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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 we do have a suggest edit here to add 3 Liaison nominations in line with our prepared schedule. We hope to elect around 7 liaisons at the end of this year so that we don't have to have a rush at the beginning of next year. So that is a suggested on here. With that, are there any motions?

Avery Kirscht moves to approve suggested edits

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Adam Ford moves to approve the agenda

Reaa Dureja seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erick Jacobsen: We will move on now to announcements and public comment. So if there are any announcements or if any member of the public would like to say anything, now is your time to line up at the microphone. At the end, I will also ask for hands and go to Teams.

Radcliffe Cushman: Okay so I'm here for two announcements. One on behalf of my RSO and the other on behalf of a union. First off, Seattle Trans Feminists, and YDSA is collecting signatures for a petition to support trans-friendly policies at the University of Washington, including more accessible UW Net ID changes, more gender neutral bathrooms being descriptive into the prescriptive for bathroom signage. If any of those things are interesting to you, if you want to support trans rights, please give this QR code a scan. There's more information on there about exactly what they're looking to see, and you can always get involved if you'd like to. Seattle Trans Feminists is a great organization. They have an Instagram page you can look at. This is also on their Instagram if you need more info. They meet in Allen South, I believe, on either Tuesday or Wednesday, but again, look at their Instagram if you are interested in more information. And my second announcement, sorry is United Farm Workers has a collection of workers who work in this mushroom ranch, farm and basically, they're experiencing some labor rights violations, and they're asking for students to help kind of push out these products that are using labor rights violations to produce products. They want to help, like, help put people in a room to decide how we can take action against that. They're meeting tomorrow in Odegard 224 at 5 p.m. if you're interested in getting more involved in the labor movement in helping protect migrant and immigrant workers on the job, please come. It's going to be amazing. The people there are fantastic. They do great work.

Erick Jacobsen: I'll also leave this up for a minute. This is linked on the agenda as well.

Ava Wahl: Hello everyone, same announcement as last week. I'm Ava Wahl, I'm part of WashPIRG's Housing and Homelessness campaign. We're doing a clothing drive for the Elizabeth Gregory Home, which is a women's shelter in the U District. We're going to be tabling for that clothing drive tomorrow and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. right outside the Denny room on North Campus. We already had a pretty good turnout today, but I'm just reiterating we're looking for primarily women's clothing, especially

summer clothes. So that's going to be like boots, flip flops, tennis shoes, any kind of casual woman's clothing, things that would be good for warm weather. Hats, leggings, basically anything that you think would be beneficial for the people that are going to be staying at Elizabeth Gregory. So yeah, if any of you guys have any spring cleaning you need to do, just take a look, bring anything that you have. Anything is really appreciated. Thank you.

Abigail Appleyard: My announcement is much less important than the other ones, but I did want to say sorry to my committee members who I polled about when we should do our bonding, and the most popular date was tonight. I didn't look at that, and so I did not have that availability. But it will be next week, and we will be going to Molly Moon's and splitting flights. Depending on how many people, we'll divide up, you know, the flights, but ice cream. So if anybody wants to come for bonding ice cream next week, please come, even if you're not in Off Campus.

Dylan Bianchi: Hi everybody, I'm here for OGR. OGR will be hosting a housing forum in Savery Hall room 131. The forum will feature presentations from our very own Senate liaisons, Kathleen and Husna, who represent Senate on UDBIA and CUCAC respectively, along with information from OGR about state level housing work this year, and time for students to offer feedback on their experiences with housing and where they'd like to see ASUW lobbying go in the future. Yeah, let me know if you have any questions. We should have more information on Instagram soon.

Mason Von Ledford: Hello everybody, so the Amnesty International chapter here at the UW has been working on trying to implement a bill that passed last session, R-31-30, which is essentially to help protect the privacy and security of trans and immigrant students. I don't have a helpful graphic or anything, but if you go to our Instagram, in our bio, there is a petition. So I'd encourage you all to go there, sign it, tell your friends, support a good cause. And if anyone is interested in getting active, there should be info about when our meetings are on the Instagram as well. Thank you.

Skylar Fridrikson: I'm here to advertise a brand new RSO the League of Women's Voters. If you're interested, we have a brand new Instagram account because our last one got banned. But that's the QR code on the left. And then the QR code on the right is an interest form for membership next year. I really recommend it. We are fully funded by the League of Women's Voters King County. It's a super historic, really amazing, nonpartisan organization just to promote democracy and representation. So yeah,

please join. And if you are on the fence about it, just scan our QR code and follow the Instagram. So yeah, thank you.

Julia Tanner: I'm here to advertise Field Day just because it's super fun and I'm excited for it. It'll be all day on Friday and it'll start at 10 A.m. The words are kind of hard to read on the screen, so I'll just read it off. But there's going to be a concert by Husky Jam that starts at 6 P.m. And then there will also be a fashion runway, an art gallery, and a market. I don't know the information for those ones specifically, but they'll be there. But it should be super fun. A lot of free stuff, a lot of food so show up and have fun. That's all I have.

Erick Jacobsen: Again that is Denny Field.

Joseph Riggio: So Autumn Yi is part of the Provost Working Group on Student Evaluation and Teaching, and they asked me to share this with you all today. So if you scan that QR code, it'll take you to a course evaluation feedback form. So you know at the end of your lectures and whatnot, it's very common, or quiz sections is very common that you'll get a course evaluation for your instructor and how they did, and you can leave feedback. Well, they are looking for feedback for the feedback form. So if you fill out that QR code, I'm not sure what the due date is exactly. Perhaps by the end of the quarter, I'm not sure. I can ask Autumn. But the results of the form will directly inform what the task force draft legislation will be. And what they mean by that is they're going to submit draft legislation to the faculty Senate. That goes through their own process, has some major differences to the process we have, but in effect, it's sort of their version of passing resolutions. So if you want direct input, on that, please fill out that survey. Thank you.

Reaa Dureja: Hi my name is Reaa, I'm EAC outreach Co-Chair. I just want to let you guys know that the deliberations for the judicial hearing is going to be on the Board agenda on Thursday. They're going to be voted on this week's meeting and I will be sharing that to Board because the way they conducted that meeting was unacceptable. If you were respondent, complainant, or witness or anything like that, if you want to reach out and to submit a statement, please use the email that I provided. And yeah, thank you.

Bridget Pasco: Yeah I'm seconding the SDF position thing. They're really cool. They meet Tuesdays from 6 to 8 on UW campus, which means that if you go here, you probably can't make it, but they also meet Sundays at 2:30 in Capitol Hill at Pier Seattle. So if that's easier for you, you should try looking into that.

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other announcements or would any other member of the public like to speak?

FORUMS

Erick Jacobsen: With that we'll move on to our forums.

Undergraduate Transfer Student Advocacy Committee presents [Transfer Student Experience Forum](#)

Naomi Law moves to suspend the rules and extend forum time limit by 5 minutes

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Abigail Appleyard: I was just wondering based on what you guys know, do most transfer students take more than four years to complete like a bachelor's at UW? Because based on the way that the survey was, it sounded like when you caught people for this survey, most of them were like 3 plus years in, and that means that like they would have had to transfer like 1/4 into, you know, their first degree to graduate on time. And I was just wondering if, you know, people take longer if they're transfer students and how that might impact, like, their thoughts on the financial benefits of going to UW.

Jess Pham: We did clarify that it would be like the first year at UW in transferring. I have a feeling, a sneaky suspicion that some individuals might have misinterpreted that. And in addition, I believe that there might have been some graduate students who then, you know, they transferred to the institution and then they believed that, and then they continued to go on with their graduate studies and then technically it's their three plus years. And so I think that that could be an area where you improve clearer communication on that part of the survey for sure.

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other questions?

Francisco Dojenia: Hi sorry if you already answered the, or like mentioned this before, but how many respondents did you guys have on the survey? Because I know you guys are trying to establish a minimum.

Jess Pham: Yeah so this is a really baby survey. We had 25 respondents, and that's really just from like being like on campus and reaching out to students individually. We tried to have more outreach from specific new student transfer programs, like communities, but that was a little bit hard for us to do within the time frame and so that's why these are some preliminary results.

Erick Jacobsen: Any other questions?

Nandana Jaideep presents [ASUW Presidential Forum](#)

Erick Jacobsen: That is our time unless there are any motions.

Reaa Dureja moves to suspend the rules and extend the time limit by 5 minutes.

Naomi Law seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Nandana Jaideep continues presenting ASUW Presidential Forum

Reach time limit again.

Naomi Law moves suspend the rules to extend time by 5 minutes

Avery Kirscht seconds

Isabelle Green objects

Naomi Law: We've been assured that only two more minutes is needed. The 5 minutes is in case there's any questions, and I figure we should get this done now rather than cutting it short. This is our president.

Isabelle Green: We've already extended the time by 10 or 15 minutes. There are other things that we need to do today so if we extend this out, this is the last extension, please.

Erick Jacobsen: With that we're in a period of debate.

Isabelle Green withdraws objection

Approved by raised hand vote

Nandana Jaideep continues presenting ASUW Presidential Forum

Reaa Dureja: It's not a question. I just want to say there are no open positions on Handshake. They closed two weeks ago.

Naomi Law: Not a question, thank you for your hard work.

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other questions or comments?

Justin Amaral: Yeah you mentioned the website, I just wanted to ask in looking at those, obviously there have been a lot of improvements to make sure that the records are accessible. For the Board meeting specifically, the agenda and the minutes are accessible, but is there a reason why the recordings are not made public? Thank you.

Nandana Jaideep: I think that's just a state level requirement. We're only required to publish just agendas and minutes, which are supposed to be sort of like the recap for every meeting. Recordings haven't really been precedent and is not an OPMA requirement. So if that's something that people would like to see, I'm sure next year's leadership will be open to discussing.

Kathleen Esnaurizar: This is a question about the talks you had about the RSO fee for engineering and stuff. Did you happen to know about the new engineering fee that there's going on next year as well and just have you heard any talk about that?

Nandana Jaideep: Yeah, that was something that the Dean of the Engineering School did tell me about that. I think it's \$1,000 and it's going to go up from that, the upcoming years. Yeah and they said that they're in talks with the engineering student council and as far as I know, we do not have an ASUW rep on that, but that's something we will be working on for next year. But that's a decision they've already made and so at this point, we're just sort of like fighting back and trying to see if there can be any sort of like negotiation.

Avery Kirscht: In those discussions about private versus public spaces, what does that look like on the Board side? Because I know what it's been like in my role is trying to figure out that for a resolution I was writing, but what does that conversation look like with Board and faculty?

Nandana Jaideep: In immigration or in residence halls?

Avery Kirscht: Defining the public versus private space, like, I would mean more in the immigration sense, but I mean in a general way too, what does that look like?

Nandana Jaideep: Yeah so far UWPD and Sally Clarke know that we've made this like ask very clear. So right now, we're really just waiting for a response from them and facilities to give us that information. And I think once they confirm and give it to us, we should have it pretty soon.

Teddie Schmitt: Have you looped in RCSA and HFS on these?

Nandana Jaideep: Yeah most definitely.

Reaa Dureja: I just have a quick question. We were in the Board meeting; we were discussing like sending out an email to all students about what happened. I know you guys met and we kind of talked about maybe holding off on it until we have that meeting. So is there, do we know when that email is being sent out? Because I think it's really important that we do.

Nandana Jaideep: Yeah, that's a great question. So I did get a message from Ryan today about how they want to send it out because the Q center and the Trans Collective have looked over the content. But I think me personally, I'm still waiting on to get at least some sort of like second pair of eyes from that person's community so that we're not overstepping in any means and still being sensitive to like their needs and what they would have wanted. Because I think it's more important that we make sure that we respect that, than jump the gun and try to make a statement just to get it done as fast as possible.

Erick Jacobsen: And those discussions are ongoing. With that we are out of time.

NEW BUSINESS

Erick Jacobsen: We will now move on to summary of new business. Our first new business is R-32-19, a Resolution in Support of Visibility Strips. And the summary is, this bill aims to address the accessibility of campus to blind or visually impaired students by mandating the addition of visibility strips on stairs and ledges trafficked by students and staff. And that went to On Campus. Next up is R-32-23, a Resolution in Support of Adding Caste as a Protected Category to the University of Washington Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Policy, which is Executive Order 31. The bill summary is just the title, so there's no bill summary for this and that was sent to Academic and Administrative Affairs. And the third item of new business is R-32-25 a Resolution Calling for Gender Neutral Restrooms in the Engineering Library. This

resolution requests that the University of Washington change its restrooms in engineering library to be gender neutral. And this was referred to On Campus affairs as well.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Erick Jacobsen: With that we will move on to nominations and elections. We will start with the On-Campus Affairs Committee Chair elections. There will be one question with 90 seconds each. There will not be an endorsements period. Are there any questions about this role before you move on to nominations? Okay, are there any nominations? Are there any nominations or would anyone like to rescind their nomination? Okay, I'll ask three more times. Are there any nominations? With that, the nominations period has closed. Would the candidates please come to the front? The question is, what experiences and leadership skills do you have that can be applied to this position in order to guide inclusive and open discussions over legislation related to residential life, RSOs, and other aspects of campus life? We will start with Ruby with 30 seconds for an introduction whenever you're ready.

Ruby Santos: Hi everybody, my name is Ruby Santos and I'm currently double majoring in political science and economics. This year I've served as the Vice Chair for the On-Campus Affairs Committee and I've also gotten to be a part of the wonderful GAVEL team. As a part of GAVEL, I've specialized in legislation about residential life and environmental policy. I'm also a hall senator, which means I get to work closely with RCSA and HFS. I've truly loved working as a Vice Chair this year, and I'm excited for the opportunity to be even more involved next year. Thank you.

Elizabeth McAleer: Hi everybody, my name is Elizabeth McAleer I am an international studies and history major, and I am a hall senator from Spratlen Hall, formerly Madrona. Thanks.

Spencer Grubbs: Hello everyone. I'm Spencer Grubbs. I'm a second-year political science major in the interdisciplinary honors program with a minor in public policy, and I currently represent WashPIRG, which is a student advocacy organization here on campus, in Senate.

Erick Jacobsen: Alright stay up here please. Would you like me to repeat the question? What experiences and leadership skills do you have that can be applied to this position

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in order to guide inclusive and open discussions over legislation related to residential life, RSOs, and other aspects of campus life? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

Spencer Grubbs: Yeah so beyond, as many of you guys can attest to, my active participation in Senate this year, and being a part of discussions, I have years of experience both at the UW and in high school of working with working within my clubs to help guide discussions that have happened there. So specifically this year, I've been involved with WashPIRG leadership, and we have had to navigate many tough conversations that I have helped moderate but this has also extended further back into high school when I was the president of multiple clubs. And one of the biggest aspects of that, that job has been, one of the biggest aspects of that is actually moderating discussions and making sure that everybody is heard, which is incredibly important to making sure that conversations are productive. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Would you like me to repeat the question? What experiences and leadership skills do you have that can be applied to this position in order to guide inclusive and open discussions over legislation related to residential life, RSOs, and other aspects of campus life? Whenever you're ready.

Elizabeth McAleer: Most of my facilitation skills comes from my experience in Speech and Debate in High School. I was a captain of my team for my junior and senior years, where I worked to teach my peers how to formulate their thoughts into arguments and present them in an understandable manner. I also started to work on my skills with Robert's Rules while competing in congressional debate, where I did most of the things that we do here just with a smaller budget and slightly more formal outfits. I also have experience as an elected officer of my high school's National Honor Society, which dealt a lot more with the logistical side of leadership whereas in speech and debate, I was doing the teaching and public speaking part. My experience in NHS taught me a lot about time management, collaboration, and the execution of projects. In this, I worked to support my peers through volunteering and community building across campus. I like to think of myself as a very dedicated person, something my dad taught me. When I start something, I see it through and ensure that I am doing the best that I can for myself and those I am working with. This historically looked like not being allowed to quit soccer when I was like 7 years old but has since looked at like my consistent attendance at Senate and current participation in the On-Campus Affairs Committee,

among other things. In this position, I'm looking forward to dedicating my time to expand accessibility and resources to students, especially for residential communities and student organizations that are so vital to a positive student experience. I believe in the power of community. The conversation and strength that come from these groups make change possible, and I am excited to listen to your ideas. Thank you.

Ruby Santos: I've had the privilege of serving as the Vice Chair for this committee for the past year. And when it comes to the types of legislation we work with, I believe that inclusivity, I believe that when it comes to the type of legislation we handle, inclusivity and open discussion are extremely important. I believe the most effective committee chairs are those who are level-headed, approachable, and organized. And I would advocate that I embody each of those characteristics when it comes to leading our committee. In committee, we often find ourselves a little bit crunched for time. So when it comes to leading these meetings, I would prioritize two things. Firstly, making sure everyone has space to speak. And secondly, making sure that discussion is productively pinpointing improvements for legislation. In high school, I spent four years as class president for a student body of 750. So when it comes to large scale meeting discussion and managing those discussions, I have extensive experience. At high school, I also ran meetings for our multicultural council. It was my job to ensure members of each student union could contribute to our district, kind of similar to juggling the interests of different RSOs here at UW. For my second priority, my work in GAVEL has taught me the sort of details that are necessary to implement legislation. This background knowledge as a committee chair can ensure that we make edits that improve our bills and make them easier for our GAVEL members to implement, which is essential for on-campus affairs. This background knowledge has helped me so much as a vice chair in our committee, and I know it would be of even more benefit as a committee chair. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Please stay up here for a 30 second conclusion whenever you're ready.

Ruby Santos: I believe that I can create a committee environment that's safe for both new and old senators to ask questions and contribute to our discussions. My background knowledge would allow our committee edits to be productive and easy for GAVEL members to implement. Whether elected or not, I am passionate about Senate and look forward to working with all of you next year. Thanks.

Elizabeth McAleer: Thanks so much for your time today and I look forward to working with you all next year.

Spencer Grubbs: Despite my love for talking my number one priority as committee chair would be to listen, and not just to listen, but to uplift and make space for the voices of all of the committee members. Thank you.

Voting period open

Voting period closed

Drumroll commences

Ruby Santos elected On-Campus Affairs Committee Chair

Attendance vote open

Attendance vote closed.

Erick Jacobsen: We will move on to the Off-Campus Affairs Committee Chair elections. Are there any questions about the Off-Campus Affairs position? All right. Are there any nominations? Would anyone like to nominate themselves or another senator or rescind their nomination?

Julia Tanner nominates **Elizabeth McAleer**

Elizabeth McAleer declines

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any nominations? With that, the nominations period has closed. And if you are a nominee, if you would please come to the front. Okay, we'll go in this order, starting with Kathleen with 30 seconds for an introduction. Kathleen, whenever you're ready.

Kathleen Esnaurrizar: Hello, I'm Kathleen Esnaurrizar I'm A first-year engineering student, but an incoming sophomore. I'm a Liaison for the University District Business Improvement Area, or UDBIA and that essentially works with U District Partnerships, which did the U District Fair happened this last weekend. Yeah, I'll talk more about what I learned later.

Spencer Grubbs: Hello everyone, I'm Spencer Grubbs, yet again. My stats have not changed there, but I would also like to point out that I'm a member of the Off-Campus Affairs Committee and I have perfect attendance this year.

Kavi Pasupathi: Hi I'm Kavi. I'm hoping to study electrical engineering, and I'm a hall senator for Oliver Hall, formerly known as Willow, your current Vice Chair for Off-Campus Affairs, and I'm a GAVEL member.

Erick Jacobsen: I like how multiple people are taking the stance of like the formerly known as for these, because I wouldn't know otherwise anyway. Sorry, that's a tangent. Go ahead, 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Sumaiyya Zunairah: Hi guys, my name is Sumaiyya. I'm a first year studying computer science and obviously political science like everyone in here. I'm technically a pledge for Kappa Theta Pi and a senator. So thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Your question is, what experiences have you had that make you passionate about off-campus affairs, and how would you encourage senators to participate in and write legislation concerning off-campus issues? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

Sumaiyya Zunairah: Great question. I'd like to start with a quote from me. The quote is, Seattle housing prices suck. And I said that and I'm pretty smart so I think it's true. I know this personally because I live off campus. I live near Safeway. I'm going to tell you guys where in case this goes badly, but I know my way around the Ave. Let's just say that. I understand how difficult it can be to balance things like commuting, transportation, and like procrastinating your assignments all in one. It's pretty difficult. I have a lot of, my passion for Off-Campus Affairs comes from my personal experience in advocacy, a lot of it through high school. In high school, I was part of constitutional debate and the Student Voice Committee and from the Student Union and NHS and a lot of other things I'm forgetting. But these experiences taught me how important it is to listen to people directly. And believe me, I've heard a lot of crazy like things said, but you have to know like what things to pick out and understanding where they're coming from really. And I think that's really important, especially as committee chair. If I were elected, I would encourage senators to actively reach out to their constituents by either email or especially meeting in person is a really good idea, because I believe legislation is best when it comes from real student experiences. And ultimately, we need a government of the people, by the people, for the people, hashtag, we love you, Abraham Lincoln. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Alright, would you like me to repeat the question? What experiences have you had that make you passionate about off-campus affairs, and how would you

encourage senators to participate in and write legislation concerning off-campus issues? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

Kavi Pasupathi: Other than my experience as a vice chair, my own experience comes from what I've been hearing in my classes, in my lab, and hallways before meetings, and things like that. And it's always the same couple problems. It's housing prices, food, transportation, and safety. And it's just amazing how like there's a dozen different people out there who have no correlation to each other other than that they live off campus. They run into the same things. And I'm also moving off campus for the summer so I'll be like, you know, stuck in the same loop of commuting to UW and then going back. And I'd say the way that I'd encourage senators starts with the conversations they probably already are having. I'm willing to bet that every single senator in this room has an off-campus friend or classmate that they talk to almost every day. And I bet many of them face the same problems that the people I talk to do. And as senators, it's our responsibility to ask and learn where this comes in. And I want to bring these voices back and as a group, analyze what we, analyze what keeps coming up, where it hits the hardest, and what we as Senate can actually move on and assert student opinion. And this will become the foundation for the legislation we write. And off campus, students often see angles and solutions from their daily routines that the rest of us miss. And bringing these factors into our legislation will help fit into their lives and actually fix what they are facing. Yeah.

Erick Jacobsen: Would you like me to repeat the question? Okay. What experiences have you had that make you passionate about off-campus affairs, and how would you encourage senators to participate in and write legislation concerning off-campus issues? 90 seconds, whenever you're ready.

Spencer Grubbs: Beyond my participation in Off-Campus Affairs committee all quarter or all year, which has increased my appreciation for it, what initially drew me to the Off-Campus Affairs Committee as opposed to any of the other ones, which is a relatively smaller committee, but what drew me there initially is my experience with student advocacy and lobbying outside of Senate, which deals with issues that are more frequent or that go beyond the borders of campus. And so that's where a lot of my passion comes from. And so I know, and that would be directly applicable in the future. And then in terms of how would I encourage senators to participate and write legislation, because Off-Campus, it tends to be smaller, it tends to get less legislation

going through it overall. I would encourage senators, I would work with senators during the downtime to help craft legislation that would be able to flow through our committee because we gain an insight and a unique perspective by working so closely with the legislation that goes through the committee throughout the year.

Erick Jacobsen: Would you like me to repeat the question? What experiences have you had that make you passionate about off-campus affairs, and how would you encourage senators to participate in and write legislation concerning off-campus issues? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready

Kathleen Esnaurrizar: So at the beginning of this academic year, I was in off-campus, and one of the biggest things that we saw was we didn't get much legislation. And so I think I would really want to encourage the senators that are within that committee that I would chair to know that is also really important to talk about the off-campus experience and to write legislation about it. So firstly, as a liaison for the UDBIA, I kind of saw how there's a lot of moving parts to experiences that happen off campus. There's a lot of people that you can talk to that want to hear feedback from students. So starting those conversations and starting to reach out to everyone to see what can be done about certain issues is I think one of the things I would encourage senators to do. And I would also say, like, I would encourage students that live off campus or that go to the, or go off campus at least once a week, you're actively participating off campus. So I want you to write legislation about that. Start conversations about the bus lines that we need, how to update when the buses come, because I have definitely missed buses that were supposed to come, but never ended up coming. Thank you, Google Maps. But I also just want to have more paths for relationships. Again, with the liaison position, they want to have conversations with the RSO. So maybe having legislation that talks about having those conversations already started. And like that, there is possibilities to be made. And so I just want to encourage senators and be that person to tell them that there is more things that can be done, as well as any safety concerns they may have. Start those conversations and make sure we are also amending anything that we get in an appropriate way. So that way on the floor, all these experiences can be reflected properly.

Erick Jacobsen: Perfect timing. Yes, please stay up here for a 30 second conclusion whenever you're ready.

Kathleen Esnaurrizar: Overall, again my name is Kathleen and I just want to create a good atmosphere and be able to have a good experience for the senators that are in the committee, both that are returning or also new, because I know being a new senator this year was kind of scary to kind of start Senate and to kind of not know what was going on. So I just want to be that person to kind of help them and make sure that they get used to Senate and be able to see the legislation. That's all.

Spencer Grubbs: Yeah thank you, I just wanted to reiterate that this committee has gotten, I've gotten really close to and really involved in this year. I've passed my own legislation out, like through it and out of it with the committee specifically in mind. And so I would bring that energy forward with me. And once again, I am asking for your vote. Thank you.

Kavi Pasupathi: My own experience as a GAVEL member and also proxying for steering last quarter helped me look, like take a look at the inner workings of Senate. So I feel like I'd be a good resource for my committee members, and I also feel like I would be very helpful in writing legislation. Thank you.

Sumaiyya Zunairah: Hi guys, it would be great if you could vote for me or any of the people up here. This message has been paid and sponsored by me. Thank you.

Applause

Voting period open.

Erick Jacobsen yields chair to **Joseph Riggio**

Joseph Riggio: OK. We're going to wait for the tabulation for the off campus, and we're just going to move on to Academic Administrative Affairs nominations. So first of all, are there any questions for what the AAA chair does?

Teddie Schmitt moves to suspend the rules to change the timestamp for Old Business to 7:05 p.m.

Naomi law seconds

Dylan Bianchi objects

Teddie Schmitt: There are five nominations periods. I do not think we're going to get to them in time.

Dylan Bianchi: I agree with you Teddie. I just think that with like transition times in and out, 7:05 might not be enough time to do like anything in committee. So I'd maybe suggest 7:10 or 7:15 if you're willing to amend.

Joseph Riggio: We are now in a period of debate. I will remind everyone that rescinding is an option

Teddie Schmitt withdraws motion

Naomi Law moves to suspend the rules to change the timestamp for old business to 7:15

Collin Saywers seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Joseph Riggio yields chair to **Erick Jacobsen**

Erick Jacobsen: Yay I'm chair again! And I do have the results for the Off-Campus Affairs Elections. Drum roll, please.

Drumroll commences

Kathleen Esnaurrizar elected Off-Campus-Affairs Committee Chair.

Erick Jacobsen: Did we do nominations? I wasn't paying much attention. No, okay. Were there any questions? No? All right, let's do nominations then for AAA.

Reaa Dureja nominates Radcliffe Cushman

Radcliffe Cushman accepts

Collin Saywers nominates Detlef Gerbing

Detlef Gerbing accepts

Radcliffe Cushman nominates Ava Wahl

Ava Wahl accepts

Ruby Santos nominates Sumaiya Zunairah

Sumaiyya Zunairah accepts

Francisco Dojenia nominates Spencer Grubbs

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Spencer Grubbs declines

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Julia Tanner nominates Kavi Pasupathi

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Kavi Pasupathi declines

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Joseph Riggio: Point of personal privilege, I'm going to read out the names. If I forgot you, please raise your hand. I have Radcliffe, Detlef, Ava Wahl, Sumaiyya. I know there is another person I think. No? They declined? Okay, great. Cool.

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Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations? I'll ask three more times. Oh, hi, Naomi. You have a nomination.

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Naomi Law nominates **Greyson Hedglin**

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Greyson Hedglin declines

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Husna Chepkemboi nominates **Kira McKey** and **Kyra Lui**

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Kyra Lui declines

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Kira McKey declines

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Pierce Wallbaum nominates **Justin Amaral**

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Collin Saywers nominates **Jayden Kim**

Jayden Kim accepts

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations? With that the nomination period has closed. We will move on to General Affairs. Are there any questions about what the General Affairs position does? I'll accept this sort of question.

Kathleen Esnaurrizar: Will elections be happening next week?

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Erick Jacobsen: Yes. Are there any other questions? Any nominations?

Naomi Law nominates **Justin Amaral**

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Justin Amaral declines

Avery Kirscht: I would beg that **Justin Amaral** reconsider.

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Justin Amaral accepts much to the chagrin of **Naomi Law**

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Francisco Dojenia nominates **Adam Ford**

Adam Ford accepts

Collin Saywers nominates **Sarah Parker**

Sarah Parker accepts

Radcliffe Cushman nominates **Ava Wahl**

Ava Wahl accepts

Spencer Grubbs nominates **Ishaan Verma**

Ishaan Verma accepts

Collin Saywers nominates **Radcliffe Cushman**

Radcliffe Cushman accepts

Ruby Santos nominates **Sumaiya Zunairah**

Sumaiya Zunairah accepts

Naomi Law nominates **Detlef Gerbing**

Detlef Gerbing accepts

Avery Kirscht nominates **Spencer Grubbs**

Spencer Grubbs declines

Pierce Wallbaum nominates **Alicia DeGaetno**

Alicia DeGaetno accepts

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any nominations? I will ask three more times. With that the nominations period is closed. We'll move on to Legislative Steering. The Legislative Steering Committee is super cool. It only meets in like fall quarter, but it puts together the legislative agenda that we all saw in fall. So this is your chance to directly impact student lobbying. I was on this committee last year and I don't remember who was on, Jenna was on it this year. Sorry, Jenna. So yeah, it's super cool. Are there any nominations?

Adam Ford nominates himself

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Naomi Law nominates **Kavi Pasupathi**

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Kavi Pasupathi declines

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Detlef Gerbing nominates himself

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Collin Saywers nominates **Ava Wahl**

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Ava Wahl accepts

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Pierce Wallbaum nominates **Spencer Grubbs**

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Spencer Grubbs accepts

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Ruby Santos nominates **Sumaiya Zunairah**

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Sumaiya Zunairah accepts

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Maggie Schoenfeldt nominates herself

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Naomi Law nominates **Ruby Santos**

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Ruby Santos declines

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Avery Kirscht nominates **Justin Amaral**

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Justin Amaral declines

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Jayden Kim nominates **Andy Sinha**

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Andy Sinha accepts

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Isabelle Green nominates herself

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Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations? I'll ask three more times.

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Collin Saywers nominates **Francisco Dojenia**

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Francisco Dojenia declines

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Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nominations period has closed, and we will move on to Judicial Committee Liaison nominations. Would you like to talk about the Judicial Committee liaisonship, Julia?

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Julia Tanner: Yeah so I was the liaison a couple years ago. Basically, it's a weekly meeting, like always, and there's different proposals and different things that are presented to judicial concerning the governing documents. And then the most

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important part of the job, in my opinion, is the election complaint hearing, where you review all the complaints filed during the the elections for ASUW and then have a hearing and then decide on the complaint like outcomes and bring it to board.

Erick Jacobsen: There's some money in it. Do you have the number?

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Reaa Dureja: It's 150 for the complaints hearing.

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Erick Jacobsen: \$150. People are doing these other liaisons for free.

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Husna Chepkemboi: Before I nominate myself, how long are the meetings?

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Erick Jacobsen: It's one hour weekly but Reaa would you like to talk about the complaints hearing?

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Reaa Dureja: It's one hour weekly for judicial. I think they're going to prep for early spring quarter, and then the election complaint hearing last year was 7 hours, this year 2 1/2, so it really varies.

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Husna Chepkemboi nominates herself

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Avery Kirscht nominates **Francisco Dojenia**

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Francisco Dojenia declines

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Collin Saywers nominates **Ava Wahl**

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Ava Wahl accepts

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Sarah Parker nominates **Kavi Pasupathi**

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Kavi Pasupathi accepts

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Ruby Santos nominates **Sumaiya Zunairah**

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Sumaiya Zunairah accepts

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Francisco Dojenia nominates **Jayden Kim**

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Jayden Kim accepts

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Collin Saywers nominates **Spencer Grubbs**

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Spencer Grubbs accepts

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Elizabeth McAleer nominates **Maggie Schoenfeldt**

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Maggie Schoenfeldt accepts

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Erick Jacobsen: Are there any nominations? I will ask a few more times then. With that the nominations period has closed. We will move on to the Joint Commissions Committee. Joint Commissions Committee is our diversity committee here in ASUW. It brings together, I think, nine diversity commissions and four advocacy programs. So, it's a 13 member group. It meets weekly, and they do things like JCC week, arranging events, and collaboration between our identity-based commissions here on campus. Are there any questions about the JCC?

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Ruby Santos: How frequent are the meetings?

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Erick Jacobsen: Weekly. Are there any other questions? Are there any nominations?

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Avery Kirscht nominates **Ishaan Verma**

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Ishaan Verma accepts

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Jenna Miller nominates **Greyson Hedglin**

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Greyson Hedglin accepts

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Pierce Wallbaum nominates **Jayden Kim**

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Jayden Kim declines

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Ruby Santos nominates **Sumaiya Zunairah**

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Sumaiya Zunairah accepts

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Julia Tanner nominates **Ruby Santos**

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Ruby Santos accepts

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Husna Chepkemboi nominates herself

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Naomi Law nominates **Diana Abebe**

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Diana Abebe cannot accept due to absence during meeting

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Collin Saywers nominates **Kavi Pasupathi**

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Kavi Pasupathi declines

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Erick Jacobsen: Are there any nominations? I'll ask three more times. All right, with that, the nomination period is closed, and we move on to committee meetings.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On Campus Affairs

- Reviewed R-32-20 A Resolution in Support of Ending the UW's Starbucks Contract
- Heard from Prime Sponsor Radcliffe Cushman

Off Campus Affairs

No Quorum – so no business can be voted on

- Read the [R-32-24 A Resolution in Support of Preventing Harassment by Anti-Abortion Protestors on UW Campus](#)

General Affairs

- Committee meeting begins at 7:09pm
- Sarah took attendance for teams; Pierce in-person attendance
- Jenna moves to move the order of our legislation to see R-32-17
- Ava Wahl adds to the conversation to move forward
- Skylar Fridriksson moves the previous question, Ava Wahl seconds
- Vote passes to end debate and move to the previous question
- Vote fails to change order of legislation
- Conversation begins on R-32-9
- Skylar Fridriksson moves to approve the bill favorably; raised hand vote; 12-0-1
- Committee meeting is adjourned at 7:15pm

Academic and Administrative Affairs

R-32-15

Attendance did not make quorum.

ASUW Restructuring

- Amendments made
- Tunnel to Connection
- Taskforce clauses struck and revised for clarification
- A: move to strike whereas clause 56-60
- Passed via unanimous consent
 - Add a new sentence to adjust for the past deficit

OLD BUSINESS

Erick Jacobsen: Alrighty, let's settle back in.

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Collin Saywers moves to suspend the rules to add R-32-26 to the top of old business

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Laim Knochen seconds

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Jenna Miller objects

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Collin Saywers: This has a lot of cosponsors.

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Jenna Miller: I want to start off by saying that his bill is very well intended. Jenna explains prioritizing time sensitive bills.

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Teddie Schmitt: This won't take long.

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Julia Tanner: Point of personal privilege

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The body realizes that the teams is muted.

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Erick Jacobsen: Hey, all. We ended committee meetings at 7:15. And since then, we have, we're in a period of open debate about adding R-32-26 to the top of old business. There's an objection by Jenna with regards to time-sensitive bills, and we are in a period of debate, and I am going to Bridget.

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Bridget Pasco moves the previous question

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Ava Wahl seconds

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Erick Jacobsen: Would all the cosponsors please come to the podium.

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Teddie Schmitt requests that all cosponsors stand instead.

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Reaa Dureja moves to suspend the rules and only read that clauses

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Naomi Law seconds

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Collin Saywers reads [R-32-26 A Resolution to Commend Joseph Riggio for His Commitment and Years of Service to ASUW and the University of Washington Community.docx](#) that clauses

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Teddie Schmitt continues reading R-32-26

Reaa Dureja moves to approve

Francisco Dojenia seconds

Approved 72-1-6

Applause

Erick Jacobsen: With that we will move on to R-32-13

Dylan Bianchi reads [R-32-13 A Resolution Endorsing the Return of Tent City 3 to Campus](#)

Erick Jacobsen: Would you like to speak a little more on this bill?

Dylan Bianchi: Yeah I am the senator for H4H That's why I've supported this bill. I've had, I've been asked about this, so I want to specify that in terms of community partnership opportunities, last time they were here, that looked like a master's student who did her master's thesis on the stay as like an analysis of public policy, I think it was. This looked like TC3's people appearing in lectures, in classes about homelessness to give like an actual first-hand perspective. It included, you know, TC3 members giving tours of their encampment to students who are interested during certain hours. And as acknowledged in the clauses is like, yes, there were things that could have gone better, but generally I think it was a great. thing for campus. I also want to say there's a couple details that

have kind of evolved since I wrote this bill. The letter has been circulated more widely. It has since been sent to Robert Jones. I believe it's, I don't know if it's on his desk, but it's on his assistant's desk at the very least. And TC3 this Tuesday is going to be moving to the U District to, oh my God, it's the church near like the Burke Museum. I forget the exact denomination of the church. Yeah, United Church.

Ruby Santos: So we mainly heard from the prime sponsor. We had a couple of questions that we went over similar to what was just asked. Then we amended line 13 and we decided to change the word homeless throughout the bill to unhoused. Then there was some discussion about an amendment to spread campus awareness about the city, because most of us in committee hadn't heard of Tent City 3 before, so we wanted to see if perhaps something to kind of educate more students about this area would be beneficial. I don't think that amendment was ever actually made, but we also did some grammatical edits, and then afterwards the bill was passed out favorably, 14 to 0 to 1

Aiden Reeder: I know that we are near the time. I do think that this is rather short. So I first am going, I will be moving to approve the edits, but I just, I also think that we can relatively simply move to approve this later. So first I'm going to move to approve the edits, the committee edits

Aiden Reeder moves to approve committee edits.

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Reaa Dureja seconds

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Approved via unanimous consent

Avery Kirscht moves to suspend the rules to move the timestamp to 7:40

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Collin Saywers seconds

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Dylan Bianchi: I just want to say I want to encourage everybody to ask any questions or make any comments they might have. I don't want anyone to avoid sharing a concern or trying to clarify something because they're afraid of being perceived as like anti-homeless. Like having questions about this is very normal and don't worry about it.

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Avery Kirscht: Dylan, you mentioned that things, I might be misquoting here, you mentioned that there were certain things that could have gone better. Would you mind expanding on that a little bit and then what the plan is to help those things along?

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Dylan Bianchi: Yeah, it was, frankly, it was one thing, the thing being that students weren't really told this was going to happen before it happened. And so a lot of students were understandably quite surprised when they found out about this, especially because the parking lot next to Condon is right across the street from Terry and Maple Halls, right? So it's quite close to where students live. So that is addressed in one of the committee edit that clauses, which, yeah, starting on line 31, that if the university decides to go ahead with this, all students are notified. This isn't formalized in the bill. If someone wants to make an amendment, they can. We'd also probably try to do a forum about it. Last year there was a forum, but it was midway through the TC3 stay. And so it was kind of like too late to be like letting students know what was going to be happening. There were students who had concerns that were less based in TC3 and more based in like the conduct of homeless people in UW district generally. And so it would be helpful to have better information available to students so they understand like what's happening.

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Greyson Hedglin moves to add that clause stating "and that upon inviting TC3 back to campus, UW will hold a forum to inform students about the presence of this community"

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Reaa Dureja seconds

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Abigail Appleyard: You mentioned they were considering extending the stay through spring quarter. And I was just wondering if there was like a specific reason for that, like programming that they had in mind. Especially, I think you said that they, in the past, it's only been just winter quarter. So I was just wondering if there was any reasoning behind that change.

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Dylan Bianchi: It really is just that like, it's helpful for them to have a place to stay longer. It's that simple. I want to be clear, like, there are definite benefits to the UW community in doing this, but the primary reason that myself and H4H in general are advocating for this is for the benefit of TC3 and for the unhoused community in general. That we view this as a way that UW can assist in a crisis that is gripping our city. So this is an example of something that, you know, in all frankness probably doesn't carry any additional benefit to UW beyond us doing our part to address the crisis.

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Kathleen Esnaurrizar: This is more just like a general question because on like a first year side, I wasn't aware of it when it happened two years ago. But were there any more like increased reports of anything happening around like Terry and Maple? Because I know like there have been reports of just unhoused people in general around that area. I don't know if it got increased because there was more, but I know that it's different. with those types of people in that city, but were there just more reports in that time?

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Dylan Bianchi: There were not. We know for a fact that no member of TC3 was ever involved with UW security or anything during the duration of the stay. Again, they're a democratically run encampments, so they have pretty strict rules that they bind themselves to to make sure the encampment works no matter where they're staying. During the forum, there were, sorry, we had a forum last year. Most of the forum was spent with students complaining about the behavior of other unhoused people in the area, but due to like physical descriptions, we know that those were not people from TC3.

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Isabelle Green: So my question is kind of twofold. First of all, how exactly was this encampment explained to students last time, and what is your plan for better publicizing it this time? And actually kind of a third follow-up question. How do you think this encampment staying through spring quarter will impact the university's registration? Because that's college tour season. And look, awful as this sounds, the UW has a reputation for being unsafe, largely because of the homeless population on and around the Ave. And so how is having a very large visible tent city going to impact the university?

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Dylan Bianchi: I'd note a few things there. First of all, as I said earlier, students weren't really informed that this is going to be happening, and the plan as outlined in the that clauses is that all students would be emailed upon the decision by the university to invite TC3, and then there would be a forum held so that students could ask any questions they might have. I understand your concern in terms of like visibility and college tour season. This encampment would almost certainly be located on like a parking lot, so I'm not sure it would be like super central. And last year, for their own privacy, and I believe they do this everywhere, they have like fence, like a fenced off area, and then they use this like the same kind of like kind of coverage paper that you see like around a construction site. And that's, again, primarily done for their own privacy.

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Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other hands?

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Kyra Lui: I've been trying to look at Tent City 3 in their website and their code of conduct link is broken. I was wondering if you have it. I'm just wondering about substance use.

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Dylan Bianchi: I don't but as it says in the bill, I know for a fact that they're a sober encampment. Yeah, so substance use is not permitted. They have like families there and stuff in the encampment.

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Justin Amaral: I'll just clarify that since UW has a Tent City 3 FAQ on their website for 2025. And it states that they do have a strict code of conduct prohibiting drugs, alcohol, violence, and sex offenders. And they work closely with UWPD. So it's pretty secure.

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Andy Sinha: This is like kind of similar to what other people have been saying, because I'm A freshman, so I like didn't know about this before, but I was wondering, I heard that in September of like 2025, there was an incident where a member of the Tent City 3 committed sexual assault against like a minor in that encampment. I was wondering, like, do you have any plans to, for safety for like minors on campus and just like other vulnerable groups on campus, especially like considering like recent events?

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Dylan Bianchi: I'm not aware of that incident. I'm not saying it didn't happen. I'm not familiar with the details, though I will say, as Justin just mentioned, within the code of conduct for the For TC3, that person would be removed if that was like a matter of public record. Again, I will reiterate, so TC3 has stayed on our campus four times. And I know at the very least, last time it went completely without incident. No reported misconduct of any kind. So again, I do believe this is a safe encampment.

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Detlef Gerbing: As a tour guide on campus, I can kind of speak to like where we're actually like having groups go. So we don't, our route doesn't go near West Campus. And then when we do have West Campus dorm tours, they're further up, so they're not near Tent City 3 like location. So there shouldn't be an issue whatsoever. And I think having the wrapping as Dylan said also makes it pretty secure and there's no parking on that side either. So generally I don't think the tourism is affecting or the Tent City 3 is affecting tourism whatsoever.

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Erick Jacobsen: With that, it is 7:40 so we are entering a motion to adjourn. Are there any seconds to this motion?

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Abigail Appleyard seconds

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Avery Kirscht withdraws motion

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Kathleen Esnaurrizar moves to suspend the rules and remove the timestamp

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Ava Wahl seconds

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Spencer Grubbs objects

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Kathleen Esnaurrizar yields

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Spencer Grubbs: If Avery rescinded his motion, then there is no timestamp, so there's no need to change anything.

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Erick Jacobsen: That's not how it works. I will, okay, I'll clarify how this works. So if there is, Avery's motion passed, so there was a time stamp in the agenda for adjournment. But the reason Avery rescinded his motion is because the time stamp for adjournment, all it does is it initiates a motion. And so that motion still needs to be seconded, et cetera. So that motion failed but the timestamp is still in there. Ok with that we are in a period of debate.

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Reaa Dureja moves the previous question

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Collin Saywers seconds

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Teddie Schmitt: I don't know if that would be grammatical but I moved to add Craig Wilson to the forwarding clause.

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Avery Kirscht moves to approve

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Adam Ford seconds

Francisco Dojenia performs the cup song during the voting period

Approved 50-6-14

ADJOURNMENT

Reaa Dureja moves to adjourn

Seconded

Approved by raised hand vote

7:49 pm

Minutes Prepared by Jothsna Sundar
Clerk for the ASUW Student Senate
