

Call To Order:

Director Song called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm

Position	Name	Status	Notes
Milgard Senator	Evan Campbell	Present	Zoom
Milgard Senator 2	Cesia Amaya	Absent	
Education Senator	Santino Wong	Absent	
Healthcare Leadership Senator	Kalea Velasco-Cosare	Present	Zoom
IAS Senator 1	Norah Duncan	Present	
IAS Senator 2	Kate Allred	Present	
IAS Senator 3	Jason Tran	Present	
SET Senator 1	Jon Angell	Present	
SET Senator 2	Buruk Yimesgen	Present	
Urban Studies Senator	Ryan Wicklund	Absent Excused	
Pre-Major Senator	Enmanuel Mujica	Late 1:11pm	
Pre-Major Senator	Eamon Challinor	Present	
Social Work and Criminal Justice Senator	Isaiah Garcia	Present	

Approval of the Agenda:

Motioned by Director Song and seconded by Senator Angell 9-0-0

Approval of the Minutes:

Motioned by Director Song and seconded by Senator Tran 9-0-0

Open Public Forum:

No members of the public were present.

Unfinished Business:

President Wetzel talks about the constitution Review in continuation from last week's discussion. She discussed some concerns about the senate article about how there would be concerned about loss of representation and Director Heyne had the idea that it can be put in the bylaws that say if your school is bigger, you can have more votes. She also explained and clarified the constitution to the senators in addition to answering questions or concerns senators had relating to the constitution.

Here are the changes in the constitution that were discussed in the meeting.

Article 7 was added to the constitution

Article VII Task Forces

Section 1 Establishment of Task Forces

"Task Forces are to be established to advocate for the enhancement of specific aspects of student life at the University of Washington Tacoma, guided by the principles of data-driven advocacy."

Section 2 Composition and Oversight

All Task Forces shall be overseen by the ASUWT President and the Vice President. Membership of these Task Forces may include, but not limited to:

- A. ASUWT Senators
- B. Executive Board Members
- C. Paid-Student employees hired to perform Task Force Duties
- D. ASUWT Volunteers

Section 3. Functions and Activities of Task Forces

All Task Forces shall undertake the following responsibilities:

- A. Utilize best practices in research methodologies to gather student input, ensuring a broad and inclusive representation of the University of Washington Tacoma student body.
- B. Develop and execute strategic plans aimed at addressing the Task Force's identified area of concern.
- C. Advocate for the implementation of proposed solution(s) through close collaboration with UW Tacoma leadership, administration and/or other stakeholders.
- D. If necessary, engage in the legislative process to advocate for programs and initiatives aligning with Task Force's goals.
- E. Create quarterly reports that are to be easily accessible to the student body. These reports will detail the activities, progress, and outcomes of the Task Force, ensuring transparency and accountability in their operations.

Section 4. Formation and Criteria for Task Force Establishment

The establishment of Task Forces within ASUWT shall be guided by the following criteria:

- A. Task Forces shall be formed to address issues identified through ASUWT Student Experience Surveys and/or credible external data sources focusing on UW Tacoma

students.

i. The research data informing the creation of each Task Force must have been conducted within the last four years.

B. Task Forces may also be established at the discretion of the ASUWT President, based exclusively on emerging needs or concerns within the student body.

C. To ensure a proactive and responsive student government, a minimum of two Task Forces shall be operational at a given time each academic year

Article 9 was added to the constitution

Article IX. Student Experience Data Collection

Section 1. Purpose

In commitment to data-based advocacy, this article mandates the collection of student experiences and input to ensure that ASUWT's actions as an organization reflect the dynamic and evolving needs of the UW Tacoma student body and to monitor shifts in student perspectives and needs over time.

Section 2. Logistics

ASUWT shall conduct a comprehensive survey(s) of the student body every 2 academic years surrounding all aspects of the student experience, as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws. However, ASUWT is encouraged to conduct survey(s) more frequently to ensure effective governance.

Section 3. Response Rates, Reporting, and Implementation

A. A minimum response rate of 20% of the student body is encouraged to ensure the validity of the data collected.

B. Results shall be compiled, analyzed, and reported to the entire student body to maintain transparency.

C. Findings shall be utilized to guide ASUWT's decision-making and strategic planning for the subsequent two academic years.

a. However, this provision may be superseded by more recent student body data, ensuring that ASUWT's actions remain aligned with the current needs of the student body.

Article 10 was added to the constitution

Article X. Accountability Within Student Government

Section 1. Purpose

To foster a culture of integrity and effective governance within ASUWT, this article outlines a framework for internal accountability practices. It is designed to set clear expectations and standards for all members of ASUWT, while balancing the need for productive participation and opportunities for student growth and development.

Section 2. Establishment of Internal Accountability Policy

ASUWT adopts an Internal Accountability Policy, as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws. This policy sets forth the expectations, standards, and procedures for ensuring responsible conduct and effective performance of all paid student government members.

Section 3. Internal Accountability Policy Provisions

The ASUWT Internal Accountability Policy outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws must include the following:

- A. Guidelines for behavior and performance, including but not limited to adherence to job duties, attendance, and ethical conduct.
- B. A structured procedure for addressing repeated instances of non-compliance using the established guidelines for behavior and performance. This includes warning(s), accountability plan(s), and removal from position in ASUWT.
- C. All steps taken under the Internal Accountability Policy are to be thoroughly documented by the Director of Internal Affairs and/or ASUWT President.

Section 4. Preservation of Internal Accountability Policy

While this Constitution is in effect, the complete removal and/or nullification of the Internal Accountability Policy from the ASUWT Bylaws is prohibited to ensure ASUWT's commitment to maintaining accountability and effective governance

Article 7 number was changed to 11

Article XI. Elections

Section 3 Part A removed "shall declare the academic department they wish to represent on their election application" and added "must run for the academic department aligning with their declared major," in "Senators must run for the academic department aligning with their declared major, pursuant to eligibility criteria established in the Elections Code."

Article 8 number was changed to 12

Article XII. Bylaws and Policies

Section A removed "The Executive Board" to "ASUWT" in "ASUWT shall enact bylaws to govern its public meetings, clarify the responsibilities of each member of the board in response to student need, set pay structures, and otherwise structure the executive functions of the association not specifically enumerated by this Constitution."

Section A part A removed the word executive in "All changes to the Executive Bylaws shall be proposed by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of the Senate."

Section B and Section B part A was removed that states "The Senate shall enact bylaws to govern its meetings, establish committees as necessary, provide for hiring practices to fill vacancies, and otherwise structure the legislative functions of the association not specifically enumerated by this Constitution.

a. The Senate may amend its bylaws by a two-thirds majority vote."

Article 9 number was changed to 13

Article XIII. Constitutional Amendments

Article 10 number was changed to 14

Article XIV. Severability

Article 11 number was changed to 15

Article XV. Ratification and Implementation

Section A the year was changed from 2015 to 2024 in “This Constitution shall go into effect on the day of the University of Washington Tacoma Commencement ceremony of 2024 (hereafter referred to as “Commencement 2024”). At that time, it shall supersede and replace all previous Constitutions or other principal governing documents of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma. Any such previous documents, and any secondary internal governing documents associated with them, shall be rendered null and void.”

Section B the year was changed from 2015 to 2024, 2009 to 2015, and June 3, 2009 to June 11, 2014 in “Prior to Commencement 2024, the ASUWT Constitution ratified on June 11, 2014 (the “2015 Constitution”) shall be the principal governing document of ASUWT, with the following amendments, instructions, and exceptions:”

Section B part a and b was removed that states “a. The ASUWT administrations operating under the 2009 Constitution shall form a committee to draft and approve initial Senate bylaws, Executive bylaws, election codes, and staff policies governing hired staff according to Article V, Section IB. The bylaws, codes, and policies drafted by the committee shall be reviewed and approved by ASUWT as a bill according to ordinary processes, and form the initial Senate bylaws, Executive bylaws, election codes, and staff policies adopted at Commencement 2015 (collectively, the “initial secondary governing documents”). b. The initial secondary governing documents shall be approved by ASUWT before January 15th, 2015”

Section B part c was years was changed from 2014-2015 academic year to 2024-2025 academic year and 2009 was changed to 2015. “The general election conducted in the 2024-2025 academic year shall elect persons to fill the Executive Board and Senate seats named in this new Constitution rather than the seats named in the “2015 Constitution”

Section B part d was removed that states “On the day of Commencement 2015, all persons in hired, elected, and appointed positions under the 2009 Constitution shall be dismissed with grateful thanks for their service”

Section B part e was changed from 2014-15 to 2024-2025 academic year, “and the initial secondary governing documents” was also removed, and 2009 year was changed to 2015. “The budget and funding proposal to the Service and Activity Fee Committee submitted in the 2024-2025 academic year shall reflect the structure of this new Constitution rather than the structure established in the 2015 Constitution”

Section B part f was added that states “The constitution and bylaws will be reviewed by a committee made up of Executive and Senate members at least every 4 years to evaluate if any changes are necessary.”

Entertain the Motion to Table the Voting for Constitution Review to next week:

Moved by Director Song and seconded by Senator Yimesgen

New Business:

Executive Session Director of Outreach Hiring

Senate Updates:

Senator Garcia spoke for Food Equity. For destigmatization the group was unable to meet this week but will compare notes on Thursday. Senator Yimesgen talked about the pantry and that a meeting was set up with the head of the pantry and will meet with her tomorrow.

Senator Mujica spoke for Health and Wellness. Talked about the wellness week they were planning on doing, will be doing a presentation, and contacting people for the wellness activity.
talked about meeting?

Senator Duncan talked about the Health and Wellness distress event that will be tomorrow from 12pm-3pm at the Dawg House 1st floor to paint pots and plant wildflowers.

Advisor Updates:

Advisor Daniel talked about how he and Conor met with Christina Coop the UW Seattle lead advisor for ASUW and met with Brittney May of ASUW Bothell. They met with them to talk about Huskies on the Hill and discussed observations about things being Seattle planned and Tacoma and Bothell hopping onto it, in addition to help figuring out plans to help make it a more equitable and collaborative planning process. Reception from Seattle is that it is a Seattle event and that UWT should have student voice to back up the collaborative process. To get involved in the collaborative relationship then ASUWT will need to express that students want in some manner to get the ball rolling and then they will be able to come in and figure out the infrastructure need.

Advisor Conor talked about elections information will be released on Monday. Elections filing form will be available through website and on dubnet. If you plan to apply for a position, you can apply once the filing form is available. If you submit a form, you can recant it, but you apply again even for a different position you are applying for. This ensures you are committing early on, so you stay committed to the whole process. With the constitution review, you can, as ASUWT students, support ballot measures directly. Will also be looking for support from anyone who has friends that can remain unbiased as he will be putting together a small elections committee just to help verification of votes to ensure everything is fair across the board.

Chair Updates:

Director Song let us know that the public forum is tomorrow at William Phillip Hall from 4pm-7pm. Next meeting will have a ballot vote for director of outreach and vote all the sections for the constitution.

Adjournment:

Director Song adjourned the meeting at 1:21 pm.