



Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2024

Time: 12:30PM

Location: University YMCA Student Center, Rm 304

Virtual: youtube.com/@ASUWT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Mujica calls the meeting to order at 12:44PM.

II. ROLL CALL

<i>Speaker/SIAS Senator</i> Enmanuel Mujica	Present
<i>Education Senator</i> Noemi Duncan	Present
<i>Graduate Senator</i> VACANT	
<i>Milgard Business Senator</i> Kevin Nguyen	Present
<i>Nursing & Healthcare Leadership Senator</i> Amber Cha	Present
<i>Pre-Major Senator</i> Husneha Ghafoori	Present
<i>Engineering & Technology (SET) Senator</i> Eamon Challinor	Absent/Excused
<i>Social Work & Criminal Justice Senator</i> Juane Randall	Present
<i>Urban Studies Senator</i> Hugo Ennis	Present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Ghafoori motions to approve; Senator Duncan seconds.

6-0-0 – Motion Passes

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Randall motions to approve; Senator Randall seconds.

6-0-0 – Motion Passes

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker Mujica welcomes all members of the public present at the meeting.

6 Member of the public, identifying themselves as UW Student Issaac Duncan, ASUWT Advisors Conor Leary, Buddy Molina; ASUWT Director of Legislative Affairs Ben Brown, and Astacia Carter.

Mr. Olson is a student at UW Seattle campus. He read the most recent update on events in Gaza. He proposes a resolution to divest in business that support genocide in Palestine. He said that things have become much worse and the need for divestment is urgent. There is a similar proposal under consideration by ASUW. More than 1,600 UW students have signed a petition for divestment. He shared that the UW Board of Regents has stated they will not consider divestment without resolutions from all three campuses. There was a resolution passed by the ASUW Senate in May 2024.

The Senators asked Mr. Olson questions to better understand the topic.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

VIII. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Senator Nguyen shared he is continuing to make classroom presentations about the student survey. He is also working with the Milgard Success Center to create a banner with all the Business school RSO information to hang in the Milgard Hall (MLG) lobby.

Senator Randall shared that a large portion of the School of Social Work & Criminal Justice (SWCJ) is away at a conference this week. He has plans to make the rounds again next week passing out survey information and speaking in classes. He said that there is going to be a SWCJ town hall happening soon.

Senator Duncan shared that she is making a big push to get the students in the School of Education (SOE) to complete the surveys.

Senator Cha thanked Mr. Olson for coming in to speak today. She proposed that the resolution to divest be discussed at the next meeting. She also shared that she has her last classroom presentation. There are a few professors that she has emailed several times without receiving a reply.

Senator Ghafoori also thanked Mr. Olson for coming in to speak today. She feels that the resolution for divestment is an important topic they should discuss in the future. She also encouraged her fellow senators to attend the Board of Regents meeting

tomorrow. She said that there will be a large police presence because of a planned protest supporting the divestment proposal, so plan accordingly.

Speaker Mujica shared that he has been making survey presentations and meeting with the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (SIAS) dean. He says that the main issue he's hearing from fellow students is about class size. He's reaching out to more RSOs to make survey presentations as well.

IX. ADVISOR UPDATES

Advisor Leary shared the University Board of Regents are holding a meeting here tomorrow in the Milgard Hall (MLG) Assembly Room. Public Forum time is at 1:00pm. He reminded the senators that the student survey ends on November 30. He stressed that it is important to tell every student they interact about the survey from now to the 30th. The more data gathered, the more the programs can ask for from the budget. This is especially urgent because the legislative biennium begins in January. The more data our legislative affairs team has to show the elected officials, the more she can support the funding requests. made. They will also be interviewing students to find some to make testimonies in the legislature. Also, the first day of winter quarter is January 6th. The office will be open Thursday 1/02, and Friday 1/03.

X. CHAIR UPDATES

Speaker Mujica shared that he put the current survey numbers from ASUWT President Holly Wetzel. The goal is 800 surveys per school. If any senator would like to add new business to the agenda, email him or the office manager before Tuesday 11:00. If something comes up after the cutoff time, it can always be added as an amendment to the agenda immediately after the roll call.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Nguyen motions to adjourn the meeting; Senator Duncan seconds.

6-0-0 – Motion Passes

Speaker Mujica adjourns the meeting at 1:20PM.