



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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

January 8, 2026 | Husky Union Building 303 | 5:30 PM

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

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Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

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

P | *President – **Nandana Jaideep**

P | *Vice President – **Sonal Virk**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Erick motions to approve.

Peyton seconds.

Agenda approved with unanimous consent. 5:38 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Kate motions to approve.

Khushi seconds.

12/4 minutes approved with unanimous consent. 5:39 pm.

Consent Agenda

None.

New Business

- [BOARD BILL 5.05 \(JR-32-1\) A Joint Resolution for a Graduate and Undergraduate Student Regent](#)

Erick reads Board Bill 5.05 aloud in its entirety.

Erick explains that because of a current ASUW lobbying effort related to Student Regent voting power, he does not intend any lobbying efforts to begin in relation to this Board Bill this year. He explains that his intention with this bill is to lay the groundwork for future lobbying efforts. He adds that this is not a change he expects to happen anytime soon, but he wanted to begin the initial efforts to implement this change.

Peyton thanks **Erick** for bringing this forward, and she agrees that maximizing student representation is important. She shares her support for the bill.

Ashwin asks if they are worried about how Regents would respond to this. He asks for a timeline.

Erick explains that the timeline is currently unclear, but no lobbying efforts could begin until after the voting rights expansion for the Student Regent passes the legislature. He explains that it will take at least a few years to formally advocate for the implementation of another Student Regent. He says that he doesn't think the BOR will be upset—rather they are more likely to say no and go on with their day. He explains that a likely compromise that could happen would be to have two separate positions that share one vote. He adds that he can see many concerns from the BOR, but he doesn't believe that this will incite a negative reaction that would impact ASUW's other advocacy goals.

Nandana explains that the scope of the issues that the BOR addresses are so broad, that it typically doesn't matter if the student is graduate or undergraduate. She says, despite this, she agrees with expanding student representation on the BOR, and another vote could have a positive impact on students.

Kate motions to approve Board Bill 5.05.

Peyton seconds.

Board Bill 5.05 passes. 9.0.1. 5:49 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 5.06 \(R-32-1\) A Resolution to Increase Academic Transparency](#)

Erick reads Board Bill 5.06 aloud in its entirety.

Nandana shares her support for this bill. She explains that, earlier in the year, they attempted to pursue academic transparency as a part of ASUW's Legislative Agenda. She says that this is a much better way to pursue advocating for more academic transparency since they don't need to take that issue to the state level.

Peyton explains that professors sometimes change the class structure or syllabus after the quarter ends. She says that professors may not be able to provide an accurate syllabus two weeks before pre-registration if they end up restructuring their class after

the quarter ends. She adds that, despite this potential issue, she supports the overall idea in the bill.

Erick explains that he believes the intention of the bill would allow them to scale back the timeline if it is too harsh of professors. He says the main goal is to give students more class information than what they are currently getting during registration.

Kate explains that on her professor's syllabus, it included a clause that says that they reserve the right to change the syllabus at any time. She recommends requesting that professors, especially those who are unsure of the current structure of their course, include this clause on the syllabus they provide for registration.

Jessica says a professor can post a syllabus from the previous quarter with a disclaimer that it is subject to change.

Sonal shares her support for this bill. She agrees with **Kate's** idea for professors to include the clause that allows them to change the syllabus after it has been posted on MyPlan for registration.

Grace asks if the Student Senate has spoken to any members of the Faculty Senate about this.

Erick says that the sponsor of the bill, **Pierce**, reached out to **Helen**, the registrar. He says he is unsure if **Pierce** received a response. He explains the Senate's relationship with the Faculty Senate and Faculty Councils has been strong, and he is confident about getting this to their table.

Grace explains that when professors are creating classes, they have to send an application to get it approved. She says there could be some framework in that application for the professor to explain the goals of the course and provide a summary to include on the registration page for the course.

Grace motions to approve Board Bill 5.06.

Jessica seconds.

Board Bill 5.06 passes unanimously. 6:00 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 3.23 An Act to Approve Funding for ASUW Entity Merchandise Purchasing](#)

Peyton reads Board Bill 3.23 aloud in its entirety.

Peyton explains that her and the Office of Communications team sent out a merch analysis form, so the ask in the bill is based on the responses to the form. She says she added an extra buffer of \$1500 in case someone didn't fill out the form but still wanted

entity merch. She says that **Pranaya**, the OCOMM Assistant Director, will be overseeing the funds and the process of merch purchasing for entities.

Erick asks if **Peyton** could share more information about what the merch needs are.

Peyton says it differs per entity, but it'll mainly be for purchasing t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, stickers, and more.

Khushi asks if this merch is to give out to constituents or just for the entities to represent themselves.

Peyton says the merch will be for tabling and handing out at events.

Khushi adds that it would be great to expand ASUW merch in general.

Grace motions to approve Board Bill 3.23.

Jessica seconds.

Board Bill 3.23 passes unanimously. 6:06 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 3.24 An Act by ASUW to Increase Overall Campus Safety by funding self-defense classes held at UW Recreation](#)

Audriana reads Board Bill 3.24 aloud in its entirety.

Audriana adds that this initiative was originally proposed by last year's ASUW President, **Naomi**.

Jessica motions to approve Board Bill 3.24.

Owen seconds.

Board Bill 3.24 passes unanimously. 6:09 pm.

Old Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Funding Updates

None.

Discussion Items

Nandana explains that she had a meeting with **Calen**, a UW student, over winter break, to discuss establishing refrigerators across campus to address food security. She explains that students often don't have access to perishable foods due to a lack of access to a fridge. She says that **Calen** has been talking with HFS and EH&S about launching a program to implement fridges in the dorm lounges. She explains that, while ASUW can fund the fridges, she suggested STF to fund the fridges long-term since a fridge is technically a form of technology. She says they will go to STF to discuss. She explains that **Calen** ideally would like these fridges to be stocked with food for students to take, but it could be difficult to ensure the safety and equitable aspects of that project. She says if they figured out the logistics, ASUW could fund the food to stock the fridges with. She says that she, **Kate**, the Student Food Co-op, and **Calen** will have a meeting soon to discuss the future of this project. She explains that there are still a lot of logistics to work out, but she wanted to put that on the Boards's radar. She explains that she has also been talking with the UW Food Pantry about purchasing food from them and distributing it for free at the Bean Basket.

Ashwin says he likes the UW Food Pantry and Bean Basket partnership a lot. He says the fridge idea is good in theory, but the logistics could halt the success of the project. He explains that he is worried that one student could take all of the food from the fridge for themselves.

Nandana agrees with **Ashwin's** concern. She says the UW Food Pantry operates on a point system, but there is no way to enforce a system like that with these fridges.

Ashwin says if the UW Food Pantry could facilitate these fridges where a food point system is installed, it might work. He explains that when he lived in Poplar Hall, there was a shared fridge. He says he experienced his food being stolen from this fridge, and he worries about similar issues with this potential fridge program.

Peyton explains that the District Markets could potentially have a fridge in them, and the employees there could regulate access. She says while they are on the topic of food insecurity, she wants to promote ASUW's upcoming food drive that is running from

January 12-20. She says if the fridge program doesn't work, ASUW can hold more consistent food drives and other similar events to help address student food insecurity.

Kate explains that she is wondering if there is a way for ASUW to participate in the dorm rental refrigerator program. She asks if they could help subsidize that program. She says that might be more feasible, especially if there are concerns over people's food being stolen since the fridges will be in individual dorm rooms.

Nandana explains that her and **Calen** previously discussed that idea, but the reason he didn't want to go that route is because the cost is exponentially higher. She says the cost of subsidizing a few hundred mini fridges every quarter would add up fast.

Owen asks who would be responsible for cleaning the fridges.

Nandana says HFS staff would be responsible for cleaning the fridges since they are in the dorm lounge areas.

Sonal explains her main concern is the basic logistics of distributing food from the fridges. She asks who would be contributing to filling the fridges consistently.

Nandana says the original purpose of this project would be to just have wider fridge access so students can store their own perishable foods. She explains that if they can successfully establish the fridges, then they will look at expanding the program to provide free food in the fridges.

Erick explains that last year's Senate resolution to bring back HUB microwaves suggested a map of all microwaves on campus. He suggests a map for all fridges if they continue with this project.

Nandana agrees.

Jessica says **Kate's** idea, while more costly, may outweigh the logistical issues with the original idea. She explains that since the fridges are in individual dorms, they wouldn't need to worry about providing food or people's food being stolen from the communal fridges. She asks if there is an aspect of students wanting privacy and not wanting people to know they are grabbing free food from the fridge.

Nandana says they haven't discussed privacy yet.

Jessica explains that ASUW could provide fresh food and deliver it to dorms on a schedule. She says they could provide fresh and perishable items to the dorms for students to come down and grab for an allocated amount of time. She explains that the food wouldn't go bad and there would be someone to monitor the process.

Grace explains that in her last couple meetings with the Student Food Co-op, they have mentioned working with the UDistrict Farmers Market to purchase leftover produce that doesn't sell. She proposes the idea of turning the 121-office fridge into a community fridge.

Khushi asks if the dorms already have fridges.

Nandana says no.

Khushi says this fridge program in the dorms would mostly only help freshman students, and this ignores commuter students who have an equally pressing need for on-campus fridges. She explains that she likes **Grace's** idea, since the fridge would be in a place where more than just on-campus residents have access to. She agrees with **Erick's** idea of implementing a fridge map. She explains that a lot of majors have lounges, where there are fridges for students to use who are in that major. She says she understands not everyone at UW has a major, but that could be a better place for the fridges.

Ashwin asks if the main point is to provide food to people.

Nandana says the main point is to have a fridge for students to use. She explains that in addition to the fridge, it would be great to supply food to students.

Audriana asks if **Calen** has talked to the UW Food Pantry about this idea.

Nandana says **Calen** talked to them, and they have a few refrigerators for students to use.

Audriana asks if he has discussed the logistics of their fridge program with the UW Food Pantry.

Nandana says if they have fridges at the UW Food Pantry, they will need to sort out the logistics of who is cleaning the fridges, providing food, and transporting them.

Audriana explains that the UW Food Pantry gets food from the UW Farm and the UDistrict Food Pantry gets food from Trader Joe's. She says they could try to do something similar for supplying food for these fridges. She adds that they could put the fridge in the RA office so they could be more monitored.

Juan says that if the purpose of the fridges is to supply food to students who are the most food insecure, they may want to ensure that students who aren't the most in need of food aren't using the fridges. He adds that could be another logistical challenge of this project.

Peyton agrees with **Jessica's** idea. She explains that if they go with Grace's idea of keeping a communal fridge in the ASUW office, they need to make sure that it is in someone's job description to clean it.

Nandana thanks everyone for their input and suggests having **Calen** come to a Board meeting to speak about his ideas for the program.

Announcements

Nandana explains that the first BOR meeting was today. She says that they discussed investing more heavily into online education, graduate school retention, and expanding graduate school capacity. She says that she also gave the Regents updates on what the BOD members worked on so far this year.

Nandana announces that the Director of Legislative Affairs, **Brandon**, is moving to Olympia tomorrow to lobby on behalf of ASUW full-time. She explains that she will update everyone when there are sponsors for bills and opportunities for testimony.

Sonal announces that the all-staff meeting is this Monday, January 12, at 5 pm in the HUB 131 hallway. She says there will be catered food. She asks the Board to let her know if they want to make an update during the meeting.

Nandana asks if there will be another campus entity speaking at the meeting.

Sonal says there is a lot of information to go through, so she doesn't want to add something and go over on time. She says if anyone has someone they'd like to see in the future, let her know.

Grace asks if **Sonal** can save a slide for her to announce the RSO Winter Leadership Summit on January 13.

Sonal says yes.

Nandana thanks **Grace** for her hard work on the RSO Leadership Summit.

Owen explains that ASUW hirings have begun. He explains that the first round of seven applications has opened on Handshake, and they will be open until January 20. He says that he has a schedule for the hirings, but it is subject to change since the FY27 is yet to be approved.

Nandana shouts out **Owen** for being on top of hirings.

Khushi announces that budget season has begun. She says that everyone needs to ensure that the employees they liaison to are aware of all the dates for FY27. She says the SAF presentation for the budget is on March 6. She says the budget packet is due on January 21, the F&B Committee's 9-5 workshop is on January 24, and she will be hosting budget workshops and 1-on-1 meetings for anyone who has questions about the budget. She asks the BOD members to be as engaged in the budget process as possible.

Adjournment

Khushi motions to adjourn.

Sonal seconds.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 6:42 pm.