



# Services and Activities Fee Committee Meeting

October 24, 2025 | 1:00 PM | Husky Union Building 303

## MINUTES

### Call to Order

The SAF Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM on October 24, 2025.

### Roll Call

No.	Name	Position	Attendance
1	Haley Chee	SAF Chair	Present
2	Khushi Loomba	ASUW Finance & Budget Director	Present
3	Abraham Gibson	ASUW Representative	Present
4	Moises Jacobo	ASUW Representative	Present
5	Tammy Pham	ASUW Representative	Present
6	Aiden Reeder	Senate Liaison	Present
7	Riley Talamantes	GPSS VP of Finance	Present
8	Gen Conley	GPSS Representative	Present
9	Kayla Kenyon	GPSS Representative	Present
10	Helena Ochoa Morena	GPSS Representative	Present
11	Alec Solemslie	GPSS Representative	Present
12	Lincoln Johnson	SAF Advisor – Student Life	Present
13	Kristian Wiles	SAF Advisor – Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity	Present

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the October 24, 2025, SAF Committee Meeting was approved.

Motioned by Riley Talamantes, seconded by Tammy Pham; unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from the October 17, 2025, SAF Committee Meeting were approved. Motioned by Aiden Reeder, seconded by Gen Conley; unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

## Public Comment

## Nominations & Elections

### 1. Vice Chair

Current Nominee: Aiden Reeder.

Since no other members were nominated, Aiden Reeder is selected as the SAF Vice Chair for the 2025-2026 academic year.

## Old Business

## New Business

### 1. Guidelines

The Committee revised the Guidelines. They removed outdated language, corrected grammar mistakes, and re-formatted the document.

Changes included:

- Remove the part that states “any current student organizations can request money from SAF”, since RSOs can request money through ASUW.
- Remove the two-thirds of GPSS and two-thirds of ASUW representatives requirements for the SAF meetings to two-thirds of the student body representatives, since GPSS had made late appointments and delayed SAF operations as a result.
- The upcoming year SAF Chair must be nominated 1 week before the last SAF meeting

Khushi Loomba motioned to approve the amendments to the Guidelines made during the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Tammy Pham. The motion is approved, 10-0-1.

## Discussion

### 1. SAF Budget Priorities 25-26

**Gen** asked for clarification on the student feedback question.

- **Haley** explained that it intends to learn about students’ feedback in general, not just the student feedback that the units choose to highlight. It helps eliminate potential bias.

**Tammy** suggested that the Committee emphasize units to use the SAF logo more often. She said this can encourage students to participate in ASUW elections, since ASUW manages money allocated by SAF.

- **Aiden** worried about the ways that SAF can enforce this since the Committee cannot cut funding to units that don't utilize the logo.
- **Tammy** added that the Committee can encourage units and remind them of the impacts of it.
- **Gen** added that students tend to utilize the services more often once they learn that it comes from SAF.

## 2. Unit Orientation Briefing

**Haley** explained that the Committee will start visiting units at their locations. Here, the Committee will get to hear from units and ask questions.

**Tammy** wanted a question about how the units have utilized the SAF logo.

**Aiden** wanted to add a question about how units receive feedback from students and what it means to the unit. This is similar to a question on the Budget Packet.

**Lincoln** highlighted that some orientation will be short, approximately 15 minutes. The Committee should prioritize some questions and leave the other ones for the Presentation.

**Riley** said Question 5 and Question 1 are worded similarly. The two questions were combined into one.

**Aiden** asked why SAF is no longer doing Roundtables.

- **Haley** explained there was an attendance problem. Some units tend to take up more time than others during Roundtables. Unit Orientation Briefing makes it possible for the Committee to visit the unit physically and learn about it one-on-one.

**Haley** said she will request a written response to these questions from the units, so that it is available to members who could not attend the meetings.

**Riley** asked about the unit visit schedule.

- **Haley** said she will send the official schedule to the Committee once it's finalized.

**Kayla** added that it would be helpful to ask if the units are offering new services or discontinuing any services with regard to students' feedback.

The Committee decided on five questions for the Unit Orientation Briefing.

## 3. Student Health Fee

**Haley** explained that the SAF can only go up by 4% every year. This presents a challenge of underfunded health units, including Husky Health Center, the Counseling Center, and LiveWell.

- The proposed fee is \$125 a quarter for each student. This makes it possible for these units to expand their services and serve more students.

**Haley** added that there's been a lack of explanation behind the \$125 fee. A survey will be sent out, which 10% of undergraduates and graduates must respond to; this will go to ASUW and later the UW Board of Regents.

**Aiden** asked if this means the health units will no longer be eligible for SAF funding.

- **Haley** agreed.
- **Riley** explains some potential questions on the survey and added that regarding non-Health SAF units, the implementation of the Health Fee will help make them available for more funding.

**Aiden** added that allowing people to opt out of the Health Fee because they have health insurance can complicate the process. They gave examples of how students pay for the Childcare Assistance Program (CAP) when they don't have kids, or they pay for UW Recreation when they don't use the IMA.

- **Helena** added that graduate tuition is higher than undergraduate tuition. Many grad students also receive health insurance from their workplace. She added that there must be more awareness to justify having all students pay into the fee.
- **Lincoln** highlighted that the three health units are funded at about \$10 million. The Health Fee can not only allow SAF to expand on non-health services but also lower the SAF fee.
- **Haley** stated she's in favor of freezing the fee, keeping the rate constant for a few years.

**Tammy** asked if the Health Fee would affect Washington College Grant recipients.

- **Haley** answered that the fee would be covered by WCG.

**Kayla** wanted to know about the decision behind the \$125 Health Fee.

- **Haley** added that there wasn't enough cooperation between units to form a reason behind the fee.
- **Lincoln** added that Committee members can use their ASUW voice to set a deadline for units to explain their reasoning for the fee, such that students cannot answer the survey if they do not know this crucial piece of information.

**Haley** asked the Committee what message she should present on behalf of SAF.

- **Moises** asked for clarification on the health units
- **Haley** answered that they are the Husky Health, the Counseling Center, and LiveWell.

- **Aiden** added that they would like units to “work backward” and justify the number for the Health Fee.
- **Tammy** agreed with Lincoln that there must be an ultimatum, that the Health Fee can’t move forward unless more information is known by the deadline.

**Haley** added that the Committee from last year wanted to see an additional subsidized visit from Husky Health. She asked if this Committee agrees.

- **Kristian** asked how much the health units cost out of the quarterly SAF fee.
- **Haley** said the number is around \$65.
- **Kristian** recommends that the Committee to think about the services that will be provided as the Health Fee continues to increase.
- **Haley** said that the health units made their Health Fee in comparison to other Big Ten universities, which have even higher Health Fees. She added that it doesn’t make sense because what if the other schools are incorrect?
- **Aiden** added that they would like to see availability or hours from the health units, such as Husky Health, for medical emergencies.
- **Kayla** agreed. She said that appointments are often made two weeks out.
- **Helena** echoed Aiden and Kayla. It’s hard to find availability from the Counseling Center.
- **Kayla** said that if the health units are making the Health Fee in comparison to the other Big Ten universities, then they must also make comparisons to the services offered by other schools.
- **Lincoln** commented that all this reasoning must be provided to the Board of Regents.

The Committee agreed that there needs to be additional information.

## **Announcements**

**Haley** reminded Committee members to get their headshots for the SAF website. She added that a group shot will be scheduled soon.

**Lincoln** applauded Thuwaybah for the design of the SAF website.

**Haley** reminded the Committee to fill out Thuwaybah’s survey to update the SAF website.

**Tammy** announced the Seattle Elections Forum, hosted by ASUW EAC, ASUW OGR, RCSA, and DSUW.

- Date: Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Time: 5 PM – 7 PM
- Location: Oak Denny Room

This is an opportunity for UW students to meet Seattle Mayoral Candidates Bruce Harrell and Kate Wilson. RSVP required. Food will be provided.

**Adjournment**

The SAF Committee Meeting was called to adjourn at 2:10 PM.

Motioned to adjourn by Riley Talamantes, seconded by Tammy Pham; unanimous vote to adjourn.