



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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

February 5, 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 5:35 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** (tardy excused; arrived 5:54 pm)

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**

AE | *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

Raika introduces herself and says she is a writer from The Daily.

Approval of the Agenda

Khushi motions to approve.

Erick seconds.

Agenda approved with unanimous consent. 5:37 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Kate motions to approve.

Ashwin seconds.

1/22 minutes approved with unanimous consent. 5:38 pm.

Consent Agenda

Khushi says all the Finance Bills on the Consent Agenda address the RSOs who have applied for funding through the Special Appropriations Fund.

Erick asks how much will be left in the Special Appropriations Fund after these Bills are approved.

Khushi says more than enough will be left. She explains that they are seeing more traction at this moment because the fund opened up later than it usually would. She

adds that the RSOs who have utilized SAF in the past were eager for the form to open. She provides a ballpark estimate of how much is left in the SAF: around \$50K.

Ashwin motions to approve.

Khushi seconds.

Consent Agenda approved with unanimous consent. 5:40 pm.

New Business

- [BOARD BILL 5.09 \(LD-32-3\) A Legislative Directive Supporting Student Voices in Democracy Through Alternative Voting Methods](#)

Erick reads Board Bill 5.09 aloud in its entirety.

Ashwin explains he was present during Senate Steering when this was read out. He explains that this Bill allows **Brandon**, the ASUW Director of Legislative Affairs, to move past the Legislative Agenda and lobby for this issue.

Kate says the last “whereas” clause says that UW students generally vote at a higher rate than other institutions. She asks what those other institutions are.

Erick says the source suggests UW has one of the highest rates in the nation, and the highest in Washington.

Grace motions to approve Board Bill 5.09.

Jessica seconds.

Board Bill 5.09 passes unanimously. 5:43 pm.

Eric motions to suspend the rules and move “BOD Reports” after “UWEMS” in Discussion Items.

Nandana seconds.

Motion passes unanimously. 5:44 pm.

Nandana says it is 5:45 pm, so they are now in an executive session. She says the meeting will be open to the public again at 6:25 pm.

Nandana calls this meeting back to order at 6:36 pm.

- [BOARD BILL 1.06 – An Act by ASUW to Amend the Bylaws to Adjust the Communications Director Job Description](#)

Ashwin reads Board Bill 1.06 aloud in its entirety.

Sonal takes chairship from **Nandana**.

Erick asks for a summarization of the changes.

Ashwin explains that the “Administrative Responsibilities” section and specificities on outreach visibility and merchandise are both new.

Sonal asks if **Peyton** could provide insight into the changes.

Peyton says that the feasibility of having an Assistant Director next year seems unlikely, so her and **Pranaya** worked to incorporate the Assistant Director position into the Communications Director position description. She says that the previous description was quite vague, and that this new description provides more insight into what the Communications Director specifically accomplishes. She provides the example of the old description saying that the Communications Director should accomplish “project management” with no explanation on how to specifically do that. She says these changes fix any of that vagueness. She adds that this new description also incorporates requirements for tabling, Dawg Daze, and communication with The Daily.

Nandana takes back chairship from **Sonal**.

Khushi asks if an all-day special BOD meeting to go over the Bylaws is still happening.

Nandana explains that she has been trying, but it has been difficult to schedule. She says she wants to have the meeting before the beginning of March.

Erick asks if the interim Communications Director who is hired for Spring Quarter will go off this new description even though it will overlap with the Assistant Director’s job description.

Peyton explains that the interim director will be using this description, and the Assistant Director will be mostly helping to assist during the transition period for the new Communications Director.

Jessica motions to approve Board Bill 1.06.

Valeria seconds.

Board Bill 1.06 passes unanimously. 6:45 pm.

Old Business

None.

Executive Session (5:45 pm – 6:25 pm)

Ashwin motions to extend executive session by 10 minutes.

Kate seconds.

Motion passes unanimously. 6:26

New Executive Session (6:26 pm – 6:36 pm)

Funding Updates

None.

Discussion Items

Erick explains that at the last BOD meeting, they concluded that memorandums of understanding are not the best way for them to improve tri-campus collaboration. He asks what other models or structures they think are best to improve tri-campus collaboration. He says that in his meeting with tri-campus Senate leadership next week, he'll start with more informal suggestions like adding tri-campus collaboration to transition documents. He asks if anyone has any ideas or feedback.

Nandana explains that she likes the structure they currently have since it facilitates tri-campus collaboration but still gives individual entities and officers a certain amount of

autonomy. She says that she will continue to meet with the other campus's ASUW Presidents and that they also are all in the Provost's Advisory Committee for Students. She says she is open to hearing tri-campus collaboration ideas from the other campuses, but she doesn't think there is an issue.

Kate seconds **Nandana's** point. She explains that she is weary of implementing any mandated system. She says that tri-campus collaboration works best when everyone wants to and is encouraged to come together and collaborate instead of being forced to do so. She says the current structure works when everyone wants to participate.

Valeria explains that there are no other Diversity officers on the other campuses she could connect with. She adds that she hosts DEI Councils that do have ASUW-Tacoma and ASUW-Bothell representatives on them, but she has never seen them show up.

Jessica suggests having a bonding event between the campuses during the summer, so a good report is built before the year starts.

Erick says that when he meets with the other tri-campus Senate leaders, he will mention that **Valeria** has not seen ASUWT or ASUWB representatives at her DEI Councils.

Valeria says she knows ASUWT is appointing some type of diversity officer, but she doesn't think there should be a mandatory meeting until that is solidified.

Juan says that GPSS has representatives from ASUWB and ASUWT that are supposed to come to their executive meetings, but they've each only come once. He says that he is open to mandatory tri-campus collaboration, because current tri-campus collaboration channels are rarely used.

Nandana explains that Husky Emergency Medical Services is fully functioning, with UW approval and high student engagement. She explains that they are primarily funded through grants, though they mentioned that they are looking for more sustainable sources of funding. She adds that she told them they couldn't provide that, since ASUW can only provide a donation. She explains that she suggested they go to STF since they use a lot of medical equipment. She says that they want to hire 100 EMTs, but they don't have the funding to do so right now. She asks what it entails to become a Student Activities Fee entity, and if UW EMS could become SAF funded.

Khushi says she doesn't have a lot of insight on that, but she can connect them with the SAF Chair, **Hailey**. She explains that current SAF funded entities have been on campus for a very long time and are affiliated with each other. She says she is wary of providing them with too much financial support since other RSOs are technically bound to a \$2500 limit through the ASUW Special Appropriations Fund.

Nandana says UW EMS are not an RSO; They are a separate UW entity now.

Khushi asks if they are more comparable to an entity like the UW Food Pantry.

Nandana says yes, but they are still run by students.

Khushi says she doesn't want UW EMS to rely their funding solely on ASUW since once the general fund is back down to a normal amount, they won't be able to provide a sustainable donation. She says she is happy to discuss with UW EMS on how they can receive more sustainable funding than what ASUW could provide.

Erick seconds the idea of not keeping UW EMS on the general fund, since that won't last forever. He says if the health fee passes, they could consider adding them to that instead of SAF.

Kate explains that UW EMS comes up in a lot of RSO conversations she has about RSOs that receive large amounts of funding from grants. She says she would like UW EMS to be looped in this conversation, since they are definitely applicable. She explains that there are a lot of different entities that this applies to, and she would love to codify a pathway for large, funded student groups to receive funding more sustainably.

Nandana says they will move on to board reports.

Erick says that since the last time they gave board reports, the Senate passed two Legislative Directives and one Resolution. He says GAVEL has been doing a lot of implementation work, and they are currently meeting with **Audriana**, RCSA, and an RSO to discuss implementation of the sustainability credit. He adds that they expanded GAVEL this quarter, so more people can work on implementation. He says he is planning on meeting with the other tri-campus Senate leadership by the end of the month. He says that the Provost Forum's in Senate last week went very well. He adds that they are cancelling the Senate meeting next week, so they can all attend Huskies on the Hill.

Ashwin explains that the Judicial Committee is still reviewing the 2026 Constitutional Amendments proposal. He says if the proposal is approved by the Judicial Committee, it'll go to the Senate for approval, and then the Board.

Kate says Huskies on the Hill is on Tuesday, so she has been devoting a lot of her time to that. She explains that she discussed with the people who are working on implementing a sustainability credit. She explains that she is also working with a lot of GAVEL senators to help with implementation. She adds that her AI working group has codified language on their two implementation strategies, and it'll go through Senate, so it becomes real student opinion. She explains that the AI Policy has a dual structure, with one side addressing accountability and the other side addressing how technology can be incorporated into curriculums and used effectively.

Jessica explains that she has started the Undergraduate Transfer Student Advocacy Committee and her at-large member applications for that are open for another week. She says, right now, they are planning on hosting an event where they can survey students in the Commuter and Transfer Commons while also doing an activity. She explains that she is in talk with UW Athletics to facilitate a charitable event for the UW Food Pantry. She explains that she is in contact with LiveWell on getting health kits out to UW Panhellenic sororities. She adds that she is working with **Josue**, the Director of the Latine Student Commission, on his Know Your Rights workshop.

Valeria explains that she has been holding 1 on 1 meetings with all of the Commission Directors. She explains that she is also working with **Erick** on legislation to address current issues with student safety. She says the Diversity Leadership Conference is on February 20, and registration is currently open. She adds that she is currently planning JCC week.

Owen says that the first interviews will be conducted next week. He says that he has also been making sure that all ASUW employees are comfortable with the new hours page on the ASUW website.

Peyton says that her interns attended the round dance and posted a reel about it. She adds that they got some content from Queer Prom. She explains that OCOMM is currently trying to create a combined content and event calendar. She says she is still receiving photos from entity directors for the highlight posts on Instagram. She adds that her OCOMM team is working on the external quarterly report for Winter Quarter. She says that the next quarterly report will be framed around the idea of what resources ASUW entities and commissions can provide to its constituents.

Grace says that she is doing a lot of planning, especially for ASUW's collaborative event with UW Fitted and Husky Jam, which will be on May 22. She adds that she is working with **Jessica** to get RCSA looped into that event since they will be hosting it close to the dorms. She explains that she is working with the Publicity and Programming Committee to legitimize the Committee since it is new to ASUW. She says that she is continuing to support **Samir** and **Jenny** on their intern mixer event, which they are aiming to host on February 26.

Khushi explains that she has been working on the budget, and most of the changes have been reflected. She explains that in fall quarter she creates an initial draft for the

FY27 budget, which is compiled with some of the data they receive from ASUW employees reporting their hours. She says the budgetary process begins at the start of winter quarter when the Finance & Budget Committee has their nine-hour retreat. She says during that retreat, they go line-by-line in the budget, and she hears everyone voice their opinions and ideas about the budget. She explains that after the retreat, she takes the F&B committee's feedback into account and creates the first draft of the FY27. She says that F&B also worked closely with the Bike Shop during the retreat. She explains that she has been drafting a lot of bills for RSOs to get funding, and she asks everyone to promote the fact that the SAF is open.

Caroline says she has been taking minutes and manning the ASUW 121 front desk like always. She adds that next year's BOD Coordinator will be hired very soon.

Juan says that he has been working on hiring a new officer for GPSS. He says that GPSS is hosting a "Puppy Love" event on February 27 in the HUB. He says GPSS is working on hiring their drag queen for QSC's Drag Show.

Nandana says she testified on her first ever bill last week, and she will be in Olympia for Huskies on the Hill on Tuesday. She explains that she has also been working with the President at ASWSU to improve collaboration with them. She explains that the Association of Big Ten Students has been focusing heavily on Minnesota since they are having a lot of trouble there right now, but she adds that the Minnesota student government has been doing a great job to try and protect students as much as they can through this time. She explains that her, **Erick**, and a couple others from GPSS had a conversation with **Denzil Suite** and **Lincoln Johnson** to talk about the mechanical engineering RSO fee. She explains that she and **Erick** have been working on trying to expand the UW Food Pantry in some way to the ASUW Bean Basket. She says that PACS happens every other week, and they have recently discussed AI, employment for postgrad international students, and food security. She says that EAC has been doing a great job with elections outreach, and she asks the Board to attend their info forums. She explains that she and **Jessica** met with HFS to talk about the community fridge proposal they have discussed previously in Board. She explains that she has a meeting with HFS to talk about proposal rates for all of their services, and once they discuss it with her, they will present those rates to the Senate and the Board. She explains that she has been meeting with **Sally Clark** to discuss campus safety.

Sonal explains that the I Heart the HUB event is on Thursday, Feb 12, from 11:30-1, and ASUW will be participating. She says that President Jones Strategic Planning Committee proposed the final strategic plan, and after the reviewing process, the plan

will be proposed in early March. She says that she has been working with UW Catalysts to review all the renovations and understand what the best way is to create a better environment for students. She says she knows VP isn't typically an external facing position, but she is very passionate about what is going on in the current political climate, so she has met with **Erick** and **Valeria** to discuss the best ways to help students feel heard. She explains that the Executive Board has been working hard to discuss internal reform, such as the budget, job descriptions, and hirings. She explains that the all-staff is on Monday, and the Executive Board has been discussing the best way to present the budget. She says she has been helping **Valeria** plan and coordinate JCC Week. She shouts out **Alison** from AISC for creating the JCC newsletters.

Grace adds that she is still ironing out some of the kinks with how they are distributing the pregnancy tests. She adds that the tests will now only be outside the SARVA office and in the 121 office to streamline the process for students to get a pregnancy test.

Announcements

Sonal announces that **Josue's** Know Your Rights Workshop is on February 19 from 6 pm – 8 pm in the HUB Lyceum. She asks everyone to attend. She says they are expecting around 200 attendees.

Adjournment

Erick motions to adjourn.

Peyton seconds.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 7:23 pm.