

## **President**

**Candidate:** Eric Cohen

### **Questions:**

1. As the representative of the UW Seattle student body, how are you going to remain cognizant of different student issues?

One of my biggest goals as President is to create new channels for students to connect with ASUW. Many students currently feel that it is hard to communicate with the student government. I hope to build an ASUW Discord and subreddit so that the board will have a direct channel to communicate with students; this of course, will be supplemented by more active use of the ASUW's existing social media accounts. This will enable the ASUW to simply have conversations with students whether or not they have concerns. I also plan to utilize the UW Twitch, Youtube, and Facebook streaming service to stream information sessions about important school updates, policies, and decisions, as well as entertaining programming that can connect and engage students while getting immediate feedback through the chats. Finally, I hope to create an adaptation of the current President's Coffee with Kelty called Games with Eric where I would go to the HUB Games area to play games with students, stream, and answer questions students might have both directly through face to face conversation, and through the stream chats.

2. How do you plan on simultaneously welcoming a new class of students while also acknowledging the collective trauma of COVID-19?

I truly believe that the key to welcoming the new class is to be as transparent as possible. We, as a school, need to make it clear to the students that COVID-19 has greatly impacted this school and the dynamic will have changed, but it is also essential to show that we, as the representatives of the students, are here as a resource to support the new class in any and every way we can. This can be in the form of providing resources, giving guidance, and even just being an ear for them to vent, among other things. This shift needs to begin as soon as possible, with Advisory and Orientation (A&O). A&O is the only time where the school has the ability to provide information to every single freshman and know that they will at least receive it. I plan to, or have board members help me, attend every single session and show the incoming class what ASUW has to offer. My hope is to show the new class that we are here to make their experience at this school the most fun, captivating, and experiential as we possibly can.