open our next PowerPoint. Let's see if I can do this from not now, please. Let's see if, Erick, why is your cursor so slow? OK, there we go. All right. So I'll transition over to our health units and let them introduce themselves.

Natacha Foo Kune: Hi everybody I'm Natacha Foo Kune and I'm the director for the Counselling Center.

Joel Schwartzkopf: Good Evening, My name is Joel Schwartzkopf, I'm the executive director at the Husky Health Center.

Shannon Bailee: Hi everyone, Shannon Bailee, Director of LiveWell Center for Health Promotion and Advocacy.

Natacha Foo Kune: In terms of the counseling center, hopefully you know who we are. I brought some postcards for you. Happy to pass those along to tell you a little bit about what we do. We are a mental health resource for all students who are currently enrolled and we want to be able to provide assistance with the whole range from like I'm having difficulty adjusting to college. I'm like struggling with a breakup right now to like I have full-blown depression. I'm suicidal. I like really struggling, right? And so we are here for all of that and we want to be able to help you get to wherever you need to go next, right? So it could be that short-term counseling is exactly what you need and we can. It could be that you're like, listen, I know I want to see someone every week for the entirety of my time here and we can get you connected with someone who can take your insurance and can help you with that. And we also provide crisis support and this year we've seen more utilization of our. Services so we can tell that students are hurting right now. Broadly, our services, we provide individual counseling. We also provide group therapy. And part of what's cool about group therapy is we can also you get to connect people with sometimes who share identities or experiences with you. Like we have a grief group, we have a queer table talk, role-playing game, therapy group. Believe it or not, we do workshops and presentations. We consult. If you're concerned about a friend or something like that, you're welcome to contact us and we can help you guide you through whatever you may need. At that point, we provide outreach services, crisis. Services. We have liaisons. We have counselors who are embedded in specific communities. You may know some of you who are located in, say, the Allen School or the College of Built Environment or Foster Pharmacy, etc. We have a counselor that's designated to work with students in that. And then we also have a drop in support with Let's Talk where most students tell us, I don't know if I need therapy. I know I'm struggling a bit, but I'm not sure like do I really need it? And Let's Talk is perfect for that because you just stop in, you talk to a counselor and then we can help

you get A-frame for that. We also, if you love dogs, we have paws for a break and that's on the 4th floor of Schmidt's and we have a schedule for that online resources for faculty, staff, parents and then Husky Helpline. You'll see on the postcard the phone number for that. This is like, you know, you're struggling and it operates. 24/7. If you're having a panic attack at 4:00 in the morning, guess what? There's a resource for you and you can call the Husky hotline for that. And then we can also refer you to resources off campus if that's what you need. And we offer limited psychiatry services. Somebody said earlier, you know the insurance piece, we do bill insurance, but we we are super for us, it's super important that it's not a barrier for you. So if somebody doesn't have insurance, we can do two things. One, obviously we bill the services and activities fee for. The cost of that, which means there's no cost to you, to any of the students for counseling. And then if a student says I still don't want to bill my insurance, we won't bill it. And because to us, access matters way more. So with that I will stop.

Joel Schwartzkopf: I will make sure to save you 2 1/2 minutes and I'll just see what I can do. Thank you, leadership. Thank you, Senators. I really appreciate your time tonight. I appreciated the show of hands earlier too. I couldn't really see it, but I know from the data that we reviewed that utilization at the Student Health Center does not match with the utilization of healthcare services is across the student body. So you heard Joseph mentioned the National College Health Assessment. We know that 70% of students in that representative sample had utilized a medical clinic within the last 12 months at Husky Health Center. We're in the low 20% in terms of eligible students, but we're at maximum capacity, which I think is fascinating. So. Students are coming in and using the services that are available to them and those that aren't able to get in are spilling it out into the community. What we are doing is a fantastic job of meeting the needs of the students that we do serve. And so we served 7% more students in the last fiscal year than we did in the year before that. And if you're a junior or senior, you probably noticed a pretty significant shift in the Student Health Center compared to when you started here as a first year student. Now if you're in your first year or your sophomore year, hopefully you've seen our branding. Our on campus for students tagline is there to remind you all that we are right across the street and here when you're sick, injured or need a preventative visit and want to talk to one of our. Medical providers, but our mission, vision and values really is to be student focused, student centered and to provide you with the best return on investment possible. The college age student population is the most significant portion of the US population to be uninsured. And so we've worked really closely with SAF. We worked really closely with ASUW to find ways to bridge that gap. Everything from what you just heard about STI testing to working with UW Medicine down the hill to participate in financial assistance so that folks don't have to stop out of class. Because they encounter unexpected medical expenses. I'm probably like, right at 2 1/2 minutes, aren't I? Yeah. Did I nail it? Wow. That'd be a lesson to you. Serving student government will forever affect your internal clock. All right, I'm gonna turn it over now to Shannon Bailey with Livewell and Jack.

Shannon Bailee: So within Livewell, we actually have an umbrella of services. We do a lot of things. So we have our confidential advocacy that provides confidential support to individuals who've been impacted by sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking or sexual harassment. It is the

place you can go on campus and be completely anonymous and find out within the umbrella confidentiality what resources are available to you. What does it look like to report either to the university or to the police? We help make sure students are informed about their rights and their options, and then we support them no matter what they choose to do. Nobody is forced to report. It's all up to the students, but we make sure that students have all the information so that they can make informed choices for themselves. We have our suicide intervention program that works with students who are impacted by suicidality. So friends, RAs faculty may hear of a student who's struggling. Maybe they said something. We'll make sure that we reach out and make sure that they're connected. If they're already connected, fantastic. We just want to affirm that. If not, we make sure they get connected. We don't let students slip through the cracks. Vitaly important to make sure that students feel supported and have a place to go on campus. We have our alcohol and other drug program. So again, another private program where students can learn about their individual options or choices. We're not a just say no, no service. We want to make sure students know that if they choose to use substances, how those substances may interact with them, how that hangs, like social norms, are they above the average in use or are they struggling and want to know what resources are available to them? We also have our amazing peer health educators, who I'm sure you all have heard about before, who go out and give a variety of workshops across campus on all sorts of preventative topics. So everything from sleep to sexual assault prevention to mental health, really peer-to-peer education is a huge part of what we do, making sure that students have the opportunity to be these educators and to go out and have these conversations. Cuz we know students like to hear from other students. As much as we all love to talk and talk to you about what it is we do, we know the impact of student to student peer education is huge. So we really are invested in our peer health education. Let's see, what else do we have? We have all these things. We have peer support groups, Wellness supply kits. Did I leave anything? Sunny, did I leave anything else out? OK, all right, great.

Joseph Riggio: So this is a QR code that'll take you to a Microsoft form where you can just put any questions that you have. I'm also gonna stay behind this meeting too. If you have questions for me, as it happens to be, I'm the chair of the unofficial Student Planning Health Fee Planning Committee, so I will likely have answers because this was a lot of this is a lot of information, huge that like I don't want to just kind of like throw this out there and say it's not a big deal. It is a big deal. It does impact students and student finances and whatnot. So please come talk to me with your questions. Awesome. Erick's looking at me like I killed someone, so.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to nominations and elections, we will begin with the Joint Commissions Committee. Again, the JCC brings together ASUW's 9 diversity commissions and four advocacy programs. Our question for candidates is what does diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging mean to you and how would you utilize your experiences to facilitate communication between the Senate and JCC? Are there any nominations?

Joseph Riggio: Not a nomination but a question, Abby are you still wanting to run for this position, I know you came up to me earlier and wanted to rescind?

Abby Koech rescinds nomination

Erick Jacobsen: Y'all this is a very important committee. It meets weekly. You have a direct line to our Director of Diversity Efforts and all of our diversity commissions. If you are at all interested, I highly recommend running for this position. I'll go to Husna.

Husna Chepkemboi: I'd like to ask a clarification question. I still don't understand what the JCC is for. Can you explain more about it? What's the main role there?

Erick Jacobsen: Yes, thank you. Good question. So the JCC basically just brings together these commissions and programs and it's a line of communication between all of these different parts of ASUW, all of our diversity commissions, as well as the Office of International Student Advocacy. The Office of Inclusive Design, the Sexual, Assault and Relations and Violence Activists and the Office of Student Health Relations. And it just brings all of these people together, all these ASUW employees, and they share information on what events they're running, what initiatives they're planning? and as the Senate liaison, you would basically report on all that to us and you'd report on what's happening in Senate so that everyone in JCC is aware of what's going on here. It's mainly for facilitating communication.

Husna Chepkemboi nominates herself

Jenna Miller nominates Pierce Wallbaum

Pierce Wallbaum respectfully declines

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations

Husna Chepkemboi elected by acclamations

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the Personnel Committee, the ASUW Personnel Committee is responsible for overseeing job description changes, personnel policies, and ASUW employee hirings. The question is, what do you think makes a good ASUW employee and how would you pursue equitable hiring practices within ASUW? Are there any nominations?

James Yu nominates himself

Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nominations period is closed and if the candidates would like to come up to the front. You will have 15 seconds for an introduction, 30 seconds for answering the question, and 15 more seconds for a conclusion. We will start with Skylar. You have 15 seconds whenever you're ready.

Skylar Fridrikkson: Hello, my name is Skylar Fridrikkson and I am this year's Elections Administration Committee representative and Outreach intern. And yeah, I'm happy to be here.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you Skylar, James you have 15 seconds whenever you're ready.

James Yu: Hello, my name is James, and I am a SAS major here at UW and I used to work in a small company, and I was Co-manager where I worked on hiring and volunteer selection.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you James. If you could stay up here, we'll go in reverse order for answering the question. You will have 30 seconds. Would you like me to repeat the question? The question is the ASUW Personnel Committee is responsible for overseeing job description changes, personnel policies, and ASUW employee hirings. What do you think makes a good ASUW employee and how would you pursue equitable hiring practices within ASUW? Whenever you're ready.

James Yu: Well, I think most of us here are here for one or two reasons. Either we're here because we want to try new experiences or that we're here because we want to add a bit of a flare to our resume. Now I feel like passion is a very important thing. For these kind of positions, and I think without passion, you can't really drive real change. And my goal here would be to try to bring these people forward, people who have passion they want, they want to actually promote real change.

Erick Jacobsen: That is time. Thank you. Moving on to Skylar, you have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Skylar Fridrikson:

OK. Thank you. Moving on to Skylar. I think our live captions got messed up. There we go. OK, Skylar, you have 30 seconds. Would you like me to repeat the question? No, thank you. All right, whenever you're ready. All right. I'm going into my second year of experience in policy through the EAC. That is a very different process through elections. This position has given me significant experience in equitable and fair practice when admitting someone into a position. In this position, I would advocate for the requirement of all ASUW affiliated entities to inform applicants when they do not receive the application. This promotes equity and transparency within our organization, which is a high value for me and something I would prioritize throughout my role.

Erick Jacobsen: That is time. Can you stay up here for a 15 second conclusions whenever you're ready.

Skylar Fridrikson: I have experience in both Senate from last year and in the hiring process through my participation in the election season. I'm committed to ensuring that people feel that ASUW is accessible to all students and that they feel their services are equitable. Thank you for the consideration.

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to James, you have 15 seconds whenever you're ready.

James Yu: People come and go, but it's those who are actually passionate about what they're talking about. Those people stay, those people stay through hardships. And that's the people that I want to bring in to ASUW. So please vote for me to make that a reality.

Joseph Riggio: If you are proxying for someone we still don't have a good process for that so just teams me your proxy's vote. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Alright we will be closing voting soon.

Drumroll commences.

Skylar Fridrikson elected personnel committee liaison

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the Husky Health Student Advisory Board Liaison Nominations and Elections. Our question for this is what disparities in student access to Husky Health have you observed and what services do you think are missing? Are there any nominations?

Jesse Luu nominates himself

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations you may nominate yourself or someone else. With that, the nominations period is closed and if the candidates would like to please come up to the front. As with previous elections, you will have 15 seconds for introductions, 30 seconds to answer the question, and 15 seconds for conclusion. We'll start with Luke. Whenever you're ready.

Luke Allen: Hi everybody. My name is Luke Allen. I'm a junior here at UW and previously I served. I went to Pierce College just about an hour South and I was the Vice President on their student government. So I have lots of experience and hearing out different opinions and just overall representing a large diversity body of students.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you. Moving on to Jesse, you have 15 seconds whenever you're ready.

Jesse Luu: My name is Jesse Liu. I'm intending to go into the neuroscience major, and I have volunteered at Everett Swedish Hospital and Roosevelt Clinic, and I have had exposure to healthcare and know what policies work and don't work, and more importantly, what can make our Health Center better.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you. And if you could stay up here, we'll have 30 seconds to answer the question. We'll go in reverse order. Would you like me to repeat the question? The question is what disparities in student access to Husky Health have you observed and what services do you think are missing? Whenever you're ready.

Jesse Luu: I believe there are disparities in accessibility and affordability. The Husky Health Center closes pretty early at 5:00 PM. If we are considering expanding Odegaard's hours, we should also consider expanding the Health Center's hours. Additionally, students have issues with insurance. Many students. Aren't able to get their insurances accepted at the Health Center and need to travel all the way to places like Capitol Hill to get care. In addition, affordable insurance should be expanded to more students, like out-of-state students who already have to pay so much. I want to change these things and more.

Erick Jacobsen: Alright, thank you. Moving on to Luke, would you like me to repeat the question? The question is what disparities in student access to Husky health have you observed and what services do you think are missing? You have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Luke Allen: I think Jesse raises a great point that insurance coverage is one of the greatest barriers. And so while many of us are lucky to be included on our parents insurance plans or were able to be

covered by the state, specifically undocumented students and out-of-state students receive a lot less coverage and are actually not included under these benefits. And so if I was elected to this board, I would love to advocate for a equity based Husky Health Affordable Affordability Care package so that our funds can go towards specifically undocumented students. They're receiving an unequitable level of care.

Erick Jacobsen: That is time thank you. Please stay up here for a 15 second conclusion whenever you're ready.

Luke Allen: A vote for me is a vote for equitable services and making sure that our funds are being allocated towards those who need it the most and making sure that we can all, you know, as a community, care for those who are maybe not as fortunate as us.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you. Jesse, you have 15 seconds for a conclusion whenever you're ready.

Jesse Luu: There are already so many barriers to healthcare in the US, and I agree with Luke's stance on equitability. And I believe that if you vote for me, you will vote for somebody that will break down such barriers, but I do think that we're both great candidates.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you and round of applause for both our candidates.

Drumroll commences

Jesse Luu elected Husky Health Student Advisory Board Liaison

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the UPASS student advisory board. The question is UPASS Student Advisory Board governs the student UPASS fee, which funds student access to public transportation. What budgetary management experience do you have and how will you prioritize increased access for commuter students in board? Meetings This is paid.

Aiden Reeder: I just wanted to say that I believe meetings for this are Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00

Sam Parlotz nominates himself

Jude Belland nominates himself

Kayla Gorospe nominates herself

Erick Jacobsen: All right, with that, the nominations period has closed and if the candidates would like to please come to the front of the room. This is a very competitive election. We'll begin with Shreyan. You will have 15 seconds for an introduction whenever you're ready.

Shreyan Mitra: Hi, everyone. I'm Shreyan. I'm a second year in the Senate and I'm an out-of-state student without a car, so I know how invaluable public transportation is. I am running to keep public transportation accessible and affordable for all students.

Aiden Reeder: Hi everyone, I'm Aiden Reeder. I'm a third year senator. I am your current Services and Activities Fee liaison, and I was your previous UPASS liaison. I would love to do it again for you all.

Ishaan Verma: Hey, everyone. I'm Ishaan. I'm a second year at UW studying environmental science and political science. You guys were so kind as to elect me for the Student Sustainability Committee last week and nominate me for this. So thank you very much. Please vote for me.

Sam Parlotz: My name is Sam Parlatz. I am a senior in political science with subsections in math and physics, and I also have formal government work dealing with budgets.

Jude Belland: My name is Jude Belland and I'm one of two residence hall senators from Stevens Court. I'd like to shout out Isaac. In the last two years since passing my national accounting exam, I've worked as a petty cashier for a theme park and a full time accountant for a restaurant.

Kayla Gorospe: Hi, my name is Kayla. I'm a finance and accounting major. I served as a consultant for BIG and I also interned at a nonprofit organization for accounting.

Erick Jacobsen: All right. Well, we'll move on to Kayla for the question. You have 30 seconds. Would you like me to repeat the question? The question is UPASS Student Advisory Board governs the Student UPASS Fee, which funds student access to public transportation. What budgetary management experience do you have and how will you prioritize increased access for commuter students in board meetings?

Kayla Gorospe: So I've interned at a nonprofit organization before, so I have a lot of experience with budgeting under tight restraints and allocating resources efficiently to still deliver impact regardless. I also commute every day for more than 10 hours every week and know many commuters as well. So I definitely see first-hand where access is great and sometimes where it falls short. So yeah, I could bring my perspective in identifying unrepresented commuter needs to advocate for smarter and more equitable access to students and board decisions.

Jude Belland: Besides my aforementioned experience as an accountant, I worked in the Financial Management Office of the US Embassy in Bangkok, where I was responsible for developing a database that provided locally employed staff more equitable pay that was then implemented in 20 embassies across East Asia. And in terms of commuting, I commute two to three times a week to my sister's house in Cap Hill riding the 48. I understand how essential it is for commuter and mobility limited students to act to have affordable access to travel to the university.

Sam Parlotz: All right. I have a budget experience with government accounts and interstate trips. For increased access I feel we have to need Zoom meetings and emails so people can be more aware of what's happening to UPASS. And then my main goal for UPASS is to reduce the price to \$60.00 instead of 73 days this quarter. In 2023 it was \$90.00 and in 2022 the UPASS surplus was near \$8.86 million

Ishaan Verma: Ok, I'm gonna speedrun the experience stuff 'cause it's kind of boring. This summer I helped draft and pass portions of the environmental bond bill in Massachusetts, which kind of gave different grants to a bunch of different environmental projects across the state. I'm gonna go with my sustainability because that's kind of my shtick. I think what a lot of us need to realize is sustainability is a privilege for a lot of us who just use public transportation because we're around. I think bringing that privilege to commuter students and extending bus routes to and around campus is really important because commuter students, frankly, shouldn't have to decide.

Aiden Reeder: When I was in U Pass, I was able to directly translate the funding gathered from your fees into active and usual services, such as researching expansions into Night Ride and further connectivity through social media. I have two previous projects I would like to continue working on, which are extension of U Pass to State ferries, not just the fast ferry, which will give expanded options to clean your students and one where they come to our campus from the establishment of an endowment from the excess reserves generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hopes as revenue can limit the yearly increase the US being eventually halted so that our generation future ones can benefit from this opportunity.

Shreyan Mitra: So I have experience in both budgeting and transportation. I was recognized by the American Railroad and Transportation Builders Association as a national scholar for my work on studying the effect of COVID-19 pandemic supply chain disruption on public transportation. I've also managed more than \$400 million in budget as part of my school district working on making transportation safer, more sustainable and accessible. Now the main things, what are the three things I will do if I'm elected? I will improve the night ride service to keep our students safe. I will lower the UPASS fee and I'll create anonymous survey so that everyone can.

Shuchita Ajmera: Hi, I'm Shuchita. I managed a \$200,000 budget at Econometrics, which was a initiative I founded coordinating national economics events and ensuring efficient fund allocation. Also at Harvard, I analyzed resource allocation.

Erick Jacobsen: That is time. You will have 30 seconds to respond to the question. Would you like me to ready the question? The question is UPASS Student Advisory Board governs the Student UPASS fee, which funds student access to public transportation. What budgetary management experience do you have, and how will you prioritize increased access for commuter students in board meetings? Whenever you're ready, you have 30 seconds.

Shuchitha Ajmera: On the board. I would apply that experience to prioritize affordable data informed transit solutions that will improve access for commuter students, including obviously the night shifts.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you. We will now go for conclusions in reverse order, starting with Shreyan. You have 15 seconds whenever you're ready.

Shreyan Mitra: In conclusion, I bring years of experience in budgeting and transportation, a first-hand understanding of public transportation as a university student, and a proven passion for

advocating for my peers. I hope I'll be fortunate enough to get your vote, and I look forward to fighting for you on the UPASS Advisory Board. Thank you.

Aiden Reeder: I spent the last two summers as commuter working in Seattle, so I understand how tiring it can be. Again, I've worked with EU Pass last year and I would like to continue the momentum I be on the projects I've described. Vote for me.

Ishaan Verma: All right. Yeah. So I was saying it's frankly ridiculous that our commuters have to either put up with the really inconsistent bus or the unsustainable cars. I think a vote for me is a vote for sustainability and a vote for freedom for commuters. Thank you.

Sam Parlotz: I believe that we should lower the UPASS price at this outrageously expensive. Especially last few years, it was around \$93 and there's a lot more surplus in there than there should be.

Jude Belland: Moving on to Jude, you have 15 seconds for our conclusion. Whenever you're ready. I may not have the statistics. I may not have too many experiences as a first year, but I vow to each and every one person here that at these student boards I will guard against the UW schools administration's often opaque and unilateral budgeting decisions that often cut us out of our processes.

Kayla Gorospe: As a commuter myself, for ever since I was a little teen, I think it could bring in some good perspectives from both the personal and financial standpoint. And these decisions greatly affect me and many people I know. So I know I put a lot of time and good effort into this. So yeah please vote for me.

Shuchita Ajmera: I would make the UPASS more affordable and and accessible by expanding subsidies, improving transit coverage and adding safer night ride options for late commuters. So vote for me.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you all, round of applause for our candidates.

James Yu: Can we just have all the candidates restate their names because yeah there's a lot of people.

Erick Jacobsen: Alrighty we're going to close the voting form now We'll move on to the next election. We are calculating and we will announce it when it's ready. We're moving on to the First Year Experience Student Advisory Council Nominations and Elections. Our question is how will you consider the first year experiences of yourself and your peers when advising on programming? We have 3 nominees already, but if there are any nominations, now is the time.

Ava Wahl nominates herself

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations? With that, the nominations period is closed and if our 4 candidates would like to come up, please. As always, you will have 15 seconds in order that you are listed in order to make introduction, starting with Husna. Whenever you're ready

Husna Chepkemboi: Hi, I'm Husna and my major is undecided. I'm representing Hall Council.

Zain Asif: Hi, I'm Zain Asif, I'm a first year transfer. I'm a junior. I'm coming from a Community College down in Olympia.

Mihika Lall: Hi everyone. My name is Mihika. I'm a first year intending to major in Environmental Studies and econ. I have previous experience being on the Student Advisory Council and I hope that you guys vote for me to be a rep this year.

Ava Wahl: Hello, my name is Ava. I'm a first year intending to major in poli sci and LSJ, and I have previous experience on club council at a Community College, planning student activities.

Erick Jacobsen: All right. And if you could stay up here, you have 30 seconds for the question. Would you like me to repeat it? The question is, how will you consider the first year experiences of yourself and your peers when advising on programming? Whenever you're ready.

Ava Wahl: Being a first year can be a pretty scary experience, especially when we're still trying to find our interests and identities. Like many, I'm still struggling to find exactly where I fit in at UW, and I'm often overwhelmed by the sheer amount of opportunities and experiences here on campus. I want to ensure that we offer both relaxing and engaging programs for first-year students, where we not only introduce first-year students to the plethora of campus opportunities and resources, but also give them tools and tips for how to choose their specific interests and find their personalized path to campus. We should also prioritize creating a welcoming inclusive space for neurodivergent students.

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to Mihika, you have 30 seconds, would you like me to repeat the question? The question is How will you consider the first-year experiences of yourself and your peers when advising on programming?

Mihika Lall: So I'll make sure to take both my own and my peers' first year experience into account by asking for first-hand feedback on what helped them in their transition to college and what some downsides were. Using that input, I hope to advocate for programs that make adjusting to all the aspects of the UW easier. Some examples of programs are time management workshops, mentorship opportunities, or community building events where they can meet new people. I want to ensure that every program reflects real student needs and helps first years feel supported and confident navigating their new environment.

Zain Asif: I bring a different perspective than some of the other candidates as I'm also a transfer. I used to run an Advisory board at my community college for graduating seniors and incoming freshmen, and I currently I'm on the hall council to plan events for everyone in my hall. A lot of them are either seniors or a lot of them are grad students as well.

Husna Chepkemboi: Personally, I would consider how I came in earlier as part of a different program that isn't the normal UW program and there is not many programs that's considered as

different children like homeschool kids who study internationally like it's so separated from the normal first year admission and whatever. So I plan on including every kid instead of a section

Erick Jacobsen: That is your time. You will have 15 seconds for a conclusion whenever you're ready.

Husna Chepkemboi: In most surveys that we did, there were always sections where if you are part of a minority group, you don't get the same advising as other kids, which is rightfully so, but I feel like that's kind of unfair to the other kids who are technically not minorities.

Zain Asif: One of the biggest issues coming to first year students and transfer students coming to UW is the lack of ability to make friends. And I believe during first year programs, we should have more virtual programs to help people make friends as well.

Mihika Lall: As someone who had to move almost 2000 miles away from home to be here, I understand how big of a change college can be, and I hope to make that transition easier for a current and incoming first years as your representative

Ava Wahl: Community and academics looks different for everyone. And as someone that's struggled with social anxiety and academic anxiety, I want to make sure that we can make campus a comfortable place for neurodivergent students and students with social anxiety so everyone can feel comfortable and find a space to belong and engage.

Erick Jacobsen: We have our UPASS Student Advisory Board results

Drumroll commences

Kayla Gorospe elected UPASS student advisory board liaison

Erick Jacobsen: We're working on calculating the winner, so we'll move on to the Finance and Budget Committee. This is an ASUW committee that handles our budget, which is well over \$1,000,000. I don't know the exact figure. Our question is what experience do you have with finance and budgeting and how will you apply it to this position?

Josue Villalobos nominates himself

Jude Belland nominates himself

Abigail Appleyard nominates **Kira McKey**

Kira McKey accepts

Erick Jacobsen: I don't know if it's been decided yet. It has. They're on Wednesdays at some time that we do not yet know. Probably in the evenings. They're usually in the evening, so you're busy Wednesday evenings probably cannot make it.

Jude Belland rescinds nomination

Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nominations period is closed and we are moving on to the Student Safety Advisory Board. This is an ASUW committee that advises our Director of Campus Partnerships. Question is what is 1 safety related issue that you've observed on campus and one way you would seek to solve that?

Sam Parlotz: Point of information when are meetings for this?

Erick Jacobsen: Meetings for the Student Safety Advisory Board have not been decided yet. Uh, they will be in conjunction with our Director of Partnerships. Usually when meetings in ASUW haven't been decided, they're very forgiving with your schedule framework as much as possible.

Sam Parlotz nominates himself

Skylar Best nominates herself

Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nominations period is closed, and we'll move on to the Hub Board of Representatives. The question is what experience do you have using the Hub's resources and what suggestions do you have for improving them? Meetings for this have been decided. The first one will be November 13th. I can get more information on the time, but in the meantime, are there any nominations? It will be meeting like once a quarter, so it's not a very high commitment at all.

Elizabeth McAleer nominates herself

Senator nominates **Gavin Horton**

Gavin Horton accepts

Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nominations period has closed, and I believe we have our results from our first Year Experience Student Advisory Council election.

Drumroll commences

Mihika Lall elected First Year Experiences Liaisons

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On campus affairs

Blair Yeh won On-Campus Committee Vice Chair in a ranked choice vote with two other candidates.

Off campus affairs

VC Nominations: Kavi Pasupathi

Kavi wins by acclamation

Introductions for new members

Bonding ideas

- Go get boba on the ave
- Hub bowling
- Hub Pool
- Log rolling at IMA
- Going to get food at some place
- Board games
- Mario cart
- Some sort of craft
- Movie night
- Board games
- Jazz concert on the ave (free)

General affairs

- Pierce takes attendance
- Pierce asks if there are any questions
- Vice chair nominations: Luisa Grande, Sarah Parker, Liam Knochen
- Sarah Parker wins

Academic and administrative affairs

Dylan explained vice chair position and how the elections would work. Jude and Detlef were the only two candidates. They were each given a minute to speak. Detlef received 16 votes, Jude received 7, there were no abstentions. Dylan then told the committee about the legislation coming up. We were then called back.

OLD BUSINESS

Erick Jacobsen: The attendance vote is now open

Joseph Riggio: Committee chairs if you can put your new Vice Chairs in the Steering teams chat that would be great. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Naomi Law moves to adjourn

Husna Chepkemboi Seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Adjourned 7:05 PM

Minutes Prepared by Jothsna Sundar

Clerk for the ASUW Student Senate
