Vision and Goals: 2021-2022 Academic Year

Introduction
The ASUW Judicial Council serves an important purpose to the ASUW. We strive to act impartially and with the best interests of all students, current, former, and future in mind when ruling on issues within our jurisdiction. As the Chief Justice, I strive to foster a sense of proactiveness with our Council, which would allow us to understand all aspects of ASUW’s working documents before any issues come before the Council. As a Council, we intend to uphold our responsibilities as outlined by our guiding documents, but also aim to go above and beyond our duties and guiding principles to be of service to the student body. We understand that it may seem this has already been broken, but we intend to present updates to the Council’s Rules and Procedures in the spring for approval; this is due to the fact that we are currently unable to meet in-person, which we feel would be the most productive format to make these important edits, due to my being away for an academic internship in Washington, D.C. In accordance with the regulations of the ASUW Working documents, I am happy to share my visions, goals, and initiatives for the Judicial Council during my term this academic year as Chief Justice with all ASUW stakeholders and would welcome any questions about this and any other matters affecting the Council.

Vision and Goals
It is no secret that the current composition of the Council includes many faces who are new to ASUW, but that will be used as an asset. The Judicial Council of this academic year will utilize the many strengths our justices hold, including three currently in law school, one in a master’s program, and three undergraduates; we also have an advisor who holds a J.D. and is very knowledgeable in legal matters. I intend to use the diversity of our Council to the advantage of ASUW as a whole.

While I would like to reach consensus on all decisions handed down by the Council, I will respect the right of any justice to dissent or concur in any case. We will have robust, civilized, and constructive debate to reach decisions that follow the working documents and maintain our role in the same fashion. As a Council, we will continue to operate in a manner that is fair and consistent with the rules and precedents of the past. With that being said, the Council aims to improve our processes to be more efficient, effective, consistent, and transparent. That goal is ambitious, but each of them are important and will not threaten the integrity of the others. Lastly, we will strike a balanced approach to every issue before us, while offering the members of the Council an enriching experience to develop professionally and personally.

Initiatives
The following initiatives have been developed for the Council to achieve the above stated goals:

- The Council will be aware of happenings within ASUW to be proactive in its operations.
- The Council will align its Rules and Procedures to conform with provisions in other ASUW working documents.
- The Council will update its initiation forms to be clearer for stakeholders to bring matters before the Council.
- The Council will update its hearing documents and scripts to be consistent and fair to all sides and conform with ASUW working documents.
- The Chief Justice will create training videos on all ASUW working documents for Associate Justices to review to gain an understanding of ASUW’s history and operations.
- The Council will abide by all deadlines set for itself in the Rules and Procedure and aim to exceed them, when possible.
- The Council’s member will strictly abide by the duties and responsibilities set forth for them in the ASUW working documents.
- The Council will work to be a part of the 21st century by allowing virtual meetings in an effort to be transparent and accommodating of all.

Conclusion
The ASUW Judicial Council has a long and storied history and the Council of this academic year seeks to uphold this and forge a path of its own in a respectful manner. We will do this by holding ourselves accountable internally, but also being open to constructive, civil criticism from others. The Council aims to reach the goals outline above, and many more. In summary, we plan to be timely, fair, consistent, and transparent. To accomplish this, the Council will have to update many of its own internal documents and open up proceedings to outside stakeholders; we plan to look at the federal structure to do so. I look forward to working with the Advisor and my six associate justices to do this and would welcome feedback on these plans and any issues.

In service to ASUW,

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