

Weekly USA Meeting Minutes



March 4th, 2026 / 2-3:30pm 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 March 4th, 2026; Judas seconded the motion.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2: Judas **moved** to approve minutes for February 25th, 2026; Fella seconded the motion.

6. Scheduled Guests

- Business Office & Deans @ 2:15 - 2:45 PM

* The Dean's presentation took place for most of the meeting. We did not get to go over USA officers' agenda. They will most likely be rolled over to next meeting. *

Dean Eileen was first to present her fee increases. She has separated the various amount of fees in different categories rather than being in an umbrella section. Mentions the reason why it is because it would be easier to allot money to ceramics, murals, painting, rather than trying to do it just under "art.

- For the Music/Photography/Ceramics/Art lab fee is a 26% increase from \$54 to \$68.** non-refundable. This is to match the increase with North and Central. This was supposed to be implemented 3 years ago. Delayed due to medical leave.

Dean Brian was second to present his fees. There are several fees increases regarding the food service/landscape horticulture/wine course and wine tasting lab fee. He will primarily be talking about the most expensive fee increases.

- Food Service Lab Course fee is a 7% increase from \$164.45 to \$175.14. ** Refundable.
- Landscape Horticulture Course Fee is a 7% increase from \$49.48 to \$52.70. ** Refundable.
- Wine Course Fee is a 7% increase from \$98 to \$104.37. ** Refundable.
- Wine Tasting Course Fee is a 6% increase from \$154.50 to \$164.54** Refundable.

Dean Brian mentions how he relies a lot on the Foundation for landscape horticulture and food services, because they have endowments. The reason why the fees aren't high as central is because of those endowments and because they have a retail outlet (Food Truck, and because they have a Cafe, and the convenience store.) But, despite that, they still need to buy materials, ie thousands of dollars' worth of wine and seeds for the wine and horticulture students.

Dean Mayra is proposing a new fee. This will be a tutoring fee thats \$10 dollars. \$10 per student, per term. Currently, tutoring services are limited. They have reduced services due to lack of funding. This fee is not being excluded from anyone; all Running Start, Seattle Promise, Full time and Part time students are required to pay this fee, this would be for all subjects, not just topics like Science and Math. S&A Requests have been \$147K for the past few years.

7. Guests Concerns & Issues

Officer Agenda Items

1. **President: Judas Iscariot**

- prepped for your money your South

2. **Vice President: Hussen NurHussen**

- **Class visit on Monday**
- **Going over the new bylaws changes**
- **Finished the class visit slides (they look nice)**
- **2 minutes about what we want to do**
 - Hussen mentioned how sometimes the mood in the office gets too intense, and maybe sometimes we get too pent up or engrossed in our work. Earlier today, there was conflict within the office, and while we were all fine with each other, there was still some type of tension. Hussen suggested that we all take 15 minutes for a mental reset and play basketball or badminton together. After those 15 competitive minutes, the whole office felt lightened. Hussen mentioned how he would like to continue this direction of uniting as coworkers and doing activities to help us strengthen ourselves.

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

- Project C Presentation

4. **Sustainability Officer: Leila Le**

- Go to WOHESC Conference with students for sustainability and zero-waste practices.
- Review S&A applications.
- Spread the words for “Your Money Your South”.
- Prepare for the upcoming Earth Fest in April.
- Reschedule to meet with students who need Emergency ORCA Cards, because I’ll be off-campus this week.

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

- Helped Angel with Your Money Your South
- Minutes and Agenda
- Worked with Fella and Hussen on Baking Contest—will talk to Monica later

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

- Prepare for Islamophobia Workshop

- Class visit to promote the event. Hussen help me
- Visit other department for promoting the event

7. **Treasurer: Sabreen Hussien**

- Attend WOHESC
- Finalize S&A Gradebook
- Scheduled Meetings for the S&A committee
- Spoke with Lolita from the business office about fees

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

- Prepare for Islamophobia Workshop
- Class visit to promote the event. Hussen help me
- Visit other department for promoting the event

9. **Advisor: Monica Lundberg**

- childcare allocations \$4000
- Spring quarter programs/initiatives due March 5
- Last day of work March 12
- BOT meeting March 12

Next Meeting: March 11th, 2026

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: 3:56 PM.

Agenda and Minutes by: Melody Adael Lozano