



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 30, 2025

Time: 12:00PM

Location: University YMCA Student Center, Rm 304

Virtual: youtube.com/live/W7EfbGS4vyE

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Wetzel calls the meeting to order at 12:16PM.

II. ROLL CALL

<i>ASUWT President</i> Holly Wetzel	Present
<i>ASUWT Vice President</i> Moira Kelley	Present
<i>Director of Internal Affairs</i> Norah Duncan	Present
<i>Director of Outreach</i> Merriah Kubista	Absent/Excused
<i>Director of Legislative Affairs</i> Ben Brown	Present
<i>Director of Finance</i> Alicia Whitten	Present
<i>Director of Student Technology</i> Susan Palmer	Present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Whitten motions to approve; Vice President Kelley seconds.

5-0-0 – Motion Passes

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Kelley motions to approve; Director Brown seconds.

5-0-0 – Motion Passes

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

President Wetzel welcomes all members of the public present at the meeting.

4 members of the public, identifying themselves as Speaker of ASUWT Senate, Enmanuel Mujica; ASUWT Advisors Conor Leary and Buddy Molina; and Astacia Carter.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The board went into an executive session at 12:20 and returned at 12:24

Director Duncan motions to approve Rae Watkins as a member of the Food Equity & Basic Needs Task Force (FEBN); Vice President Kelley seconds.

5-0-0 – Motion Passes

UW Tacoma Finance and Administration information session. Cherie Berthon, Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget, Finance & Administration came in talk about the process for the 2025-2026 campus budget. Director Whitten is on the Budget Advising Committee as an ASUWT/student voice. UW Tacoma 2025-26 Budget Planning is explained in detail at: <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/chancellor/uw-tacoma-2025-26-budget-planning>

Vice Chancellor Berthon went through a slideshow of information to explain the expected budget of Fiscal Year 2026. It is available at <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sites/default/files/2024-11/fy-26-budget-kick-off-slides-2024.11.13-1.pdf> She told the board that this is very early in the planning process. Our state legislature has not allocated funds yet and when that occurs, the fund will go to the Seattle first, then to the Tacoma campus. Both campuses are calculating contingencies and drafting plans in the case of federal or state funding changes. It could be as small as holding off on pay raises for the year or as drastic as eliminating positions. The office of the University Provost has created a federal policy updates <https://www.washington.edu/provost/federal-policy-updates/>

VIII. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Director Palmer shared that the Student Technology Fee Committee (STFC) Annual Allocations submissions period ends February 7th.

Director Whitten shared that she met with President Wetzel and Vice President Kelley recently to review the budget. She now has projected budget ready. Per ASUWT bylaws, the board is required to review and approve it before it is submitted on February 7th.

Director Brown shared that he hosted the last in-person training for Huskies on the Hill. Those who did not attend an in-person training will have the opportunity to attend an online training hosted by UW Bothell. Training is required to be allowed to attend the event. This is to ensure that students are properly prepared for going into these meetings with legislators. The Huskies on the Hill Kickoff Party is on 1/31 at

6pm in William W. Philip Hall (WPH).

IX. ADVISOR UPDATES

Advisor Buddy Molina shared ADA accessible transportation has been secured for Huskies on the Hill. The additional cost has been absorbed by the Student Life budget.

Advisor Conor Leary shared his enthusiasm for Huskies on the Hill next Monday.

X. CHAIR UPDATES

President Wetzel Armen Papyan, UWT alum, and former ASUWT Director of Legislative Affairs , and Tukwila city councilmember will be the guest speaker. She shared that the committee was not able to order logo tote bags this year due to ordering issues. She hopes to be able to print out some for UWT at the Lacey makerspace and will update the board when she has confirmation. She will notify the board of the cost and if she needs any assistance to print them.

Director Brown reminds everyone that snow is expected on Monday for Huskies on the Hill. Drive safely and dress appropriately.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Kelley motions to adjourn the meeting; Director Brown seconds.

5-0-0 – Motion Passes

President Wetzel adjourns the meeting at 1:01PM.