



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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

February 26, 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**

AE | 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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Forum

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Peyton motions to approve.

Jessica seconds.

Agenda approved with unanimous consent. 5:38 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Jessica motions to approve.

Audriana seconds.

2/12 minutes approved with unanimous consent. 5:41 pm.

Consent Agenda

Jessica says Board Bill 2.11 officially appoints at-large members to the Undergraduate Transfer Student Advocacy Committee. She says they are great students.

Nandana shouts out **Jessica** for doing this work, which hasn't been done in a long time.

Owen says Board Bill 2.12, 2.13, and 2.14 hire three Office & Overhead coordinators for the 2026-2027 school year.

Nandana says all the Finance Bills are to give RSOs money from the Special Appropriations Fund.

Peyton motions to approve.

Kate seconds.

Consent Agenda passes 7.0.1. 5:43 pm.

New Business

- [BOARD BILL 5.10 \(LD-32-04\) A Legislative Directive to Support Paid Leave for University Employees in Immigration Procedures](#)

Erick reads Board Bill 5.10 aloud in its entirety.

Nandana thanks **Erick** for taking the initiative to help with ASUW's lobbying efforts.

Peyton motions to approve Board Bill 5.10.

Sonal seconds.

Board Bill 5.10 passes unanimously. 5:48 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 5.11 \(R-32-04\) A Resolution in Support of a Pro-Student and Pro-Indigenous Smudging Policy at the University of Washington](#)

Erick clarifies that the seventeen "no" votes in the Senate were from Senators who were not opposing the Bill but preferred there to be more discussion around it prior to its passage.

Erick reads Board Bill 5.11 aloud in its entirety.

Renee asks for the forwarding clause to include the SAO advisor to the American Indian Student Commission, **Alan Galvez**.

Erick agrees and adds **Alan** to the forwarding clause.

Sonal shares her support for this Bill, and adds she is surprised this hasn't been done earlier.

Peyton shouts out the AISC Co-Director of Policy and sponsor of this Bill, **Lane**, and the AISC Co-Director of Programming, **Alison**, for the great work they've done this year. She says their Round Dance and Drum Making events were wonderful. She thanks them for standing up for their community.

Peyton motions to approve Board Bill 5.11.

Sonal seconds.

Board Bill 5.11 passes unanimously. 5:53 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 3.96 An Act to Fund and Collaborate with Husky Health for the Spring Get Yourself Tested Campaign](#)

Audriana reads Board Bill 3.96 aloud in its entirety.

Audriana explains that the cost for this campaign is lower because of the supplies ASUW purchased last year for Husky Health.

Erick asks why last year's Test Fest Lite cost more money for less tests than what will be provided during this campaign.

Audriana explains that she isn't sure, but she believes this campaign is cheaper because they don't need to repurchase some supplies and because Husky Health was able to negotiate a lower price with the lab.

Erick says the price per test this time is \$20, and the price per test last time was \$226.

Peyton says this is a great initiative that is very successful. She thanks **Audriana** for carrying over this initiative from last year into this year.

Peyton motions to approve Board Bill 3.96.

Erick seconds.

Board Bill 3.96 passes unanimously. 5:59 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 6.02 An Act to Commend Josue Villalobos for His Outstanding Service to ASUW and the University of Washington Community](#)

Peyton reads Board Bill 6.02 aloud in its entirety.

Erick says that this is great, and the **Josue's** Know Your Rights event is one of the greatest events ASUW has ever put on. He notes that the name of the Commission is misspelled in the Bill.

Sonal says she was talking with someone yesterday who mentioned that the Know Your Rights event was great.

Kate says the Know Your Rights event is what ASUW should be about: bridging student advocacy with student programming and reaching out to students in an impactful way. She adds that **Josue** exemplifies ASUW's commitment as an organization.

Owen explains that he had the pleasure of speaking at the Know Your Rights event, and he was pleasantly surprised to walk in and see the Lyceum filled with people. He says that he's not sure he has seen better reception for an ASUW event than the level of engagement Know Your Rights achieved.

Erick motions to amend between the "WHEREAS throughout his involvement" clause and the "WHEREAS on February 19" clause to add "WHEREAS Josue stepped up to represent both the ASUW Senate and the Joint Commissions Committee and the Finance and Budget Committee this year, bringing crucial input into the solution of ASUW's deficit and effectively representing his communities."

Peyton seconds.

Motion passes. 6:04 pm.

Kate motions to approve Board Bill 6.02.

Owen seconds.

Board Bill 6.02 passes unanimously. 6:05 pm.

Nandana congratulates **Josue**.

Old Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Funding Updates

None.

Discussion Items

Jessica says they are picking back up on the discussion around the New Student and Transfer Programs funding request from the New Student and Orientation Enrollment fee that they talked about last week. She reminds the Board that they discussed the \$75,000 request for new husky t-shirts, which would increase the fee by \$8.15 per student. She explains that there were 6,700 students who picked up a t-shirt this year, and out of those students, 200 students filled out a survey that they are using for data to justify this year's request. She explains that NSTP justified the cost of the t-shirts by saying that they will promote unity, belonging, and look aesthetically nice in the student "W" photo. She adds that they can't do anything about the credit card fee, but they can discuss that separately at a later date.

Sonal explains that making 9,200 t-shirts is not great, because she knows that the full number of students will not pick up a t-shirt. She explains that this produces a lot of waste.

Jessica explains that about 3,000 t-shirts were left to waste this year because only 6,700 students picked the t-shirts up. She explains that she spoke with someone at the University Bookstore who coordinated the new student t-shirts program this year. She says that person recalled there being a lot of waste. She adds that the extra t-shirts were thrown out in the crowd during UW football games.

Nandana asks if **Jessica** met with NSTP since discussing this fee in Board last week.

Jessica says no. She explains that during the last UTSAC committee meeting, they didn't have time to ask many critical questions. She says that when the committee votes on NSTP's request next week, they will have more time to ask critical questions.

Kate explains that she likes the idea of having a student design these t-shirts, but if that adds cost, they could use a pre-existing design. She asks if there are any other ways to cut costs.

Sonal agrees with **Kate**. She says that producing 9,200 t-shirts is producing waste. She says they can reduce the number of t-shirts they are producing while still allowing a student to design the shirt.

Peyton says that she knows that the bookstore already does a student design collab with stickers instead of a t-shirt. She says NSTP can give every new student a sticker instead of a t-shirt. She says that stickers are cheaper, less wasteful, and will still utilize a student design.

Erick agrees with **Peyton**. He explains that even though students in the survey said they liked the t-shirt, there was no question asking them if they thought it was worth the money. He says that if they want to create a t-shirt for new students, they can sell them individually for \$8.15. He explains that way, students who want the t-shirt can still get one, while students who don't want a t-shirt will not be forced to pay for it through this fee.

Sonal says the average price of purchasing 9,200 stickers is \$4,600. She explains that this would be better for students because their NSEOF fee will not be as high. She says that she strongly opposes t-shirts because it is not sustainable and students will not care about them.

Renee explains that she used to work in the office that runs this fee and that this t-shirt initiative is new.

Jessica says, yes, the t-shirt program was piloted last year.

Renee says as someone who used to order t-shirts for that department, one difficulty is size inclusivity. She explains that sometimes they end up with waste because they order too much of one size. She says the stickers will not have the same issue.

Jessica says students on the UTSAC suggested a hat, since it is possibly cheaper and will still contribute to a uniform aesthetic in the "W" photo.

Renee agrees that spending \$75,000 on aesthetics for one photo is excessive.

Jessica says the next fee request is from the UW Interdisciplinary Honors Program. She explains that the honors program is requesting \$6,000 to help fund Peer Facilitator awards. She says that this fee will provide monetary benefit to the honors program's peer facilitators. She explains that the peer facilitator program is requesting \$250 to be loaded onto each of their leaders' husky card accounts. She adds that students in the honors program have to take this peer facilitator course. She says that her critique of this fee is that not every student gets accepted into the honors program, and yet every student has to cover the cost of providing monetary benefits to the peer facilitators.

Nandana clarifies if this \$6,000 fee is to specifically compensate the student peer facilitators.

Jessica says yes.

Nandana asks if they were not previously compensated.

Jessica confirms that they were not previously compensated.

Nandana explains that she is in the honors program, and they have promoted in the past that students can list their role as a peer facilitator as service or leadership. She says, however, that she doesn't believe that service roles can be paid. She asks if the honors program has had any discussion regarding this potential issue.

Jessica says she is not sure if they have had any discussion about that. She explains that as far as she is aware it is considered a textbook award, so it is an award for service. She says that she will ask the honors program.

Kate explains that she thinks this is a relatively good use of money and a relatively small cost per student. She says that she gets that not every student gets into honors, but if FIG leaders are able to be compensated, then peer facilitators should be compensated. She says she is generally in favor of this.

Erick agrees with **Kate**. He says he minds this less than the t-shirts because it is a lower price and going to something that matters more. He says he would rather his money from a fee be spent on a working student than a t-shirt.

Sonal says she is in favor of the honors program fee.

Jessica says those were the only two funding requests. She explains that she is currently talking to someone from HFS about the credit card fees. She says that if anyone has a strong opinion about that to reach out to her.

Nandana asks if they know who is absorbing the credit card fee.

Jessica says the NSEOF fee absorbs the credit card fee. She explains that the credit card fee in the NSEOF fee is to cover the fees that comes from students who pay the NSEOF fee with credit. She says the \$52,000 in the funding request is an estimation of how much credit card fees will be accumulated by students that pay the NSEOF fee with a credit card.

Peyton explains that they see the credit card fee in the NSEOF fee as equitable, but ultimately it is making students who are not paying the fee with a credit card cover a cost they are not responsible for.

Kate says having the NSEOF fee absorb the credit card fees puts an additional fee in a place where it is not visible. She says she is not in favor of the credit card fee.

Erick agrees. He explains that his family used credit to pay the NSEOF fee, and they would've been happy to pay the credit card fee themselves. He says that the credit card fee isn't really being covered if students are paying it via the NSEOF fee. He says this is tricking people into thinking they're not paying a credit card fee, when they are. He adds that the tangible benefit isn't there.

Nandana explains when they pay a lump sum, they are expecting to pay that amount of money. She explains that if students are expecting to pay \$400, but then at checkout a \$6 credit card fee they were previously unaware of is added, it could upset them.

Kate says she gets that but allowing people to have the choice of paying a credit card fee or not is important.

Jessica says there is not enough transparency around this fee.

Peyton says something to ask is if the credit card fee is based off a percentage of the total cost, or if it is a flat rate.

Nandana explains that ASUW elections are happening very soon. She says that she would appreciate for the Board to help and support the EAC throughout elections season.

Nandana says that the Association of Big Ten Students on the Hill is happening during spring break. She explains that they will have lobby meetings on the 23rd and 24th and conference meetings on the 21st and 22nd. She adds that she, **Kate, Sonal, Khushi, Brandon,** and **Ashwin** will attend.

Audriana says that the Black Student Commission is having a blood drive tomorrow at the ECC. She says the U-PASS fee has been set, and it will need to go through Senate before it can through Board.

Peyton says she is starting the hiring for the next Communications Director next week.

Owen says he would like to finish the Arts + Entertainment Director and Rainy Dawg Radio General Manager hiring before the end of the quarter. He explains that he created a new hiring schedule, and anyone on the Board should let him know if they would like to sit on a specific hiring committee.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Erick motions to adjourn.

Peyton seconds.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 6:31 pm.