



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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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

Julia Tanner moves to suspend the rules and move the leadership reports and announcements and public comment to follow forums.

Blair Yeh seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Dylan Bianchi moves to add vice chair elections to the AAA committee

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Husna Chepkemboi moves to approve the agenda

Adam Ford seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Erick Jacobsen: Alright our next agenda item is forums, and we will have a 30 minute forum for the Vice President of Student Life, Denzil Suite. He is not here yet. He'll be here at 5:15, so we have six minutes. With that in mind, do we want to maybe consider putting announcements back in front or some other way to fill the time?

Julia Tanner moves to suspend the rules and place announcements before the forum

Naomi Law seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kira McKey: Hi guys I'm Kira, I'm the finance and budget liaison. I just wanted to clear some things up because we were talking about our budget in the last meeting, and I think it would be really helpful for you guys to have a better understanding of our general budget to make better decisions and the best decisions we can in the future. The number 1.7, 1.8 million was being thrown around. That is kind of true. \$1,000,000 of that is a gift from the provost to cover our student benefits. So all paid employees have to pay for benefits, but because we're students, we don't get them. So that's what that money is for, and we can't use it for anything else. So for all intents and purposes, that isn't part of our available money. So the rest of the 700 slash 800,000, off the top of my head, I don't know the exact number, and it's changing because we're spending out of it, is our emergency fund, essentially. So we can't use it to like budget out of for long term things. It's supposed to be there in case something hits the fan and we need to fund ourselves without SAF for a full year. So yeah, I just wanted to make sure you guys were aware of that.

Justin Amaral: Hello I'm Justin Amaral and I would just to give my opinions on the Senate Order 32-01, which was the recall votes that was shut down in steering due to the Director of Internal Affairs resigning. And the main point of that I would like to speak on is the clause that states that "The Director of Internal Policy has not reached out to the EAC chair about the timeline of serving the hours, nor has the Secretary of Judgments been trained on this matter, and due to this, it can be assumed that none of the required community service hours of any violations have been fulfilled." What this

means is basically any violations during the election period of last year, any candidates that were in violation of the rules were given community service hours, and that none of those service hours have been fulfilled. Why this is important is because according to those same rules, if the required community service hours are not fulfilled within the time frame, then payroll is frozen and employment is suspended until the completion of the hours. Currently, that has not happened and every single member, except for one of the board of Directors, has pending hours, which means that since week 7 of autumn quarter, every member of the Board of Directors, except for one, except for the finance and budget director, have been collecting checks despite the rules and regulations of the EAC. That's 10 out of 11 members, excluding the Senate Speaker, because that's a different election, have been collecting checks in violation of the EAC mandates since week seven of autumn quarter. That's 78 hours that they have refused to serve. So I think it was just surprising that only the Director of Internal Affairs was the one getting put on trial here. So I want to bring that to your attention. Thank you.

Reaa Dureja: Quick clarification its Director of Internal Policy not Director of Internal Affairs. Moving on, the raffles, we have just another announcement. We're going to have our joint Senate forum on April 14th that I'm hosting with Senate and GPSS. It's going to be from 5 to 7 p.m. in this very room. We're going to get a lot of pizza, so make sure you guys are there. Also a lot of snacks and a lot of goodie bags. So if you please RSVP, just take a second for it. While you guys are RSVPing, I am also writing a legislation about having menstrual products in HUB, and especially in ASUW, so I'm looking for co-sponsors. So if you want to do that, please reach out to me. My email, you can reach out to me on my website. Teams asuweac@uw.edu or come to my office hours tomorrow from Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 to 4:30. Thank you.

Gaby Lizarraga: I'm the Senator for Latine Student Commission, and I want to let you know that we're accepting fundraising forms from RSOs for Unity Day. Unity Day is going to be huge. It's a vibrant campus-wide celebration of community, culture, and connection. The QR code is on the screen. If you have any RSOs you're affiliated with that want to fundraise at the event, we are offering a table and some chairs and some support that you can come and fundraise. You can either do like food, a lot of the information is on the form. And then if you don't want to fundraise, we also have just the event is coming up on May 29th, 4 to 7. There's going to be folklorico, there's going to be strolling, there's going to be DJs, a piñata, hopefully. It'll be super fun, and I want to see you all there. So thank you.

Julia Tanner apologizes and suspends the rules to move announcements after forums.

Husna Chepkemboi seconds

Approved by raised hand vote.

FORUMS

Erick Jacobsen: We will welcome up Denzil Suite. Denzil Suite is the Vice President for Student Life here on campus, overseeing the HUB, DRS, Greek Life, HFS, CIRCLE, Ceremonies, and a bunch of other things, including all of our health units. He has been in this position since 2013, when he came here from the University of Southern California, where he served as Associate VP for student affairs. Take it away, Denzil.

Denzil Suite: Thank you and I feel bad. I didn't mean to cut off the open comments, but I appreciate you all giving me, allowing me to start on time because I have a very hard stop because I have to go and meet with a candidate. As some of you know, we are replacing Lincoln Johnson's position, and so the final of the candidates is on campus today, so I want to make sure we have plenty of time for questions and answers. As you heard, I've been at this university for quite some time. I came up here from Southern California, and I thought to myself I would be at the University of Washington for five years, and you know, now 14 years later, I'm still here and loving every minute of it. It's been, I feel like I really did find a gem of a place to be. I don't want to, okay, so, but I did have some information. So I told my team that I was coming to have this conversation with our ASUW Senate and they gave me a bunch of things. They were like, oh, just pass some of this on for them. They might find some of this interesting. I'm not going to give you all of it because they gave me too much. And as you heard, we have a very large team in student life. We obviously quite a bit of the out of classroom experience, but the team really does value the partnership we have with student leaders. I myself, as an undergraduate, was a student leader, and I know that in order for universities to work, we really do need this strong partnership. And I'll say this as well. I know, and I hope you believe this is true as well. I know that nobody in this room wakes up any morning thinking, I'm going to make the UW a worse place today when I go into my role. Everybody comes in thinking, how can I make this a better campus? What can I do to improve things on campus? I want you to trust me when I tell you that is how I wake up every day. My team wakes up, the president, the provost, everybody thinks, how can we

make this a better place? So I say that to reinforce the fact that we are in this together. We are working. We may not always agree in terms of how we get there, what the right path is, but the overarching goal, reaching that mountaintop, we are all on the same page. Just a quick few updates that I think you will find interesting. Like I said, I'm going to skip some of these. HFS wanted to let me let you know that the Haggett Hall is on track. It will be open this autumn. It will add an additional 2,800 beds to our inventory. That's good. We still have some discussions, some planning to do around McMahon. So we'll get Haggett this fall. We'll see what we have to do with McMahon down the road. The food pantry, 24,000 visits last year alone, 159,000 pounds of food, that's up 14% from the year before, and 3,500 pounds of ready-to-eat food was taken from HFS, given right to the pantry to hand out to students and others who want it, as well as 600 pounds of food came from local restaurants. Last year, the counseling center wanted me to share with you that they are, they're busy, but they have lots of alternative and options for students. So they still have their paws for a break. That's PAWS. And you can go to Schmitt Hall and actually interact with a therapy dog. They have their Let's Talk program at the ECC, at the HUB, at the Career Center, and at CIRCLE. You can just drop in and speak with the counselor. And they are still operating there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year help line. The health center wanted me to give a very special thank you to ASUW for the partnership on the STI testing. They said that they tested nearly 400 students last year and they're going to begin testing for STIs again on April 16th. And they also said they have a really strong partnership with ASUW on the vaccines and that last year they provided 1900 vaccines to over 1000 students and ASUW provided \$1,600 towards that goal. The benefit, the real beneficiary of that were international students and uninsured students. International students, especially because they, the MMR, measles, mumps and rubella vaccine isn't necessarily available in that combination in other countries and so they are able to come here and have that immunization so it was a big help. Beyond that, I'll just mention that we have a, Student Life is working on the new strategic plan in alignment with the overall university plan. The ASUW shell house is slated to be completed and handed over to the university in October. It'll take probably a few months before we get it fully furnished and operational, but it's going to be an iconic and wonderful space down at the waterfront for students to use on a regular basis. And the last thing I'll mention is that we're working with Advancement on trying to develop an internship fund, and what this would do is create a fund where the university would be able to pay students. to take an unpaid internship. If you have something that you say, hey, this is really aligned with my

academic or my career aspirations, but it doesn't pay anything and I therefore I can't take it, we want to be able to create a fund where we say, you know what, why don't you take it, then we'll give you X amount. So we're working with that. I've been speaking to some of the deans. One of the deans had a great idea about getting some of these companies to go half and half with us. So we are, that is a high priority, but I thought you would appreciate knowing that we're thinking about that particular thing for you, because we think it will really make a difference. I'm going to stop there. There's a bunch on my list, but I want to take questions that you have.

Erick Jacobsen: We will begin with the questions we prepared in senate leadership. We have two of those. And then if you scan this QR code in the top right, you can submit your own questions and we will be posing to them after we conclude with these two questions. Our first question is, how is Student Life budgeting to preserve essential programs and staffing positions in light of budget cuts, especially health and well-being units? If the student health fee initiative fails, how will student life address their needs?

Denzil Suite: Geez hit me with a hard one early. So the good news is that the state budget wasn't as terrible as we anticipated. So at this point, the hope is that we would at least be in a steady state going forward so that we're not anticipating cuts. I think two years ago, we did have to make a 5% cut. We were able to make most of those cuts through vacated positions, people retiring, and then cutting some operational. So we didn't have to cut much in terms of direct services. So we're hoping we won't have to do that again this year. And I just want to just emphasize this year because costs are skyrocketing. Everything is becoming more expensive, even trip. Sorry. Of course, this is Sally Clarke wanting to emergency. So everything is escalating. We are, we're really concerned, truthfully, if the health fee does not move forward, we will have to really examine what it is we can continue to offer. And we will just have to do the high priority, the suicide intervention, the counseling, but we will have to really examine what we are able to continue to offer. As many of you know, we are one of the only universities in the state of Washington without a health fee and the benefit of the health fee was that it was going to relieve a lot of pressure off of SAF, and that would have allowed a great more decision making by students, for students, in terms of determining where the funding from the university would go. You would have helped determine what the priorities are. So at this point, we feel like we will be in a good state this year. We're really going to have to see what next year brings given the costs and then where the state budget comes.

Erick Jacobsen: Our second and last question from Senate leadership is, what actions are the Division of Student Life taking to support undocumented and international students in all of its programs?

Denzil Suite: I'll start by saying we don't ask for undocumented students because we don't ask for that information. We have every student treated and supported similarly. One of the reasons we don't ask undocumented status is the more places we have that, the more opportunity there is for the government to request that of a public record, so we're like, "Nope, it doesn't matter to us. Every student is treated the same." International students, we love them. I love them. I actually, about 6, eight years ago, created the CIRCLE office. It didn't actually exist until before I arrived on campus and we have, the CIRCLE Office has done a great job of working with the Career and Internship Center, with the Health Center, Husky Health and others to make sure that they're keeping international students top of mind. But we have, I feel like we are, we have done better with international students than many of our peers because it is a high priority for us in the Division of Student Life.

Joseph Riggio: Thank you, Vice President Suite. We're going to move on to our Senator moderated questions. So how this will work is just like before, I'll be reading from a list of questions that are submitted by all of y'all. If you want to submit questions, just scan the QR code there and you'll be able to submit. There is a character limit. That's just to make sure that the questions are concise enough for I'm not reading an essay. But we'll start off with, for the internship program, is the internship payment program need-based, or can anyone access it based on a desire to earn?

Denzil Suite: Great question, the program doesn't currently exist and those are things that we will have to work through. Hope is that anyone can use it because the reason for that is even if you have the resources, but you want to still participate in, you know, I had, for instance, I had a well-known actor call me and say, I would like to find an intern at the UW, but I'm not paying anything. And I'm like, well, I spoke to, and I thought, I was like, oh, great, you know, students would love to work with this actor. And I spoke to a few students, they're like, it doesn't pay anything. And I'm like, yeah, but it's an actor and they didn't care. So I would still like to be able to offer it to anyone who needs it if they feel like it would help their career.

Joseph Riggio: Thank you. Our next question, so this senator asks, as Student Life is the overseer of housing food services and it's associated with food services wielding

influence in the greater UW Administration, would you support and advocate for the cutting of the contract that UW has with Starbucks due to major labor violations, earning over 1400 pending cases in the National Labor Relations Board System and alleged enslavement labor in Brazil?

Denzil Suite: We don't administer any contract with Starbucks. That's done through our sponsorship office. The university signs that contract with or without any input from Student Life or from Housing and Food Services. I don't know if I'm in a position to advocate without knowing more. I would like to make an informed decision before I just say, yes, I'm going to do something. I'm just not informed enough to be able to give a solid yes or no to that.

Joseph Riggio: Thank you for your response. What is the approach Student Life will take to provide aid to the UW food pantry, especially considering the demonstrated demand and necessity for increase in consistent staffing?

Denzil Suite: So the Food Pantry, so we currently have, I think it's 360 volunteers. We have to train those volunteers. That says something about the University of Washington. It says something about Huskies that we we're actually already filled with volunteers for the spring cohort. It says something about you as students that that's not an issue that we really need to struggle with. I will also say that the food pantry is, we have two areas of Student Life that are kind of shining stars when it comes to fundraising. The food pantry is number one. CIRCLE is number two. People want to support those two areas. We will be able to keep staffing at the food pantry. And we're getting more and more partnerships with local restaurants, with other food banks in the area who have actually met with to ensure that we have both enough food and enough resources to continue to serve the community.

Joseph Riggio: And I'm going to actually piggyback off of that question regarding the food pantry and food insecurity. What else is currently being done to support students with food and housing insecurity? Are there additional programs or things that are being considered right now in addition to what's going on already?

Denzil Suite: Great question, that was actually on my list that I didn't read. So in Live Well, we launched a benefits needs navigator position. And this position is specifically, and we're targeting low income students, but it's specifically designed to help anyone navigate both the university resources, but also city and state resources when it comes to food insecurity. housing insecurity or anything else they may need that the city or

state offers and the university offers, and they would like to find a way to help in getting that. So we do have a program specifically to help people regardless of whether they use the food pantry or not. But if they have a need, we have a person on campus they can go to.

Joseph Riggio: I'm just going to quickly shout out again because I'm running out of questions here. Y'all. We have Dr. Denzil Suite here until 45 so please scan the QR code, submit your questions. This is a unique opportunity that you'll get to ask these questions directly to Dr. Denzil Suite. And with that, I'm going to, one of our senators is even more curious about the paid internship program. I'll just kind of ask this series of questions. Have there been considerations about which programs qualify? Like, are there specific types of internships that are prioritized over others? And finally, how would this internship program play in with the current budget crisis?

Denzil Suite: So what I'm going to say is this is a lesson for me to not come half-baked with the idea. It's still in consideration with, we're going to have what we call a campaign coming up for the university. As you see, Husky Giving Day is part of that, but overall, and we have, and the internship program is one of the things that we are really working on in terms of developing a proposal so that we can get a lead donor. We have already started floating this with a few folks out there, and we've gotten very positive responses, but we don't have all the details are worked out. I will say that we will not have to reinvent the wheel at the UW because there are other campuses that have similar programs to this. So we will certainly mirror that. But all good questions. I don't have great answers to you because the program doesn't yet exist. It exists as a concept that we really want to launch. And we hope that over the next few months that we'll be able to put this in place for the next academic year. So come back and ask me all the details once we have something more concrete. And while you're running out of questions, I will tell you that one of the other, and I just said I learned the lesson, I'm gonna talk, this is bad. The, one of the other big plans that we have is, and this actually gets back to the question you asked me about health and wellness and what happens for if the health fee doesn't go through, but we are really thinking about the overarching student health experience at the University of Washington. The University of Washington is world renowned for its health prowess. We do the medical education for the five states. You heard the WAME. We should be at the University of Washington, the best student health experience in the country. We need to set the example for everyone else. And we have a ways to go to get there. So one of the things that, and this is, I've met

with a, there's a planning committee thinking about what the next campaign will be. And I floated this with this campaign, and it really resonates. I think we need to create a, almost like a single one-stop center where people can go in for, it could be health related, it could be nutrition, it could be yoga, it could be, but what I don't want to do is create a deficit facility where you only walk into this facility if something is wrong. We want to create a complete holistic facility where people can come in and say, yes, I'm just in here because, you know, I just wanted to meet people. Oh, I just, I need to learn better about how to exercise, whatever it is. And it isn't just about something deficit, but we have a ways to go, I think, overarching when it comes to health. And we are, and we already have this fund started, and we're funding it. We have another fund that we're looking at for underinsured or uninsured students. So if you want to go to the Husky Health Center, and you say, well, I just can't afford the payment we're like, don't worry, we'll see you, and we will offset that with the funds. So we have a lot of grand plans for this next campaign, but all of it is designed to really create a top-notch, unmatched student experience at the University of Washington, especially around health and wellness.

Joseph Riggio: And following that question, one of our senators is curious about as many colleges are canceling graduations for cultural and affinity groups due to the current political climate, how does your office plan to preserve these ceremonies?

Denzil Suite: I caught myself; my therapist would be proud. I was about to say something really unflattering. And the gist of what I was going to say is to hell with the political climate. It matters not to us. Let me be clear. The University of Washington engages in no illegal DEI behavior. Zero, none, zilch. None of the celebrations that happened, be it Black grad, Lavender grad, Latino, any of that, none of those are illegal. All of them have said and continue to say, everybody's welcome. You know what, if you want to celebrate our culture and. Sally really wants to speak to me. So we will, all of those are still on the books. I actually just gave some funding to some of those programs. We will continue to have them as long as I'm here, as long as the president's here, as long as the provost's here I would worry not about that. We have zero plans to get rid or to diminish. any of those programs.

Joseph Riggio: Thank you for that answer, that's very comforting for a lot of students. Is the Office of Student Life involved at all in sustainable education for students on campus, like the signs above the recycling, trash, compost bins, and the HUB? And are

there any plans to expand public education related to the living responsibility on campus?

Denzil Suite: So I wouldn't say we have, sorry, I'm now anxious. I'm sure there's something going on she wants to speak to me about, but I wouldn't say that from a central Student Life standpoint that we are taking lead. I know that in HFS and in the HUB as an example, there are programs, but there isn't a central of that comes out of the student, it comes out of the facilities. department for those kinds of things. So it would, we don't have a central program for that.

Joseph Riggio: Thank you for your response. You discussed comprehensive health; however, Husky Health is limited for students and University of Washington Medicine can be expensive and accessible. How do you expect to support this program without burdening students considering current budget issues?

Denzil Suite: So yes, but what you may not be aware of is that Husky Health, up to about four years ago, was seeing community members. They would take people from the local area in order to meet their budget. As we have built the reputation and the input, the impact of Husky Health, we are able to reduce that. So the plan is only students at Husky Health and to eventually phase out some of the other programs. In fact, we actually used to have an adolescent health below the age of 14 in Husky Health Center where we would see those patients. We're not cutting anybody off, but we're phasing those out to ensure that we have more capacity for UW students only. So that was before, and here's the other thing you may not know. Pre-pandemic, Husky Health was never part of Student Life. They were separate, it was part of UW medicine. Only after it came in and under the umbrella of Student Life, when we started doing a lot of outreach to students, we've seen a lot more input and influx of students into the Husky Health Center, and we have capacity to continue to grow that.

Joseph Riggio: One of our senators is asking about lighting issues on campus. A lack of lighting has been a consistent issue raised by students. What steps has your office taken to improve lighting on campus, and what has your office done to improve campus safety in general in regards to that?

Denzil Suite: So the lighting on campus, yes, it's been a topic of conversation. We don't, we can't do anything about lighting at Student Life. We have discussed this with the Facilities department. I would suggest that you invite Rod Worden in here. He's the Vice President of Facilities, talk about issues around lighting on campus. Safety is, even

though we created a few years ago the new division of Campus Community Safety, Sally Clarke, who's calling me right now, is the head of that division. Police used to actually be under the division of Student Life for decades. And so we have a very strong partnership with the Campus Community Safety. We work with them. In fact, they launched a new program called Husky Assist. Husky Assist is a program where people will go out and actually interact with people having mental health crises on campus so that it doesn't have to be solely a police response, but they're also partnering with the Counseling Center in order to ensure that the services are seamless, especially when those involve students. But we work very closely with Campus Safety on all matters related to students. And I could take one more, unfortunately, and then I'm going to have to run.

Joseph Riggio: I'll do more of an encompassing question. I think it'll benefit all senators. If you could give us students one piece of advice, given everything happening in the world, what would that piece of advice be?

Denzil Suite: Oh my god, lord have mercy. I'm gonna give you the advice that a very wise person gave me. And that very wise person was my mother. And the advice she gave me was that Denzil, always remember that even the longest day has an end. So when you're going through tough times, do not consider it to be the totality of your life. Don't think that this is a permanent condition. Understand that these times will pass through them. And as long as you have a community, and that's what we have at the University of Washington, we have a community. We have, as I mentioned early on when I started here, we have a bunch of people all thinking about the same thing. Let's make this community a better place. Find that community, tap into that community, and realize that we together can get through this. That's the best advice that I can give you.

Joseph Riggio: Alright well, let's thank Dr. Denzil Suite for being here today. Thank you very much. We appreciate your time. Tell Vice President Clarke we say hi.

Erick Jacobsen: We will also have a forum with campus safety officers in two weeks. So if you have any safety related questions, you can start thinking about them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT II

Parker Sullivan: Hello, I'm Parker, I'm the first nations representative. And this weekend we have our 55th annual spring Powwow coming up, the 11th and 12th. It is completely free to enter. There will be bag checks, but the security will not touch sacred items or

regalia items. Grand entry is at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and our second grand entry is at 7 P.m. and doors are at 11 A.m. There's going to be vendors, so many vendors. There's going to be dancing, as well as fry bread. So if you're interested in any of that, you can find out more information on our Instagram, which is @firstnationsuw. Hope to see some of you there. Thank you.

Aiden Reeder: Hello everyone, it's Aiden your SAF Liaison. I just want to bring you some updates. Please, if you can, go to SAF. It's going to be really long, I know, but public comment is at the beginning of SAF. It's on Fridays up in HUB 303. Please be there to give some of your support. I know that the Food Pantry recently passed Senate. It's going to be hopefully considered by Board soon. So we're going to be on our second week deliberations. There may be a third week. That really depends on how this week is going to go. I did bring up that the resolution did pass Senate, but ultimately, it's going to be your guys' opinion, that we can try to take into consideration when we are considering a really lean budget here in terms of increases for all of our units. So please come. Thank you.

Joseph Riggio: You'll never guess why I'm up here. So I know that the Student Health Fee Survey has passed. And I know that we recently just passed in the Senate our ASUW resolution. So it is extremely likely that this week in Board, they will be discussing the Student Health Fee resolution. So if you are in support or if you want to show your support or if you have friends that are also like, we need this now because we don't know what future years are going to look like and students should be able to govern themselves for health related services. If you've even if you agree with the health fee, obviously, I'm not going to state whether or not you should be there, depending on like, if you're against the fee, like you don't have to come and support something that you don't support, obviously. But if you do support it, it would be great if you could come to the Board meeting. All Board meetings are Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 or however long they run. Sometimes it's really ungodly long, but they try to make it two hours long. It's in HUB 303, so the boardroom right over there. Shoot me a Teams message if you're interested in coming, and I hope to see you there. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: And if you cannot make the Board meeting or any future board meetings, and there's a piece of business that you really want to say something about, it is also my job to represent you. So if you cannot be there, I can deliver any comment or anything, and I will be like presenting the student health unit, all the other bills, and

according to what we discussed and how we voted. So if you can't make it, you can let me know, and I can advocate for you.

Julia Tanner: Hello again, I know I've been talking a lot but I'm here standing in front of you as a student and not in my official role. So I am working with another Senator, Alli Benthien. We're working on a legislation addressing animal testing on campus, specifically testing on primates and we wanted to ask if there's anyone who's been involved with this world, either they're in a STEM major that's related to it, working with any of the labs on campus, et cetera, that would like to speak with us, give their opinion on the matter, et cetera. We just want to hear more perspectives as we draft this legislation. If you do want to speak with us, or if you know anyone that would want to speak with us, just find me during or after the meeting or send me a Teams message. And yeah, thank you so much.

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other public announcements or comments?

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

Erick Jacobsen yields to Reaa to discuss Senate Elections Forum.

Reaa Dureja: So it's going to be during our senate meeting next week. We're going to be meeting with all our 29 candidates that are running, especially the ones that have RSVPed. We're going to have one common question, and one personal question that is tailored to their platform statement, their work in ASUW or any other public office. And we're also going to have time for audience questions. So it's a great way to meet people. We're going to also have a lot of pizza. The agenda is going to go out soon in an email, so make sure you're RSVP so that you enter to win a lot of great prizes. If you have any questions or concerns about the format, please reach out to me. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: This is a collaboration between all of us, EAC and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate as well.

Continuing leadership reports as listed.

After Julia Tanner's announcement of the March Senator of the Month:

Erick Jacobsen: This is my opportunity to say once again, I think I did say this before, but two years ago, we had a Senate award for perfect attendance, and we gave it out to

that senator, and it was the one day that senator was not there. The final meeting of the quarter, they did not show up. Their only absence in the whole year.

Continuing with the Clerk Report.

Justin Amaral: I would like to know what charges were dismissed.

Erick Jacobsen: So there was a Senate order that had five charges. We initially dismissed the first one. I don't remember off the top of my head, so I'll pull up the agenda. We initially dismissed the first one, which was failure to amend the bylaws. The second one, failure to enforce community service hours, was initially advanced. We reconsidered and dismissed. Failure to complete community service hours, failure to attend GPSS, and continued unintentional violation of judicial committee membership. Those 3 charges we did not get a chance to discuss. No vote was initially made, but those were all dismissed as part of the motion as well, because again, you cannot recall anyone who does not hold a position. Are there any other questions?

Teddie Schmitt: Hello everyone. I am the author of the Senate order, and you can recall, technically, it could have gone through Senate like we discussed in steering yesterday. Steering decided that it was not worth it to bring the charges forward given that there was no one to recall, but it could have gone to Senate.

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah to clarify it could have gone to Senate. It just would have had no effect. So the bill could have like continued on and passed, but no recall would have happened. because there is no one in the office. Are there any other questions about steering?

Elizabeth McAleer: What are the community service requirements?

Erick Jacobsen: Those are tied to the Elections Administration Committee, Election Policies and Procedures violations. Do you want to speak on that, Reaa?

Reaa Dureja: Hi, I was the EAC operations Co-Chair last year. There were, because if you violate a section of EPP, which is Election Policies and Procedures document that outlines the rules and procedures of the election, if you violate that, we submit a complaint to judicial. Judicial found them liable and sentenced them to, I think Justin mentioned, collective 78 hours. I don't know if that's correct or not. but it was a lot of community service hours. To give a little bit more context, the DIP is responsible for making sure they're done, and work with judicial since they are the chair of judicial, to make sure that those committee service hours are served, and only judicial can rectify it. I talked to Brendan about it, and to SAO's knowledge, only Sonal has done that, and but

it hasn't been rectified. So that was the issue. But I was, I didn't know, I did not know that EAC was supposed to be part of it. I did not know that part of the bylaws. So I think that's where the confusion between me and Ashwin kind of also started.

Erick Jacobsen: And the Reason SAO knows about Sonal's is because Sonal did her community service hours with SAO.

Reaa Dureja: It's not about steering; it's just about can you tell me that in the budget we add the benefits? So how, and we request that for SAF, because it's already added in, so how that, what was said in public comment kind of makes sense.

Erick Jacobsen: So I'll go to Kira in a second. To my knowledge in previous years, the gift wasn't factored into the SAF request, but I believe this year we considered and took into consideration alternative sources for that. There are also some items that instead of asking for funding from SAF, we would use a little bit of the general fund so that it wouldn't be too much of an increase, but I'll let Kira speak more on that because she has more knowledge than I do.

Kira McKey: Yeah so this year and I believe it may have been the same last year, although I won't speak on that. This year, instead of requesting money for the benefits from SAF, we are paying for it out of the general fund, but it's from the piece of the general fund that was a gift from the provost specifically for these benefits. So the large, the majority of our general fund is only allowed to be allocated towards these benefits. So that will continue until we've used up the gift from the provost. But yeah, that was not part of our request from SAF.

Aiden Reeder: Again just to say, ASUW asked for no increase from SAF this year, which is honestly, as someone in SAF, very, very helpful for eliminating everything else, so ASUW has done a helpful job in that.

Erick Jacobsen: With that, that is our last question.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Erick Jacobsen: We have only one piece of new business. Jothsna already touched on it a little bit. This is an organic act to add Francisco to the ASUW Senate restructuring committee. And the bill summary is this organic act that adds Francisco Dojenia as a

voting member to the ASUW restructuring committee from OA-32-2 to address that he is now a graduate student obtaining signatures for an ASUW membership claim and no longer an alumnus. As our only piece of new business. We will move now to committees.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On Campus Affairs

- Planned bonding activities
 - Event ideas
 - Bowling
 - Dinner
 - On the Ave
 - Chipotle
 - Sizzle and Crunch
 - Pizza in the HUB/hangout
 - HUB games
 - Scavenger hunt
- Decided on May 1st, 6pm, bowling and pizza at the HUB

Off Campus Affairs

- introduced new member
- filled out survey
- Talked about proxy options

General Affairs

- Committee Meeting begins at 6:10pm
- No legislation assigned, a couple of announcements from Pierce
- Reminder to get signatures for the new website!
- Another reminder to fill out the When2Meet about General Affairs bonding this quarter!
- Question about if any Senators are allowed to sign for another Senator
- Reminders about what the events EAC is putting on
- Reminder to fill out the Google Form about Senator experience last quarter
- Had a conversation about ideas for Spring Quarter bonding

- Adjourned at 6:40pm

Academic and Administrative Affairs

Dylan explains vice chair elections again.

Question: what experiences

Bridget Pasco nominates themselves for AAA Vice Chair

Bridget Pasco elected via acclamation.

Dylan discusses Senate Order

Kira: What is a recall charge

Dylan: explains recall

Kyra: anything we could do from a principled

Dylan: explains taking care of the hours

Erick: expands on hours

Dylan continues explaining community service hours

Erick: also reminds committee to do end of quarter survey.

Sofia asks further about community service hours and them being uncompleted.

Dylan continues explaining completion of community service hours is unknown.

Kira asks about GPSS

Dylan explains GPSS

Husna talks about Liaisonships shared with GPSS

Kira asks about elections

Sumaiyya asks about the forum

Husna asks about **Dylan's** candidacy

Dylan explains inability to say anything about it.

Kira asks about hiring

Husna asks about Senate leadership elections

Dylan explains

Husna asks about committee chair

New members and reintroductions.

OLD BUSINESS

Collin Saywers moves to suspend the rules and place OA-32-04 to the bottom of Old Business

Adam Ford seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Erick Jacobsen: We are continuing on R-32-3. Jothsna, would you like to read the bill in full, please?

Jothsna Sundar reads [R-32-3 A Resolution to Install Mesh Screens in On Campus Residence Windows](#)

Erick Jacobsen: Now the senate committee on steering made some committee edits. No, what? I'm sorry. I was saying, I was in OA mode for some reason. Who, which committee did this go through? On campus, Blair, would you like to come up to the front? I don't know why I thought that. We moved the OA. It was the last thing I thought. Okay, can you explain what edits were made and why?

Blair Yeh: It's been a while since we made these edits, but the first edit that we made was editing the numbers and we changed 6 to 7 and 9 to 11. Why is everyone laughing? Oh, okay. And we added the specific dorms that don't have the mesh screens on their windows or in their windows just to specify. That was grammatical and This one was an edit from Julia, I believe.

Jothsna Sundar: Basically, since we had a that clause about Hansee Hall getting replaced mesh screens, we thought it would be better to add a whereas clause explaining why that replacement would be desired, I guess.

Blair Yeh: And for this one, we just added this just to like shorten things and like if people only know HFS by HFS. And this one, that clause is related to the other one.

Erick Jacobsen: Okay, so with that, committee edits are not approved. I will take hands.

Aiden Reeder: I want to take a second. I think this is a fantastic bill. I have been to rooms where there have not been bug screens in there. Absolutely hate it. Two things I wanted to ask if they were considering factors and what not, because I feel like they would be, is one, beyond the fear of insects, the fear of heights. That can be definitely exacerbated by a lack of a mesh screen, even if it is only a mesh screen. And secondary to that, well, not really secondary, the basically block that it does put on possible suicides, as any block is a block and something that can make a hesitant a step. So I was wondering if these were also possible considering factors that we could add in to make this more. I not going to die on this hill, just interested.

Jothsna Sundar: Yeah, those are really good points and I am definitely open to adding whereas clauses on that if anyone wants to draft language.

Husna Chepkemboi: Okay, I have maybe 2 questions. First of all, are the mesh that are being adjusted removable? Because I've used mesh before and they get dirty really quick, dusty. And there's some students who have asthma or chest issues where if you keep the mesh there for too long and open the window, it causes more harm than good because the dust is coming back inside. So maybe if the mesh, it can be removed and dusted out and then put back. Is that a possibility?

Jothsna Sundar: Yeah, I think that's a good point. We specifically didn't specify a type of like mesh screen. I think it would be likely to do something removable just because HFS windows are kind of weird. Those are, yeah.

Erick Jacobsen: You can also make a motion later on to just amend and add the word removable in front of instances of the words mesh screens.

Justin Amaral moves to approve committee edits.

Maggie Schoenfeldt seconds

Radcliffe Cushman objects

Justin Amaral yields

Radcliffe Cushman: I just wanted to ask a question before we approve the motion, so that's why I objected.

Erick Jacobsen: We are now in a period of debate on the approval of committee edits.

Dylan Bianchi: To be clear we're just approving committee, we're not approving the whole bill, so I encourage the objector to maybe withdraw their objection

Erick Jacobsen: Before I do go to Radcliffe, we can use this as a going forward, if you, if we're in a period of debate and you think the objector is going to withdraw or the motion maker is going to withdraw, you can always, if you're in the queue, yield your time to the objector or the motion maker. Not anymore, because I took the microphone and he's next anyway, but Dylan could have done that. And if you're in a similar situation, you can do that as well. That way, if we're in a situation where having a vote on the initial motion is something that you do not want and you know that there's an easy way out other than like making the vote fail and then having a person who voted for or who voted in the majority make a motion to reconsider like it gets complicated if we get into that point, especially if it's bill approval. So I just wanted to make that clear to everyone.

Radcliffe Cushman withdraws objection.

Committee edits approved via unanimous consent

Dylan Bianchi: I want to be very clear that I do think it would be great to have mesh screens, and I do hate to be that guy, but do we have an estimate as to cost on installation?

Jothsna Sundar: Short answer, no. All HFS windows are of different sizes and also like are we putting them in every window, just dorm windows, lounge windows, stuff like that. We don't have a specific estimate based on my math just for the apartment buildings and this is purely My own speculation. I have no concrete evidence of this. Apartments getting mesh screens would cost \$140,000.

Spencer Grubbs: Forgive me for not knowing that much about window installations, but I have lived, I lived in Terry last year and I live in Mercer this year, and I am very familiar with having, like my window is open literally all the time, and so I understand the need for this and the want for this, but my question is, these, the HFS windows are incredibly weird. How like is it even possible to add like a mesh to them? Because I know there's some of them that open sideways. I'm sure there might be a way there. There's also some of them that open up and I just don't know if it's possible.

Jothsna Sundar: That's a fair question. I don't know. That's up to HFS and our implementation team if we choose to pass this.

Radcliffe Cushman yields

Addison Wooster: Just out of curiosity, have you talked to HFS at all about any of these proposals or like just kind of any of that process?

Jothsna Sundar: No, I will say I wrote this bill like several months ago when we were really dying for legislation. I'm totally open to talking to HFS. I just have not set up those meetings yet.

Erick Jacobsen: And that can be on GAVEL if and when this passes as well.

Abigail Appleyard: I just had a really niche question. I don't know if anybody knows this. I'm sure someone does. But I didn't even know that the Commodore Duchess building on West Campus is a part of HFS. Was that included in the list of buildings without window screens? Because I know that they're privately managed. So I wasn't sure if that was. a part of this consideration?

Jothsna Sundar: No, they might be part of the overall count because I just went to HFS website and counted the buildings that they had listed, but I have no idea if they actually have mesh screens or not.

Erick Jacobsen: I will go to Naomi to explain as our RCSA Director of Government Affairs, but as I walk over here I am in a similar situation in Nordheim Court, which is an apartment that is owned by HFS, managed by Gray Star, and we are not included in anything that HFS does.

Naomi Law: First of all, this hasn't come up yet but in case there's a concern about budget, HFS is not involved in the current budget crisis that UW is experiencing since we are 100% funded by residents. So we are good, thankfully. Thanks for paying.

Uproarious laughter

Naomi Law continues: Additionally, I have a question for the sponsor of the bill. Did you reach out to the RCSA President or RCSA Director of Admin and Finance, considering our direct line to HFS staff like Josh Gana?

Jothsna Sundar: No, that is also a great idea. I can definitely do that.

Naomi Law: OK. I'll brief follow up. I can set that up for you.

Jothsna Sundar: Thank you.

Kathleen Esnaurrizar: This is kind of more of a point of information for the sponsor. because the windows might be kind of difficult, would you want to have some sort of like wording for preferences of like inside the actual rooms have mesh windows? rather than like if they had to choose either budget or just difficulty in the windows, is the room mesh screens more important or is like the lounge mesh screens? Or is it just like we want everything or you want everything?

Jothsna Sundar: Okay. I haven't fully thought about that, I guess. My, I guess, greatest priority would be the dorms specifically, because that's like the window that I would open most likely and that residents would most likely open. I am open to adding that as an amendment of specifying preference. But I guess I don't feel that strongly about it.

Erick Jacobsen: If you'd like to make that as amendment, you can draft that up and prepare a motion.

Husna Chepkemboi: How do we add words into the legislation?

Erick Jacobsen: Basically, you prepare what you want to be in there. You send it over to Joseph on Teams, and then you raise your hand, and once we get to you again, you say, I move to add this, or I move to amend this. and then you just specify what's being changed. And because you already sent it to Joseph, we'll get it up on screen, and then we'll have a vote on it.

Husna Chepkemboi: What if it's just one word, like temporary?

Erick Jacobsen: Just one word? Then that's fine. Would you like to make that motion now?

Husna Chepkemboi moves to add "temporary" before every instance of "mesh screens".

Kira McKey seconds

Abigail Appleyard objects

Husna Chepkemboi: I think the reason we should add "temporary" there is because of my earlier addition of how it would be harmful to leave a mesh, a mesh thingy there for so long that it collects dirt and dust. And a lot of people have chest problem or asthma, so just considering everyone.

Abigail Appleyard: I definitely agree with that sentiment. I just think "removable" would be a better word because temporary implies that, you know, they would only be there for like six months or so, and "removable" kind of covers what you mean a bit better, I think.

Erick Jacobsen: We are now in a period of debate.

Justin Amaral moves to amend the amendment to replace "temporary" with "removable."

Teddie Schmitt seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Naomi Law: I'm just commenting to point out the logistics of having them be removable. The idea that they would be removable puts them in harm's way of being mistreated by residents. And then the financial burden of needing to replace them would continue to fall back on the residents. This is something that we could end up looking at replacing every year.

Skylar Fridriksson: I currently live in Hansee and our screens are removable and also they suck really bad. And I do want these screens to be fixed very badly. And I also do think that it is very important that they are removable because like they said earlier, they need to be cleaned. And also, students should be able to have these screens based on personal preference and I think it's worth the extra effort on their end. And then also, since we don't have like an outline priority for which rooms, I think that it might be smart to add language that says, Something along the lines of like prioritizing specific dorms on basis of needs up to the discretion of HFS. But yeah.

Erick Jacobsen: That is also something where if you would like to make that amendment, you can prepare that and then queue yourself up.

Maggie Schoenfeldt: I want to agree with the sentiment that having them be removable could get unideal with problems with how residents use them. I'm also just kind of curious behind the intention of this. Like, is it that because the windows are so wacky, you have to remove them to clean the mesh screens or is it, I mean. And then I forgot what my second comment was going to be, but yeah, I was just kind of curious about that and whether all mesh screens in, I know Skylar mentioned that in Hansee

Hall, they're removable. Is that the same for all the ones that currently have mesh screens, or is it just as applicable to Hansey Hall?

Blair Yeh: I wanted to say that I really like this bill because I'm allergic to bugs and also I liked that Husna added removable because I love fresh air and I had my window open this morning and I got woken up by a bird chirping next to my ear on my bed.

Audible shock and dismay

Blair Yeh continues: But for removable, this will probably be for GAVEL, like to specifically talk with HFS about what kinds of mesh screens should be added to dorms but personally, I think like the ones that open with the windows kind of like a screen door.

Erick Jacobsen: And on that note if this amendment fails and there's no specification on whether or not it's removable, it can be up to GAVEL based on what they hear back. So I don't know if that influences anyone.

Aiden Reeder: I just want to say real quick that I know that in Oliver they are removable and pretty much everywhere else I've been, I have seen screens, they are removable. You like these little tabs, you pull them out, you can put them back in. So I think that's honestly the standard, but as a method of just ensuring that they are like that, it's important to do. I also, for future consideration, have my amendment ready when we're done.

Husna Chepkemboi: To answer Maggie's question for the time that I had mesh in my window, when you're trying to clean it, let's say from the inside, when you're trying to dust it out, you'll get dust back inside. And not everyone can get out of the building and literally clean it from the outside. So it's really just Like you're trying to cause less affect, like you're trying to make it affect you less. And when it stays there, it just builds up more dirt and you can't really remove it. So you try and dust it out, the dust comes back into your dorm and you know how horrible the ventilation in dorms are, so that's the dilemma mainly.

Adam Ford: Mine's A two-parter. First is an inquiry. Are we still in a period of open debate over the amendment? Okay. In that case, I move the previous question.

Adam Ford moves the previous question.

Radcliffe Cushman seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Motion to add removable approved by raised hand vote

Radcliffe Cushman moves to amend lines 21-22 "with the exclusion of center pivot windows.

Joseph Riggio: Point of personal privilege, could you repeat the line number for me?

Justin Amaral seconds

Addison Wooster objects

Radcliffe Cushman: So center pivot windows for those who don't know, is the windows that a lot of dorms in Terry have where they rotate both in and out and cover the entire plane. As I've tried to look as far as I could, there does not seem to be a solution to install much on these windows. So I think if we don't add this to the bill, I mean, this is like a nitpick basically. So it's fair enough to like not consider this.

Addison Wooster: I just in general from GAVEL perspective, it is better to have less specificity. HFS will decide if it is or is not possible, especially if things are maybe not like to the consumer market. But with that, I wasn't, remove my objection, withdraw my objection.

Addison Wooster withdraws objection.

Motion fails

Skylar Fridriksson: I think I have an amendment that kind of fixes that issue a little bit. I have two amendments that I'd like us to vote on jointly that go under lines 21 and 22. And I sent it to you already, Joseph. But the first one reads, "that the mesh screens be removable to ensure students are able to adequately clean, maintain, and utilize the screens in accordance with their health benefits and personal preference." And then the second one is that the installation of removable mesh screens be prioritized by HFS on a need basis that takes into account the current window aptitude, repair costs, and window architecture et cetera."

Skylar Fridriksson moves to add clauses stated above.

Spencer Grubbs seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Aiden Reeder moves to add whereas clauses reading, "Whereas around 498 million people are estimated to suffer from acrophobia defined as the fear of heights; and whereas the absence of mesh screens on windows can serve to exacerbate this fear, diminishing a student's feeling of safety within residential areas; and whereas fear of insects and heights may be motivating factors for students to keep windows closed when faced with inadequate barriers; and whereas the existence of barriers like mesh screens can additionally serve as a means restriction for the prevention of suicide by jumping."

Erick Jacobsen: We will reflect and explain before we ask for seconds.

general confusion over order of whereas clauses being added.

Adam Ford seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Bridget Pasco: I have a question about whether or not anyone has any clear idea about how much just installing air conditioning, at least in some of the dorms, would cost. Because that might be useful.

Naomi Law: Way more than mesh screens. I don't have any hard numbers, but I can tell you my best bet, full confidence, more than mesh screens.

Kira McKey: AI overview is estimating multiple millions of dollars.

Elizabeth McAleer: I lost the tab, but I Googled it just to like, or sorry, just a general comment. In Washington State, mesh screens are required to be removable, just like for emergency escape or something like that, just to kind of like lay that to rest for now.

Justin Amaral moves to approve

Collin Saywers seconds

Radcliffe Cushman: SB 32-03 has a time tag attached. Does that mean we will skip it since we don't have time left or will we go to it anyways?

Erick Jacobsen: We'll still go to it anyway. It's sort of a maximum time limit. And for those of you who aren't aware, I don't think we discussed this before. I'll go to Joseph in a second. But this is a time limit that we all decided on together, including Joseph, in order to make sure that we can get to as much business as possible while we're still not

like putting off a big bill just because it'll take too much time. So it's sort of like that. Joseph, did you have something to add?

Joseph Riggio: Its also a duration timestamp. It's so like it's a cutoff essentially. Like once we get to that item, it's not that we jump to that item or anything. It's that once we're in that item, we get a maximum of 30 minutes to discuss it, if that makes sense

R-32-3 approved 88-5-7

Teddie Schmitt moves to place OA-32-05 before SB-32-3.

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Erick Jacobsen: Would you like to read this out in full please.

Joseph Riggio reads [OA-32-05 An Organic Act to Add Francisco Dojenia to the ASUW Senate Restructuring Select Committee](#)

Erick Jacobsen: Okay, we amended this slightly in steering just to specify that Francisco is a student and a senator, not just a student.

Aiden Reeder: As a real quick clarification, do I need to approve any edits made by community? Okay, great. I move to approve this bill.

Aiden Reeder moves to approve OA-32-05

Kathleen Esnaurrizar seconds

approved 62-0-10

ADJOURNMENT

Adam Ford moves to adjourn

Blair Yeh seconds

Approved by raised hand vote.

Adjourned 7:31 pm

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