



**Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC)**

**February 7, 2025**

**3:30pm**

**GWP 320**

Zoom Link: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/98089084773>

**MEETING MINUTES 12**

Attendance:

<p><b>Voting Members</b>          Norah Duncan – Present (Zoom)          Madai Espinoza – Absent          Kailey Lawless – Absent          Samuel Pena-Rojas – Present          Jaden Tobar – Present (Zoom)          Anchal Turna – Present (Zoom)          Kaily White – Present</p> <p><b>Administrative Staff</b>          Sean Schmidt - Present          Hayden Busic - Present</p>	<p><b>Ex-Officio Members</b>          Bernard Anderson – Absent          Mike Russell – Present (Zoom)          Alicia Whitten – Present (Zoom)          Gordon Craig - Present</p> <p><b>Guests</b>          None</p>
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**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 3:36 pm by Sam.

**Land Acknowledgement.** A land acknowledgement was given by Sam.

**Safety Briefing.** A safety briefing was given by Sam.

**Roll Call, Guest Introductions, Connection-Building Activity.** Roll Call is documented above. Guests were introduced. Meeting participants took part in a connection-building activity.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes.** Upon there being no objections from the committee, the Chair approved the agenda; however, the past meeting minutes were not. We went over last week's minutes to change some inaccuracies in Safety Briefing and New Business. The Chair then approved the amended minutes from last week.

### **Open Public Forum**

- None.

### **Reports & Updates**

- Chair/Vice-Chair
  - Sam recommends others to sign up for any of the three subcommittees and mentioned that he reached out to Sean to talk about the YMCA by-laws.
- Members
  - No updates.
- Committees
  - Sean mentioned Winter/Spring campus forum/public meeting to show the status of campus funding, open to students by the possibility of collaboration with STFC, etc.
  - Kaily asked about the data and spreadsheet concerning a report of the status of SAFC's current allocations to all programs at UWT.
  - Sam talks about the questions concerning the special and annual allocations that don't provide the most helpful data, as well as the concern with adjustment/inflation.
  - Sean mentions that there is some legislation that allows the increasing of the threshold for fees such as New Student fees, STFC fee, SAFC fee, etc.
  - Bernard recommends building a list of candidates for the state budget pickup.
  - Sean shows the 2025 to 2026 budget and the different ways to help each other out such as comments at the bottom of the spreadsheet, etc.
  - Sam wondered about the format of whether committee members should abstain from a specific approval as the allocations are for the next fiscal year as some positions are not guaranteed for next year.
  - Gordon recommends the possibility of presenting as an advocate without being an approver.
  - Mike answers that with a specific report of data up to date as of last night from the revenues from this year as the data gives us the information to look at to make sure that the numbers are recorded properly from each program/organization.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Discussion Items**

None.

### **Announcements**

Sean mentions how the possible federal decisions will affect students and the university itself. There will likely be reductions in grants/overheads (specifically at UWS), however UWT will not be as impacted. Sean recommends committee members to look ahead as well as to be wary of the current situation when it comes to the committee meetings and the specific approvals for annual and special allocations.

Gordon commended Anchal and others for participating in the Business Case Competition last week.

### **Adjournment**

- Sam adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm.