



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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## CALL TO ORDER

5:04 pm

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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.

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## APPROVAL OF SENATE AGENDA

**Adam Ford** moves to approve suggested edits

**Reaa Dureja** seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

**Avery Kirscht** moves to suspend the rules and move JR-32-05 to Old Business

**Matt Freire** seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

**Adam Ford** moves to suspend the rules and approve the agenda as is

**Ava Wahl** seconds

Approved by raised hand vote.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Erick Jacobsen:** We will move on now to the announcements and public comment. If there are any announcements or if any member of the public would like to make a comment. Of up to two minutes. Now is your time.

**Ava Wahl:** Hello, I'm Ava Wahl and I help with the hunger and homelessness campaign at UW WashPIRG. Next week, we're holding a clothing drive from May 19th to 21st, 2026. It's going to be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. all of those three days. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and it's going to be outside of Oak District Market. So like right outside Denny Room in that kind of area, right next to Oak Hall. This is going to be primarily women's clothing, and all proceeds are going to go to the Elizabeth Gregory Home, which is a local women's shelter supporting unhoused individuals. Accepted items are going to be boots, flip-flops, tennis shoes, casual women's clothing, cotton nightgowns, hats, leggings, and underwear. So we'd really appreciate it if you guys could go through your closets, do some spring cleaning, maybe find some things that you think people at Elizabeth Gregory would appreciate. For any inquiries or additional information, you can send a DM to @washpirguw at Instagram, or you can send me a message in Teams. Thank you.

**Dylan Bianchi:** Alright, hi everybody, it's Dylan. I think you all know me but I am outside of ASUW and editor for the Political Science Journal. So the Political Science Journal is currently hiring for a number of positions, for a couple outreach and media kind of external positions, for our assistant editor position, and for our editor position. If you are a political science student, if you are a student who's generally interested in political science or something similar, we really encourage you to apply. No experience necessary. You do not need to have published with the journal to be hired. I did not publish with the journal before I was hired, and we really want to get as many applicants as possible. Applications can be found at [uwjps.com](http://uwjps.com). And feel free to let me know either in person or by Teams if you have any questions. Thanks, guys.

**Nandana Jaideep:** Hello everybody, I'm Nandana, I'm the ASUW President. I just want to start by saying that we begin today by honoring the memory of the 19-year-old student whose life was lost in a space that should have been a sanctuary. While we may not yet know the full circumstances of the reason behind this tragedy, it is vital that we recognize the nature of this event and the potential impact that it has on our most

vulnerable communities and their feelings of safety and inclusion. We must acknowledge that she was a young transgender woman. Understanding this allows us to sit and validate the real anxiety and grief currently felt by our LGBTQIA+ community. And before I began my term on the Board of Directors, I was part of the Gender Equity Commission and our vision was to build and collaborate on student-centered partnerships that prioritize our collective well-being. And to do that effectively, we had to evaluate our relationship with the university and any external partnerships with a focus on transparency and long-term stability. It is our responsibility to ensure the university administration maintains a high standard of oversight and accountability. As your representative, I'm asking the Senate to move forward with the spirit of calm, informed determination, and action. I'm a firm believer in the power of the Senate opinion to provide the Board of Regents with a clear evidence-based roadmap for ensuring and improving our security and our well-being. Our strength lies in our ability to turn campus concern into structured policy, and ASUW is only as powerful as our student voices here. And to support any efforts, I'll be making myself increasingly available during these final two months of the academic year. I invite students to visit my office hours to share their concerns directly. I'm here to listen and to assist in developing plans of action for any student organization looking to navigate these different issues. And together we can ensure that our advocacy is both compassionate and effective, creating a campus where every student feels truly secure and safe. Thank you.

**Aisha Rana:** Hi everybody, just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Aisha Rana, I use she/her pronouns and I'm the incoming Director of Programming for next year. I'll be here all day for the meeting. If you have any suggestions or questions about programming next year, just want to say hi, please feel free to do so. Thank you so much.

**Pierce Wallbaum:** Hi everyone, my name is Pierce Wallbaum. Two quick announcements. As you can see, Student Legal Services is hiring. We're looking for next year's Outreach Coordinator intern. We're prioritizing first years applying, but second years are more than welcome to apply. You can scan the QR code or look up Student Legal Services on Handshake, and it says May 14th, but this was actually extended to Sunday, which I believe is the 17th. So if you have any questions, I am the current Outreach intern, so feel free to ask me anything. And then second announcement is General Affairs will do a bonding event this Saturday at 12:30 at Boba Up. There's plenty

of drinks. They also do food and there's also lots of games and anybody, even if you're not in General Affairs, is allowed to come. So thanks so much.

**Kavi Pasupathi:** Hey guys, it's Kavi. I just had a quick announcement. for off-campus committee members, please fill out the bonding poll that's in our Teams chat. Thank you.

**Kyra Lui:** I really don't mean to end this on a bad note but I just wanted to inform you guys all that Turning Point USA is hosting an event tomorrow where they are having a guest who is transphobic and given recent events, just keep that in mind and maybe stay away from the area if you don't feel safe. Thank you.

**Marshall Traverse:** Hi, my name is Marshall Traverse and I'm the Director of Student Activities. The Turning Point USA event scheduled for tomorrow is canceled.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Thanks for letting us know, Marshall. We will move on to teams.

**Jacob Feleke:** My name is Jacob Feleke and I'm here to kind of address a historic institutional failure that has resulted in a tragic incident to our community. And in the coming days, you will hear this told as unforeseeable. And I'm here to remind the Senate that this alarm was sounded years ago. There is a history of resolutions, legislative advocacy, and students speaking up, ensuring that this university was put on notice that student safety cannot be managed by a bottom line. During my tenure as ASUW President, students didn't just protest the tangible cost of the \$183 million privatization of Nordheim and Radford, but also presented the dangers of the loss of due diligence. The Board of Regents were addressed back in 2023 that trading university management for corporate firms could sacrifice the standard of care and sever the direct line of accountability, as well as numerous other concerns in place for cost cutting. To our LGBTQ+ students, and especially our black and brown trans community, we see the weight that you are carrying. Use not just the ASUW history, but advocacy from our peers, RSOs, and surrounding communities, and while our student organizations had the foresight and the compassion to protect one another, it should not be purely on you all to enforce it. I urge you all in the Senate to please recognize your power and keep your advocacy moving forward twofold. Please hold and support each other amidst this grief, giving grace and keeping each other safe, but also hold this institution to warnings that were ignored that resulted in this tragedy. Thank you.

**Justin Amaral:** Hello everybody, Justin Amaral here. I would just like to say that I'm in support of recommitting the Senate bill for institutional reform as soon as possible so that the issues brought up during the board meeting can be addressed on the floor where they can actually be addressed and fixed and changed and amended, et cetera, et cetera. So I just wanted to say that. Thank you

**Erick Jacobsen:** Alright if there are no other announcements or public comments, with that we'll move on. Oh, I will say, this was emailed to me. The UW Babysitters group has summer jobs open. If you're looking for a job, check [uwbabysitters.com](http://uwbabysitters.com). So it includes babysitting, tutoring, swim lessons, sports coaching, pet sitting, and more.

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## FORUMS

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## NEW BUSINESS

**Erick Jacobsen:** With that we'll move on. We'll move on to summary of new business now. Our first item of new business is R-32-17, a Resolution in Support of Guaranteeing Transparency and Agency Regarding AI Use and Investment. This is sponsored by Ishaan Verma, our ICA Senator. And the bill summary is, this bill ensures that the University of Washington considers and discloses the environmental, labor, and privacy costs related to current and future AI use and investment. It further ensures that students, staff, and faculty have their freedom to make informed decisions regarding AI use in their classes and workspaces. This bill was referred to General Affairs, but as a quick note for all of these bills, we may do some reordering when we get to committee meetings next week so that we make sure that every committee has an equal amount of bills just to make sure that we're being as efficient as possible. Our next item of new business, R-32-21, a resolution to increase transparency of the Washington National Biomedical Research Center and encourage progress towards non-animal methods. This was sponsored by Julia and Alli. Resolution to, no, that's the title. I just read that. My bad, y'all. The bill summary is, this bill aims to inform students about the Washington National Biomedical Research Center (WANBRC) and encourage the center to phase out primate experimentation. That was referred to General Affairs as well, but like I said, that may change. Our next item of new business is R-32-22, a resolution to increase visibility of the Survivor's Bill of Rights. That is sponsored by our Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Activists, Ruthu and Samir. And the bill summary is, the Survivor's Bill of Rights

is an important document that outlines the rights of survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence, as well as resources available to them at the UW and in the community. This bill aims to increase access to and awareness of the SBOR, to help foster a campus environment more supportive of survivors. This was referred to on Campus Affairs. And the final bill that we approved in steering is R-32-24, a resolution in support of preventing harassment by anti-abortion protesters on UW campus. This is sponsored by Jenna Miller. This bill is intended to keep the University of Washington students safe from harassment from the non-UW affiliated anti-abortion group that comes onto UW campus. This bill does not make a stance on the content of the speech but rather advocates for protecting our students from harassment from protesters and promoting student well-being. This is referred to off-campus Affairs. Those are our only items of new business. We have only, I believe, three more legislation bills to get through in steering before we're through the backlog. But it will be a lot to get through, so be prepared.

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## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

**Erick Jacobsen:** And with that we'll move on to nominations and elections for the Vice Speaker. Before we begin with nominations, are there any questions about what the Vice Speaker does? OK. Are there any nominations?

**Justin Amaral** nominates himself

**Spencer Grubbs** withdraws nomination

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any nominations? With that, the nominations period is closed for the Vice Speaker election, and we will begin with the election. If the candidates would like to come to the front, please in the order you appear on the agenda. All right. As with the speaker election, we will have 30 seconds for an introduction, 90 seconds to answer each question, of which we only have two for this position, and 30 seconds for a conclusion. We will go in the order on the agenda, and then reverse order, et cetera, until we end. And then we will have a period in which the candidates will go outside and we will have endorsements. Again, you may only speak in favor of a candidate and not against a candidate, but you may speak in favor of multiple candidates and another person may speak on your behalf. And that will be all anonymous in the minutes, but we cannot guarantee any anonymity, period. So we'll start with introductions. You have 30 seconds, Collin whenever you're ready.

**Collin Saywers:** Hello, my name is Collin Saywers and I'm a second year studying history, political science, and public policy. This is my second year in Senate, first as McMahon Hall Senator, this year as Oak Hall Senator. I'm also a member of GAVEL Leadership, a certified parliamentarian, and I've been a political panelist for a few news stations. I'm exceptionally passionate about the work we do in Senate and excited to be running for Vice Speaker today. Thank you.

**Detlef Gerbing:** Hello again y'all, my name is Detlef Gerbing. I'm a first year studying political science and public policy and as for what I've done this year in particular, again, I was AAA Vice Chair before moving to the restructuring committee and being select chair there, all the while serving as the GAVEL member and the executive of Oliver Hall's Hall Council and Executive Committee. I'm also a tour guide and yeah, I'm excited to run for you guys today.

**Adam Ford:** Hello, my name is Adam Ford entering my senior year as a history major, also studying public policy. I just wanted to say it's been a great pleasure working with all of you, and I can't wait for next year.

**Justin Amaral:** Hello everybody, I'm Justin Amaral. I'm a sophomore in the business school and I am super excited about the Senate. I love the Senate. I love supporting students and working for students and yeah, I'm excited to answer some questions today. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** And everyone's already in the right order. Perfect. Our first question is, as the Senate parliamentarian, what is your strategy to educate senators about the complexity of ASUW governing documents? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

**Justin Amaral:** Yeah, I mean, that's an amazing question. I think our current Vice has done an amazing job so far, and I want to continue their example. Of course, starting off with that, presentation to help everybody understand our governing documents and our procedures here in the Senate. But then also as the primary for the website, I want to really make that a resource that centralizes everything that we have. I want to ensure that we have a Q&A page there that are tables and resources on how Senate procedures work, how to write legislation, what questions to ask, everything is available there for every senator. And then I want to just continue being an open, accessible human being. You know, I want everybody to feel comfortable reaching out to me, going to office hours, asking any and every question. I will ask the questions for you even if you don't

feel comfortable. So as Vice, you know, I want to I plan on to follow the example of my predecessor and continue supporting senators in any and all legislative efforts. Thank you.

**Adam Ford:** I'm someone who prides myself as being a historian at heart seeing as I'm a history major. And alongside the familiarity with the governing documents I've had through my work with restructuring in their future, in pursuit of that, I have like a threefold strategy to help people become more familiar with the documents we abide by. The first and more straightforward, obviously, is answering questions as they arise, but I also understand that that's not always the most helpful because sometimes it just lacks the context. So the second phase of that would be explaining the bigger part of that document, where it comes from, and especially the history behind it. And then the third would be the entire framework as a whole. Obviously, everything surrounds the ASUW constitution, but many of the individual components of ASUW often also have their own bylaws, which can be a bit confusing to people that think that we have one universal set. And I will also love to use my office hours to be an open book for anyone that wishes to stop by, but I'm also someone that does not necessarily value his free time as much as one should. So people can also reach out to me over email every time with any question, and I'd be more than happy to answer them. Thank you.

**Detlef Gerbing:** Yeah so I think when it comes to the governing documents, I've learned a lot being Restructuring Chair and working through those documents, learning the nuances of them, which gives me the ability to further educate and create a platform where I can educate people on the governing documents. I also have kind of like a three-point plan in terms of actually implementing education for these governing documents. That being visibility, accessibility, and engagement, the first of which visibility I want to make sure it's really known by the public. And I think a great way that we can do that is like mimicking the fashion that Joseph did it this year with the Parli Pro brochure that we have on Canva. I want to do something similar to that where it's like a TLDR for the bylaws and our constitution. So it's kind of like available if you're not really looking for the whole document. The second is accessibility, ensuring that it's linked. I was thinking about putting it on the website very visibly. I know that's under construction right now. It's on the LinkTree, for the time being, and also at the top of the agenda, I know we have links up there, but it'd be kind of cool to have the bylaws there. And also engagement, kind of echoing the points made, I really am a resource for y'all. I understand the nuance of the bills, and over the summer, I'll be working a lot with them.

So really, I am a resource. I encourage you all to ask me questions. I want to make sure that this is a safe space, again, for questions for any queries, because that will ultimately really bring an engagement with the governing documents and ensure that we understand what they are. Thank you.

**Collin Saywers:** Parliamentary procedure is an important part of Senate because it ensures that every voice is heard. As a certified parliamentarian, I have a lot of experience advising, judging, and teaching parliamentary procedure. It is important for senators to have a strong understanding of parliamentary procedure so that they can participate fully and make their voices heard in Senate. To ensure this, I would like to put on quarterly refreshers and parliamentary procedure, focusing on making privileged and subsidiary motions, along with how to make incidental motions. Furthermore, I would like to meet with smaller groupings of senators, such as committees, Hall Caucus, and Panhellenic, to provide more focused and attentive parliamentary procedure workshops to improve understanding. As Vice Speaker, I would also like to help educate new senators about the complexities of governing documents so they can have a better understanding of the rules which govern our organization. Through parliamentary procedure, as Vice Speaker, I will fight my hardest to ensure your voice as a senator and your unique perspectives are heard on the Senate floor. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Our second question is as the Chair of the Committee on Governance and Verification of Enacted Legislation, what is your leadership philosophy for efforts to enact student opinion and how will you ensure members feel supported in their work? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

**Collin Saywers:** As the only member of GAVEL leadership and the only person who has chaired a GAVEL meeting running in this election, I know better than anybody about the work behind the scenes that it takes to run this committee. Specifically, I would point to the resources as GAVEL intern that I've created for current and future GAVEL members, such as the GAVEL member guidebook and GAVEL Meetings checklist, both of which ensure GAVEL members are prepared for the work that they will be doing in advocating for their assigned legislation. Further, as a member of leadership, I have helped train incoming GAVEL members for the advocacy work that they'll do in GAVEL. Moving into next year, I would also like to implement mock meetings so that GAVEL members are prepared for meetings with sponsors and stakeholders. As GAVEL Chair, I would adopt a servant leadership model, prioritizing the needs of GAVEL members to ensure that they

are successful in both advocating legislation and developing leadership skills, which will make them successful outside of GAVEL. As GAVEL Chair, I will ensure that the legislation that you spend so much time writing is advocated for using every resource GAVEL has available. Thank you.

**Detlef Gerbing:** Yeah so I'd just like to preface that I've been a GAVEL member all year. tracking around six pieces of legislation this year, which kind of gives me the experience as like an advocating member, the working side of GAVEL and like what I can do in terms of my leadership, which brings me to my leadership philosophy, which is first of all to bring sponsors and meetings ensure that they are present along the entire process because that sponsor is ultimately very vital and advocating along the way for the stakeholders. I like to connect senators with sources when they're at a roadblock. So a lot of the times we'll get to a point in the bill, this is really poppy, sorry. I'll get to a point in time around a standstill, and it's time to look for communities to really kind of bolster your argument and your case towards stakeholders. And also, I believe firmly, and there's always room for negotiation in terms of policy. So if there's a roadblock, it's always navigable, and I want to be a resource for students who are at that roadblock. As for supporting the members of the committee, again, being one myself, I can totally feel like what it means to be under successful leadership and further that, as well as also kind of grow where we have experience some like lack in other places as well. First of which I want to really be a very present chair of by attending meetings to like really increase confidence. I know personally having higher like higher authorities in my meetings and advocacy wise has been very helpful so I want to do that again. I also want to use the advice to her title to kind of break communication stalemates which can happen. It happens quite frequently. We're like, they won't take a senator as seriously, but if a Vice Chair speaks, then it will reinstate communication. And again, opening clear communication with the GAVEL members to really ensure that we are all working together and on the same page. Thank you.

**Adam Ford:** My leadership style is and has always been inspired by my love of the game. I'll borrow and apply lessons learned from my public policy courses, shout out Pub Pol 201, on teaching me the values and merits of transcendent leadership. In short, because it would take too long to explain now, but it's not about being a boss, and which is great for me because I hate being a boss. I'll never be a boss as long as I live, but about being the rising tide that raises all sails, and being a teammate, an inexhaustible resource that gives even wind and hydropower a run for its money. It

places the focus on the group and shared conviction towards the mission, or ASUW mission of representation and student advocacy, which I think is more important than ever, given the current state of the world. ASUW really is a bright spot on this campus, and it's all possible because of GAVEL. Having worked with many GAVEL members on many projects, I can say that there is no more knowledgeable and dedicated group within the ASUW And I really look forward to working with them this coming year and feel that my leadership style meshes really well with the leaders we currently have. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Justin would you like me to repeat the question? The question is as the Chair of the Committee on Governance and Verification of Enacted Legislation, what is your leadership philosophy for efforts to enact student opinion and how will you ensure members feel supported in their work? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready

**Justin Amaral:** Yeah, you know I've been in the leadership game for like 5 years. And well, it's kind of, my style has always been the same. I'm always going to put students first. I'm always going to put the constituents first, those who I represent first, instead of those above me, because I have always. I've been in these rooms and it's been hard at times seeing how people can get, how people are get scared, how people worry about whether or not they're, things are, oh my God, you know, I'm just going to stick to the script because going off script is a bad idea. Anyways, I'm always going to put students first, right? I want to be an open, accessible resource, and I want to ensure that I'm following up on any and all efforts to write legislation in the Senate, no matter what that might be. Because I want to ensure that every student understands that their efforts are valued by this Senate. And that any and all legislation is welcome on the Senate floor. I will do everything in my power to support them. And that means that for enacting legislation, my only and my constitutional role is to support their opinion and ensure that legislation is enacted as it was written and as it was implemented by this Senate. staying as true to the student voice as possible. Holy cow. At the end of the day, that's the role of the Vice Speaker. That's the constitutional responsibility, and I plan to fulfill it as the vice of the Senate. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Alright, stay up here please. You have 30 seconds for a conclusion whenever you're ready.

**Justin Amaral:** Yeah you know I think at the end of the day everybody up here is completely more than qualified to serve this role, and I think everybody here is going to

be excited to serve. And at the end of the day, I don't think anybody's going to be leaving the Senate for not getting elected so just vote. Rank everybody, please. It makes it so much funner. Thank you.

**Adam Ford:** I just gotta say, regardless, I'm so stoked about next year. I can already feel the energy of the next session looming and think that it's just going to be such a great opportunity, you know, just to make campus so much better in so many ways. I can, I just, I feel it, you know. So thank you and have a great day.

**Detlef Gerbing:** Well, I think combining my experience as an all-year GAVEL member, really working to further the student voice and GAVEL, as well as my familiarity with the governing docs through restructuring and also just generally formulating meetings and hall council, I really have the experience necessary and the expertise necessary to really thrive in this role and further y'all's voice through GAVEL through the means in Senate. And ultimately, I'm really excited to serve this role, if given the chance so thank you so much.

**Collin Saywers:** I may not be the loudest voice, but I will fight tirelessly for your rights as senators and for the legislation that you write. I've been in Senate now for two years, and over that time, I have gained an incredible amount of Senate experience, and I've done a lot of work for the benefit of our community, and I hope very much that I continue, that I can continue this work next year as your Vice Speaker. Thank you very much, and good luck on your midterms.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Thank you, can we have a round of applause for our candidates please. Marshall, if you would not mind taking our candidates out back there to the balcony while we move on to our endorsements period. All right. You all know the drill. You have 30 seconds to make an endorsement. You can make an endorsement for as many candidates as you would like. You may not speak against a candidate, and you will be referred to as either a senator or a member of the public in the minutes. You will not be referred to by your name. If you would like to make an endorsement for any candidate or candidates in this race, please come up to the podium microphone.

**Senator:** Justin is just a really amazing guy, but even beyond that, he cares so insanely deeply about ASUW and about the work that he does. And he's so incredibly meticulous about everything. You guys actually have no idea how many times I've gotten text messages at like 2 A.m. about ASUW stuff. It's constant because he cares so much. And I

know that if you guys elect him, he's going to do an absolutely amazing job. So, vote for Justin.

**Senator:** Guys, lowkey Justin is goated. Love this dude. Am I allowed to talk about what I did last month? Okay, if you didn't know I ran for president this year, didn't win, but that's okay. That guy won't actually. What's up, bro? But you know, Justin was another candidate and he, I'm. He was the most friendly and we had lunch randomly. I don't even know how that happened. And he just has a passion for this that won't die out ever. So I'm gonna say vote Justin.

**Senator:** Howdy, I'd just like to wholeheartedly endorse Collin Saywers. I've known this guy for four years. We met on a parliamentary procedure team, and he was amazing there as he was in here. He has a very in-depth knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and as we've seen in our meetings, Joseph is often maybe correcting the speaker here and there. So I think having someone who's very

Pause for laughter

**Senator:** Just having someone who's very knowledgeable about parliamentary procedure, I think is very important. Also, as being a GAVEL intern, I think he has an unparalleled level of knowledge about how to run that GAVEL committee, so it can continue to succeed.

**Senator:** Hello, while I think all of these candidates can do really well as Vice Speaker, I especially want to endorse Collin. I unfortunately haven't gotten to know him for four years, but in the short time that I've known him, he is completely friendly, loves talking about ASUW, knows so much knowledge, and I think he would do incredible in this position.

**Senator:** Hello, as a hall senator and GAVEL intern, Collin has gone above and beyond to advocate for Senate and increase our voice in ASUW and at the UW more broadly. His intricate knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the ASUW governing documents, experience in writing legislation, and dedication to kind, thorough, and continuous communication, making him an outstanding choice for this role. As Vice Speaker, I believe he would prioritize educating and involving senators in every step of the legislative process. Collin understands that advocacy is challenging and that student government can often be complex and overwhelming. I know he has the strength, commitment, and institutional expertise to carry us to.

**Senator:** So I know Justin from the presidential candidate. Oh, I worked with him. But anyways, he was kind of how I got in the student Senate. So do with that what you will. But he's such a great guy. Excellent work ethic. He knows us in the, he knows the ins and outs of student Senate. It like boggles me. It's crazy. But yeah, my big speaker. But I endorse Justin, great fellow.

**Senator:** I'm here speaking as a proxy for another senator. The Vice Speaker is about 20% parliamentarian and 80% GAVEL chair. One of the important things to consider is how effective they would be as the latter, the face of Senate implementation. From my GAVEL experience, there's one clear candidate who can diligently fulfill these expectations, Collin. Collin consistently provides GAVEL support from thorough and entertaining communication to support on difficult bills to creating resources for members. He's also well-versed in parliamentary procedure, from which I am also familiar with when I say I motion, he's the first to react with "you what?" Collin is the best choice for Vice Speaker. He will expand on what's already been done and continue the legacy of supporting the Senate through legislation implementation. Thank you.

**Senator:** I have worked with Adam Ford for nearly a year now as his co-senator for Hansee Hall. And I want to say that Adam's devotion to our residence hall community, his commitment to accountability on the Senate floor, and his tireless determination to advance in ASUW makes him a prime candidate for Vice Speaker. In my book, ambition against the odds is a virtue of its own, and one I can deeply resonate with. With all this in mind, I firmly endorse Adam Ford for Vice Speaker.

**Senator:** Naturally, I'm here to endorse my senators. Both Adam and Collin would do a fantastic job. They're incredible Hall Senators and fun fact, they both have either perfect attendance in Hall Caucus or have no unexcused absences, so they're very reliable.

**Senator:** I'm back to make a second nomination. I want to say that Collin's involvement in the GAVEL Committee gives him a wide breadth of experience necessary to meet the responsibilities of ASUW's Vice Chair position. Collin is always able to answer any question I have and is well educated in all things politics. So I proudly endorse Collin as well for Vice Speaker.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Okay, are there any more? Okay, I'm going to turn over here. Raise your hand if you would like to make an endorsement.

**Senator:** I'm going to cop out and do what Erick did last time and not officially endorse anybody, but I'll speak to what I see as good qualities of a Vice Speaker. I want to echo what [another senator] said. You know, he can hate me sometimes, and that's fine, but as the parliamentarian, I check everybody, including leadership, including all of y'all, including board members as well, it doesn't matter. And that's what makes a good Vice Speaker, someone who's willing to do that no matter the circumstance. And ask questions, seek advice, consult the advisors. And I know very much that that is an important quality because I have done that many a times. And that is all I have to say because I'm out of time

Voting period opens

**Erick Jacobsen:** We are closing voting now.

**Collin Saywers** elected Vice Speaker

**Erick Jacobsen:** Please fill out your attendance vote. All right, if you have not yet filled out the attendance note and you would like to, please raise your hand so we know not to leave you behind. With that, we will move on to the Public Relations Officer Elections. Are there any questions about what the Public Relations Officer does? If there are none, we will move on to nominations. Are there any nominations for Public Relations Officer?

**Sumaiya Zunairah** rescinds nomination

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any nominations? With that the nominations period is closed. If the candidates would like to come to the front please? Same as before. Arrange yourself in order of the agenda, please. You'll have 30 seconds for an introduction, 90 seconds for each question with the exception of the third question, which is 10 seconds, and then 30 seconds for the conclusion. Pierce, you may begin your introduction whenever you're ready.

**Pierce Wallbaum:** Hello, everybody. My name is Pierce Wallbaum. I'm a second-year student studying political science, Spanish, and international studies, and I am the Student Legal Services Outreach Coordinator, your Public Relations Officer intern, and your General Affairs Committee Chair. Thank you so much.

**Radcliffe Cushman:** Howdy, I'm Radcliffe Cushman, I'm a first year studying urban planning and environmental design. Previously done public relations for UW YDSA, my

theater troop in high school, and our agriculture club. I really want to increase public participation in ASUW through the work I can do as the PRO. Yeah.

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar:** Hello, my name is Kathleen Esnaurrizar, I'm a first year engineering student. I'm also an Oak Hall Senator and a UDBIA liaison, and I'm excited to be running for this position.

**Matt Freire:** Hello everybody. Matt Freire with a mustache today. My name is Matt Freire. I'm a third year journalism student and that's journalism and public interest communication, which is public relations for governmental work, which is quite literally this job. So I'm very interested in what it entails and how we can help our students and how we can help engagement across campus.

**Justin Amaral:** I think I already introduced myself so there's that. In terms of public relations, I have like 4-ish years in high school of Canvas or Canva and public relations in general, and I want to expand the Senate a lot. Okay, thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** All right, your first question is, in dealing with new senators, the Public Relations Officer is split between recruitment and team building. What approach will you take to ensure recruitment reaches members across departments, RSOs, and communities, ensuring equitable access to student advocacy? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

**Justin Amaral:** Yeah, I mean this was briefly in the question, but team building is such an important part of why people choose to stay in the Senate. I was in marching band for four years, and I'm telling you the biggest reason people stuck around, despite the time commitment, despite the brutal conditions, and the teacher lowkey being mid, was because of the community. And that community came from the bonding that we did and the hard work that we did together. So I don't want that to be overlooked today. But getting to recruitment, I think the biggest thing that we can do is take a survey of our current Senate membership and see what we have and see what we don't have because we have limited resources and limited time to get people in here and I want to focus our efforts where they need to be and where we're missing representation. Because as a Senate, we need to leave zero doubt that we are the de facto student opinion. And that means having a Senate that is diverse and representative of every single student at UW. And I will do everything in my power as pro to help us achieve this goal. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Matt, would you like me to repeat the question? The question is, in dealing with new senators, the Public Relations Officer is split between recruitment and team building. What approach will you take to ensure recruitment reaches across departments, RSOs, and communities, ensuring equitable access to student advocacy? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

**Matt Freire:** Okay I do want to mention I have experience as a hiring manager in my previous role at Pierce College to the point of where I was involved in 15 plus hiring decisions and even got the final say on who was my replacement. And that's all to say I know how it means, how it is to be nonpartisan in hiring decisions. And ensuring equitable access means going to these RSOs going to these communities and these departments and encouraging them to be civically engaged, also boosting our marketing efforts beyond what we're currently doing. Personally, I'm thinking of ideas like a monthly Senate update newsletter and consistent ASUW tabling. Definitely ASUW tabling during Dawg Daze, because I know there was only one table out this year, so we got to get out there for real. And, you know, I'm just, I'm all about it. And I don't want to be like tabling where it's like I'm at the table doing homework. I want to be engaging with these students. As the legendary Adam Ford once said, I'm in love with the game. So yeah, let's have, let's make that happen.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Kathleen, would you like me to repeat the question? The question is, in dealing with new senators, the Public Relations Officer is split between recruitment and team building. What approach will you take to ensure recruitment reaches across departments, RSOs, and communities, ensuring equitable access to student advocacy? Whenever you're ready.

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar:** So I think one of the biggest issues is to make sure there's enough diversity within the Senate. So I would like to first look at the statistics of the distribution of senators that we have, and then go go ahead and try to go reach out to the different RSOs and councils, like the student advisory councils that exist within different departments, because they are already active in their own departments. But I would want them to come see what is happening in Senate and to get their advice here, because the Senate is supposed to be the voice of the people and the students. And if we don't have enough diversity, then it's only going to be a small population of people that we're really representing. And so I want to just build community as well within the Senate by having like these icebreakers before the meeting so all senators are able to

collaborate and talk to each other and get to know each other before Senate even happens. I also want to have more surveys for the snacks and bonding that happen so again, we hear more voices from the senators that are actually present. And I just want to have a collaborative environment, so that way we all again are trying to represent the voice of the students.

**Erick Jacobsen:** We're doing reverse now? Already? Wow. Okay, go ahead. Do you want to hear the question again? It's been a long day. I'm so sorry. In dealing with new senators, the Public Relations Officer is split between recruitment and team building. What approach will you take to ensuring recruitment reaches across departments, RSOs, and communities, ensuring equitable access to student advocacy. You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready

**Radcliffe Cushman:** Yeah so for expanding like recruitment, team building within the Senate, I think there's a couple avenues I want to target, especially tabling events, I think are really effective in getting people just aware of you at all, which I think is like the first step into getting people involved in Senate. So I really want to really pursue extensive tabling and town halls. Because I feel like just engaging people at all will increase Senate leadership, Senate recruitment and membership. In addition, as a member of quite a few RSOs, board game club, YDSA, I talk to ICA and SDS A lot, I think I can really have a good contact with RSOs in getting them more involved on campus because they have a lot to say. In addition, I want to use the website really to make the transition into Senate easier. So centralizing our resources, making sure that the brochures are easy to find, like the previously mentioned parli pro brochure, hard to find. I want to make sure that the transition is easy. In addition, I want to connect new senators with older senators, kind of have like a mentorship thing and so they can provide guidance and advice on how to be a good senator, how to write good legislation, and how to be comfortable speaking on the floor. Thanks.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Would you like me to repeat the question? In dealing with new senators, the Public Relations Officer is split between recruitment and team building. What approach will you take to ensure recruitment reaches across departments, RSOs, and communities, ensuring equitable access to student advocacy? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

**Pierce Wallbaum:** Okay so through my current role both in Student Legal Services and here in Senate, I already do a lot of work connecting with campus departments, RSOs,

and different student associations. As the Outreach Coordinator for Student Legal Services, I have experience coordinating many Know Your Rights workshops, including the one we did here in Senate, which are legal presentations so that students can learn more about their rights and resources. I also do a lot of work with tabling and engaging with students. I do this every week in various campus hotspots. And then I've also implemented several outreach campaigns to increase student awareness of Student Legal services. And then as the Public Relations Officer intern, I've worked very closely with Julia and our other intern every single week so that we can develop strategies for Senate outreach, which requires a deep understanding of how to engage with and appeal to our audiences, which beyond you guys at Senate, it is going to be different campus departments and student communities. So if I were elected PRO, I'd really like to take these experiences and my continued efforts of building our campus relationships by increasing the collaboration with RSOs and departments. This could be through more co-hosted events or organizational spotlights on social media. And then I just want to make Senate's presence more visible on social media. Visibility and familiarity are very important factors in making sure that students are involved and interested in Senate. And through both my roles, I think I have a lot of experience building that kind of interest and engagement with students across campus. And then just beyond everything, I do want to continue working on the creative outreach side that's already being done through our Instagram reels and other social media content. Students definitely engage more when outreach feels more current and relatable, and it's something that I would really like to continue doing next year. Thank you so much.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Your next question. In addition to the Student Senate Instagram, tabling, posters, and emails have historically been used to increase the Student Senate's exposure to the student body. How do you intend on utilizing these tools, along with other marketing strategies, to increase student awareness of the Student Senate and ASUW in general? It doesn't say it on here, but you do have 90 seconds whenever you're ready.

**Pierce Wallbaum:** Something I've noticed in my two years in Senate is that a lot of students know that ASUW exists, but they don't know what we do or how to get involved. So beyond continued use of tools such as tabling, posters, and emails, I'd really like to continue working outreach that feels more interactive and connected to students' everyday lives. For example, I want to continue the work with our short form video content like reels because they do tend to reach such a wide audience. We

actually kept getting engagement from WWU for a while, which is kind of funny. But yeah, they do perform very well and they make info about Senate much easier to engage with and understand, which could be the first step to getting more senators and more representation on campus. In addition to this, I would like to make Senate's work more visible on social media and other online platforms. This could be with collaborating more with The Daily and the HUB for recruitment. Also, to highlight our accomplishments, I would really love to post our passed legislation on Senate to help students feel more connected to our organization, because approachability definitely matters a lot, and sometimes student government can feel very formal or complicated from the outside. So I want our outreach to feel much more welcoming, much more clear, and easier for students of all majors and departments to understand. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** All right, Radcliffe, would you like me to repeat the question? In addition to the Student Senate Instagram, tabling posters and emails have historically been used to increase Student Senate's exposure to the student body. How do you intend on utilizing these resources or tools, along with other marketing strategies, to increase the student awareness of the Senate and ASUW in general? Whenever you're ready.

**Radcliffe Cushman:** Yeah so, I think there's a lot that could be done to increase student awareness. But I think one of the things that I talked about, Julia, a couple of times is like people engage with The Daily quite a lot and I think trying to copy some of their tactics is a really good idea. I do think that a physical newsletter produced by ASUW or ASUW Senate would be a really good avenue to get people engaged and just visible, a sort of visible in people's lives. Because it's still like walking through the HUB and they pick up this little pamphlets about like GAVEL wins or like current legislation. I think that could really connect people with what we're doing and just let them know what's happening. Because Instagram is amazing. I love it. But sometimes things get buried. Though I do think the reels that have been made have been really fantastic. I know. Some people in my life who are not ASUW at all have seen those, and I think they're fantastic. I do think it would be great if we could like see some more like informational content, like what's like current legislation, like legislation updates, like maybe weekly or bi-weekly, because people want to speak in favor of things that they're passionate about. And I think giving them that information is really important to maximize People being able to act on their passions for advocacy that they're passionate about, so that's why we do this.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Alrighty would you like me to read the question? All righty. In addition to the Student Senate Instagram, tabling posters and emails have historically been used to increase the Student Senate's exposure to the student body. How do you intend on utilizing these tools along with other marketing strategies to increase student awareness of the Senate and ASUW in general? You have 90 seconds whenever you're ready

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar:** So one of my main forms of information that I use a lot is the social media. But I would like to see kind of what was said previously, more informational things happening there. So create more stories and just having the agenda, which is always up, but also following up with some brief descriptions of all the bills that are going to be looked at during Senate. So that way anyone that's looking through the stories are able to just get easy ability to know what is going on in Senate, what is going to be looked at, and then also being able to update after the fact of the meeting to see what has gotten passed or what was tabled. Maybe also discussing some of the talking points, because in my experience in Hall Council, me and Collin, which are both Hall, Oak's senators, we talk to the people in there, and they seem very interested in the things that we do. They just don't know where they can get that information apart from us. So it's a great resource that they have us, but for everyone else who who is like them, who is also interested, they're able to have the social media where they get the descriptions of the bills and what is happening. And that way I can also get more people and more students to attend these meetings because a lot of the times it's just senators. But the meetings are also open to general members and any students. So just having the availability of the social media becoming a bigger platform, they'll be able to have more people that may want to come to these meetings and get to hear exactly what everyone is saying. And in general, I just want, again, to have more collaboration and more voice of students actually in Senate. So that way they know that there is a space for them to have their voice heard and just have more involvement in Senate as well as any other ASUW entities, because that's what we want in general anyways.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Alrighty, would you like me to repeat the question? In addition to the Student Senate Instagram, tabling posters and emails have historically been used to increase the Student Senate's exposure to the student body. How do you intend on utilizing these tools along with other marketing strategies to increase student awareness of the Senate and ASUW in general? Whenever you're ready.

**Matt Freire:** Okay, I do want to point out that all of the other candidates had great ideas. If I win PRO, I will be stealing them. But I do want to mention that reaching out is just the beginning step for things like recruitment and just marketing efforts. You know, everyone knows the joke. You go up to someone and tell them about ASUW, and they're like, huh? What is that? I mean, we even made that a joke for our marketing this year in Student Senate. But even if the whole school knew about ASUW, how can you get them to care right? In my understanding, being around political spheres for a couple of years now, I realize that people have an aversion to politics, to the drama around it. People see us as ineffective. I mean, even during my campaigning, me and Avery over here went up to the TPUSA table just to, you know, hash things out, I guess. And they said they weren't going to vote in the student election, which is crazy because they're a political group. They just saw us as not effective at all, enough to the point where they felt like their vote meant nothing. And I think a solution to that is to make politics equally important, but also we need to inject some fun into it, which sounds unprofessional, but I'm serious. I feel that if we have a greater pull to Senate being just like more than just governmental work, people feel friendlier and people feel more open to share their ideals, and I've been already working on that.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Would you like me to repeat the question? All righty. In addition to the Student Senate Instagram, tabling posters and emails have historically been used to increase the Senate's exposure to the student body. How do you intend on utilizing these tools along with other marketing strategies to increase student awareness of the Senate and ASUW in general?

**Justin Amaral:** Yeah, to kind of mirror what Matt was talking about the election campaign and everything, When it came to talking to people, it became pretty evident that even if you told them Senate and you told them how important ASUW is, the point in which people start to care is when they realize what's at stake for them. And I think that's what we really need to target, is we need to start posting the legislation that we have in this floor. We need to make it front and center. And we need people to start seeing what we're doing and how it's going to affect them, because that is what I believe motivates people to stand up, to go to these meetings, to talk to people, and to advocate for, against, you know, whatever, just participate in the Senate. And to do that, I want to expand our socials, share easily digestible breakdowns of our legislation, And then I want to give each of you the power to actually reach out and talk to your own constituents. I want to update this website to let give you the power to see them, to

send them emails, to invite them, to update them on important legislation, you know, expand our efforts to have town halls. I want to give the public the most accessible and public Senate that they've ever seen because our power directly correlates to the representatives, to the representation in our seats, and as our power grows, so much that representation. And for this reason, I will be using every single avenue available to me to motivate as many people as I can to be aware of and join the Senate. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Would you like to stay up here for your final ten second question? What is a fun bonding activity for all of Senate that you'd like to do? Ten seconds whenever you're ready.

**Justin Amaral:** I have like five in here, but I'll just say two words. Murder, mystery. Okay, that's what I got.

**Matt Freire:** So when its raining a lot I want to do a slip and slide in Red Square, but you have to sign like a waiver, so you're safe. Bowling downstairs in the HUB, I'd love to do that. Pieing Avery in the face every day.

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar:** Okay, for bonding, I would like to do Jackbox and I would like to do talking points so that way you actually get like practice in presenting.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Guys, it's ten seconds, not five seconds. Would you like me to repeat the question? What's a fun bonding activity for all of senate that you'd like to do?

**Radcliffe Cushman:** I want to like debate silly motions because we're always serious in here. I want to move like a motion to change UW's colors to green and gold, and then just talk about it for like something silly like that, okay? Don't boo me.

**Pierce Wallbaum:** Hopefully this isn't as controversial, but I think a Senate scavenger hunt in the HUB could be really fun.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Thank you. All righty. Yes, you stay up here for your 30-second conclusion whenever you're ready.

**Pierce Wallbaum:** Student engagement and outreach is something I'm really passionate about. I have a ton of experience in, and it's something I would love to keep doing for you guys next year. Thank you all so much for your consideration.

**Radcliffe Cushman:** Although I may not have as much experience as some of the other people up here, I think my plans, my passion, and my past experiences with like public

relations and design can more than make up for it. I honestly all these people have great ideas and vote whoever you think is going to be able to push this organization to be the democratic voice it should be.

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar:** So a lot of what I talked about is collaboration. That's mainly what I want to bring as PRO. I also want to talk a little bit more about what I missed, a little bit that I didn't get to, was also highlighting like Senate liaisons, because that's a big thing about Senate as well that a lot of people don't know about. And just getting more people to know about those things and understand that through all social medias, but also through tabling, I think is also a great way to get more people involved.

**Matt Freire:** By the way those pies the budget for that would come out of Bianchi's bank account. Let me be serious here. I'm really passionate about this work. This is personally important. And if you elect me as your PRO, I promise I will do a great job.

**Justin Amaral:** Yeah, the only thing I would add is that if elected, I will be like Mayor Mamdani in the way that he is literally everywhere all the time. I will no life this position to get everybody involved. I will use every ounce of my time to get people into this room. Thank you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Can we have a round of applause for our candidates. You all know the drill? Our wonderful Marshall will escort you outside, and we will move on to the endorsements period. You will have 30 seconds. I may not have made this clear earlier, but no matter how many candidates you endorse, preferably one 30-second thing. I think I lied to someone. But you can endorse as many candidates as you would like. Again, it is all mostly anonymous. Please come to the front if you would like to make an endorsement. We can't guarantee anything.

**Senator:** I just wanted to endorse Pierce. I think he has the calm, dignified demeanor necessary for effective leadership, and I think he has a selfless kind of ambition that would work really well on Senate leadership. And I would urge you all to vote for Pierce.

**Senator:** Hello all, I'd like to endorse Radcliffe Cushman for PRO. Radcliffe's passion for student government was evident from the first time I met him. His outgoing and persevering personality and his love for Senate will shine through as public relations officer. Radcliffe, like all of you, is often frustrated with Senate's lack of visibility and student engagement. As pro, he will work tirelessly to represent Senate. As their social media manager, Radcliffe will demonstrate the importance of Senate and ensure that

students respect our work and most importantly, feel excited about what we can do for them. Vote Radcliffe.

**Senator:** I would love to second those comments on Pierce. I've gotten to work with him very closely this year. I've also known how many months that he's wanted to run for this position, and I've texted with him frequently about all the ideas that he has for next year. I think he'd be a great fit for this role.

**Senator:** Hey guys, I'm back. Justin is really great and I don't really, he wasn't joking about the fact that he will actually be everywhere if elected. He works so hard to the point where like anyone that's witnessed it, it's like kind of terrifying. It's super inspiring, but it's like kind of terrifying. Matt's also super great so, and you know, just vote for Justin, and also vote for Matt, because Matt's also great.

**Senator:** I want to endorse Pierce for PRO. He's an incredibly hardworking senator. He's really shown his reliability and leadership qualities as General Affairs Chair, but also through his work with Student Legal Services. On a personal note, he's really kind and cares a lot about all of you. And I know that through his work interning with the PRO, with Julia, he will be great and really prepared for the job, and will do great things. Vote Pierce.

**Senator:** Hi, I just want to endorse Matt. I did Running Start at the same community college that Matt was enrolled in and he was involved with the student newspaper. And I'm not kidding when I say I saw him everywhere on campus. Like granted it was a small campus, but he was using tabling to promote the student newspaper. He distributed material newspapers. Like there were spots to pick them up everywhere and also their social media presence was fantastic and probably the best of like any student organization on campus. So for that reason I say vote for Matt.

**Senator:** Hello, I'm here to endorse Kathleen as a Hall senator. She's been incredibly effective, very hardworking, just like all my senators are. And she's had a year of experience proving that she can work with residents, relay feedback and collect it. She's incredibly effective, and I think she would do a great job.

**Senator:** I would like to co-endorse Kathleen Esnaurrizar and Matt Freire. Kathleen just has a really great personality that always lightens whatever room she walks in, and I know that she will, that will be reflected in all the communications made by the PRO's office. And same with Matt Freire, I have full confidence that both of them present the

best side of this organization to the entire university and I wholeheartedly would love to see either of them hold the position.

**Senator:** Hello. I've known Radcliffe Cushman for like a really really really long time. And he's really smart and really hardworking, and I think he would make a really good public relations officer. Kathleen is also my fellow Oak Hall senator, and she's like the coolest person I've ever met. So, like, you should consider that when you vote for her, or if you vote for her. And Pierce is just awesome. He, I love like everything he does. He's amazing. You should vote for him. They're all icons. They're all legends. You should vote for one of them or all of them.

**Senator:** Hey guys, I'm here to endorse Matt and Justin. They're both super charismatic, super outgoing, really inviting people. I got to know him pretty well in the campaign trail. I think they'd both be really great. Though I will say I have some issues with Matt's ideas of pieing me in the face. But we can work that out. I'd say vote Matt and Justin. Thank you.

**Senator:** In my role as an intern currently, I know that internships really give people hands-on experiences in their position. Therefore, therefore, I would like to endorse Pierce for PRO.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any other endorsements?

**Senator:** As commendable as it is that my two leadership partners didn't say anyone specific, I am. I'm going to endorse Pierce and Radcliffe. Pierce has worked with me this year and has been super engaged. He creates great work, and I know he would be amazing in this role. He also has some of the most relevant work experience for this position, as he's on SLS. And then Radcliffe is also an amazing candidate. He has a lot of great ideas for the position, and I know that he would make a great change in the Senate.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Marshall, would you invite our candidates back in please?

Voting period open.

Voting period closed.

Drumroll ensues

**Pierce Wallbaum** elected Public Relations Officer

**Erick Jacobsen:** Thank you all for your participation in our glorious democracy. And thank you all to all of the candidates who ran. I know it is not easy being up here and running for office. We'll move on to nominations for the On-Campus Affairs Committee Chair. We will have elections for this next week. Chair elections will not have endorsement periods. Okay. Are there any questions about what the On-Campus Affairs Committee Chair does? Well then, are there any nominations?

**Collin Saywers** nominates **Ruby Santos**

**Ruby Santos** accepts

**Elizabeth McAleer** nominates herself

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any other nominations?

**Kira McKey** nominates **Spencer Grubbs**

**Spencer Grubbs** accepts

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any nominations? With that the nominations period is closed and we move on to Off-Campus Affairs Committee Chair nomination. Are there any questions about, eager beaver, are there any questions about what this role entails? I guess are there any nominations then?

**Collin Saywers** nominates **Kathleen Esnaurrizar**

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar** accepts

**Ishaan Verma** nominates **Spencer Grubbs**

**Spencer Grubbs** accepts

**Avery Kirscht** nominates **Kavi Pasupathi**

**Kavi Pasupathi** accepts

**Ruby Santos** nominates **Sumaiya Zunairah**

**Sumaiya Zunairah** accepts

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any nominations?

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OLD BUSINESS

**Erick Jacobsen:** We'll move on to old business. Yippee! The first item of old business is JR-32-05. Sponsors would you please come to the front. And for reference, this was, I know we passed this before. This was recommitted by the board due to concerns about not consulting the Ethnic Cultural Center and the Purple Group on campus. So you don't have to read it again. You can read the summary.

**Avery Kirscht** reads [JR-32-5 A Joint Resolution to Reduce the Impact of Federal Immigration Enforcement on Student Life](#) bill summary.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any questions for the sponsor?

**Ishaan Verma:** Sorry. Just a quick comment. I would recommend that you talk to Professor Brie McLemore in the Police Department. Her whole shtick is like privacy law and like what constitutes a private space and all that. I'm taking a class with her right now about that, and she's really great. She'll definitely be able to help.

**Charisse Vales:** I'm speaking on behalf of the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity Student Advisory Board. I want to ask who the advisor you talked to from the ECC since there's several. Was it Magdalena or Maggie? She is one of the Directors also in close ties with Purple Group, but as well as with Leadership Without Borders, which is also another entity at the ECC. Just wanting more context.

**Avery Kirscht:** If memory serves I believe it was Maggie, but I can pull that name for you and get back to you.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any other questions or comments? All right, these suggested edits are not approved currently

**Adam Ford** moves to approve suggested edits.

**Teddie Schmitt** seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

**Avery Kirscht:** Yes, to answer that question from earlier, it was Maggie that we met with.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any other questions or comments or any amendments you'd like to see? Are there any motions?

**Adam Ford** moves to approve JR-32-05

Approved 69-0-4

**Erick Jacobsen:** We'll move on now to R-32-12 a Resolution to Support the Implementation of FreeFoodAlert under the Food Pantry Recovery Program. If the sponsors would like to come to the front, please? And because I do not believe we've read this on the floor yet, if you would please read the bill out in full.

**Ava Wahl** reads [R-32-12 A Resolution to Support the Implementation of FreeFoodAlert Under the UW Food Pantry Food Recovery Program](#)

**Erick Jacobsen:** Who's the committee chair that reviewed this? Would you like to come to the front, please?

**Pierce Wallbaum:** Okay this went through general affairs and what we did was on line 33. Or there was quite a few changes done to this afterwards, so not everything's accurate, but we changed 10,000 to read 8,000, that was just for accuracy. And then on line 72, we added starting fiscal year 2028, and then we also added the 2026 to 2027 Board of Directors in the forwarding clause, and this was voted out favorably, unanimously.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any questions?

**Collin Saywers** moves to approve committee edits

**Radcliffe Cushman** seconds

Approved via unanimous consent

**Dylan Bianchi:** I want to start by saying I think this is a wonderful bill. I've had the privilege of working with Food Pantry a little bit, both through Huskies for Housing and a bit through my OGR internship. And they're really a pillar of the campus community. And pretty rapidly, the demand for their resources, hunger on our campus is out-serving what they are capable of. And so this sort of thing is really great as a means of trying to take the edge off that demand as much as we can. I doubt this will like solve the problem, but it will certainly help. I did want to ask how much, or like whether we have any data in terms of how many like events or how much food is currently being wasted, whether like Bay Laurel or anybody else has been able to give you that kind of information.

**Ava Wahl:** At this point, I don't have any explicit data at this point. I did work in conjunction with the Food Recovery Coordinator, Angelina Durbin, while we were writing and discussing this bill. And so if that is a continuously echoed concern, I can reach out to her and ask about that. I do not know at this time if there is going to be direct data on how much food is wasted at catering events yearly. I doubt that there's going to be an exact figure on that. However, I will say that There are a lot of catering events on campus, a lot that a lot of students just don't know about. And when they do happen, any food that is left there, depending on whether or not it's perishable, it's going to go straight in the trash. Or it's going to go right in the compost, but that doesn't always happen. A lot of times it's going to go right into the trash because they have so much left over. So unfortunately, there is a big problem on campus. I don't have specific data right now, and I'm sorry about that. There wasn't any specific data communicated to me, though, while I was doing research for this bill.

**Reaa Dureja:** I can speak to ASUW. We had like the bylaws convention and the Constitution Convention, and then we had the EAC end of year celebration. As much as the great food that there was, there was just so much left over that it was thrown at the end of the week because it was three days old. You're going to get sick if you eat it. Like even with my event, there was just so much left over. We donated to the RAs on North Campus. So, even with the ASUW events that we host, there's just so much left over, so I think even ASUW can take part of it and just try to give the food out through that app.

**Spencer Grubbs:** Two quick things, the first one might not really matter but there's a lot of like facts and figures that are claimed, and while I don't doubt they're like true, there is no source for most of them, unless it's just the one repeated over and over again. So that's just something to bring attention to. And then the second thing is I do currently work for HFS, and we do have to track overproduction and waste, which means that like, especially things that are like expired, this is specifically on a retail end, but we have to track all of the things that are overproduced or if they like expire and we don't sell them in time, we do have to log that. I don't know if that information is publicly available, but it, I know, and I don't know if they can track it for catering specifically, but some of that data does exist. So there's that as well.

**Ishaan Verma:** Just to clarify so Bay Laurel is like the company that does all the catering and the company that this bill pertains to. I'm good friends with Angelina, and I talked to her, and this is going to be super vague, but I just asked her like how much food gets

left over from Bay Laurel catering events, and she said a lot, which is, you know, as vague as you can get, but she definitely seemed to think that it was enough to make this kind of investment very worth it. So take with that what you will.

**Erick Jacobsen:** I'll also add, since this is sort of like a subscription that can be renewed or not, this is also something that ASUW can do as a pilot and then track that information and then use whatever that information is collected to decide whether or not to renew it. So that's something that can be kept in mind as well.

**Dylan Bianchi:** Yeah, actually, this is a question, Ava, could you clarify the citation on the first few lines, especially the whereas clause starting on line one, whereas clause starting on line 8, whereas clause starting on line 11 and 13?

**Ava Wahl:** So to clarify that, a lot of those, they actually can't be publicly linked because it's actually data that the UW Food Pantry has. And when I was discussing with Angelina Durbin, she says, although we can include the information in the bill, we can't actually cite the specific documents because the documents that have that data also has student names on them. And we cannot publish any private information about student names that use the food pantry. And so that is currently why I don't have anything cited for that.

**Erick Jacobsen:** I will say we can do something where you put a source in, like a number, let's say one. And then under one we put "conversation with food pantry staff "or like "as confirmed by food pantry staff."

**Joseph Riggio:** Piggy backing off that point, if its also possible to and it could be either if we decide we want them to come in to Senate, great. If we decide maybe it's more of a Board of Directors thing, great. But maybe having staff or the director, I know River, come in and just verify that information might help resolve that, but also the statement like Erick said, which could work too.

**Erick Jacobsen:** I also don't know how many or if any of it, but some of that may be in the SAF request, which that is public. So that's something to keep in mind as well.

**Naomi Law:** You said exactly what I was going to say, which is having an appendix where we're referencing the conversation with a specific employee. I move to approve.

**Naomi Law** moves to approve

**Collin Saywers** seconds

**Erick Jacobsen:** We're making good progress. I didn't think we'd get to any legislation today.

**Julia Tanner:** I did.

**Joseph Riggio:** Oh, ye of little faith.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Julia is better than me. And that is now on the public record. Please put that on the public record. Thank you, Jothsna.

Approved 67-0-8

Applause

**Erick Jacobsen:** Anyway, we'll move on. Congratulations Ava. We'll move on to R-32-05 a Resolution to Direct ASUW and GPSS Executives to Create the Student Health Fee MOU. Like I said in the Senate meeting after this was recommitted by Board, this was another resolution recommitted by Board. And the reasoning here was that they felt the language locks them into having to do a Student Health Fee and not to being flexible in the negotiation. So they wanted to change some information there. I think they also had concerns about graduate students, the fact that a graduate student opinion hadn't been submitted yet, more like GPSS hadn't passed a resolution. And I think maybe they had some comments on the maybes and how that plays into the calculations. So that was the reasoning given for recommitment. Joseph, would you like to come to the front, please? Please only read the bill summary

**Joseph Riggio** reads [R-32-05 to Direct ASUW and GPSS Executives to Create the Student Health Fee MOU](#) bill summary

**Erick Jacobsen:** Since Blair is not here, Ruby would you like to come to the front and give the report from the committee? Sorry for putting you on the spot like that.

**Ruby Santos:** We got a lot of legislation done that meeting. All right, so we made some edits on line 295 so if you look towards the 290 section of the bill, we had some edits here proposed by Naomi. So we moved to amend this line to change the word homeless to the word unhoused. So we wanted to make sure we're using sensitive language in this bill when referring to all parties. So we just changed some of the basic vocab there. Then in addition to that, we had some suggestions about amendments. Oh wait, this is the wrong, bill. Give me one second. Oh, still Naomi. Yeah, I got mixed up. Let's see, still line 295, but I read the wrong portion. We just amended, so we just

approved the current edit. So everything in red was approved. I don't think we really had that many other adjustments. We approved the suggested edits, and then we just had some overall discussion. but we didn't propose any major changes to the bill itself. Then our final vote to move the bill out of committee favorably, and it was 14-0-2.

**Erick Jacobsen:** So Joseph did these amendment suggestions come from you?

**Joseph Riggio:** Yeah, I can talk about that. So something that was in committee, so originally there was two, I proposed amendments that would satisfy, or at least that I, Jesse and I thought would satisfy the Board of Directors in adding additional language. It is no longer here, the on campus committee decided to strike it, but it would essentially add a that clause under line 287 that would completely make it or explicitly mention that the Board of Directors could opt out in negotiations at any time. That is still true, but they wanted it explicitly in the bill. If negotiations move forward, you'll notice that a couple clauses say that. There's additional clauses in language about what happens if negotiations don't move forward. I'm aware that the Graduate and Professional Student Senate is going to try and conduct additional survey next year for graduate students. So they might not, it's very likely they won't pass any resolutions this year anyway and just hold off until the next year. So there is a that clause now just addressing the fact we're in a student public health crisis and these conversations need to continue. Most of the change, most of the bigger changes to explicitly mention that Board can bow out, though, was largely removed by the On-Campus committee.

**Naomi Law:** For a little bit of context, there was a section we ended up striking and it was talking about whether or not they even wanted to begin negotiations, and we removed that to remove some of that choice. We left a lot of the ifs in so that they had the opportunity to opt out of negotiations after initially starting them. The goal from the committee was that they would start the negotiations, and then to alleviate their concerns on whether or not they could pull out.

**Spencer Grubbs:** On mine its line 303 but I think up there I see just 299. I noticed that the language has been changed from "shall not exceed" and "to be lower than 125." And I know when this was originally being discussed and whenever that was, that we, one of the things that had been brought up was that, like, that, like having a fee less than \$125 would mean potentially like less services and less impact that the fee would be able to deliver. Is there, could you like clarify that now?

**Joseph Riggio:** So I'll clarify what I was talking about previously, which is that if we go below \$100 per quarter per student for an undergraduate only fee, Services and Activities Fee would not be able to separate those units fully. They would still subsidize the remaining amount. The goal of this is to have a self-sustainable funding mechanism that's governed by students, so it would kind of defeat the purpose of it until that transition phase. Here, the specific language change. Now, my personal argument as the sponsor is the language really didn't change, saying that you're not going to exceed \$125 in negotiations. Maybe you can argue that we can change it to not exceed \$124 if we want to get specific, but really the board was just concerned about it being a lower than \$125 fee to reflect the actual survey results. So that's why the language is more specific here, but that's the change.

**Dylan Bianchi:** Given that she will be the primary Board member responsible for implementation, if this passes next year, I'm going to yield my time to Caroline Huguely.

**Dylan Bianchi** yields to **Caroline Huguely**

**Caroline Huguely:** Hi everyone, I'll be the Director of Campus Partnerships next year, so I'll be dealing with student health, which obviously means I'll be dealing with the Student Health Fee. If you remember the Senate forum, which I don't blame you if you don't, but I did speak about the health fee. I do have concerns about the survey results, but as for negotiations, I am in favor of entering negotiations. I think it's important to honor the work that the working group has done this past year, I do also think the survey results were positive enough that I think it's also worth honoring that as well. So yeah, I just generally want to speak in favor of this bill. I'm interested in entering negotiations. Yeah, and like you said, there's always like if we enter negotiations, we can back out. So I also, yeah, that's it.

**Avery Kirscht:** Just a quick question on that same clause that Spencer had concerns about beginning on 299. The amendment or the suggested language here of at the discretion of the ASUW Board and GPSS executives, does that effectively mean that if both decided they wanted to go beyond 125, they could? Because just the way it reads to me, it appears that that line, should it ever be used, would effectively wipe out that clause, would make it pointless.

**Joseph Riggio:** Can I take that as a point of information? I'll answer your question in the realistic way, that is, they're not going to negotiate over \$125. However, the SGP 205, the policy, just requires that a survey be conducted to gather student input or survey

like student feedback. And then we get to decide what to do with that survey information. So that does technically have the possibility of us going higher or lower. I would highly, highly, highly recommend not doing that and respecting the student survey. The \$125 proposal alone was expensive for students. They indicated on the survey that the majority of students would not support \$125. That's why the language is "shall not exceed" or "be lower than" in this case with the amendment. So I would highly encourage and recommend that we don't go above it, even though it's technically allowed.

**Francisco Dojenia:** I know that Joseph you added language to make it seem like it doesn't necessarily force GPSS's hand in entering negotiations. I agree with that. But considering that GPSS is considering legislation tomorrow about

**Erick Jacobsen:** Francisco would you please put your comment in the chat, please? We are having some tech difficulties. Thank you. I apologize.

**Adam Ford** moves to approve suggested edits.

**Radcliffe Cushman** seconds

Approved via unanimous consent

**Dylan Bianchi:** Joseph this is a question. On line 300, it says that if you just look at the students who answered either yes or no, there's like a strong 16 point, or I guess 32 point majority for those who said yes, with the end value here being about 2600 students. I know a big thing in the health fee, as was evidenced by you many times asking us to fill out the health fee, was reaching a certain threshold of students, like it had to, you had to have a certain number of thresholds for it to be like an effective referendum. Does the 2600 number cross that threshold?

**Joseph Riggio:** So what that number is referencing is the question respondents for, I believe, what you're referring to, could you repeat the line numbers that you're talking about? Yeah. So this is, as the that clause says, this is undergraduate students based on the survey report. So the numbers that we hit total, so we kept a consistent 10% across, if you go to the appendices, as well as the survey report source, which I believe is either 12 or 13. You can see that every single question was answered crossing the 10% threshold for both graduates and undergraduate students. It's just that when I'm disseminating the information in this bill, we separated it out primarily to focus on undergraduate students. ASUW represents both undergrad and graduate. We have a lot

of undergraduate representation, so I wanted to show off the undergraduate statistics more, but it was 11.5% of undergraduate students and 14.5% of graduate students who fill out the fee. So we're good on that front. For the survey, not the fee.

**Julia Tanner:** And then I'm going to read out Frisco's comment. Joseph, I understand that the amendments are made to consider GPSS, but considering that GPSS is considering it's official opinion on the Health Fee tomorrow with its own resolution has there been discussions with GPSS leadership about their inclusion in this resolution and its amendments since it was first introduced?

**Joseph Riggio:** So we are all, a little bit behind the scenes, we have a Teams chat, and not only a Teams chat, we haven't been able to do meetings as much anymore because we're all so busy. In the beginning of spring quarter, I was offering meetings in the HUB 121 office, in winter quarter, autumn, and spring, we met weekly and then switched to biweekly. That included GPSS executives, so Riley, VP of Finance, Paul, VP of Equity and Inclusion, as well as at some points Juan who is our board liaison or our liaison GPSS to Board. It's also included Ryan Wicklund, who's the GPSS President, GPSS President, Zoe Hall, actually, who's the incoming president, I reached out to and connected with drafting the original GPSS resolution that is entering that Senate. They're working with executives to match the results of the survey to their graduate student outcome. So, and I've confirmed with the Student Life Office that if GPSS were to decide to gather more data next year, and talk with the UW 4121 and be open to conversations and whatnot, that we can do a graduate survey and we can pair the two surveys together because Student Life would recognize that the data is still valid because the majority of the students, first year, second year, or third year, actually undergraduates support the fee. I could give you that data, that information. It was really fascinating, actually, that the people paying for the fee supported it, which I wasn't even expecting. But the answer is a very strong yes. I've been working with, collaborating with GPSS this entire time since summer.

**Erick Jacobsen:** Are there any other questions or comments?

**Dylan Bianchi** moves to adjourn

Bridget Pasco seconds

**Avery Kirscht** objects

**Dylan Bianchi:** It kind of seemed like there was more debates we had that weren't close to approval, but I'm going to withdraw my motion to give people an opportunity to maybe express some final opinions.

**Dylan Bianchi** withdraws motion

**Reaa Dureja:** I don't know if anyone has any comments, but motion to approve this bill.

**Reaa Dureja** moves to approve R-32-05

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar** seconds

Approved 60-2-7

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ADJOURNMENT

**Kathleen Esnaurrizar** moves to adjourn

**Greyson Hedglin** seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Adjourned 7:37 pm

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