

# Weekly USA Meeting Minutes

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February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 / 2-3:30pm PM / JMB 128

## 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:** Angel Aragon Madrigal

## 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:** Judas **moved** to approve agenda for February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Khang seconded the motion.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

**Motion 2:** Hussen **moved** to approve minutes for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Khang seconded the motion.

#### 6. Scheduled Guests

- **SSC's Food Pantry @ 2:15 - 2:30PM**
  - Monica, Margo and Ava join us to talk about the SSC Food Pantry, to keep us in the loop about what is going on.
  - Food Pantry is showing us their S&A Fee Presentation. It starts off by saying how this is a student led initiative, and how now it's blossomed into this funded project that feeds thousands of students. Food Pantry was founded in 2016 with students first discussing it, then the USA and PTK worked together and toured food banks and pantries. \$3,000 grant money was used as seed money.
  - Their mission is to address food insecurity at SSC. They believe that every student should have access to nutritious and culturally appropriate foods. SSC Food Pantry is open 3 days a week, T-Th 11-2PM, and students are allowed to shop there once a week. Also, more limited foods like eggs and tofu are available every other week.

- SSC Food Pantry's food sources come from many places; they receive food from local farms, wholesalers and local businesses. (*Costco, Harvest Against Hunger, Mighty-0 Donuts*).
  - This year has been their busiest year yet. As of Fall 2025, there has been an average of 192 students/week, a 50% increase in visits from last year.
  - New Offerings in SSC Pantry include Alts. To shop in person, pet food and produce seeds. There are other resources SSC Students have access to including EBT on campus and emergency ORCA cards.
  - Food Drives happen during the year; some top needs include plenty of shelf stable foods, hygiene products, snacks and diapers.
- **Thao's Free Energy Saving Workshop @ 2:45 - 3:30PM**
    - Thao and Tatumn come to talk and practice their Empower Me workshop. They would ask students to share their experience with living and energy, and if it is your first time learning about energy. Asks us questions like "Raise your hand if you believe you spend too much money on energy bills." The main topic of the workshop is: Where does your energy come from, who supplies it? And how can we help and save energy? Thao mentioned that 92% of the electricity in Seattle is actually clean/renewable sources. Most of it is hydroelectric, which is supplied by Seattle City Light, and is a public owned utility.
    - How do you read your electricity bill? You usually pay attention to the payment and the amount owed. But there is also other useful information in that bill. It showed how much kWh was used in the last six months, and how much was used prior to that, and the avg kWh/day.
    - Also mentioned the benefits of having a hybrid, hybrid plug in, and completely electric vehicle. The goal that the USA stops producing new gas vehicles by 2035. There are peak hours as to when the best time to use energy, from 9 PM to 5AM.

## 7. Guests Concerns & Issues

## Officer Agenda Items

### 1. **Diversity and Inclusion Officer:** Fella Bryant

- Tenure Committee; finally got materials to review from Teal
- Student Development Day; extended hours and dual workshop
- S&A applications rolling in
- Request to vote on Project DCS/Seed; includes basic needs, childcare, emergency funds, food pantry, social events & gathering hours, sports, etc.
- Canvas Shell active, needing assistance with operations.

### 2. **Marketing Officer:** Angel Aragon Madrigal

- Posters
- Fixing up weekly meeting flyer
- Tenure meeting (that's where I'm at)

### 3. **Sustainability Officer:** Leila Le

- Close application for Sustainability Conference at UW.
- Mock workshop "Free Energy Saving".
- Help with the Lunar New Year Festival.
- S&A Fee Committee.
- Safety Committee Meeting (Feb 2026).

### 4. **Issues and Concerns Officer:** Khang Thach

- **Attending BOT meeting on last Thursday**
  - Went to the BOT meeting, found it stressful, but was able to read off of Judas' notes. He believes that he did not do that well, but that he did his best. Everyone thanks him and recognizes him for stepping in for Melody.
  - Dean Dennis recognizes him and gives his kudos to Khang for presenting at the BOT meeting.
- **Meeting with Marwa for to prepare for the Islamophobia workshop**
  - Had a zoom meeting with Monica, Hussen, and Marwa to discuss specific details and information for the Islamophobia workshop, for example which times would be good for the event and speaker topics. This event would be on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and since it is the last USA meeting, we would have the meeting @ 1pm, so that we could

attend the workshop @ 2pm. Khang also checked out some rooms like the LIB and JMB140.

- **Design flyer for the Islamophobia workshop**
  - Asking to get the flyer checked over so he can send it over to Monica for approval and submission.
- **Determine room for event and publish flyer**
  - JMB 140 or one of the rooms in the library seem to be the best option, JMB 140 most likely.

## 5. **Treasurer: Sabreen Hussien**

- **Reading through S&A applications**
- **Multiple S&A Presentations scheduled this week**
  - 7 scheduled S&A Fee Presentations!
- **Sent out emails**
  - Sabreen sent out emails to 522 Budget Managers and has been efficient in responding to any of their questions that they may have.

## 6. **Communications Officer: Melody Adael Lozano**

- **Catch up catch up catch up !**
  - Been out sick for the past two or so weeks. Feeling better now and back in the office consistently.
- **Tenure Review for Merri Manning was 02/13**
  - Zoom meeting in the morning, we are waiting on Allison Pugh to send us E- Documents to sign for finalization.
- **Sending out Thank You/Event emails.**
  - Been lacking on that lately, so I am doing my best to send out our gratitude. Been emailing different people for other members of the team, for events like Student Development Day, and King Arthur's Baking Contest!
- **Need to talk to Hussen and others on filling me in.**
  - Thank you, Hussen, for doing my agenda notes! Thank you, Angel, for doing my agenda notes when I was sick!
- **Sat with Fella at the Lunar New Year performance**

- It was only for a small amount of time that I sat before I had class, but the Lunar New Year performance was special to admire, so not many people approached the USA table—but it was a no stress situation.
- **Refrigerated Medication Request/Ideas?**
  - Hussen actually inspired me to mention this. Monica mentioned about Smart Food Lockers during the Food Pantry presentation; I was thinking about how important it is to have some type of refrigeration for special medication like insulin... It is not as easy to just keep it in a fridge, because it can be easily stolen. It is not as easy to keep it in a fridge because of how big our campus is, and there is no common refrigerated place unless you are a student worker. And even those are far and wide. Judas mentioned if he could bring this up with Dr. Monica Brown, and Monica said that the food pantry may not be able to help, but maybe Safety and Security. Mentions of first aid and advocacy regarding this topic. I am interested in attending Leila's Safety Committee Meeting.

## 7. **Vice President:** Hussen NurHussen

- Tenure meeting for Erjon Mile
- I attended the presidents townhall meetings
- Last week February 11th meeting notes
- WACTCSA Voice academy on May 8th and 9th
- Tabling in front of RSB

## 8. **Advisor:** Monica Lundberg & **President:** Judas Iscariot

### **Monica:**

- Study Hard!
- Food Pantry Presentation

### **Judas:**

- solidified date and time for the “your money your south” (pizza w the president) event
- worked on S&A fee presentation
- giving S&A fee presentation

- attended art faculty meeting
- change of student government name
- class visits
- feedback from students

**Next Meeting:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Committees

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Meetings Held</b>
<b>USA Bylaws (Winter Quarter)</b>	<b>Chair Hussen</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>USA Budget (Winter Quarter)</b>	<b>Chair Sabreen</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Student Fee Committee</b>	<b>TBD Chair Sabreen</b>	<b>TBD Advisor Dennis</b>
<b>Strategic Advisory Council, Former College Council</b>	<b>TBD Hussen/Judas</b>	<b>TBD Contact Chair Christa Zink</b>
<b>Safety Committee</b>	<b>Leila</b>	<b>TBD Contact Bryan Jellum</b>
<b>Faculty Tenure: Library</b>	<b>Fella</b>	<b>TBD Contact</b>

<b>Faculty Tenure: Auto Tech</b>	<b>Angel</b>	<b>TBD Contact Chair Ferdinand Orbino</b>
<b>Faculty Tenure: Auto Tech</b>	<b>Hussen</b>	<b>TBD Contact Chair Ferdinand Orbino</b>
<b>Faculty Tenure: Art</b>	<b>Judas</b>	<b>TBD Contact Chair Mayra DeLanda</b>
<b>Faculty Tenure: Library</b>	<b>Leila</b>	<b>TBD Chair Mayra DeLanda</b>
<b>Faculty Tenure: ISS</b>	<b>Khang</b>	<b>TBD Chair Eileen</b>
<b>Faculty Tenure: Psychology</b>	<b>Sabreen</b>	<b>TBD Chair Eileen</b>

### **USA Weekly Tabling Schedule – Winter Quarter**

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

Meeting Adjourned at: 3:55PM.

Agenda and Minutes by: Melody Adael Lozano