



Associated Students of the University of Washington

Board of Directors | Agenda | Session 125

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Call to Order

Nandana calls this meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Land Acknowledgement

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

P | *President – **Nandana Jaideep**

P | *Vice President – **Sonal Virk**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Forum

- UW Transportation Presentation ([presentation slides](#))

Mark introduces himself as the interim Director of UW-Seattle's Transportation Services unit. He explains that parking is only one element of the work UW Transportation Services does, adding that they also oversee the U-PASS committee and pour over half of their \$50 million budget toward other means of transit besides cars.

Mark explains that 8,000 to 10,000 people drive to campus each day. He says that 10.4% of students drive to campus each day, and 25% of employees commute alone. He explains that compared to other major west coast institutions, UW has half of the parking stalls but 10% more students, creating a parking problem. He says that the number of parking stalls will not grow because of UW's promise to reduce the rate of drivers driving alone to campus. He adds that stall numbers will decrease from 11,000 to 9,000. He explains that last year, 16.6% of individuals drove to campus alone, but their goal was 13%. He explains that the campus's sustainability goals also support UW Transportation's goals to lower the amount of drivers and parking stalls on campus, but they also have started to engage with entities, like ASUW, to address the equity issues that will come along with this decrease.

Mark says that they have heard from UW Transportation customers that there is a major bike theft problem on campus, so they have fortified bike lockers and are implementing new bike lockers, especially in areas where theft was particularly bad. He adds that, last year, they were successful in lobbying the state legislature, obtaining \$16.6 million for improvements to the Burke-Gilman trail. He says that money will be used to separate bike and pedestrian traffic on the trail.

Mark says they use parking rates to discourage an increase in drivers commuting alone to campus. He explains that they have received complaints and fears of inequality that comes along with that, so they have been trying to address how students with acute needs will be less affected by the rate increases. He says that they have been thinking of ways to apply Husky Promise to parking. He provides a brief overview of parking rate increases, explaining that the Board of Regents approved a four-year parking rate increase at 4% a year in 2022. He says that they feel, at this moment, it is not right to impose that large of an increase, so they have been looking at ways to impose a lower increase. He explains that the 4% increase went toward paying the UW Transportation

staff, who were underpaid in comparison to other Seattle and King County parking staff. He says, because of that increase, there was a 27% increase in their parking specialists. He says to continue wage improvements, they will need to continue to have an increase. He adds that they have \$84.5 million in deferred maintenance. He explains that to address that critical safety need, they are shifting a significant amount of their funds. He explains that, for this year, they are projecting a \$150,000 surplus, which will go toward lowering the deferred maintenance cost. He adds, however, for future years, they are projecting to break even.

Mark explains that they are proposing to cap their rate increases at 2.8% for Fiscal Year 27. He says for the last four years, the increase has been at 4%, but for the next three years, they are asking for a 2.8% increase. He says that once they decide on a direction for their parking rates, they test them against the market. He explains that the parking rate for visitors is higher than the market value. He says that the visitor rate of \$21 is 18% higher than the average non-UW parking rate. He explains that they use the revenue from the higher-than-average rate to subsidize student and staff parking. He adds that because of the subsidizations, the UW employee parking rate is 40% below the market average, and the student rate is 52% below the market average.

Mark explains that with the 2.8% increase, the east lots, E1 and E18, would go up by 20 cents to \$8.35 per day. He adds that in his discussion with student groups, he has promoted lots E4 and E5, which are available for \$5 per day. He says that employees will experience a .24 cent increase for this coming Fiscal Year, which equates to about a penny per hour of wage. He adds that patients are subsidized for \$10 parking per hour at the Triangle Lot at the UW Medical Center. He adds that UW Athletics sets parking prices for athletic events. He says at the E1 and E18 lots, which UW Transportation does control for athletic events, parking will be set at \$14 per hour.

Mark explains that they are looking for the 3-year, 2.8% increase to take care of UW Transportation's need to address staff wages and critical facility needs. He adds that it increases the visitor rate at a rate that is consistent with inflation. He says the increase also encourages people to find alternative ways to get to campus other than driving alone. He says that UW Transportation will post a notice for a public hearing on the UTC website to discuss the parking rate increase on February 9 in HUB 250 at 11 am. He asks for any questions.

Owen says at the Lynwood Light Rail station, Sound Transit is planning on implementing parking fees. He asks if UW Transportation has any contact with Sound Transit.

Mark says they do.

Owen asks if there has been any discussion around making the Lynwood Light Rail station parking fee lower for students.

Mark says that is a great suggestion, and he can bring that to their next meeting with Sound Transit. He explains that they discouraged the rates because of the impact it will

have on UW staff and students. He adds that Sound Transit is implementing the rate because the Lynwood Light Rail station parking garage is filling up at 8am every day. He explains that this is an opportunity for UW Transportation to work with ASUW to create an advocacy group. He explains that as staff, they can't officially lobby for legislation. He says he isn't sure how that would apply here, as he isn't sure if rates approved by the Metro City Council would count as lobbying. He says this is why ASUW's continued participation on the University Transportation Committee and the U-PASS Student Advisory Board is so vital.

Ashwin asks if the appendix on slide 25 aligns with the CPI metric of 2.8%.

Mark says those 3 slides pertain to UW Transportation's evaluation of 3 increase alternatives, where they looked at a 0% case, a 3% case, and a 5% case. He says that evaluation helped them align with their original 3% proposal.

Ashwin asks if they would consider going to a 3.5% increase to reach breaking point in the next 5 years or if the 3% better aligns with their goals.

Mark says they are using this current rate increase of 2.8% as a bridge period before they can determine what their long-term rate increase needs to be. He says they are also looking for ways to lower costs to help them reach a CPI rate. He explains that they don't want rates to go up faster than inflation, but at the same time, they are trying to have a rate that will deter people from driving to campus. He says that they understand that there will always be some people that need to drive to campus, so they are trying to find ways to help drivers park in places that are closer to their freeway exists and more centrally located on campus.

Owen says that the \$5 per day E4 and E5 lots are about a quarter of the size of the E1 and E18 lots. He asks what discussion there has been about mitigating this issue.

Mark explains that they understand the limited size of the lots, but they can't make them larger. He adds that UW Transportation is currently looking into a staff-only, gated lot in the UW Tower. He says there are several hundred unused stalls there, so they are looking into opening those to students who need the spots the most.

Grace asks if there is a way for students to log in with their NetIDs on a payment system like PayByPhone, so parking can be the same for students in every lot.

Mark says that is an interesting idea. He asks what problem that would solve.

Grace says it would allow there to be a flat fee across the board, which would help with the equity issues UW Transportation is trying to address.

Mark explains they probably couldn't use PayByPhone for that, but they could create a special permit for students with the most pressing need for a lower rate parking pass. He explains that they couldn't give a flat fee to all students because of supply and demand issues.

Nandana asks if UW Transportation has thought about downsizing to cut costs.

Mark explains in the last four years, UW Transportation has had staff cuts and downsized by 8%. He explains that they are currently freezing positions based on turnover, so they aren't laying people off.

Erick asks if UW Transportation has thought about opening up the excess stalls in the UW Tower lot to students.

Mark says that is what they are hoping to do. He adds that with shrinking stall numbers, and the 150 stalls being pulled out service from the construction of the Marie Caucé Welcome Center. He says they were not a fan of the reduction of stalls in N1 at UW Transportation, so they are now trying to figure out solutions to address that reduction. He explains that they bring these issues to the UTC to discuss, and that is why ASUW membership on that committee is so important.

Nandana thanks **Mark** for his presentation.

Anabel explains that there are new Title II regulations in the ADA around digital accessibility. She explains that these new regulations will go into effect on April 24, and they will need to work to meet the new accessibility requirements on ASUW's website and social platforms. She says that they will need to make sure electronic and transition documents, social media posts, spreadsheets, and presentations are accessible. She explains that she may give another presentation on another date to expand upon the new regulations.

Grace thanks **Anabel**.

Nandana thanks **Anabel**.

Juan asks **Anabel** to reach out to him or GPSS's VP of Equity so they can ensure GPSS is also meeting these guidelines.

Approval of the Agenda

Ashwin motions to approve.

Erick seconds.

Agenda approved with unanimous consent. 6:19 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

None.

Consent Agenda

Sonal takes chairship from **Nandana**.

Ashwin motions to approve the Consent Agenda.

Audriana seconds.

Erick objects.

Ashwin rescinds his motion.

Erick asks for a short summary of these Bills. He asks how much money this is overall.

Grace explains that these Bills are to address the requests from RSOs for over \$1,000 from the Special Appropriations Fund. She says that these requests have all gone through and been approved by the Finance and Budget Committee. She adds that the Harry Potter Club's request is below \$1,000, but because of time constraints it could not go through F&B first, so it will need to be approved by the Board instead. She adds that they were also all approved and vetted by SAO and **Khushi**.

Kate asks why they need to approve \$32 for Ukrainian Students. She says she doesn't have a problem with approving it, she is just curious.

Marshall says it may be because they needed the money sooner than the next F&B meeting, so it needs to be approved by the Board despite falling under the \$1,000 amount.

Erick motions to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ashwin seconds.

Consent Agenda approved with unanimous consent. 6:22 pm.

New Business

Nandana takes back chairship from **Sonal**.

- [BOARD BILL 3.29 An Act to Grant Funding to the Office of Government Relations for 'Huskies on The Hill' Transportation Resources](#)

Kate reads Board Bill 3.29 aloud in its entirety.

Kate explains that OGR had so many people register for Huskies on the Hill that they need extra buses. She says this funding will go toward those buses.

Erick says FY27 needs to be changed to say FY26.

Kate says she will make the change.

Owen motions to approve Board Bill 3.29.

Erick seconds.

Jessica objects.

Owen rescinds his motion.

Jessica asks if they pick up students from other campuses with these buses.

Kate explains that the buses that are requested in this Bill are only used for students from UW Seattle. She says that UW Tacoma and UW Bothell organize their own transportation.

Erick asks if there is any expectation for this amount to increase.

Kate says this is the exact invoice they received yesterday. She says they are going to pay the invoice as soon as the Bill goes through.

Grace adds the buses pick up everyone in the IMA parking lot.

Ashwin motions to approve.

Erick seconds.

Board Bill 3.29 passes unanimously. 6:27 pm.

Old Business

- [BOARD BILL 1.05 An Act to Amend the ASUW Bylaws to Further Tri-Campus Collaboration](#)

Erick explains that, as things stand, they have narrowed the Bill down to the parts that only address tri-campus efforts and framework in the Bylaws. He explains that they change it so they only include the parts pertaining to memorandums of understanding rather than the Bylaws to keep things as flexible as possible.

Sonal says she doesn't like the wording of "the ASUW President shall strive to meet with the Presidents from ASUW Bothell and ASUW Tacoma" because that meeting is a collective effort and not just the ASUW Seattle President's responsibility. She asks why it is only put on the ASUW Seattle President to further tri-campus collaboration.

Erick explains that he wrote it this way because they can't require other campuses to do things in their own Bylaws. He says they can also take out this part from the Bylaws and put it in the memorandums of understanding instead, so they are not committing to anything the other campuses are not committing to.

Owen asks if they discussed with the ASUW Seattle Director of Legislative Affairs, **Brandon**, about the viability of Section 1, Subsection C. He says once a week may be too much. He suggests making it at least a bi-weekly, if not a monthly requirement.

Erick agrees that once a week is a lot, and maybe the requirement should only apply to Winter Quarter when the DOLA is in Olympia.

Nandana says she hasn't had the chance to speak with OGR or EAC yet, who are both stakeholders in this Bill.

Ashwin says that the new Joint Resolution from Senate Steering has turned into a combination of this Bill and the original JR from Senate. He says that if they wait for the Bylaw and Constitution workshop they plan to hold, then they don't need to pass this separate Bill.

Nandana says she has a couple of concerns or questions about memorandums of understanding. She explains that while the Bill says that memorandums of understanding don't have the ability to legally constitute a legally binding agreement, to her understanding, they actually do have some legal standing. She says they need to understand what memorandums of understanding entail more before they add them to their governing documents.

Marshall says that memorandums of understanding are legally binding.

Erick explains that they may want to remove the idea of the memorandum of understanding altogether, or if there is a term for official, but non-legally binding agreements, they could use that instead.

Nandana says that adding language to the Bylaws similar to this while they do the Bylaws workshop is best instead of passing this Bill. She explains that since the current language is vague, she's not sure how they would hold people accountable. She says there could be a way to add things into the Board's job descriptions in the Bylaws that hold them accountable to tri-campus collaboration.

Sonal explains that if they are encouraging this tri-campus collaboration for all employees, then do they add this language to all employee's job descriptions. She asks if the tri-campus collaboration will only pertain to EAC, OGR, and the BOD. She asks if the other campuses are making similar efforts toward tri-campus collaboration right now. She asks how they ensure this accountability is measured on the other campuses, especially pertaining to collaboration between the three Presidents.

Erick explains that any officer in ASUW could reach out to their campus counterparts if they wanted to, but most of the language in the Bylaws could be directed at EAC, OGR, and the BOD since they are the entities most involved in tri-campus efforts. He says that they need to solve what they ultimately could commit to, which is why he originally included the memorandums of understanding language because he thought they were a non-legal, but formal, agreement. He adds that he wants to find a way to implement a tri-campus agreement that doesn't involve a pledge only from ASUW-Seattle, but it is tricky because they can't require action from other campuses in their own governing documents. He suggests a joint meeting with the other campuses where they say that they will add things into their job descriptions if they do the same, but that could get complicated. He says it is a very difficult situation to solve, and he is unsure if there is a way to fit all of their needs.

Nandana explains that the President already has a line in the Bylaws to foster a healthy tri-campus relationship in the Bylaws, so adding more to that point could create a redundancy. She says the current line gives the current leadership more autonomy to decide how it is best to reach that goal. She says that the most effective way to go about this is assessing what is currently in the Bylaws and brainstorm other ways to hold tri-campus collaboration accountable without a legally binding agreement. She says they can give Senate Steering an update on Monday and ask for their feedback. She adds that she doesn't want to rush this.

Erick explains that they could have a recurring discussion item in Board to talk about how to foster better tri-campus collaboration with accountability mechanisms. He says in his future conversation with the other two Senates, he will discourage the use of memorandums of understandings, so they aren't committing to a contract they are unaware they're committing to. He says the workshop for the Bylaws is great, but he would rather save that workshop time to discuss other issues within the Bylaws.

Ashwin agrees that most of the tri-campus collaboration falls under the EAC, OGR, and BOD's work. He says that while he doesn't want to negate the important autonomy that is granted to the ASUW President, he wants to further codify and specify the collaboration further in the Bylaws. He agrees with **Erick's** idea of having this as a recurring discussion item during the BOD meetings. He adds that they could also set up a tri-campus Board meeting as well.

Jessica explains that changing job descriptions and other ideas does not require a whole Board Bill. She adds that sometimes people do not uphold their responsibilities, and they will not be able to find a solution to every problem with interpersonal

relationships on every scale. She says that they don't want to totally encourage someone's inability to meet their goals, but they also can't fix every single problem.

Nandana explains that their governing documents already have a good amount of clarity, especially in terms of tri-campus collaboration. She says that she believes the issue this year stems from personal grievances. She explains that she believes that ASUW Seattle is satisfied with the amount of tri-campus collaboration that has been done this year. She says she would like to put the ball in the other campus's court and ask them to propose how they would like to best engage with ASUW Seattle. She explains that she doesn't want them to jump the gun and propose something when they are not the ones who have an issue with the current tri-campus collaboration efforts.

Ashwin explains that if they don't want to proceed with memorandums of understanding, then they need to table this Bill and come up with a better solution.

Erick says he'll voluntarily withdraw this Bill and request a discussion item related to tri-campus collaboration efforts at the next BOD meeting.

Ashwin motions to table Board Bill 1.05 indefinitely.

Erick seconds.

Board Bill 1.05 tabled indefinitely. 9.0.0. 6:47 pm.

Ashwin shouts out Erick for all his hard work related to this issue.

Nandana says she appreciates **Erick** for being an incredible liaison.

Executive Session

None.

Funding Updates

None.

Discussion Items

None.

Announcements

Nandana encourages the BOD members to give a Senate forum to talk about their positions and all the work they do, especially with ASUW elections coming up.

Erick agrees. He says the forum can be formatted in many different ways.

Nandana says the first information session for ASUW elections is tomorrow. She says the EAC is looking for 15% turnout this year.

Grace adds that Queer Prom is after the forum. She encourages everyone to attend.

Adjournment

Kate motions to adjourn.

Jessica seconds.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 6:50 pm.