



Services and Activities Fee Committee Meeting

February 13, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Husky Union Building 303

MINUTES

Call to Order

The SAF Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM on February 13, 2026.

Roll Call

No.	Name	Position	Attendance
1	Haley Chee	SAF Chair	Present
2	Aiden Reeder	SAF Vice Chair	Present
3	Grace Clarke	ASUW Representative	Present
4	Abraham Gibson	ASUW Representative	Present
5	Moises Jacobo	ASUW Representative	Present
6	Tammy Pham	ASUW Representative	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	Excused absence
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 February 13, 2026, SAF Committee Meeting was approved.

Motioned by Tammy Pham, seconded by Grace Clarke; unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

Nominations & Elections

Old Business

New Business

1. MEDEX MOU

The Committee discussed the MEDEX MOU and decided that they would like to have more information from MEDEX and not to vote on any decision.

- **Lincoln** said that it would be helpful to hear more from the STF Committee.
- **Riley** shared that she would like to hear from a MEDEX student, possibly during a SAF meeting.
- **Aiden** added that if the MEDEX students can't attend the meeting in person or online, the Committee should be prepared to see statements from the students.

Aiden Reeder moved to recess until 2:10 PM, seconded by Tammy Pham; unanimous vote to approve the motion.

Discussion

1. Budget Presentations

UW Food Pantry

- Speakers:
 - **River Elewski**, Student Director
 - **Joy Jung**, Nutrition Education Coordinator
 - **Angelina Durbin**, Food Recovery Coordinator
 - **Ahna Rader**, Food Drives Coordinator
 - **Chris Jaehne**, Staff Advisor

River gave an introduction to the Food Pantry and their budget request.

Joy spoke about her role in nutrition education and operations at the Food Pantry.

Ahna spoke about organizing food drives for the Food Pantry, highlighting the 4,000 pounds of food collected during food drives for this academic year.

Angelina spoke about food recovery expansion and her work with volunteers.

All speakers talked about the need for a permanent staff member.

SAF Committee Questions to UW Food Pantry

Helena – If you have that increased amount in food, how are you going to fund the food?

- **River** answered that a new staff member will be able to apply for grants, strengthen their community partnerships, which will lead to getting more food.

Grace – When was the last time your staffing was added/changed?

- **Chris** said that Joy's role is the most recent; it has been a year and a half. He also shared that when he started in 2022, they had 3 student workers. In 2023 - 2024, they added another position.
- **River** echoed that without a person dedicated to the new role, the work would be limited in what they are able to do.

Aiden – Have you considered transitioning one of your current student positions to gain this new permanent staff position?

- **River** said that it is ideal to look for a new position. This option would allow them to maintain their current staff position, although they have already cut hours for the Director role. The long-term goal is to get a permanent staff to re-grow the team. River said she would be hesitant to lose one of the existing positions.

Kayla – Can you explain the discrepancy between the budget request for the permanent staff position and the wage stated in the FY27 proposal?

- **River** explained that she cut hours from the Student Director position and is combining the Nutrition Education and Social Media Outreach into one position.
- **Kayla** – Do you have any anticipated challenges filling in a 0.65 FTE role, and have you considered other roles that could scale that number up to 1.0 FTE?
- **River** answered that they are hoping to at least get someone in the role and be transparent about their planning. They are trying to balance getting a permanent staff position without cutting down on current student positions.

Riley – SAF funding is restricted (can't be spent on food). Given the need, if they'd pitch this to other UW entities. Entities taken to cover this position.

- **Chris** said that they were hoping to access funding from the Provost's office last year. However, given the budget challenges with the University this year and potentially next year, those funds are no longer available. He remarked that it is not a great time to be adding a new position at the university.
- **Haley** – Even if we provide the funds, would the University allow hiring, given the hiring pause?
- **Chris** answered yes, that he has received the approval of the Vice President.

Tammy – What plans do you have in place to utilize the permanent staff position as a facilitator of institutional knowledge? I.e., will they work to document the wisdom of student staff who come and go, etc.?

- **River** agreed. She explained that the goal is to have somebody in the place who is familiar with the Food Pantry's operations, who knows the volunteers and student staff.

Gen – What do other current partnerships on campus look like? I know there is an ASUW position working on food, and I am wondering what partnerships bolster your work?

- **River** said that their biggest partnership is with UW Farm, and that they donate a lot of fresh food to them. They also work with dining partners on campus. Beyond that, she has worked with ASUW in the past months to talk about programs that they are interested in creating together.
- **Angelina** shared that she works with UW Dining partners. She also talked to the ASUW Food Co-op representatives about organizing future food drives.

Tammy - What sources of revenue do the Big Ten school respondents rely on?

- **River** answered that it varies a lot, including the Methodist church, the local food bank, the student government, campus grants, endowment, individual donations, and partnerships with dining services. She remarked that student government, student services fee, and donations are common denominators among these schools.

Aiden – Beyond the programs you currently use for food recovery, are there any new candidates you have found to meet demand?

- **Chris** said that Pepsi is one of the strategic partners with the UW, like Starbucks and Alaska Airlines. Per the contract, Pepsi donates \$10,000 per year to the Food Pantry. He added that Starbucks has also been a great partner; they donate not only money but also gift cards and coffee.

Kayla – Has the Food Pantry looked into other funding sources?

- **River** answered that they are always looking for more funding. They have grants. However, she is limited in this aspect as she only has 19.5 hours per week, most of which are for overseeing operations.

Tammy – If the food pantry were to get permanent staff, would they have more capacity to pursue more revenue sources, aside from SAF?

- **River** said that it is their goal to pursue other revenue sources. She added that a permanent staff member can assist in this effort by hosting an AmeriCorps intern. She remarked that there are programs that they are not qualified to pursue because they don't have a permanent staff member.

Aiden – Can you elaborate more on the financial opportunities you would be eligible for with the addition of the permanent position?

- **River** said that she is excited to develop a program called "Grab & Go Bag", which was done during COVID. This would be critical for people who can't come to the

Food Pantry during their regular hours, people who face accessibility issues, and people who are impacted by ICE.

Announcements

- **Tammy** announced the candidacy filing time for ASUW Elections:
 - Time: Feb 12 at Noon – Feb 27 at Noon

Adjournment

The SAF Committee Meeting was called to adjourn at 2:36 PM.

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