



Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC)

March 7, 2025

3:30pm

GWP 320

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

MEETING MINUTES 16

Attendance:

<p>Voting Members Norah Duncan – Present (Zoom) Madai Espinoza – Present Kailey Lawless – Present (Zoom) Samuel Pena-Rojas - Present Jaden Tobar – Absent Anchal Turna – Present (Zoom) Kaily White – Present (Zoom)</p> <p>Administrative Staff Sean Schmidt - Present Hayden Busic - Present</p>	<p>Ex-Officio Members Bernard Anderson – Present (Zoom) Mike Russell – Present (Zoom) Alicia Whitten – Present (Zoom) Gordon Craig - Present</p> <p>Guests Clare Conor Declan Brody</p>
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Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 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 and minutes.

Open Public Forum

- Conor introduces himself, and his team as well, to let us know that they are here as representatives of the students.
- Mike introduces himself and announces today as his last day as a part of the SAFC; he also introduces Cherie Berthon, who is taking over Mike's position.

Reports & Updates

- Chair/Vice-Chair
 - Sam opened up Jaden's last day being two meeting ago as he onto bigger things. Good luck Jaden!
 - Norah mentions miscommunication with Susan and Sam, but with the intention of resolving it.
- Members
 - No updates.
- Committees
 - No updates.

Old Business

a. First Reading

- **Student Publications**

Upon there being no objections from the committee, the Chair approved the tabling of the first reading of student publications to the next meeting.

- **Disability Resources for Students (DRS)**

The DRS's necessity increased by 14% from 2023 to 2025. Kaily talks about how the DRS at UW Tacoma is requesting \$27,860 to support initiatives that enhance accessibility, student engagement, and disability advocacy on campus. The funding will be used to establish a Student

Outreach Coordinator position, providing mentorship and information support to new and returning DRS students. Additionally, the request includes resources for Student Front Desk/Testing Assistants to assist with academic accommodation and accessibility services. The funds will also support events and workshops aimed at increasing awareness of disability rights, universal design, mental health advocacy, and accessibility training. Sam mentions how the proposal isn't as much as it was last year and has no objections to fully funding the DRS. The proposal was approved in full, approved for first reading, and waived for second. Madai so moved. Kaily W. seconded. 6-0-0.

New Business

a. First Reading

- Husky Volunteers

Madai recommended a 20% to a 30% recommendation, allowing summer hours and eliminating the student management position. Engagement has increased, and new volunteer initiatives have been launched on DubNet, allowing the increase of participation from the student body. The Husky Volunteers (HV) program at UW Tacoma is requesting \$94,689 to support student staff positions and essential resources for impactful service and leadership initiatives. Funding will sustain signature programs such as the Husky Volunteers Medallion Program, the biannual Day of Caring service event, and campus/community service projects. Kaily agrees to not cut summer hours, allowing summer downtime to build events and programs beforehand with the students' wellbeing in mind. Sam notices that even with reductions, it would still be about \$12,000 above last year's proposal. Approved to pass for first reading and saved for second reading. Kaily W. so moved. Madai seconded. 6-0-0.

- CSI - Welcome Days

Kaily talks about the Welcome Days program at UW Tacoma; their request is \$16,950 to support programming and events that connect new and returning students to campus life, peers, and resources. Welcome Days is built around four core pillars: Connect, Learn, Socialize, and Succeed, ensuring students engage with the university beyond the classroom, build relationships, and develop skills for success. The funding will be used for event supplies and promotional giveaways to enhance participation. The program continues to see an increase each year. Sam sees it as a \$3,000 increase since last year's proposal. Madai questions the prices and asks about leftovers from last years and what will be done to the leftovers this year. Daniel answers with yes as the leftovers will be rolled over into next year. The committee recommends a 10% reduction. The proposal was approved with a 10%

reduction, approved for first reading, and waived for second. Kaily W. so moved. Anchal seconded. 6-0-0.

- **ASUWT**

The ASUWT is requesting \$496,008.24 to support student advocacy, governance, and engagement initiatives. ASUWT plays a key role in amplifying student voices, advocating for student needs, and improving the overall student experience by working with university leadership, organizing events, and implementing services that directly benefit students. The funding will help restructure ASUWT's organizational model to enhance representation and efficiency, including the creation of three new director positions (Undergraduate Affairs, Graduate Affairs, and Equity & Accessibility) and a Campus Organizer to support legislative advocacy efforts. Additionally, ASUWT prioritizes student well-being, notably addressing food insecurity through initiatives like the Basic Needs Navigator and Food Pantry expansion, which have already contributed to a decrease in student-reported food insecurity from 44% to 36%. Sam recommends with the new stipend that they would have the reduction in pay for the current staff; however, allowing for more positions. Another recommendation would be no new positions, just rearranging what is currently at hand. The ending recommendation would be a 30% reduction with a bit of leeway (about \$348,000). Approved to pass for first reading and saved for second reading. Madai so moved. Kaily seconded. 5-0-0.

- **CSI – Student Activities Board**

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- **CSI – Registered Student Organizations**

The Center for Student Involvement is requesting \$55,424 to fund student staff wages and support Registered Student Organization operations. This funding provides resources for student clubs, including email addresses, mailboxes, light storage, operational funding, and materials for promotional items like banners and buttons. Additionally, CSI offers guidance on fundraising, trademark use, and constitution drafting, ensuring RSOs operate effectively. Kaily recommends a 5% decrease as it would be about a \$2,600 increase from last year. Sam is not opposed to either a 5% decrease or even fully funding. Madai agrees with full funding as over 20+ clubs were added from the year 2024 to 2025, as the numbers have gone up from 50 to over 70+ clubs. Norah notes to cut money and recommended that special allocations can be made next year. She also notes to look at where reductions can be made and to ask the questions: when will the money be used, and when will it be necessary. Approved for full, but with the understanding of the possibility of amending and future

reductions of the allocations (waived second reading). Kaily W. so moved. Kailey L. seconded. 6-0-0.

- **Husky Success Series**

The University Academic Advising department is requesting \$12,273 from the Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) to support the Husky Success Series (HSS), a student-led initiative that provides educational workshops and leadership opportunities. HSS fosters a culture of student engagement and career readiness by offering workshops focused on strengths, interests, and self-care tools. Increase is about \$5,000 for this year's proposal since last year. Anchal needs further clarification on the request and its specifics with the proposers. There's been a increase of over +100 students from 2024 to 2025. Student participation (since Covid) has increased and Anchal's recommendation is to fully fund the (one worker) student's wages, and to cut 20% to 30%, as it still would be an increase since last year's approval. Madai questions the possibility of double-proposing and similarities between past proposals and the discernment between clarifications from the proposers themselves. Approved to pass for first reading and saved for second reading. Anchal so moved. Madai seconded. 6-0-0.

b. Second Reading

- **Student Legal Services**

The request is a flat fee of \$15,000 to bring Student Legal Services (SLS) to campus, ensuring students have access to legal consultations without traveling to Seattle. This initiative aims to support students facing legal issues such as landlord-tenant agreements, residency concerns, and personal matters by connecting them with professional legal staff and law students from UW Seattle. Kailey mentions that the flat fee is the same and what is requested as from all three campuses. Mike gives us the context as to why the student legal services has a flat fee. And Kailey ends with the leftover money being given back to the SAFC. The proposal was approved in full, approved as second reading. Kaily so moved. Madai seconded. 5-0-0.

- **Peer Success Mentor Programs**

Anchal, with the PSMP, mentions that the increase is about \$3,000 as it allows the two student workers to work about 8 hours each a week. Additional funding for food and materials is asked.

Anchal recommends fully funding, but if not, a 10% to 30% reduction is recommended. Sam asks about any additional leeway. A draft of all allocations is needed by the 4th of April; however, they do need us to be as far along as possible as the final is due on the 25th. Sam leans towards more of a 30% reduction. Another recommendation from Sean would be to decrease the current proposal, allowing for more than last year's proposal and allowing for more special requests for later in the year. The proposal was approved with a 30% reduction, approved for second reading. Anchal so moved. Kaily seconded. 4-0-0.

- **Career Development**

No additional questions but Sam mentions a 40% reduction which would still be \$3,000 more than last year's approval. The proposal was approved with a 40% reduction, approved for second reading. Kaily so moved. Madai seconded. 4-0-0.

- **Student Advising Mentors**

Madai recommends a 40% to 50% reduction and talks about the current clarification of current staff. With six, three are graduating. Sean recommends for the committee to ask for clarification and to let the proposer know proper feedback in making proposals for the state budget if they would like more funding. Sam recommends a 60% recommendation in the reduction. Keeping in mind the expectation of a deficit, Conor mentions about how areas with more direction need help in getting the recommendations into the level that they need to go into. The necessity of having students hired earlier for the committee is important for a better structure of the committee for next year. A proposal to the Chancellor is recommended by Sean for some particular funding that can be gotten from the state. Approved in the amount of \$22,000, but with the understanding of the possibility of amending and future reductions of the allocations (waived second reading). Madai so moved. Kaily seconded. 4-0-0.

- **Giving Garden**

Upon there being no objections from the committee, the Chair approved the tabling of the second reading of student publications to the next meeting.

Discussion Items

- Sean and Kaily mention that we've approved up to \$208k.

Announcements

- Sam mentions how the RSOs are recommended to check out and sign-up for the Spring Involvement Fair.
- Sam also talks about the possibility for others to work on a committee, specifically for the block party where RSOs can have fun and chill with each other – May 15th (11 am to 4 pm).
- The discussion ends with the potential of meeting up during spring break. The recommendation is to tee up as many proposals as possible for first reading.

Adjournment

- Samuel Pena-Rojas adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm.