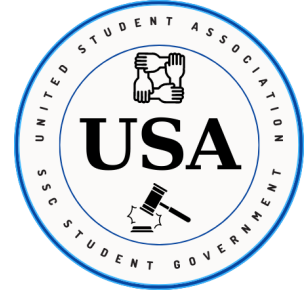


Weekly USA Meeting Minutes



May 21st, 2025 / 1:30-2:00 PM / JMB Student Center

1. Call to Order

Mission Statement: *The members of the United Student Association (USA) are committed to nurturing our community by fostering a comfortable and supportive environment. We advocate for the needs and interests of the diverse student body at South Seattle College. We strive to accomplish this commitment by promoting and encouraging self-development, community involvement, and culture sensitivity.*

Land Acknowledgement: *We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.*

[reflection]

2. Facilitator: Hanan Mohamed

3. Roll Call

- **President Menen Girma** — Present
- **Vice President Tien Le** — Present
- **Communication Officer Juliana Ferreira** — Present
- **Issues & Concerns Officer** — Vacant
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer Trevor Porter** — Excused Absence
- **Sustainability Officer Rexi Rex** — Present
- **Marketing Officer Hanan Mohamed** — Present
- **Treasurer Abbigail Hoover** — Present
- **Advisor Monica Lundberg** — Excused Absence

- **Ground Rules:**
 - **One person talks at a time**
 - **Tackle problems, not people**
 - **Limit distractions**
 - **Act in respectful manner**

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion 1: **Menen moved** to approve agenda for May 21st, 2025; **Gail** seconded the motion.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2: **Juliana moved** to approve minutes for May 7th, 2025; **Tien** seconded the motion.

6. Scheduled Guests

- Welcome 2025-2026 USA Officers!
 - Judas Iscariot – President
 - Hussen Nurhussen – VP
 - Angel Aragon – Marketing
 - Nhi Nguyen Xuan Le – Sustainability
 - Khang Ly Nguyen Thach – Issues and Concerns
- Dean Dennis Denman
- Colby Keene, Wellness Center rentals, 2pm-2:15pm.
 - Vote to approve SWC facility rentals:
 - “My ask is to approve the usage of the Student Wellness Center (SWC) for rentals to outside South Seattle Organizations. Rentals can be used to support the SWC annual operations to insure safe and updated equipment, offer health and wellness programming and support other annual operations costs. Rentals of the SWC will be managed by SWC wellness director with 100% of its generated rental revenue coming back to support SWC annual operational budget. The intent is not to turn the SWC into a revenue generating entity, but to create revenue that will benefit its members. Rentals will take outside of the main hours of operations, so that it will have little impact on student access.”
 - Colby, the wellness director, introduced a proposal to utilize the wellness center for rentals. The meeting discussed a proposal to allow the South wellness center to be rented out during non-peak hours (after 5-6 PM) to generate revenue of \$80,000-\$100,000 annually.
 - The facility would be managed by the wellness recreation team with student staff support, and security would be provided by campus security.
 - The revenue would be used to improve the facility and support student programs, with a focus on maintaining student access

to the space during regular hours. Colby would like USA support to bring the proposal for approval to the President's Cabinet and facilities director.

- Gail requested information on the pricing and availability of lactation spaces across the district. Colby explained that the proposed rates were based on district-wide averages and were set to be competitive with neighboring facilities. Colby clarified that lactation rooms are treated like other multipurpose spaces, with rental fees intended to cover maintenance and ensure availability for various uses. The group discussed the broader context of space usage, with Dean Dennis mentioning that similar rooms are charged for in other settings: while there were requests for additional uses of certain spaces, they wanted to maintain the integrity of the facilities for all students.

Student Wellness Center Facility Rental Rates

Facilities	Hourly Amount
Gym- one-time or semiannual rental	\$100
Gym- recurring rental with equipment set-up	\$75
Gym- recurring rental without equipment set-up	\$60
Large Yoga/Reflection Studio- one-time (maximum capacity **)	\$50
Large Yoga/Reflection- recurring	\$35
Small Cross-Fit- one-time (maximum capacity **)	\$40
Small Cross-Fit- recurring	\$25
Lactation Studio- one-time (maximum capacity **)	\$30
Lactation Studio- recurring	\$20
Additional costs after operating hours- Rental Attendant	\$40
Optional floor cover	\$25
Facilities set-up/tear-down Table & Chairs (flat rate)	\$100

7. Guests Concerns & Issues

The USA meeting covered a range of topics including campus surveillance, budget concerns, and facility management. The group discussed ongoing projects, challenges, and proposals, with a focus on financial constraints and potential revenue generation opportunities.

Officer Agenda Items

1. **President: Menen Girma**

- MSA camera meeting
- Dr brown meeting
- BOT reports
 - Menen discussed several key topics, including the decision to turn off one of the campus surveillance cameras following concerns raised by Dr. Brown about privacy and profiling. Menen also addressed the need to complete the annual Board of Trustees report, with members being asked to send their major accomplishments to help compile the report.
 - Menen addressed issues with Dr. Brown's office not providing timely responses and decided to follow up via email.

2. **Vice President: Tien Le**

- Meeting with Dr. Sayumi
- Meeting with the Legislatives
 - Tien reviewed concerns about class sequencing and tutoring services, noting that funding limitations were hindering expansion of the tutor navigator program.
 - Tien also planned a meeting with legislative representatives to discuss budget concerns and gather student input.

3. **Communication Officer: Juliana Ferreira**

Motion 3: Juliana moved to endorse the SWC Rentals proposal as presented by Colby Keene. **Gail** seconded the motion.

Motion passed with 5 votes YES.

4. **Diversity and Inclusion Officer:** Trevor Porter

- Starting ice cream social marketing: June 4th
- Finalizing last purchases with Dennis
- Finalizing media cart

5. **Sustainability Officer:** Rexi Rex

6. **Marketing Officer:** Hanan Mohamed

7. **Treasurer:** Abbigail Hoover

- Finish writing my report for the Tenure Review Committee.
- Start actually gathering students for the UT Fees committee.
- Continue gathering materials for my Treasury Files.
- Gather a list of equipment to purchase for the media kart.
- Do more research for Orca Card Lending and Childcare.
- Make Nutella brownies by the end of the year.
 - Abbigail focused on budget constraints for upcoming events, reporting that planned expenses of \$6,415 exceed the available \$5,941 in the events fund.
 - She will reach out to the team with precise numbers and budget proposals.

8. **Advisor:** Monica Lundberg

- Color printer!
- USA graduate member names for commencement program
- May 28 Campus Rec "appeal"
- Campus Security guest speaker re Immigration Official Protocols
- Ice Cream Social June 4 details
- Shadowing, support for new officers
- End of year report and reflections
- June 11 last meeting, last day of work-- reflections, pass the gavel, slide show (Hanan), activity (Menen), Grads (Monica), Food

9. Public Comments

Action Items:

1. Menen and Rexi to email Gail with the exact costs for the Wellness Day and Pizza with the President events.
2. Gail to email all USA officers the exact amounts left in each budget and the total budget remaining.
3. All USA officers to send Menen a draft of their major accomplishments for the yearly USA report.
4. Gail to continue gathering materials for treasury files for the next year's treasurer.
5. Gail to continue working on the media card issue with Trevor.
6. Gail to do more research on childcare lending.
7. New USA officers to attend an additional meeting with Monica from 3-4 PM next week.

Next Meeting: May 28th, 2025.

Committees

Menen Girma	College Council, Board of Trustees, Faculty Tenure: Counseling/Campbell
Tien Le	Tenure: History/Lopez
Hanan Mohamed	Tenure: History/Dillan
Danny Hoover	Tenure: ISS/Korsusky , USA Budget Committee, SA Fee Committee (Winter/Spring), UT Committee (Winter/Spring)
Rexi Rex	Safety committee Monthly, Campus Sustainability Committee, Tenure: Merri (no work during fall qtr)
Trevor Porter	Diversity Committee, Tenure: Auto/Kilgore

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:46pm.

Agenda and Minutes by: Juliana Ferreira.