**HUSKY UNION BUILDING** IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022

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## **DIRECTOR'S WELCOME**

In 2017, Husky Union Building (HUB) staff and colleagues developed new mission, vision, and value statements with language that truly embody the complete HUB experience that we strive to provide at the University of Washington (UW). Fast forward five years, in 2022, those statements have been the driving force behind an extremely successful academic year easily described as a rollercoaster ride. The campus committed to returning to in-person operations in the fall (something the HUB had mostly accomplished the previous year), and to care for our students and their varying needs, the HUB ensured there were both in-person and virtual services available.

Reflecting upon our value of Service, while beginning to recover from the pandemic, we knew that our core mission must remain the same, but our programs and services needed to evolve. This year's successes are marked by truly listening to multiple student and staff perspectives. In this report, you'll read about some of these such as our record-breaking \$25,000 fundraising campaign for the HUB Scholarship (thanks in large part to alumni Kevin Beder '76, Mike Egan '90, and Phil Neiswender '95), along with awarding scholarships to three outstanding students; unveiling a display of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Divine Nine crests; fully implementing technology in several meeting rooms to support hybrid meeting formats; and setting the stage to expand the UW Esports program by hiring the first Esports Manager. We are also preparing to provide new services for our community as Scissors Edge hair salon, which has been a fixture in the HUB since 1952, hung up their shears for the final time.

I find it fitting to write this message on my final days as HUB Executive Director. I have never been more proud of a group of professionals and students coming together to offer the strongest services possible under exceptional circumstances. The team has displayed a significant level of outward care for all of our guests, while also role modeling and balancing care for their own well-being. The HUB is a special place and it is my hope that the UW community fully appreciates the thoughtfulness, effort, and implementation of programs and services put forth by HUB staff to make the Husky Experience positive and rewarding.



## MISSION

The HUB supports the Husky Experience by enhancing UW community, providing a dynamic event center, and fostering student engagement.



ENHANCING UW COMMUNITY



PROVIDING A DYNAMIC EVENT CENTER



FOSTERING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

## **VISION**

Every UW community member feels they belong. They are welcome, cared about, and inspired to grow.

## **VALUES**



#### **DISCOVERY**

We foster engagement through exploration that inspires passion, creating connections and making lasting memories.



#### **EMPOWERMENT**

We create intentional opportunities for learning and growth, leveraging experiences through challenge, support, and reflection.



#### **EQUITY**

We cultivate equity through introspection, brave conversations, and collective action.



#### INTEGRITY

We prioritize honesty and transparency, taking responsibility for our actions, and acknowledging when we fall short.



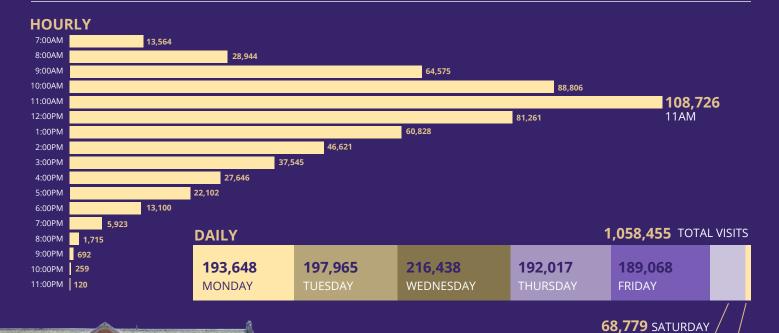
#### **SERVICE**

We demonstrate care through listening and empathy, collaborating to achieve mutually beneficial goals.

# **ENHANCING UW COMMUNITY**



## **BUILDING ENTRIES**





### **IN-PERSON EVENTS**

With the return of in-person instruction, this fall also marked the return of in-person events and activities. The HUB's key Dawg Daze events - Fall Fling, HUB Crawl, Student Activities Fair, and Poster Sale – returned, with an emphasis on maintaining health and safety for the UW community. Many students were eager to connect with one another in-person, while the HUB also provided options for students who preferred remote engagement, such as virtual RSO fairs.

**2,081** SUNDAY

# **KAITLYN LAIBE**

## **ASUW VICE PRESIDENT**



Kaitlyn Laibe served as ASUW Vice President during the 2021-22 academic year and the Director of the Womxn's Action Commission (WAC) in the 2020-21 academic year. In these roles, Kaitlyn developed a better understanding of the value of equity and how to intentionally practice it in academic and professional spaces. She fostered community partnerships with the mission of educating and empowering her fellow Huskies while maintaining the commitment to fairness and justice. For Kaitlyn, cultivating equity meant actively seeking out collaborations with stakeholders relevant to projects, acknowledging and honoring their capacity, and amplifying their input and work.

Currently, Kaitlyn works to secure the early release of juvenile "lifers" in Washington State Prisons. She's positive that the skills and knowledge from her involvement at the HUB — whether it be interpersonal relationship management, fair and empathetic communication, equitable leadership, or the commitment to creating accessible spaces — will apply well to a future in the criminal and social justice realm. "My time at the HUB has taught me countless things, both about myself and the UW community. Perhaps most importantly, the HUB has illuminated my passion for working alongside and collaborating with students, specifically focusing on engagement and accessibility."

# **HUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

# **JANIS SHIN**

**GPSS SENATE CLERK** 



me to continue working on my goals of building up the GPSS website, sitting on larger UW committees, and building awareness about student fees."

# **ENHANCING UW COMMUNITY**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**



INSTAGRAM IMPRESSIONS



**123,507** IMPRESSIONS

TWITTER IMPRESSION:

**3,256** ITEMS PROCESSED

## **LOST AND FOUND**

463

ITEMS CLAIMED





### SCISSOR'S EDGE

Since the HUB's first expansion in 1952, a barbershop has been a featured service for the UW community. Its most recent iteration, The Scissor's Edge, operated by hairdresser Jane Snell for the last 38 years, closed their shop for the last time in the spring. We are grateful to Jane for her many years of service and as we explore new retail opportunities, we will continue to be innovative in meeting the needs of our changing student population. Read more at magazine.uw.edu.

# **ENHANCING UW COMMUNITY**



## **HUB GAMES**



## THE DIVINE NINE

The Divine Nine are a collection of historically African-American sororities and fraternities, governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The Divine Nine at UW provide community, mentorship, and leadership opportunities for Black students who join these organizations. To honor and recognize the influence and presence of the Divine Nine at UW, the organization's crests were put on display in August 2021.



















# **ALI SALAHUDDIN**

### **HUB STUDENT EMPLOYEE**



Ali Salahuddin began his journey with the HUB as an undergraduate working in the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC). In the SORC, Ali empowered RSOs by assisting them with utilizing all of the resources that the multi-use workspace has to offer students. He also helped spearhead the establishment of Rcast, the SORC's video podcast and the development of the Broadcast Room, providing a space for RSOs to design multimedia content to connect virtually with our UW community.



# **PROVIDING A DYNAMIC EVENT CENTER**



## **EVIS RESERVATIONS**

	MAJOR SPACE	MEETING ROOM SMALL	MEETING ROOM MEDIUM	MEETING ROOM LARGE	OPEN SPACE	TOTAL
STUDENT	50	494	428	270	33	<b>1,275</b> 71%
DEPARTMENT	79	72	107	203	45	<b>506</b> 28%
OFF-CAMPUS	1	1	1	2	0	<b>5</b> 0.3%
TOTAL	<b>130</b> 7%	<b>567</b> 32%	<b>536</b> 30%	<b>475</b> 27%	<b>78</b> 4%	1,786

#### **HYBRID MEETING SPACES**

Technology has bridged gaps and opened new opportunities for connecting with others to create community. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, technology became even more vital and the HUB responded quickly to the shift. In collaboration with the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), the Student Technology Fee Committee funded the technology to create hybrid meeting rooms in the HUB and the Broadcast Studio in the Student Organization Resource Center. This technology provides the UW community with the ability to expand engagement and empower people to connect and collaborate in an evolving digital world.



# **KRIS LEWIS**

#### **HUB STAFF**



As IT Administrator for the HUB, Kris Lewis provides oversight and support for all things IT — from websites to wiring. His role is invaluable as he supports all areas of HUB and works hard to ensure that technology benefits every user.



## **HUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

# **MADISON "KAA'YIS'TAAN" TRUITT**

ASUW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT COMMISSION DIRECTOR

Madison Truitt has been an active member of ASUW, first serving as a senator in the Student Senate and most recently as the Director of the ASUW American Indian Student Commission. As an Indigenous woman, she has felt called to give back to her community through mentorship and activism.

For Madison, the HUB has been both a resource and a space that provided her opportunities for learning and growth. With the support of her advisors, Madison strengthened her leadership skills and found new ways to empower others in her community to pursue their own aspirations.

"The scholarship came at a time where I personally had a lot of doubt about my ability...it verified to me that I'm supposed to be here, I'm supposed to be doing this work, and I am good at what I do. When a lot of people hear about scholarships, they think of the financial impact, but I don't think they necessarily think of the emotional impact. This scholarship has been life changing in a lot of ways that I didn't think it would and I haven't stopped feeling the impact."

# **PROVIDING A DYNAMIC EVENT CENTER**



#### **MAKERS FAIR**

The Makers Fair, a quarterly event organized in collaboration with The Whole U and Housing & Food Service, returned in the fall and immediately built on its previous success. The fair features UW student, faculty, staff, and alumni artists and saw an increase in vendor applications and participants every quarter. The community of UW makers continues to grow, as the Makers Fair has inspired the formation of related artist fairs, pop-ups, and organizations.

## **EVENT SERVICES**

**TOTAL SERVICE HOURS** 

2,073

TOTAL AVAILABILITY CHECKS

5,774

## **GAMES SPACE RESERVATIONS**



**49**BOWLING ALLEY (ALL LANES)



**21** POOL HALL



ESPORTS ARENA



**41** CONSOLE ARCADE



**73** PARTY ROOM



**18**QUAD (ALL GAMES)

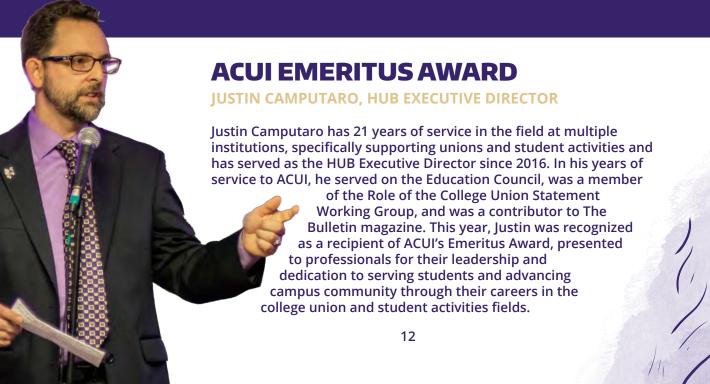
# **QUEER PROM**

The ASUW Queer Student Commission's (QSC) Queer Prom, a student-organized dance party celebrating the LGBTQ+ community on campus, returned this year. The event was held at the HUB and featured live performances from the Queer Stripes and DJ Tansy. The ASUW QSC also partnered with RSOs Gal Palz and Modality in leading a community art project and hosting a vendor fair, both which spotlighted LGBTQ+ creators in the community.

The ASUW QSC recognizes and understands that many LGBTQ+ students struggle to find spaces where they can feel safe and accepted. These programs allow LGBTQ+ students to let loose, have fun, celebrate their identities with other students, and most importantly, build community.

ASUW QSC Director, Lillian Williamson shared, "Queer Prom was the first time I'd ever planned an event of this size with so many moving parts and details. The HUB provided so much guidance and expertise in areas like lighting, sound, and decorations, that I didn't have as a first-time event planner. I'm beyond grateful for their help! The HUB venues are unmatched and the HUB staff is kind, responsive, and experienced. I am beyond happy we hosted Queer Prom at the HUB and would love to work with them again."





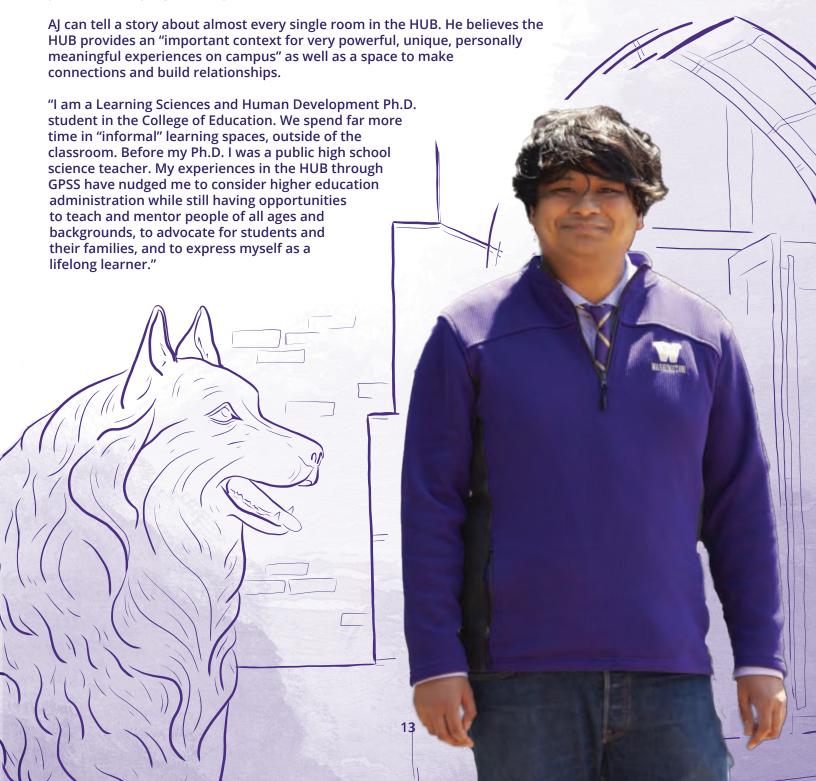
# AJ BALATICO

## **GPSS VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**



AJ Balatico served as the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Vice President of Finance during the 2021-22 academic year. In this role, he helped administer the allocations of the Services and Activities Fee (SAF) and the Student Technology Fee (STF), totaling around \$30 million in student fees.

While working within the HUB, AJ had an insider look into how entities campus-wide empowered students by providing diverse services and resources. As VP of Finance, AJ directly impacted the ability for registered student organizations (RSOs), student life units across campus, and academic units to provide event programming, activities, and resources to students.



# FOSTERING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



## **REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSOs)**

896 49 **GRADUATE/** TOTAL RSOS **PROFESSIONAL** 

52 40 **ACADEMIC** 

**HEALTH SCIENCES** 

4

32

LAW

45

49

NURSING/PHARM

POLITICAL/SOCIAL

**PERFORMING** 

47 **BUSINESS** 

**HONORARY** 

76 CULTURAL/ INTERNATIONAL

70 68 MEDICAL/DENTAL/

**ENGINEERING** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL** 

13

24

**GAMING/ESPORTS** 

70 FRATERNITIES & 40

**RECREATION** 

46

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL

23

**SCIENCES** 

77

SPECIAL INTEREST

48

**SPORTS** 

STUDENT GOVERNMENT (ASUW/

#### **ESPORTS EXPANSION**

Bolstered by the return to in-person programming, **UW** Esports saw significant growth in involvement and participation, while competitive teams experienced continued success. Most notably, UW Esports' broadcast program thrived in consistently developing professional content and was regularly referenced as a national leader in collegiate esports. UW Esports launched its first Esports, Gaming, & **Broadcast summer youth** program, allowing high school students to explore careers in interactive media while gaining hands-on experience. With the support from the Services and **Activities Fee Committee the** HUB will be hiring UW's first ever, Esports Manager.



## **HUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

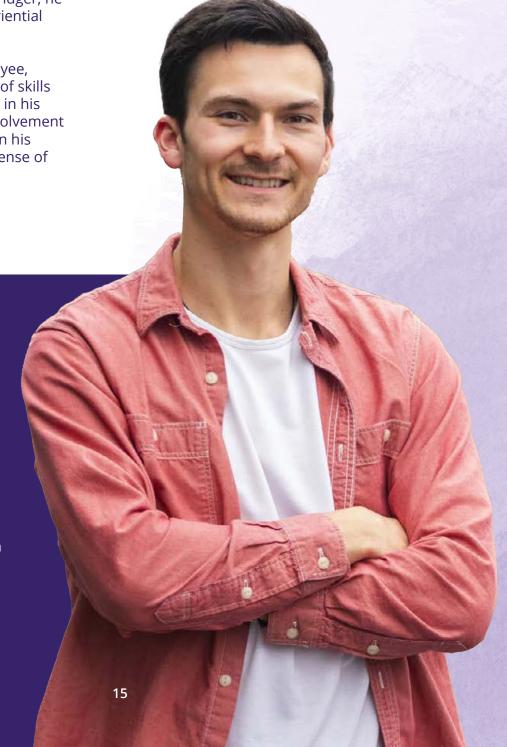
# **BRIDGER MACHUS**

## **HUB STUDENT EMPLOYEE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

Bridger Machus is a student employee with HUB Facilities and Operations and believes that higher education is about more than just developing academically, but is also an opportunity to grow as a person and confident community leader. For Bridger, he quickly found leadership and experiential learning opportunities at the HUB.

In his time as a HUB student employee, Bridger has developed a multitude of skills which he uses daily at the HUB and in his personal life. Bridger credits his involvement with the HUB as a direct influence in his growth and success as well as his sense of belonging in the UW community.

"My growth has been directly tied to my involvement and l wouldn't be the same person if it weren't for my involvement. To be able to engage on campus, you need to be comfortable with your finances. It's really hard to focus when you're preoccupied by making ends meet. There are many students just like me that have great intentions to become leaders but are distracted by the price of tuition and how they might pay their next bill. So, when it comes to scholarships like this one, it means the world to me."



# LINDSEY MITCHELL





Lindsey Mitchell is the Administrator of Finance and Business Operations. She oversees the accounting, finance, human resources, and business operations areas of the HUB. This leadership role requires her to interact and collaborate with many staff members as a team. Therefore, integrity is an essential part of her job as she sets an example for her team to strive for transparency and honesty, including taking ownership of one's own actions and shortcomings.

Several years ago, Lindsey joined the HUB staff and UW community when she was hired as a Fiscal Specialist 1 to process payroll. Since the beginning of her journey, she demonstrated both initiative and integrity in taking on new tasks and responsibilities. Lindsey's growth and swift promotion to Administrator has allowed her to gain new perspectives and understandings of business and life in general. In addition to the opportunity to develop professionally, Lindsey cherishes her time at the HUB because she has met many fantastic students, staff and faculty.

For any incoming Husky and UW community member, Lindsey encourages you to, "[Not] be afraid to expand your mind and way of thinking. There are so many different people with different experiences and perspectives that you can learn from. Even if you don't agree with others, taking those lessons and adding them to your own knowledge is how we grow as people."

# **FOSTERING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**



## **RSO FUNDING**



# **FOSTERING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**



## **RESOURCE CENTER**

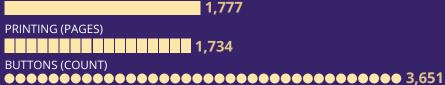


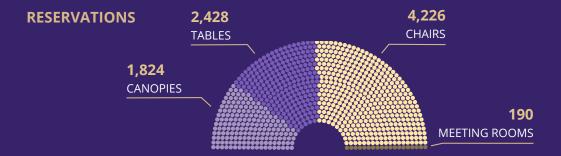
**6,208**TOTAL STUDENTS



**165** TOTAL RSOS

**SUPPLIES** BUTCHER PAPER (FEET)





#### SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

The HUB Scholarship recognizes outstanding students involved in ASUW, GPSS, and HUB student employment, helping them reach their full potential as leaders, regardless of financial situation. Since its endowment in 2019, the HUB has awarded eight scholarships to active student leaders, expanding the number or amount of awards each year. During the 2021-22 academic year, we successfully completed a campaign to raise \$25,000 for our scholarship endowment, ensuring the sustainability of the awards. The generosity of alumni like Kevin Beder ('76), Mike Egan ('90), and Phil Neiswender ('95) emphasize the collective impact HUB alumni and friends have on our current student leaders.

## **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

### **HUB AWARDS**

**HUSKY EMPOWERMENT** 

**INDUSTRY PHARMACISTS ORGANIZATION** 

**HUSKY IMPACT** 

**UNIVERSITY DISTRICT STREET MEDICINE** 

**HUSKY TRADITION** 

ADVANCED ROBOTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

**HUB HALL OF FAME ACTIVITIES** 

**CALEN GARRETT** 

**HUB HALL OF FAME ACTIVITIES** 

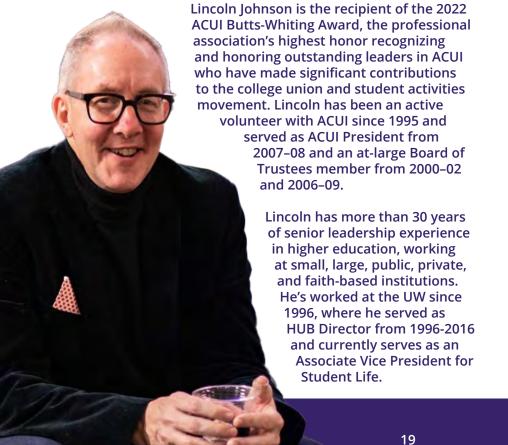
**LILLIAN M. WILLIAMSON** 

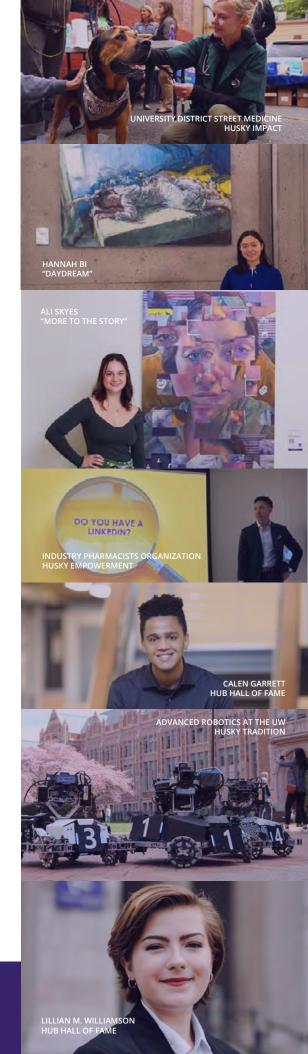
## **HUB DIRECTOR'S ART AWARD**

"MORE TO THE STORY" ALI SYKES
"DAYDREAM" HANNAH BI

### **ACUI BUTTS-WHITING AWARD**

LINCOLN JOHNSON
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE





## **HUB NEIGHBORS**

The HUB is unlike any building on campus. As the student union and UW's primary community center, the HUB is home to UW's student activity. In collaboration with the HUB, the departments, student organizations, and businesses within the building are a neighborhood, collectively working to enhance the Husky Experience and support one another's efforts to serve the UW community.

#### **HUB UNITS**

COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT
ESPORTS
EVENT & INFORMATION SERVICES
FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE
FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS
GAMES
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
STUDENT ORGANIZATION RESOURCE CENTER
STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

## **HUB NEIGHBORS**

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (ASUW)
ASUW BIKE SHOP
COMMUTER & TRANSFER COMMONS
(FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS)

#### **D CENTER**

ETC. MARKET (HOUSING & FOOD SERVICES)
GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT
SENATE (GPSS)
HUSKY DEN FOOD COURT
(HOUSING & FOOD SERVICES)
OFFICE OF FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE
OFFICE OF THE OMBUD
Q CENTER
STARBUCKS (HOUSING & FOOD SERVICES)
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
STUDENT TECHNOLOGY LOAN PROGRAM
STUDENT VETERAN LIFE
UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE
U.S. BANK
WELCOME CENTER (ADMISSIONS)



# **HUB BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The HUB Board of Representatives is comprised of UW students, staff, and faculty serving in an advisory capacity to provide the vision, voice, and direction of the Husky Union Building.



Ali Salahuddin At Large (Chair)



Eva Hudak ASUW (Vice Chair)



Brielle Bush HUB Neighbor - OFSL



Robin Cheung At Large (Past Chair)



Hannah Dahleen RSO



Jennifer Lee Hoffman Faculty – Education



Kaitlyn Laibe **ASUW** 



Chris Laws Faculty – Astronomy



Esmeralda Nieto



Katherine Peacock HUB Student Employee HUB Student Employee



Aditya Ramnathkar **GPSS** 



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