

# Weekly USA Meeting Minutes

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May 28th, 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: Abbigail Hoover

## 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** — Present
- **Sustainability Officer Rexi Rex** — Present
- **Marketing Officer Hanan Mohamed** — Present
- **Treasurer Abbigail Hoover** — Present
- **Advisor Monica Lundberg** — Present

- **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 28th, 2025; Tien seconded the motion.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

**Motion 2:** Trevor moved to approve minutes for May 21st, 2025; Menen seconded the motion.

#### 6. Scheduled Guests

- Colby Keene, Campus Recreation Budget, 2pm-2:15pm.
  - The meeting discussed plans for campus recreation activities and funding. The director of wellness and recreation explained that they have not organized many activities recently due to budget constraints, but they plan to resume offering a variety of outdoor programs like hiking, snowshoeing, and water sports in the coming year.
  - The USA team asked questions about ensuring activities are implemented with the allocated funds, concerns were raised about the accuracy of the presentation and planning. The organization's budget had not yet been fully approved, as it still needed to go before the Board of Trustees for final approval.
  - USA Officers expressed reservations about the presentation, particularly noting the lack of a detailed calendar and implementation plan, and emphasized the need for written documentation to ensure accountability. The discussion highlighted tensions between different student groups and

departments, with some students expressing frustration about the confusion and miscommunication surrounding the funding process.

- Heba Qatrani, Student Representation, 2:30pm-2:45pm, **ABSENT**

## 7. Guests Concerns & Issues

- Angel Aragon, Incoming Marketing Officer
- Nhi Nguyen Xuan Le, Incoming Sustainability Officer
- Jimmy Nguyen
- Hussen Nurhussen, Incoming VP
- Khang Ly Nguyen Thach, Incoming Issues and Concerns Officer
- Fella Bryant

*The United Student Association meeting covered updates on various campus initiatives including communication with the President's Cabinet, tutoring center funding, and campus recreation activities. The group discussed budget concerns and planning for upcoming events, including ice cream social and graduation activities, while addressing issues with a tutoring funding appeal and campus recreation programming.*

## Officer Agenda Items

### 1. **President: Menen Girma**

- Menen discussed her communication with the President's Cabinet and plans for Orca cards.
- The USA committee discussed a tutoring funding appeal, where there was presented a petition with 100 signatures requesting increased funding for tutoring services, noting that South campus receives the lowest amount compared to other campuses.
- After the discussion, USA Officers decided not to respond to a faculty and staff petition addressed to the Chancellor and President regarding tutoring center funding.

## 2. **Vice President: Tien Le**

- Tien reported challenges in coordinating with legislators for a planned forum, as several senators have been unresponsive to repeated outreach attempts.

## 3. **Communication Officer: Juliana Ferreira**

- Next week's meeting is set to start at 2:30 PM, with a 1-hour duration, and participants are expected to help with cleanup from Ice Cream Social after the USA Meeting.

**Motion 3: Juliana moved** to approve the S&A Fee Budget for Campus Recreation (Budget Number 522-264-78450) with the following reservations: Campus Recreation to present Dean Dennis Denman, by August 1st, a detailed program for the \$8,000 allocated to off-campus activities and programming; the program should indicate the updated activities for the next academic year, including dates and times for May 21st, 2025; **Hanan** seconded the motion.

Votes:

YES - 4

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 2

**Motion has passed.**

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

- Trevor reported final details for Ice Cream Social on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Trevor was tasked with creating sign-up sheets for volunteers to assist with setup and activities, including managing an inflatable bouncy house and games.

## 5. **Sustainability Officer: Rexi Rex**

## 6. **Marketing Officer: Hanan Mohamed**

## 7. **Treasurer: Abbigail Hoover**

- Abbigail addressed budget concerns for upcoming events, with a \$500 shortfall that will be covered by a previously unclaimed \$2,000 diversity grant and discussed plans for creating a year-long treasury schedule and researching childcare options for next year's team.

## 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
  - Monica discussed upcoming events, including the ice cream social and graduation, and reviewed plans for end-of-year reports and presentations.
  - Monica addressed issues with the poster printer and discussed the need to meet with various officers and staff members to gather information for next year's team.
  - Monica also reviewed plans for the last meeting on June 11th, including reflections from team members and a celebration.

## 9. **Public Comments**

### Action Items:

1. Trevor to create sign-up sheets for the ice cream social event setup and staffing.
2. Rexi to work with Leila on creating a request form and flyer for Orca Cards
3. Menen to forward the tutoring center petition to all team members
4. Menen to draft and send the final student body email by Friday May 30th.
5. All team members to meet with their counterparts from next year's team for knowledge transfer.
6. All team members to complete their individual end-of-year reports and reflection slides.
7. Tien to reach out to Larry (political science instructor) about creating a legislative education forum.
8. Monica to remind Dennis about providing a template for the end-of-year report.
9. Trevor to print and distribute at least 8 posters for the ice cream social event around campus.
10. Monica to meet with Judas (incoming USA President) to discuss summer plans and budget allocation.

**Next Meeting:** June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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: 3:16pm.

Agenda and Minutes by: Juliana Ferreira.