



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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CALL TO ORDER

5:00 pm

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 THE AGENDA

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the approval of the agenda do I hear any motions?

Joseph Riggio moves to reorder liaison report and GAVEL report so GAVEL report comes first.

Abigail Appleyard seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Abigail Appleyard moves to approve the agenda

Adam Ford seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

LEADERSHIP REPORTS | [Erick Jacobsen](#), [Joseph Riggio](#), [Julia Tanner](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erick Jacobsen: We will move on now to the announcements and public comment period. If you have any announcements that you would like to make, you can line up over here at the microphone.

These can be announcements related to an RSO, an event, some initiative you're doing, a survey, whatever you want and the floor is open.

Abigail Appleyard: I'm feeling really fancy today in my blazer but I'm just cold. Hi everybody. I'm here to talk about the health fee, but instead of just asking you to fill it out, I am here to argue in favor of it a little bit. Currently, we know that the need for students to see a doctor is about 70%, and yet the Health Center only has about a 25% utilization by students on campus. This isn't because we're unpopular. In fact, our appointments are full 90 to 95% of the time, but it's rather that we don't have the capacity to help every student that we would like to. Using the health fee, we would be able to add medical providers, which would add, each provider would add 2000 appointments annually. to our calendar. We'd also be able to reduce wait times and improve care for uninsured students and underinsured students by reducing our dependence on billing insurance. Anyway, please fill it out. If that helps you support it, then that's great, but ultimately, I just care that everybody fills it out. Especially since you all are all undergrads. Thank you.

Kaitlyn O'Connor: Hi guys. So Huskies on the Hill is February 10th, 2026. So if you do not know, Huskies on the Hill is our annual student lobby day that ASUW holds with the tri-campus efforts. So Tacoma and Bothell and Seattle and super fun. We take you up to Olympia to discuss items on the legislative agenda and issues that pertain to students with legislators. So super cool networking opportunity and just a cool opportunity to like meet other people that have similar interests as you as well as advocate and lobby for student interests because somebody has to do it. So RSVPs are going to be lower this year just because of the small number of group sizes that we can have within the actual meetings. So if you're interested in that, again, super cool opportunity. But if you're interested in that, please get on the RSVP form

Erick Jacobsen: Adding on to that, that is a Tuesday. We know Senate will be canceled that day in order to accommodate for Huskies on the Hill. So it sounds like you all have some free time. It's really important to get people out to Olympia and lobby on our legislative priorities. This is from the legislative agenda that we passed. So if there's any issue from that legislative agenda that you care about. Then you should show up and make your voice heard for legislators.

Radcliffe Cushman: Hello, I'm part of YDSA and next week we're holding a textbook lending library drive. So basically we're going to be collecting textbooks and lab equipment to be able to create a basically a collection of textbooks and lab equipment that people can rent out for free so they can lower the cost of taking classes that have like pricey textbooks. So instead of having to buy a textbook, they can rent one for free and kind of lower the cost of their education. So basically if you want to give if you have extra textbooks you don't need no longer next week from December 8th to December 12th. There will be a box in Odegaard Library that you can drop your textbooks off and that would be great if you could drop them off and we can get this started and help people be able to afford their education. Thanks.

Jayden Kim: Hi everyone, I'm here on behalf of ETCH and I have a message for y'all. Are you interested in health promotion and volunteering in your community? Education Transforming Community Health, or ETCH, is a student-led volunteer organization that aims to provide health

and well-being related information to underserved communities in Seattle. We're looking for volunteers and officers to serve in our organization. I have a link so you guys can find me after, or you can go to etchseattle.org. Thank you.

Husna Chepkemboi: Hi everyone. I'm part of Hall Council and here's some events that are happening tomorrow in Terry Hall and Elm Hall. Terry Hall is for West Campus. Elm Hall is for North. There's cookie decorating from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Yeah, so come join us for Cookie and Cram.

Jenna Miller: Hey there, I'm Jenna. I'm the Co-Director of the Queer Student Commission, and on Friday we are having our first book club at the Q Center from 3:30 to 4:30. We're going to be reading Atmosphere. It's going to be super cool, super lit. You should come.

Erick Jacobsen: If you don't know where the Q Center is, it's just right upstairs and down the hall. Are there any other announcements?

FORUMS

Erick Jacobsen: Great, we will be moving on now. Moving on to forums, our first forum is the GAVEL report. For those of you who do not know, every quarter we have reports from our GAVEL committee and from our liaisons and Joseph Riggio as our Vice Speaker will be leading this, but all the members will be co-presenting, so if y'all would like to come up here.

Joseph Riggio: All right and really quick, I just want to say I fixed the GAVEL application form, so it works on the Linktree now. So if you want to save that application and put the dates on your calendar, it's open now. All right. So this is the GAVEL quarterly report. As Erick mentioned, we do this well every quarter. We also do a yearly report that will be a pretty large, encompassing document. You can actually find this information too on our Gavel SharePoint website that if you go to our teams like SharePoint website or whatnot, there's a GAVEL page that you can actually look and see what work we're currently doing. And so this presentation is going to be all the resolutions that we're currently tracking, what status is, what each resolution status is, as well as I'll invite some of the committee members to talk about their work and what they've done for the resolutions they've been tracking so far. And just want to give a quick introduction real quick. Addison, Blair, Detlef, Kavi, Sara and other Sarah. Sarah P. Our six GAVEL committee members so far, including myself as the chair. I just realized my oh, never mind. I'm feeling my name tag. I thought my quarter zip was not quarterly zipped. If you want to see the legislative tracker that if you access the presentation and go through that, this is also on the GAVEL page too. But this legislation tracker you can see all the work that we're doing, links to all the bills and whatnot. From the archives are there because part of our committee's job too is archiving the legislation or it's Vice Speaker's job, but historically it's also been GAVEL's job too. And so if you want to see what we've been doing and what not and what everything means and follow along in this presentation, I encourage

you to have this open. So we'll start with Sara. Do you want to come up and talk about Resolution 31-1?

Sara Ikeda: Hi, I'm Sara. I'm in charge of tracking Resolution R-31-1, which is the implementation of the Sustainability credit I've been working with. Erick, who is the prime sponsor of this bill. I've also been working with Seed members. Is Teddie in Senate? Teddie is also part of this. They have been working really hard on this as well, and I've also been working with Savannah from Seed, which is an environmental RSO as long as well as Meg and I'm losing my name and another member from UW Sustainability SEI and we've been working on creating a forum for specifically gathering support for the Sustainability Credit. We'll have that on January 21st on a Wednesday night and we'd love for support to come and we'll be inviting members of the Faculty Senate to present them about the information about this. I've also been working on R-31-6, which is the the financial literacy solution which is sponsored by Ashwin. And we met today with Megan and Courtney, who are in charge of the A&O programs. And we've been working on implementing financial literacy outside of A&O, such as creating working with BECU for creating a workshop for winter and spring admits, as well as future plans to make an Evergreen website so that people have access to financial literacy resources.

Joseph Riggio: Alright great and you can pass that on to Blair.

Blair Yeh: Hi, I'm in charge of R-30-5, which is a resolution on the difficulties facing international students and student health insurance. I've been working with the prime sponsor Francisco on this and I've contacted the OISA director Jenny on it and we've been talking about having a meeting when winter quarter starts.

Sarah Parker: All right. So one of the bills I've been working on is R-31-7, which was a resolution in support of crosswalk installation for pedestrian safety. I was able to contact the prime sponsor however we ultimately decided to not pursue the bill any further due to some feasibility and practicality concerns that UW facilities has. Some of that was decided last year, but some of that we've just worked on the last couple weeks as well.

Joseph Riggio: Alright thank you and Blair I'm going to invite you back up here.

Blair Yeh: OK, hi again. I'm also in charge of R-31-11, which is a resolution in support of reforming current HFS temp housing. I was able to successfully contact Grace if Grace is here. But she did say that she doesn't want to continue her legislative work. But I will follow up with HFS. I'll send an e-mail probably tomorrow to see where the implementation is with this one.

Addison Wooster: Yes. So I was in charge of R-31-12 resolution supporting the adoption of the Okanagan Charter, which thankfully I came into it and it is a very long ways in Megan Kennedy of the Tutoring Center at Mary Gates Hall along with several other administrators, have taken a really big leap in all the work going into it. So it is currently sitting on the desk of the President and the Provost and it's just kind of a waiting response and we're hoping to hear back eventually.

Joseph Riggio: I'll be presenting on behalf of Detlef So you can keep the microphone. I've got it. I've got my own microphone. R-31-14 is a resolution for declaring the UW a sanctuary campus and Seattle, WA a sanctuary city for LGBTQIA2S Plus individuals. So the prime sponsor was contacted successfully. We've been working with both Jenna Miller for the Queer Center and Erick Jacobson with trying to form an advocate or not trying to. We successfully formed an advocacy group for the resolution and that. Oh, there was a request for faculty to try and get legislation through like Faculty Senate. They did a history request to UW registrar and that's currently where the bill is at.

Sarah Parker: OK. And then the other bill I'm working on right now is R-31-15 which is a resolution in support of portable laptop power banks at Odegaard. I have contacted the prime sponsor Tanya. We're meeting this Thursday to discuss the resolution. Some work of this was already done on last year, but I'm just gonna get a little update on where we're at with that.

Blair Yeh: OK, I'm also in charge of R-31-17, which addresses student parking costs that are really high at the UW. I successfully contacted the prime sponsor Razin about this and he's only done online research, so I will start contacting officials or other people regarding this, I emailed UW commute, ucommute@uw.edu about this and they haven't gotten back to me yet.

Addison Wooster: And this is our first kind of big success story, even if it's not that big, which is R-31-29, a resolution in support of the installation of DawgPrints, printer in Poplar Hall, which is happening. It was one of the nice pieces of legislation that I could contact the sponsors and they told me that it was already on the way. So if you're living in West Campus, West Campus next year, the entirety of the Resource Learning Center is being renovated. So there will be a printer there, along with, I'm sure, many other fun new stuff.

Joseph Riggio: Awesome. Raise your hand if you're on West Campus, by the way. Well, if you're living there next year, you'll have access to a printer in Poplar Hall, among other things. All right. and then I'll present on behalf of Detlef. So R-31-32 is a resolution to increase student access to SANE exams. We haven't been able to contact the prime sponsors, so we're going to move on to the forwarding clause, which means we're just going to be contacting like administrators we'll probably follow up with Husky Health and whatnot on what their process is for the student SANE exams, sorry and the SANE nurse program as well.

Addison Wooster: And finally, I have SB-31-2, which is essentially creating a University Senate which will include faculty, admin and students, hopefully with all three campuses and at both the undergraduate and graduate level. It is a very big project. We were able to successfully contact the prime sponsor, but this was passed in I want to say week nine of spring quarter last year, last school year. So there has not been really much on it and right now we're just kind of collecting contacts and people that we can work with.

Joseph Riggio: Awesome. And then. So that is all for. First of all, give a round of applause for our GAVEL members for coming up and presenting their work today. So yeah, again, I'm just gonna plug one more time. Join GAVEL. You get to do the work that they have been doing and much

more. We also, besides interns and whatnot. I'm hoping to expand GAVEL to 15 members next quarter.

Husna Chepkemboi: Can you join GAVEL any time during the quarter?

Joseph Riggio: It'll be anytime the application is open. So at the beginning of each quarter, well, right now you can apply, but at the beginning of each quarter. The application will be open, yeah.

Erick Jacobsen: I highly encourage you to join GAVEL. The work that we do here is important passing resolutions. But the real magic happens with these wonderful people following up because it's not often that we say, hey, students want this and then it immediately gets done. We have to advocate for it past adoption and that's why GAVEL is so incredibly important. I am very happy and proud of GAVEL's work this year.

Corbyn Morisette: Yeah is there a specific time that members of GAVEL meet?

Joseph Riggio: Yeah, so meetings are guaranteed to be 3:30 to 4:30 on Thursdays. Location is not guaranteed, but we will likely be always in HUB 303. It's the boardroom just across the way.

Erick Jacobsen: Definitely always in the HUB.

Joseph Riggio: Well hopefully.

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other questions? All right, another round of applause for our gavel members. And then Joseph is still up here. We'll move on to the liaison report.

Joseph Riggio: Hi, my name is Joseph Riggio for the record. the Liaison quarterly report, similar to the GAVEL report, is something that we report on every quarter, just the work that liaisons are doing, what they're doing in their committees or student advisory boards, councils, etc. So I contacted all liaisons to send me a report and some of the this is going to go by way faster, by the way, because some of these committees haven't even convened yet. For instance, Administrative Review Board, we didn't receive any reports about that. Kate Lawson is our liaison. We're probably going to have there's two more either I think at large or Senate. So TBD on that conduct review board again, congratulations, Jude, but you haven't been able to do anything yet. So we're gonna skip on to the Finance and Budget Committee. So Josue and Kira are our two liaisons with Kira being our elected liaison. There's no major decisions or recommendations made yet. The committee just started convening, so it's only really been training and introductions so far. First year engagement, Student Advisory Council. Mihika is our liaison for that and there was a report submitted. HUB Advisory Board Gavin Horton. So the Q Center is looking to relocate to Husky Health. New cameras are being installed across the building, the HUB building. Expanded resources. They talked about expanding resources for RSO's and HUB, as well as possible rate increases for certain amenities amid some budget shortfalls and whatnot. Those conversations are still happening, but it's good to know what we're going to be paying in future years. So for Husky Health Student Advisory Committee, Jesse is our liaison student health. So other than talking about student health fee which you all should fill out the survey if you haven't already. There's Narcan now in the hub, and also

they're discussing the relocation of wellness vending machines, the private locations. I think this is actually something that was brought up in a legislative brainstorming session too, the fact that some of the vending machines had outdated products and were just in weird locations, so. That's really cool that they're discussing the wellness vending machine locations, Joint Commissions Committee, we just elected our liaison, so there's no expectation to provide a report yet. Judicial Committee Tessa is our liaison for that. They went through the EPP, our Election policy and Procedures. That's basically our governing document managing what you can and cannot do during the spring elections. And then they hired two secretaries. Secretary of Judgment and Recommendations were both hired. And they approved the ASUW bylaws. Moving on to the Legislative Steering Committee, Jenna Miller and myself sat on that committee as the Senate liaisons. We approved the legislative agenda with minor edits. That was the legislative agenda that you all passed on November 4th. Jenna advocated for more rights for survivors of sexual violence, the committee did vote against her amendment. Joseph included the language about, Joseph me myself I'm talking in third person now, about AI data collection and undocumented student data protections. So those were our contributions to the Legislative Steering Committee. Personnel committee is kind of in a similar situation as finance and budget where Skylar is our liaison, but it's mostly been trainings, ethic guidelines, introductions and logistics of what the committee is going to be. So really winter spring is where the committee business will start to increase. Programming and Publicity. Have you guys met yet for that? Oh, you have. OK, Julia, do you want to talk about?

Julia Tanner: Yeah. So these have been really low key meetings, but we're really talking about how we're going to increase communication from ASUW to the general population of students. How to get more communication between committees within ASUW. So this we were really trying to establish a flow this quarter and just bounce ideas around. But we talked about like the ASUW website, getting that kind of revamped, hiring someone to actually do it. And then this next quarter is gonna be where all like the action is. We'll be sending out different newsletters that talk about all the committees of ASUW and different media stuff like that. So it's very exciting. It's very low key, but it's been doing good things. So I'm excited.

Joseph Riggio: Awesome. And then, oh, so Services and Activities Fee Committee or SAF more commonly referred to as, Aiden is our liaison and right now they've been talking about specifying the budget request questionnaire. Last year, in previous years, the questionnaire has been rather vague, so they're trying to narrow the question language this year. Aiden was elected as the Vice Chair for SAF. Congratulations, by the way. Also, they've been discussing the implications of the student health fee. If the student health fee does get enacted. There would be around \$9 million, \$69 per quarter per student that would be sort of up in the air in terms of what SAF can do with it. So they've been discussing that and then they visited, they had a couple field trips, they visited locations of various SAF units if you saw like a committee wandering about the HUB for like a week or two, that was probably SAF. STF, I don't have any notes for STF yet. And then student Sustainability Council. Well, Ishaan is our liaison and the council has not met yet. So that is that report. For U Pass Advisory Board. Kayla is our liaison for that and I also did not receive a report. UW Recreation Student Advisory Board. Russell was our elected liaison because they were recently elected. There

was not a report submitted. And that is all of my liaison reports. So are there any questions about the liaison report or what was discussed?

Sunny Price: Yeah, I would love to hear a little bit more about the like what SAF has talked about for the implications of the health fee, if they can share, like the liaison can share a little bit more information about that.

Aiden Reeder: Finding my notes on that, they've been rather short. Just the majority of what we were talking about was what Haley, the SAF chair is going to bring to discussions. A lot of it was. Whether or not we would perhaps reduce the fee given that doing that that money wouldn't be going to any specific units. Other discussions were also it's rather hard to raise the fee once once brought down. So we were thinking that perhaps we could keep it at the I think \$175 for this next year because after then is when the health fee would take effect and then dispersing that amount to all of the units so that they would also gain a benefit, a boost to this and then keeping at that 175 for however long it takes for all of the other requests of the SAF units to increase to that. There hasn't been a whole lot of discussion because we've been rather busy with field trips. I think most of our time we barely managed to get all that. I will definitely keep Joseph much more updated on it though, as we do talk about it.

Erick Jacobsen: any last questions?

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On campus affairs

- No attendance taken – nothing important on today's committee agenda
- Reminder to fill out forms on Senate Floor Agenda for 12/02/2025
- Informal discussion regarding President Jones' answers while he was at ASUW Senate meeting on 11/18/2025

Off campus affairs

- Attendance
- Fill out End of Quarter Survey

General affairs

- Pierce took attendance
- No legislation to talk about
- Played Rose/Bud/Thorn

Academic and administrative affairs

We just discussed improvements for next quarter, including what we should do for bonding, better communication (maybe getting an email list), having 1-sentence summaries of bills on the agenda, and just generally facilitating communication in the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Erick Jacobsen: Alrighty we are heading back into our meeting now. We'll be getting right back into old business with Organic Act 32-1, an Organic Act updating the Senate bylaws and rules. OK. Joseph, would you like to come up?

Joseph Riggio reads [OA-32-1](#) bill summary

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any questions or comments?

Abigail Appleyard: OK. So we talked more about the whole Vice chair compensation thing in steering since it affects the people in steering and we decided to kind of edit the amendment that I had originally proposed.

Abigail Appleyard moves to amend line 71 to read “Compensation for Standing Committee Chairs shall be at a rate of \$500 per quarter per Chair, or a percentage of that sum proportional to the number of regular meetings personally attended by each member holding the title of Committee Chair, distributed at the end of the quarter. Should an individual proxy fill in for a committee Chair for three or more meetings per quarter, the proxy shall be compensated the amount that the Chair’s compensation was docked for the three or more proxied meetings”

Erick Jacobsen: We're gonna get that up on screen before we ask, before we ask for a second, just so y'all know what you're looking at. The main change is that second question sentence, sorry, with the individual proxy, it's now three or more meetings and it's clearer that it's proportional to the meetings that they attend and the chair is still compensated. For the rest of the meetings, Abigail has proposed this amendment.

Adam Ford seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Gavin Cruz moves to approve OA-32-1

Adam Ford seconds

Erick Jacobsen: I'll be making sure that Joseph isn't influencing the results. Don't worry. It's just we don't have anyone else who can set up the vote. We're maintaining accountability and oversight here in the Student Senate. This will also be the attendance vote if you want to be marked present for this meeting. You just have to vote in this legislation vote.

Joseph Riggio: The reason I'm not looking at the vote is for ethical reasons because I sponsored the legislation. woo.

Erick Jacobsen: We will have woo in the public record. OK, we have closed the voting form. Please give me a second to calculate.

Joseph Riggio: If Erick gives me any beef for taking so long on the attendance forms just remember this day.

OA-32-1 approved 86-1-7

Erick Jacobsen: I did it. I counted. Moving on to joint resolution JR-32-1. Now the reverse is true. I have to step down for ethical reasons, and I yield the chair to Joseph.

Erick Jacobsen passes speakership to Joseph Riggio

Joseph Riggio: Erick would you like to read the bill summary please?

Erick Jacobsen reads [JR-32-1](#) bill summary

Tanya Bhandari: Hi, this bill went through On Campus Affairs, and we have no committee edits. Typically the committee chair would share some if we did and we'd have to approve them. But our committee passed this bill favorably 15-0-1, so great.

Joseph Riggio: Thank you Tanya. With that any motions, comments?

Radcliffe Cushman: I guess addressing this to the. Motivator or the sponsor. Apologies, wrong terminology. What are the odds if this is passed by the Board of ASUW that the Board of Regents would consider adding a new member to their board? Like do you know what like the odds might be if it's favorable among the Regents at the moment?

Erick Jacobsen: Low if not zero. The purpose of this bill is to set the groundwork for future legislative advocacy. Ultimately, for this to happen, there needs to be a change in the legislature. That is not a change that OGR decided to pursue this year, but it is one that I would like to lay the groundwork for through this bill to establish student opinion so that it is in everybody's minds when the next legislative agenda is built. But yeah, I don't see this happening this year or solely because of this bill.

Joseph Riggio: I will also say that this is a state law issue too. There's an RCW that dictates exactly how many members are on the Board of Regents. So ultimately it'd be up to state legislatures too.

Dylan Bianchi: Yeah so Erick was this something that was brought up to OGR that OGR declined to include in legislative agenda?

Erick Jacobsen: Yes.

Dylan Bianchi: Would you mind elaborating on why?

Erick Jacobsen: I believe the reasoning was that because they were advocating for increased voting rights for the student regent. Currently the student and faculty regent are only allowed to vote on some issues. So we don't actually have a student regent in a lot of the important decisions, including the hiring of the president, which is why when President Jones was here, he said he answers to 10 people on the Board of Regents when there are 12 members. So OGR is lobbying on that this year and the idea was that they didn't want to lobby on increased voting rights as well as increased membership because that would be asking for a lot and they wanted to do it incrementally.

Joseph Riggio: Other questions, comments, motions?

Gavin Cruz moves to approve JR-32-1

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Jenna Miller objects

Gavin Cruz: OK, the reason why I'm just making this motion, I think you know as although there's some concern from OGR, I think no, this is a resolution. It's just to bring awareness on the issue and I think with regards to what the president was speaking about last week and how there has been some concern about his answering from the past forum. I think it's important that it's distinct that undergraduates, specifically those who are UW students who've been to this university, who've been here all four years or have that experience, have that voice on the regents. It's unfair that, no offense to grad students, but you know, how can they attest to the undergraduate lifestyle if they didn't go to undergraduate here at UW? So that's why I urge y'all to pass in favor of this resolution. Thank you.

Jenna Miller: I'm not against this bill in any way. I just think it would be good for us to read it on the floor before we pass it and just maybe talk about it a little bit more. I feel like it's a little rushed.

Joseph Riggio: alright we are now in a period of open debate, do I see any motions?

Dylan Bianchi: Jenna, I'd like to disagree with you respectfully. I do think it's a reasonable expectation that senators read the bills in the agenda, especially when we have four and this one's been in the agenda for a few weeks. I think we should keep things moving. I think senators have had the opportunity to speak their minds if they have something to say, but I think we should move on

Dylan Bianchi moves to previous question

Adam Ford seconds

Approved

JR-32-1 approved 72-2-4

Joseph Riggio: I think I'm going to have to stay up here yes? OK. So we're gonna move on to our next item on the agenda, which is R-32-2. Which is a resolution to participate in Western Undergraduate Engagement, Western Undergraduate Exchange. And so we'll begin again. **Erick**, if you could read the summary

Erick Jacobsen reads [R-32-2](#) bill summary.

Joseph Riggio: All right, thank you **Erick** and the General Affairs Committee. Could I have the committee chair come up and give committee edits?

Julia Tanner: Hello everyone. OK, so this first of all passed out of committee. Yeah, it passed neutrally and the exact vote count will have it up in a second. And then as far as edits go, so we went through line by line and kinda discussed different things. So the first edit was for. Line 28 we added whereas in the 2024-2025 school year. So we just specified where this statistic is coming from and then we did some grammatical changes throughout the bill as well and then. This is more grammatical, just getting rid of an unreliable. We also moved to delete two whereas clauses, so the first one being in lines 48 to 50. Whereas this means that not only are out of state students paying over three times the rate of in state students, but also receiving much less financial aid to shoulder these costs. And then we also deleted whereas only 18% of current and prospective college students in the United States believe the price of college to be fair. And then that was, that's it for committee

Erick Jacobsen: I'd like to say that while I appreciate my joint resolution passing, I agree with Jenna that we need to be giving these more time. We have 40 minutes left in this meeting and two pieces of legislation. That means we have basically 20 minutes for each. I think that's more than enough time. While I appreciate everyone's faith in me that I can write the perfect bill that no one else can ever improve, I think it's very important for all of us to review these bills and make the amendments and provide our insight because my perspective is not complete. A lot of you know a lot about a lot of different things and I think the fact that there are committee edits in this bill goes to show that and. We have this process for a reason and I'd love for more participation because I want to hear about how I can improve my advocacy.

Joseph Riggio: Any questions, comments, motions?

Liam Knochen: I want to echo the concerns that I raised during the General Affairs Committee meeting. It worries me that a decrease to out-of-state student tuition costs, particularly such decreases as those proposed by this bill, could negatively impact the budget of the University of Washington and or lead to an increase to residential tuition costs. I would like to see the projected economic impact of this bill in this bill before a vote is conducted. Thank you.

Abigail Appleyard: That kind of starts my point, I was wondering why this passed out neutrally, because I feel like we don't have that happen a ton. So must have been something interesting.

Julia Tanner: So neutrally, if I'm remembering correctly, was just the movement that was or the motion that was made in committee and then the rest of the committee voted to go with a neutral

stance on it. I think we started the conversation about financial burden and that definitely added to the motion being neutral. But it wasn't. It's just neutral.

Gavin Cruz: I echo that same sentiment for the previous speaker mentioned. You know, when looking at WUE schools are a few flagship institutions such as you know, Arizona, Arizona State, Montana, but typically the big flagship institutions specifically such as University of Oregon and University of Washington and even some University of California schools don't participate. I think one reason is, as the previous speaker mentioned, it's due to the out-of-state tuition cost is a big essential for their operating budget and threats or participating. We could drastically change that budget. So if there's a fiscal note attached to this resolution, that would be greatly appreciated. But I can see why there's a lot of hesitancy if Washington becomes a WUE school in particular.

Joseph Riggio: Erick do you want to respond to that before I go to Dylan?

Erick Jacobsen: I think those are very fair concerns and I'd be willing to work on that. If this doesn't get passed out today, I'd be willing to work on an amendment that's clearer on what the cost to the institution would be. I think the reason that I chose to proceed with this, knowing that this would cut the budget of a university whose budget is already being cut, is because the burden, I believe, should not be so strongly on the students. And should not be so inequitably distributed. One of the clauses that was taken out summarizes some of the information in this spell to say that not only are out-of-state students charged more, but we get less access to financial aid. And the only financial aid that I'm currently receiving is the Pell Grant. So yeah.

Collin Saywers: Parliamentary inquiry, did we pass committee edits?

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve committee edits.

Joseph Riggio: I'm only allowing this because I want Erick to have his fun. Technically I can just not have him talk.

Collin Saywers seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Dylan Bianchi: Yeah, I'm going to be honest. I think this bill should be tabled indefinitely because I do not think it would be a good idea straight up for UW to join the WUE program. I think the angle from which you have to consider this is something that Gavin raised is that to join WUE for UW would fundamentally be a disservice to the students of Washington State because there is not a comparable institution to UW within WUE and it's frankly not particularly close. Right so among the UCS, right, the only UC school that is in WUE that's available to Washington. Students is UC Merced, right? CU Boulder is not available. Oregon is not available, right? So what we'd be doing here is essentially lowering the resources available at the at UW available to students because we'd be drastically cutting the budget by the 10s of millions of dollars probably brought in by out-of-state students without providing to the students of Washington State comparable institutions like UW to join. I might be muddling my point here a bit, but essentially what I'm saying is like if you are a UW

student and you want to go out of state, WUE helps you do that. And it helps you do that by going to a school like, you know, Montana State or Oregon State, right, that are very similar to a WSU or Western in terms of like the budget they have available. So for instance, WSU and Oregon State both have budgets. I think WSU's is 1.3 billion for the fiscal year 2025, Oregon State's was 1.8 billion. UW's was over 12 billion. These are very different institutions, right? So the tradeoff you get in lowering the resources available at WSU by sacrificing some of this out of state tuition money is worth it because you're providing access to an institution like Oregon State, right? So that's a worthwhile tradeoff for Washington students. For UW to join this program without a comparable institution available out of state, so sacrifice those resources without expanding what's available cheaply to Washington students is a disservice to Washington students. And I think ultimately UW does serve Washington students as a foremost priority. I sympathize with how bad it is for out-of-state students. I understand it sucks. The tuition is inexcusably high. Tuition across the country is inexcusably high. But the reality is, is that. Students from these states also had state institutions that were available to them that were cheaper and you made a decision to come to UW like this is this is part of the process and I don't think we should move forward with this because it represents a disservice to Washington students. Sorry for the lengthy comment.

Joseph Riggio: Thank you Dylan, Erick do you want to respond to that?

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah I mean I'm not going to refute his facts. I mean, they're true and he makes fair points. I am approaching this from the perspective of I don't think this burden should be on the students. I think the money should come from elsewhere. Obviously, that may be a bit idealistic, especially with our current state legislative budget. But that's where I stand on this and I specifically I think there is benefit to improving access for non-Washington students to Washington universities. It enriches everyone's experience by bringing in new perspectives, but I don't. I don't contend the budgetary points that Dylan made, and I think those are fair concerns. I just disagree fundamentally. I don't think this is something that I can refute. I think I just hold a different position.

Wesley Andrus moves to table indefinitely

Gavin Cruz seconds

Dylan Bianchi objects

Wesley Andrus yields

Dylan Bianchi: Yeah, sorry, this is a little annoying of me, but I feel like I raised kind of, you know, to table indefinitely would essentially kill this bill. I think we should discuss it more. I know people have their hands up, so I'm gonna move the previous question saying we should continue discussing.

Dylan Bianchi moves to previous question

Abigail Appleyard seconds

Dylan Bianchi rescinds motion

Adam Ford: I would just like to briefly add on to the discussion about out-of-state tuition is this is what this bill is about. I remember when I was applying to the UW two years ago and a question that was often brought up in the A&O Meetings is why is out-of-state tuition so high? And I remember, I don't remember who it was that said it, I don't know if how credible they were, but it was. It was along the lines of the higher out-of-state tuition allows the students of Washington to attend this university at a more affordable rate compared to what it would be otherwise, and it would also, in a similar strain, allows more students from the state of Washington to attend this university. So I think by the decreasing the amount that the university gets from out-of-state students, that would mean that there is less money, as has kind of been said already going to the students of Washington and may also mean fewer students from Washington get to come here and in turn also mean even fewer out-of-state students would come here or there would just be less spots for them from the university and I think it would end up in the long run hurting the people that it seeks to help, at least right now in this climate for the budget. Thank you

Abigail Appleyard: Just to kind of give the out-of-state perspective on this, I am from a very, very small state and I think we probably have, sorry, the smallest state and I think we probably have the least amount of colleges except for like Wyoming. I might be wrong about that, but the very, very low number and I basically had no, very little option but to go out of state, and I still recognize that going out of state was an option and that paying the cost of that is worth it so that people in Washington can have a lower tuition. I spend a lot of time and energy coming to school here and paying to be in school here. But that was a choice that I made when I committed to going here. And I think that there should be more, you know, grants and funding and scholarship at kind of like a federal level, just for all students. But I'm not sure it's really. The state's job to support out of state students when they don't pay taxes in the state that funds the institution.

Liam Knochen: I don't believe we can have this discussion without the relevant budgetary data. It's not productive to discuss this in purely ideal, idealistic, abstract terms. I think it obscures the substance of the debate, the most important part of which should be included in the bill, because we do not have the data. I want to I move to lay the question on the table.

Maggie Schoenfeldt: OK. I was just curious about like Erick was talking about shifting the burden off of students, but I was wondering where this burden would be shifted to.

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah, that would mean that we would need more funding from the state government. Obviously the state government is having trouble giving us funding, but also they are making conscious choices at times to cut budgets, so It's something that would be difficult, and I recognize that, but the idea is to shift the burden away from the students entirely. It would not be to increase in state tuition at all in order to accommodate for that. But obviously if this is tabled and I work on a more specific financial addition, which I only need until next meeting for, then I can give a more concrete idea on that as well. And to that I would say that if Wesley is interested in rescinding his motion and allowing someone to make a motion to table it until the next meeting, I can come to that meeting with this information, but. It is completely up to Wesley. It is completely up to everyone here if they want to vote a certain way or not.

Shreyan Mitra: I would just like to say that at Senate, our primary, our job is to advocate for all students, not of the University of Washington. Not like a subset of students. And so I think we need to be very careful about maybe just making sure that we are keeping all students interest in mind and maybe not only in state or only out of state. And because we don't represent only in state students or only out of state students but. Represent all students. So I would just like to bring that up that we should consider all perspectives and I think we're doing a good job of doing that. Another thing I wanted to point out is that it is my opinion that and obviously this depends on. I don't know your name, but. Wesley, if he decides to resign, but I do, it is my opinion that it would be better instead of talking about tabling indefinitely to maybe just wait until the next meeting and think about when there's more information so we can make a better decision as a collective body.

Ishaan Verma: I'd just like to kind of reiterate what you said there. I think right now we're talking and arguing about something that's a lot more like ideological and it would be a lot more helpful to get the exact numbers or maybe close to more approximate numbers. And if that can happen in such a short time scale as next meeting, I'd ask Wesley to like, please rescind your motion so we can just table this until next meeting and then get that over with at that time.

Spencer Grubbs: I agree with a lot of the points that people are making here about like the financials and stuff. But to me, there's still two lingering issues that don't need to have numbers attached to them, but there's still two lingering like problems for me is that there is no solution to. There is no solution like listed in the bill just besides like essentially cutting the budget like that's what is advocating for like. I agree that the students should be less like on the hook for like all of that money, but there is no solution in the language of the bill as far as I'm aware. And then there's also no language like in the same vein advocating against tuition raises for in state students, which is like the I'd imagine one of the first places that the burden would be shifted to, which would also then increase the rate that would increase that 150% limit.

Husna Chepkemboi: I don't know if it's a point of information or just a comment, but another reason why out of state taxes are really expensive is because there's like not taxes. Out of state tuition is really expensive is because there's like taxes which the in state families pay for that got that I don't know, sponsor our school since it's a public school. So Seattle is a really, really expensive state and it being expensive, there needs to be a certain amount of tuition that the school that the school covers so that students can live here. So it's technically a state issue. If the tuition goes lower, it'll become a state issue and not just a university issue.

Maddy Pittis: I think it would be beneficial instead of to table indefinitely to table for a week or two, because there seems to be a lot of people who want to make this bill work or want to have more information.

Divya Gatta: My concern is that even if this passes, the decrease in funding that would be caused by lowering out-of-state tuition would cause the president to not approve this bill. So I just I'm concerned about the amount of time that would go into this if. It seems like President Jones would not approve of it.

Wesley Andrus: I was just gonna say my intention with this motion is we'll see from the people who haven't spoken who actually wants UW to join WUE or not. So I would not like to rescind my motion. I think if it doesn't pass, then we can vote on tabling it until there's more information.

Julia Tanner: Yeah Naomi is on teams with a question.

Addison Wooster: I just wanted to add in from the GAVEL perspective of the team that actually would be implementing this type of legislation. This I've obviously not been, you know, listening to any of these conversations, but this is a very large piece of legislation and it would be a pretty hard sell for just a like complete restructuring of our schools funding and the budget cuts and everything that it will require. So just from that perspective, I would encourage everyone to think about the future precedent it could set, not even just like if this passes it'll happen, but even, you know, other programs, things like that, because this is just establishing student opinion. So just want to add that.

Corbyn Morisette: Dylan had mentioned that if we tabled this amendment, it would basically kill it. I was just kind of wondering kind of on what basis just to kind of to clarify how that would go.

Joseph Riggio: I think that might be more of a parliamentary inquiry. So essentially, right now we're in a period of open debate. If we move the previous question, that would mean, and we approved the previous question, we would then go back to the original motion that was made, which is the motion to table indefinitely. So then we would vote on that. Now if that motion fails, we continue the conversation. If the motion passes, we move on to the next agenda item because it would table this indefinitely. Does that make sense?

Avery Kirscht: I think the concerns that Spencer brought up earlier are really valid that it could just potentially mean that we're raising in-state tuition to the point that out-of-state tuition wouldn't change at all. That being said, I do think we owe it to Erick to at least provide the numbers and give us a better picture to make this decision on. As we've heard throughout tonight, it's a pretty big one to make. And we shouldn't make it rashly. So with that, I'll move to the previous question

Joseph Riggio: A quick point of information and then we'll move to previous question.

Abigail Appleyard: A quick point of information and then we'll move the previous question. Super clarifying info. Will we still something that you have to like apply and get into, right? It's not just everybody in the state who gets into the school, right?

Erick Jacobsen: Yes you have to apply.

Avery Kirscht moves to previous question

Adam Ford seconds

Approved

Motion to table indefinitely fails

Pierce Wallbaum moves to table R-32-2 for 2 weeks.

Shreyan Mitra seconds

Spencer Grubbs objects

Pierce Wallbaum yields

Spencer Grubbs: Could we rephrase that to just be our next meeting because our next meeting isn't in two weeks right, am I crazy?

Spencer Grubbs moves to previous question.

Adam Ford seconds

Approved

Joseph Riggio: The motion passes, which means we're going to vote on the next motion, which is to table this bill for two weeks, which by the way, would be interpreted as two weeks of Senate meetings. So it'd be January the not January 5th, it'd be the January 13th meeting, I believe. Yeah, January 13th meeting is when this would be. January 12th. Sorry, my bad. January 12th. So please raise your Packards if you're in favor of moving this, tabling this bill for two weeks

Motion to table R-32-2 for 2 weeks approved by raised hand vote

Joseph Riggio: Thank you everyone. I'm going to transition speakership or transfer speakership to Erick our actual Speaker, who's better at this than I am.

Joseph Riggio transfers speakership to **Erick Jacobsen**

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you, Joseph. You did amazing. Alrighty. Thank you again, Joseph, and thank you all for participating. We'll be moving forward to R-32-1 a resolution to increase academic transparency during registration. This is Pierce's Bill. Can you come up here, please?

Pierce Wallbaum reads [R-32-1 A Resolution to Increase Academic Transparency During Registration](#)

Erick Jacobsen: Dylan would you like to present the committee edits and the passage?

Dylan Bianchi: I'm going to first say that this passed favorably out of our committee 15 to zero to two. This was split between two committee sessions, one of which I was not present for Joseph was chairing in my stead, so I'll let him explain committee edits.

Joseph Riggio: Yep, there was really just one other than grammatical changes, there was really just one amendment in the that clause on line 41 that is an updated syllabus description aligned with appropriate course changes accessible in MyPlan. This is just expanding upon the language that was already there and making it a little bit clearer. Other than that though, there are no other amendments.

Avery Kirscht moves to approve committee edits

Adam Ford seconds

Approved by unanimous consent

Spencer Grubbs: Purely grammatical in 44, 45 in MyPlan. Just update it so it's that it's the correct like capitalization and spelling. Thank you.

Avery Kirscht: Yeah, just conscious of time. I'd move that we postpone consideration of this bill till the next meeting.

Avery Kirscht moves to table R-32-1 until next meeting

Collin Saywers seconds.

Dylan Bianchi objects

Avery Kirscht: Again, just conscious of time at 6:58. We're supposed to wrap at 7:00, so.

Dylan Bianchi: Yeah, Avery, if you want to just, I would encourage you to rescind your motion because we can just motion to adjourn. It's automatically tabled to kind of one motion.

Erick Jacobsen: We are now in a period of open debate.

Avery Kirscht: We're not doing that again.

Avery Kirscht rescinds

Motion passes via raised hand vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adam Ford moves to adjourn

Avery Kirscht seconds.

Approved

Adjourned 6:59 pm

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