

Weekly USA Meeting Minutes

December 4th, 2025 / 3-4:30pm PM / JMB 140



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: Judas Iscariot

3. Roll Call

- **President Judas Iscariot** — Present
- **Vice President Hussen NurHussen** — Present
- **Communication Officer Melody Adael Lozano** — Present
- **Issues & Concerns Officer Khang Thach** — Present
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer Fella Bryant** — Present
- **Sustainability Officer Leila Le** — Present
- **Marketing Officer Angel Aragon Madrigal** — Present
- **Treasurer Sabreen Hussien** — 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: Fella **moved** to approve agenda for December 4th, 2025; Angel seconded the motion.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2: Sabreen **moved** to approve previous minutes for October 23rd, October 30th, and November 20th, 2025; Angel seconded the motion.

6. Scheduled Guests

- **OTR Media Club**

- OTR Media Club came in to present their club for USA endorsement of approval. The purpose of the club is to empower and amplify the students' voices, as well as reach out to faculty. They are here to support different types of content creation, visuals, audio, and physical. Creating more means of community and engagement. The impact this has on the students is to maintain community ties between student clubs and programs via collaborations. Different types of collaborations include Joint club fairs, Student Life, Social Media Outreach, Reporting Outreach, and more. The club resources consist of audio and video equipment like microphones, cameras, lighting kits, GG workspace, backdrops, et cetera. Plans for doing some type of funding and would use the 500-dollar budget on their first purchase for their club. Plans on interviewing students from different departments, podcasts, wanting to work with IT to source all club material on campus, but have not heard back and get it verified.

OTR Media Club got Team USA's endorsement of approval.

7. Guests Concerns & Issues

Officer Agenda Items

- **President: Judas Iscariot**
- **Showcasing student voices: photographs from the first student art show in South for the year!**
 - Displayed photos taken at the previous art show were displayed during the meeting. Photos show a successful event, with plenty of engagement captured and art pieces.
- **Caught up on schoolwork**
 - Took about a week off to really focus on catching up on class. Did a lot of reflecting on
- **Reassessed path forward**
 - Wants to make the art gallery his space of focus. Will be having a meeting tomorrow with the art faculty and Sharon Arnold, the art curator. To figure out how Judas can be in there all the time. Wants the art gallery a student made space. Wants to have meetings in the art gallery. Judas wants to lead as he is, which means leading from where he is passionate about. Wants to ask, what does leadership look like in your style? As long as it focuses on students, how would you like to display your leadership and passion as students representing other students? Judas will have an updated S/A fee advisor tomorrow. Will be meeting President Brown and Vice President Barrientos about it. After a lot of thought, Judas proclaims he will not be on the committee and asks the rest of USA to consider joining the S&A Fee Committee.

- **Vice President: Hussen NurHussen**
- **Advocacy committee**
 - Flyers for the committee are out today. Edited some of the confusing details on the forum with Khang. Low commitment to the committee, meeting once a week. Going to primarily work on the legislative agenda for South Seattle College. Main question: What does South need? Will advocate about them if viable. Has heard plenty of complaints about lack of funding and food security. Will also be advocating for more frequent buses. Amongst other things, the agenda for South Seattle College is not finalized. Wants to

work with the committee to help finalize it as soon as possible. That agenda would be what is asked by legislators in Olympia.

- **Meeting with Monica**

- Met with Monica earlier that week about the logistics of the Olympia trip. Part of that conversation talked about costs. The total cost will be 2000 dollars. This would come out of Team USA's travel budget. The Legislative committee wants a maximum of 54 students. Renting a bus is about 1500 dollars. The other 500 will go to an overnight hotel stay and cover lunch for the attendees from South Seattle College. Hussen must spend the night greeting the other colleges in the morning as president of WACSA. If we end up renting 2 vans instead, the cost will be 500-600 bucks. The Olympia trip will be an all-day event, from 10AM – 4:30PM, on February 5th. This Olympia trip will help students' needs on campus by tackling common problems/complaints being raised by students.

- **Vote on the Olympia trip cost**

- *Fella moved to approve to vote on the Olympia Trip Cost, Melody seconds. USA agrees and votes, 5 YES - 0 NO.*

- **Vote on the WSA fee**

- Previously paused the vote on the WSA Fee last week. Wants to increase the fee from 1.50 to 3.00 per student. Originally it paid twice a year, once in fall and once in spring. Increased the amount because I thought if we want to utilize WSA fully, we need to also support the legislative liaison. Going to Olympia one day is not enough, need to fully commit—for the entirety of the legislative session. Make sure our voices are heard. Not possible with our current travel funds. If we make a new fee to fund that student to go to Olympia for the entirety of the legislative session, greater chances of having our needs met. Only required full-time students to pay the fee. The return on this fee is greater than the 3 dollars per student. All we have to do is be intentional, sign the MOV, and meet with the Board of Directors and get approved by BOD. After that, South Seattle College would officially become a part of the WSA.
- Paused to vote again and agreed to talk more on the matter in winter quarter.

- **Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Fella Bryant**

- **Student Development Committee**

- Still going over applications

- **Student Development Day**
 - Working on solidifying dates, talking to Dr. Brown about reaching out to instructors. Will be having 2 events, one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday for development day.
- **Proposal review**
 - Project C and Project DCS proposals are currently being edited and reviewed. Purpose is for advocating for students who aren't present to be doing that's being advocated for.
- **Sustainability Officer: Leila Le**
- **Sustainability Plan Winter Quarter**
 - Met with Monica yesterday, Dec. 3rd, to plan for the sustainability program next quarter. Topics discussed were the reducing plastic waste plan, Duwamish longhouse meetup, planning on hosting in on Jan 22. Will see if everyone is available to make it. Will be attending the Sustainability conference at UW on March 2-4th with Monica and other students.
- **SSC Giving Tree Update**
 - It went very well, participated and personally provided gifts for three different families. Receiving plenty of requests from other families. Due to positive feedback.
- **Peace Pole Project**
 - Adding 8 languages to the Peace Pole, those of which include: Spanish, Viet, Somali, Chinese, Tagalog, Russian, Hindi, Native American Language Lushootseed. Hussen asked the question, where was Arabic? Hindi and Arabic were actually tied with last place on top 10 most spoken languages here at SSC. Hindi was ahead of Arabic with maybe about 100 to 200 more students speaking Hindi than Arabic. Was curious as to why there can only be 8 languages, so 9 in total including English. So why not have an even 10? In the end, Leila would be going back and looking at the data and discussing with the Peace Pole Project on maybe adding Arabic or possibly replacing another language with Arabic.
- **Orca Card Update**
 - At the beginning of the quarter, Leila received 5 ORCA cards from Monica, and all of the cards but one have been borrowed and returned by students.

- **Communications Officer: Melody Adael Lozano**
- **Worked on minutes of last week and agenda for this meeting.**
 - I had the chance to approve and review minutes. Cleaned up Khang's and Leila's minutes from when they did the USA minutes. 10/23 and 10/30
- **Tabled with Sabreen for the S&A Fee Committee in the OLY building on 11/26.**
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- **Helping Sabreen with S&A Fee Committee interviews on 12/4 @ 1:30 pm in OLY 111**
 - 2 applicants
- **Attended Merri Manning's Tenure Observation on 12/1 in UNI200**
 - Very nice to observe Merri Manning's class
- **Next Tenure Meeting will be 12/5 via Zoom**
- **Prepared for the Winter Quarter for weekly meetings.**
 - Prepping for next quarter, working with Judas and Monica about winter meetings. Confirmed meetings will be on Wednesdays @ 2

- **Marketing Officer: Angel Aragon Madrigal**
- **Work on some flyer**
 - Not completed due to lack of information.
- **IG reels**
- **Has been continuing to post daily, as well as add new form of media for advertising**
- **Get ready for next quarter**
- **33% done**
 - 33% done of the year!
- **Business cards came in!**
 - Will have to redo Hussen's

- **Treasurer: Sabreen Hussien**
- **Tabled for the S&A Fee Committee with Melody in the OLY building on 11/26**
 - Was able to hand out a few flyers and talked to a few students about the committee.
- **Had my weekly meeting with Dean Dennis**
 - On Monday, meeting went smoothly.
- **Updated the budget spreadsheet**

- **Created interview questions, scheduled applicants for interviews**
 - Conducted 2/2 interviews. Very Successful. Interviewed with Khang and Melody.
- **Issues and Concerns Officer: Khang Thach**
- **Went to MSA meeting for event proposal**
 - With Hussen, that event is about islamophobia. Decided on an event date February 11th. Working w Monica. Will want to host another Coffee and Donuts event. Will be hosting on January 14th. Will take the opportunity to promote upcoming events.
- **Help Sabreen with S&A fee committee interview**
 - Successful interview!
- **Meeting with Dean Ferdinand about vocational student fee**
 - Met the dean as to why these fees exist. Ferdinand explained They aren't fees, students are encouraged to apply for scholarships, and if approved, it (South Seattle Foundation Scholarship, and more) will then cover a portion, if not all these fees. Because of this, if students struggle to pay for these 'fees', then it is encouraged to apply for scholarships. The next step in the winter quarter, to promote these scholarships for vocational students. Judas wants to connect Khang with Willas Cooler; they oversee vocational aid.
- **Making flyer for student complaint forms**
 - Still whipping up rough drafts for the flyer. Will have a meeting on December 17th about the student complaint process with Brianne Sanchez, the dean of student services, and how can USA help with the process. Would like to invite her as a guest speaker for the winter quarter.
- **Promoting the USA with the welding department**
 - Went with Angel and Monica going to the welding dept to talk more about USA and what we do as well as Survey.
- **Meeting with Dean Dennis about S&A fee allocation**
 - Come to the student life website, you can see the S&A fee allocation on the website, but it's very outdated. I have been trying to work with Dean Dennis but failed due to a misunderstanding. Dean Dennis will try to update it during winter break.
- **Advisor: Monica Lundberg**
- **Fall quarter Reflection - 30 minutes minimum Winter Quarter Plans- 15 min**

- Stresses of how important these reflections are. Would like to have them completed over the winter break, so when we come back, we can share them as a group.
- **Student Voting Member on BOT**
 - Would like to bring USA together to see if we have voted on the endorsement of a student voting member on BOT.
 - *Sabreen motioned to approve the endorsement of a student voting member; Angel seconded it. USA votes on an endorsement of a student voting member.*
- **Study Abroad opportunities**
 - Encourages USA students to travel! They have scholarships to help a student travel to countries like Japan.
- **Pride Foundation Scholarship Due Jan 9 Scholarship Application - Pride Foundation**
 - If you identify as apart of the LGBTQIA+ community or as an ally, you are encouraged to apply!
- **Winter quarter programs and WORK SCHEDULES Due by Thursday**
 - Today is the last day of submitting winter quarter programs! As well as work schedules! Make sure everyone in USA submits them so Monica can finalize this next week.
- **STUDY HARD FOR FINAL EXAMS!**
- **SEE YOU IN 2026!!**

Next Meeting:

January 7th, 2026

Committees

Committee	Officer	Meetings Held
USA Bylaws (Winter Quarter)	Chair Huszen	TBD

USA Budget (Winter Quarter)	Chair Sabreen	TBD
Student Fee Committee	TBD Chair Sabreen	TBD Advisor Dennis
Strategic Advisory Council, Former College Council	TBD Hussen/Judas	TBD Contact Chair Christa Zink
Safety Committee	Leila	TBD Contact Bryan Jellum
Faculty Tenure: Library	Fella	TBD Contact
Faculty Tenure: Auto Tech	Angel	TBD Contact Chair Ferdinand Orbino
Faculty Tenure: Auto Tech	Hussen	TBD Contact Chair Ferdinand Orbino
Faculty Tenure: Art	Judas	TBD Contact Chair Mayra DeLanda
Faculty Tenure: Library	Leila	TBD Chair Mayra DeLanda
Faculty Tenure: ISS	Khang	TBD Chair Eileen
Faculty Tenure: Psychology	Sabreen	TBD Chair Eileen

USA Weekly Tabling Schedule – Fall Quarter

Mondays: Leila, 1-2pm, Judas 1-3pm

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays: Hussen, 11-1pm

Thursdays:

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:48PM.

Agenda and Minutes by: Melody Adael Lozano