

# Weekly USA Meeting Minutes

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May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 / 11-12:30pm 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: 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 May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Angel seconded the motion.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2:** Hussen moved to approve minutes for April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Fella seconded the motion.

#### **6. Scheduled Guests**

#### **7. Guests Concerns & Issues**

#### **Officer Agenda Items**

1. **President:** Judas Iscariot
  - PDD presentation
  - Legacy docs
  - Applying for graduation
  - Prepping to hand off to next team
  - The Why of What We Do as USA
2. **Vice President:** Hussen NurHussen
  - Wednesday April 29th tabling

- Last week, Hussen was able to table with Leila and Melody in front of the library. Joked about never giving the megaphone to Leila. Talked to a lot of faculties and students, and it was a sunny and very good time.
- **Hiring Committee timeline updates**
  - Hopefully today or tomorrow sending emails regarding interview times and questions. Reviewed all of the applications; and gave kudos to the committee and applicants joining us for the meeting. “USA is going to be in good hands next year. “
- **Voice Academy happening Friday**
  - Voice Academy is an event where community colleges gather from around the state and vote on items we want to advocate for. Invited USA peers to join him during the weekend, but registration had passed already.
- **Marketing for Senator Alvarado's forum**
  - Looking at the marketing material for when Senator Alvarado is going to be visiting SSC on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 – 12 PM. The USA meeting should be canceled for the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

- **Cinco De Mayo failure**
  - First, wanted to thank the USA for the mini celebration we threw for him at the start of the meeting for being the first in his family to graduate and succeed in higher education. Fella mentions how he sees the collaboration and relationship he has with USA means a lot to him. Going back to Cinco de Mayo, the reason why it was cancelled was because Fella received some emails that people found the Cinco de Mayo poster offensive. Fella reiterates that his work is never meant to disrespect or diminish people’s cultures. With careful guidance, Student Life and Fella agreed to shut down the Cinco de Mayo Tailgate Party the day prior. Fella wants to invite the Latinx Affinity Group over to share perspective and find solutions with USA pertaining Cinco de Mayo.
- **Trust Issues**
  - Fella mentions that he feels very bad, and has grown trust issues, not just the relationship between the student body and Fella, but Fella and admin, and more. Fella explains how hard it is to be enthusiastic about his work when he

doesn't have the same adjustments reciprocated. Fella mentions how we need to strengthen our communication skills. Concerns rise when this is mentioned. Melody explains how this should have been prevented with yes, more communication within the team, but also found it confusing because I have never known us to be an organization that would cancel an event so close to the day from a few angry emails. It is clarified that when "communication" was between admin and Fella, not Fella and USA.

- Fella explains how maybe the imagery on the flyer was enough to turn off people and assume the whole event would follow those patterns. Angel and Melody, who are both Mexican, said that they did not feel triggered or angered by the poster. For the minutes, depictions of Maracas were displayed on the flyer, when they are not a part of Mexican culture. Previous posters have been posted on campus with the same imagery, and it is questioned as to why nobody has spoken up about those posters.
- **Legacy Portfolio**
  - Fella shares a template handout for USA's legacy documents. These points mentioned include:
- **End of Year bang**
  - Received some thoughts on what to do for the end of year; students had reached out. Heard that Spring Fling is "elementary", so is going to brainstorm on different things we can do that's a bit more "mature" for the end of the year to make up for the missed Cinco de Mayo Tailgate.

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

- **Tabling on April 29th with Melody, Hussen, Judas.**
- **Went to Student of Color Conference.**
  - Attended the SOCC last Thursday and Friday. All the students from SCC who went to the conference seemed to have a negative, boring or neutral experience. Complaints of it being awkward, and unengaging were brought up multiple times due to it being online. The reasoning behind why it was online was due to increased protection against ICE, but some countered that this event was supposed to be empowering. Workshops that sounded exciting were empty, doors were locked, and it seems like retention is low.
- **Hiring Committee Meeting.**

- Received some emails from students interested in USA applications.
- **Answer students' questions regarding the hiring application.**
- **Review Free Bikes applications with Monica.**
- **Please fill out South's Annual Student Climate Survey!**

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

- **Georgetown!**
- **4/4 Days spent Tabling! (Vote for your Otter!)**
  - Very Busy week! I managed to spend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Tabling and doing Outreach. Needed something to capture students' attention, so I came up with "Vote for your Otter!" Which originally, I expected to turn into nothing, but we ended up gathering over 146 votes. Hip was very interested in making the winning design into merchandise apparel. So, I will be sending the designs to Hip over the weekend and sending a follow up. We can make stickers at the Makerspace building, and I believe USA has extra perks over at Makerspace.
- **SOC**
- **Baking Contest!**
  - The baking contest was also amazing! Over 60 people filled each room, since it was open to the public, hundreds of people joined for the live event. The Chocolate Ceremony Coffee Cake won, and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner received 5k cash.

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

- **Hiring committee interview**
- **Cap and gown/commencement reminder**
  - Please do not forget! Make sure to register for commencement! This will happen after you register for your cap and gown.
- **Thoughts**
  - Unhappy and feeling misunderstood regarding the Cinco de Mayo poster knowing people would associate it with Angel, as he is the marketing officer.
- **Pumping out IG reels**

## 7. **Treasurer: Sabreen Hussien**

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

- **SOCC last Thursday**
- **Review application for hiring committee**
- **Project delayed**
  - Having a hard time finding as many tests as possible. What he is currently looking for is an organization who is willing to help out with these tests. Judas mentions that he should reach out to Planned Parenthood regarding this. Will be emailing them. Fella asks if Khang could do another Coffee and Donuts in the library, but unfortunately Khang is too busy. Maybe there could be a “glorified” Otter Homeroom in the library or art gallery. Will follow up next week.

## 9. **Advisor: Monica Lundberg**

- **Spring Fling Dunk Tank Survey**
  - Fella, Judas and Melody have been attending the Spring Fling meetings. Inflatables and Dunk Tank have been confirmed! USA needs to figure out who is going to be in the Dunk Tank. Different Ideas flow around on how we will do outreach.
- **May 11 Tribal Government to Government meeting helpers**
  - USA all signed up to help on the day of the event and let Kano know. We signed up while they were here to present the Government to Government Summit.
- **May 13 Pres Brown at USA meeting**
  - Ask if we have done any advertising or marketing to let SSC know that Dr. Monica Brown is joining us. The vision was for Dr. Brown to sit in the meeting and listen in for John Dwyer’s advice for next year regarding USA-Faculty relationships. Monica emphasizes that it is still important for people to know that Dr. Monica Brown is going to be at USA’s weekly meeting. Judas explains that he is going to be meeting with Dr. Brown to get a touch on what she is expecting. Monica explains that usually the first 15 minutes would be a Q&A.
- **May 14 BOT meeting at South**

- Sabreen and Melody will be attending the BOT meeting at SSC. This day does clash with USA's mural painting day, so we may need to reschedule. Melody was chosen to read Judas' BOT report as a fill-in.
- **End of year event**

**Next Meeting:** May 13<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 – Spring Quarter**

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:57 PM.

Agenda and Minutes by: Melody Adael Lozano