

Weekly USA Meeting Minutes



November 20th, 2025 / 3-4:30pm PM / SSC Library

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
- **Communications Officer** Melody Adael Lozano — Present
- **Issues and 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 November 20th, 2025; Angel seconded the motion.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2: Melody moved to approve minutes from November 13th, 2025; Fella seconded the motion.

6. Scheduled Guests

- **TRIO Vanessa Unti (3:15 – 3:35 vanessa.unti@seattlecolleges.edu)**
 - Not an acronym, stands for the trio of programs offered, SSS/Upward Bound/Talent Search.
 - TRIO handles Advising, Finances, Transfers, Peer Supports and Resources. TRIO-SSS students are typically first-gen low-income students. You also could qualify if you are using recourses from the college due to disability.
 - Able to make a referral by bringing students to RSB 66/6, sending an email to TRIO-SSS@seattlecolleges.edu , or supporting the student by filling out our online application. Search the South website for “TRIO” or <https://southseattle.edu/trio/student-success-services>.

7. Guests Concerns & Issues

- **Nydjah Istatia (AMT Aviation Fees & Tools)**
 - Her personal perspective on this topic, and if we wanted more information—to talk to Dean Ferdinand. All aviation students have to complete certain tests. And 100% of the students

need to pay out of pocket for oral/written/practical exams. It has been said there is no funding, and those fees are about 2 grand. Has applied for emergency funding, has a job, applied for scholarships, and it still isn't enough help for the fees. Frustrating to know there are students who have quality grade toolboxes, and some don't on top of these testing fees.

Officer Agenda Items

1. **President:** Judas Iscariot

- **Met with Sharon for the Transcendence show located in Art Gallery on 11/20/25**
 - Met on Monday to discuss plans and final details. It looked lackluster initially, but on 11/19, plenty of art came in, and the show seemed to pull itself together.
- **Passed out flyers for the Transcendence show**
- **Drove to North to get art for the Transcendence show**
 - Met with Amy Oberg from the NSC Student Pride Center to collect art for the art show.
- **Met with Sabreen & Dean Dennis for S&A committee**
 - Personal thoughts; felt as if there was a large lack of communication. Thankful for Sabreen and her professionalism. Interesting meeting. Running around the issue with Dean Dennis. Brought up issues like refusal to share rubric with students. Mixed feelings and misinterpretation of topics like mentioned. Judas is confused as to why public information like the rubric can't be shared with students when requested...
- **Met with Tutoring (Marianna & Christina)**
 - Marianna and Christina both run tutoring. Does get operational budget 500K from the college. Those go towards salaries; students were surprised that tutoring could be covered by S&A fees and didn't know that S&A fees were going towards tutoring. The reason why those fees are going towards tutoring was to expand their resources, like more tutors and more hours. There is still a small budget after salaries, and when spring comes; the tutoring situation will be very dire.
- **Picked up flowers; processed flowers and helped hang art for the student showcase**
 - Very beautiful flowers. Worked with Sharon and Arnold.
- **Met with library to finalize craft fair/Otter Homeroom**

- No complications. The event ran smoothly. In tangent with today's USA meeting.
- **Had a student showcase! (Transcendence show) Will report how it goes!**
 - The show was extremely successful. An estimated number of over 50 students stopped by to view the gallery. There was a zine workshop hosted by the school librarian within the gallery, so that also gathered a lot of attention during the show. The engagement shows how important representation is to LGBTQ+ SSC students and artists alike.

2. **Vice President: Hussen NurHussen**

- **Legislative advocacy committee.**
 - I worked with Angel this week to finalize the flyer.
- **Poster for Legislative Advocacy Training.**
 - 12/3 is when the training is taking place. Located in Olympia.
- **Meeting with the WSA.**
 - Had a meeting on 11/17 with WSA's President Collin Bannister about the WSA process.
- **Joining WSA proposal to the team (8-minute slides)**
 - SSC should join the WSA as a member of association.
 - The WSA serves as the official body of representation for all students attending Washington State's institutions of higher education. South would benefit from this by being a part of the board of directors, attending the general assembly, and having voice empowerment for students on campus.
 - USA would have to pass a motion to allow SSC to join, schedule a meeting with the BOD and sign a mov.
 - SSC would have to pay dues/fees. There is no flat fee; some of the rates are 1.50 per student or 5.0 per full-time student. (We could make the fee optional? But how? How often are these rates? Or we could pay the due from the USA budget. Dues can be negotiated with the BOD.
 - The first 2 years are free, and SSC is able to drop out at any point. Seattle Central College is also a part of the WSA.

- Unsure of some details, Hussen will be having another meeting with SCC on 11/21 to discuss more WSA questions. Will come back to this topic in the future to vote on whether or not SSC becomes part of the WSA.
- **Tabling at an open mic event.**
 - PTK hosted the event. The open mic event was held at the dining hall. Was able to help make promotional content with Angel, and a nice event to table at.

3. **Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Fella Bryant**

- **Club Leaders & President's Cabinet Collaboration**
 - Trying to gather them
- **Student Development Committee**
 - We need to make it clear that they are in partnership with the USA. It is not necessarily a day-to-day relationship with the committee. But, for example, the SDC can come to the weekly meeting and give an update.
- **Pilot Programming:**
 - **Tribal Nights**
 - **Pilot Programming**
- **Movie Night: Native/Indigenous Heritage**
- **Protect Your Spirit/Energy**
 - Explain how you are allowed to disagree with others and know that you still must work together and towards the same goal.

4. **Sustainability Officer: Leila Le**

- **Coastal Jam event**
 - It was a very successful event, helping with every other dept. @ the Coastal Jam.
- **Safety Committee Meeting**
 - Culinary investigation, unsure if confirmed, but apparently the bathroom in the cafe has biological waste and has been temporarily closed.
 - Last week, 4 injuries occurred. 3 out of the 4 culinary students have been cut with a mandoline. Another injury, the trash bag, was too heavy, about 50 lbs and was ripped. Light bulbs on campus have been fixed. Streetlights, one more went out- The city has received complaints from neighbors around SSC. Custodians are currently hiring, hoping by December all the positions are filled. Part-time jobs, about 26/hr.

Fire alarms will be tested during the holiday period. SR-99 closure today due to the tunnel lights going out.

5. **Communications Officer: Melody Adael Lozano**

- **Went to the Coastal Jam event on 11/18 after Alexis' and Will's previous visit**
 - Alexis and Willard spoke about lack of indigenous representation on SSC spaces and in Seattle/WA last week, having 4 USA officers show up to a successful Coastal Jam showed that we are in support of the event and are excited to work with Alexis and Willard.
- **Officially began training this week, working with Monica and Judas on responsibilities and future projects/expectations.**
 - Been working with Monica on better displaying victories to SSC. Researching on how to run a student blog. How to be a better communications officer and help out with student govt. USA.

6. **Marketing Officer: Angel Aragon Madrigal**

- **IG Post everyday**
 - Has been very consistent with posting daily.
- **Judas Poster**
 - Transcendence 'The Art of Becoming' Art Gallery Posters.
- **Fella Poster**
 - Native American Heritage Month Poster.
- **Hussen 2/5 posters**
 - Legislative Advocacy Committee Posters.
- **USA Priority**
 - Angel will be prioritizing USA-related projects. Will be in support of other projects but will hold off on them until the very end, since the USA goes first. Posters take time, and Angel wants to start different types of promotion.
- **Start on Student Resource Campaign**
 - It would be a campaign to promote different types of... promotion. Not just posters, I will start working on it hopefully next week to get more information.
- **PTK Event**
 - Tabled with Hussen and talked with students.
- **PTK event video**

- Collaborated with Hussen to get short form media out on USA Instagram.

7. **Treasurer: Sabreen Hussien**

- **Had a meeting with Dean Dennis**
 - An informative meeting was held in the USA office so others could hear it was nice.
- **Passed out flyers for the S&A Fee Committee**
- **Started reviewing S&A Fee Committee applications.**
 - 1 applicant so far, unsure why there are so little applicants. Thought maybe a con or a reason why students aren't interested in joining is because it is not a paid position. Angel suggests asking his business professors to promote students. But it would be nice to have more perspective.

8. **Issues and Concerns Officer: Khang Thach**

- **Help Hussen with RSVP form, feedback form, form for committee**
 - Helped create the RSVP form for the trainee event Hussen mentioned earlier
- **Talk more about vocational students and testing fee aviation**
 - Invited Nydjah to speak more about testing fees. USA approved to have these fees passed last year to be effective in Fall 2025. There were no vocational students on the board last year to provide vocational student input. After a lot of thought, the vote in the end was 7 YES – 0 NO. Will need to review previous minutes from last year to see if there were any other commitments regarding this topic.

9. **Advisor: Monica Lundberg**

- **Welcome Melody, team builder**
 - Would like another team building activity within the USA to get to know Melody and vice versa. It would strengthen leadership bonds in the process. Will talk to Judas about future plans about teambuilding.
- **Position Statements**
 - Sent an email to the USA about Position Statements. Wants to discuss releasing position statements in the future on what we seek to fit. It's the power to amplify our voices and to say what we (the USA) believe in. Really put thought into it in the upcoming quarter.

- **Peace Pole on campus**
 - Unsure of the exact details. It is undecided which 8 languages will be on the pole or where it will go. Leila will oversee leading the process of the pole and collaborating with those involved.
- **Faculty Tenure Dismissal Committee**
 - There will be a training session soon on the rare occasion where this committee will be necessary. If that is the case, Fella will be on that committee as DEI officer.
- **No Classes or Work Nov 27 and 28**
 - Closed for Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day.
- **Last fall quarter USA meeting: Dec 4**
- **Last USA workday: Dec 4**
- **Final Exams: Dec 15-17**
- **Winter Quarter starts: Jan 5, 2026**
- **Winter Quarter meeting times and work schedules**
 - We need to coordinate within the USA when the weekly meeting will be during the Winter Quarter.

Next Meeting: December 4th, 2025

Committees

Committee	Officer	Meetings Held
USA Bylaws (Winter Quarter)	Chair Hussen	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: 5:02 PM.

Agenda and Minutes by: Melody Adael Lozano