

# Weekly USA Meeting Minutes

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June 4th, 2025 / 2:30–3:30 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: Menen Girma

## 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:** Tien moved to approve agenda for June 4th, 2025; Hanan seconded the motion.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

**Motion 2:** Rexi moved to approve minutes for May 28th, 2025; Juliana seconded the motion.

#### 6. Scheduled Guests

- Brian Jellum, Safety Immigration Protocols, 3pm-3:15pm.
  - The meeting discussed ICE protocols and campus safety procedures. Brian Jellum explained that ICE agents are allowed on campus, but staff should not intervene in their activities. He emphasized the importance of contacting security if ICE is encountered and provided sample responses for staff to use. Jellum also clarified the definition of non-public spaces and advised staff to remain silent and request an attorney if approached by ICE without proper authorization.
  - The meeting focused on campus safety and security protocols, particularly regarding interactions with ICE agents. The security team clarified that while there have been no reported ICE incidents on campus nationwide, they would handle any such situation by verifying documentation and coordinating with district office contacts. The discussion emphasized the importance of community involvement in safety, with the security department having established a "see something, say something" program

and working closely with departments like the English Language Learning program to build trust and reduce misunderstandings about their role.

## 7. Guests Concerns & Issues

- Alessandra Smith, for Ice Cream Social
- Dashel Rubin-Stencel, for Ice Cream Social
- Angel Aragon, Next Year's Marketing Officer
- Steven Serr, Applying for treasurer position
- Fella Bryant, Seeking Information
- Hussen Nurhussen, Next Year's VP

*The United Student Association meeting covered various administrative and operational matters, including recording permissions, graduation stoles, and officer positions. The group discussed upcoming events and responsibilities, including officer exchanges, legislative forums, and presentation schedules, while also addressing concerns about student proposals and board follow-through. The conversation ended with discussions about campus safety protocols regarding ICE interactions, end-of-year tasks, and the treasurer position, including budget responsibilities.*

## Officer Agenda Items

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

- Who is coming to breakfast with cabinet
- Response from cabinet
- Report
- BOT
- Dr Brown
  - The group discussed upcoming events, including breakfast with the Cabinet on June 10<sup>th</sup>. All officers will attend, except Abbigail. Incoming officers will also be present.

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

- Power Pause Event
- Cap and Cupcake

- Legislative education forum
- Tenure committee
- Training for new officer
  - Tien has a legislative education forum scheduled for next Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, inviting officers to participate if available. PolSci instructor Larry Cushine will be the facilitator.
  - Tien also reported on the completion of her the 10-year review committee work.

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

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

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

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

- Create Flyers for last meeting and happy graduation from USA.
- Final Presentation PowerPoint & individual.
- Tenure Wrap-up!

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

- I helped out with the Caps and Cupcakes event.
- I'm dropping the childcare research and Nutella brownies due to lack of time.
- Work with Menen on the annual report.
- Finish my budget breakdown for the team.
- Work on my year-long schedule of what I did for next year's team.
- Motion for which budget to withdraw from for ORCA cards deficit.
  - Abbigail discussed her involvement in the caps and cupcakes event and mentioned her lack of time to work on the annual report and the UT committees. She plans to present a detailed budget breakdown next week and is working on a year-long schedule to guide the next treasurer's team.

**Motion 3:** Abbigail moved to withdraw \$146 from the travel fund to cover the Orca card costs. Tien seconded the motion.

**Motion passed with 5 votes.**

## 8. Advisor: Monica Lundberg

- Monica discussed end-of-year tasks, including final report reflections and PowerPoint presentations to be submitted to Juliana by Monday, 11am. They also considered the timing of next year's application process, with a decision to be made by next week between opening it in August or earlier to potentially save money and start team activities sooner. The group acknowledged that running the process during finals might be too demanding for current students.
- USA also focused on discussing the treasurer position and budget responsibilities within student government. Culinary Student Steven Sirr expressed interest in the treasurer role, and Judas Iscariot, the incoming USA president, mentioned that the position involves managing both a student fee budget and advocacy duties.

## 9. Public Comments

### Action Items:

1. All officers to complete final report reflection and 4-slide PowerPoint presentation by Monday at 11 AM and send to Juliana.
2. Gail to meet with Steven on Thursday between 2:30-3:30 PM to discuss treasurer position.
3. Hiring committee to decide on reopening application process for remaining USA positions (DEI, Communications, Treasurer).
4. All available officers to attend mural opening event Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. USA team to encourage students to apply for benefits now that EBT cards can be used in the cafeteria.
6. All officers to complete shadowing of incoming officers before next week's meeting.
7. Juliana to organize all PowerPoint presentations for next week's meeting.
8. USA team to consider doing one-on-one thank yous to campus partners.

**Last Meeting of the Year:** June 11<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: 3:31pm.

Agenda and Minutes by: Juliana Ferreira.