

ASUW Student Senate  
February 1, 2004  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 5:25 pm.

Chair **Zach Tobin** entertained any modifications to the agenda.

*Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** moved to add under a Public Forum for five minutes with Anthony Rose. Seconded.  
The amendment passed.*

***Jon** moved to add R-11-14 to New Business. Seconded.  
The amendment passed.*

***Angela Ju** moved to place R-11-13 at the beginning of New Business.  
Seconded.  
The amendment passed.*

***Aiko Akers** moved to refer R-11-16 to the floor and add it to New Business.  
Seconded.  
The amendment passed.*

*Secretary **Alex Kim** moved to approve the agenda. Seconded.  
The motion passed.*

#### Committee Chair Reports

Campus Affairs Vice-Chair **Scott Ladner** reported that the committee held first readings of R-11-19 concerning the continued operation of RainyDawg.

Academic Affairs Chair **Steve Kushnir** said the committee talked about course fees.

General Affairs Vice-Chair **Megan Wilbert** said that the committee passed through a resolution concerning medicine for third world nations.

Off-Campus Affairs Chair **Mae Diligencia** said the committee passed the resolution concerning parking fees to the floor. Light rail was also discussed in committee as a possible resolution.

Faculty and Administrative Affairs Chair **Joel Murray** said the committee discussed R-11-18 concerning the biological research building.

Publicity and Outreach **Aiko Akers** reported that the committee passed the resolution in support of Lobby Day and is still discussing the resolution in support of the Relay for Life; she said it would hopefully pass through next week. She said she is making progress on getting a banner for Senate tabling.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** reported that the committee discussed the possibility of a Senate formal in the Spring and also an end-of-year Senate Roast.

Public Forum – Higher Education Coordinating Board Member Anthony Rose  
**Anthony Rose** introduced himself to the body. He is the student representative to the HECB. He said there was an important meeting last Thursday. The main topic discussed was the expansion of the branch campuses, specifically UW Bothell and UW Tacoma. UW Tacoma was approved to expand and begin accepting freshman and sophomores. UW Bothell is co-located with Cascadia Community College, and so there were some more issues to resolve in that case.

He also said that the HECB discussed increasing college admission standards across the state. It will get rid of the admission index, but it will also make it required to be taking at least 3 high school credits a year directly going to college admission standards in high school. Anthony said he was in support of the changes as long as high school graduation standards reflected college admission standards, and they currently do not.

He also said that the HECB is working on getting a system for finding out how credits would transfer to other schools. This system would be very expensive, and it would require massive lobbying by students themselves.

***Dana Little** moved to extend time for the public forum for 5 minutes. Seconded. The motion passed.*

**Anthony** entertained questions.

**Steve Kushnir** asked about last year's failed plan to create a Cascadia State University. He asked what the HECB wanted to in order to create a university in Bothell. **Anthony** said the issue was that UW Bothell was co-located with Cascadia. Surprisingly, Cascadia is currently only #5 in terms of students transferring to UW Bothell. The plan is not being rejected now; it's being pushed back a year and UW Tacoma is going ahead.

**Sheridan Gray** wondered if Anthony could write down where the public forum would be. **Anthony** said he would e-mail Zach once he got the information.

**Anthony** also reported that discussion was going on about tuition policy for children of undocumented immigrants.

**Aiko Akers** asked if there was a place where this information was available in print for viewing. **Anthony** said he agreed, and suggested that members hold the ASUW Lobbyist accountable to provide this information from Olympia to them. He expressed doubt that ASUW Lobbyists were doing a proper job in Olympia. He said that he never saw the ASUW Lobbyists at the HECB meetings, and so he had to come and tell students what was going on.

**Joel** asked about performance contracts. **Anthony** said that the issue wasn't breached in the past meeting because of the length of the discussion concerning the branch campuses was so deep.

**Anthony** mentioned that task forces were being formed concerning the bioterrorism buildings; it suggested to him that plans to construct them were going ahead, and he encouraged students to inquire as to their potential role formulating policy concerning these buildings on campus.

#### Chair's Report

**Zach Tobin** said that offer of free lunch still stood for anyone who submitted two pieces of viable legislation. He said that the Senate did a great job in the flag salute debate and thanked the body. Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** announced that Acting Provost David Thorud would be coming to the Senate to talk about the bioterror facility being proposed for campus and that there would even be time for questions.

**Zach** yielded to Enrique Gonzales.

**Enrique** said Affordable Tuition Now was holding elections for many of the vacant officer positions, and that ATN would be working with the Legislative Steering Committee to put together Lobby Day. He encouraged members to e-mail [tuition@u.washington.edu](mailto:tuition@u.washington.edu) if they were interested.

**Zach** added that flyers had been passed out so members could express their preferred slogan for Lobby Day.

#### Presidential Privilege

President **Kelsey Knowles** said that President Emmert would be coming to speak to the Board of Directors, and encouraged members of the Senate to attend or talk to a board member if they wanted certain issues addressed. She said, in regard to Anthony's statements, that she was sorry for not getting back more often to students on what the ASUW was doing in the legislature, and said that Jamie had expressed similar sentiments. She said that at <http://ogr.asuw.org/>, legislative updates were now available detailing all relevant bills being discussed. She disagreed with Anthony that Jamie was "doing nothing in Olympia. She said she's heard rumors that the bill concerning terms of student regents had been amended to allow the regents themselves to decide the term of the student regent. She said that the ASUW would still be lobbying

against this because it restricted who could be a student regent. She also wanted to highlight the next Board of Regents meeting on February 17th where they would be discussing next year's tuition and fees for grad and non-resident undergraduates.

She also wanted to congratulate the American Indian Student Commission and RainyDawg Radio for their recent successful events.

**Aiko Akers** asked, under the proposed bill, when the regents could determine the term of the student regent. **Kelsey** said that the way the bill was now, the Regents could set the student regent's term anytime they wished, even midterm.

**Cammie Croft** asked if Kelsey had submitted corrections to The Daily concerning its article about the student regent terms. **Kelsey** said that Sean Kellogg had sent a letter and **Garrett** added that Jamie Corning had also made a statement regarding the matter.

**Jeff Stevens** asked about the ASUW stance on a potential bill negating I-200. **Kelsey** said that Jamie had not yet formulated a stance.

**Hala** asked who would be deciding the ASUW stance. **Kelsey** said it would be her, Krystal Starwich, and Jamie Corning.

**Alex Kim** asked if Kelsey would be willing to have such a discussion here in the Senate. She said she would "if it was time appropriate."

#### Board of Directors Report

**Garrett Parks** reported that the ASUW would be holding special forums about what it was like to be a board member and encourage people to get involved in ASUW. He also introduced the various Lobby Day slogans. He added that the Director of Programming wanted to conduct the night walk, but they were lacking much interest. Still, they were aiming for a date in March to hold the event.

He said he and Jon Lee had met with Dean Bridges and discussed various issues, including class solicitations. It was currently left to the instructor's discretion, and there was a possibility that the Senate could draft legislation against it. They also discussed the 225-credit policy for completing dual degrees, but Garrett doesn't think the policy will change.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

##### Elections for Senate Rep to ASUW Power Struggle

Zach said that candidates would have ten seconds to present themselves with a 5 minute limit on total debate.

**Cammie Croft, Sam Al-Khoury, Aaron White, Kathleen Lam, Mary Buslon, Angelena Crown, Tyler Dockins, and Christian Albut** stood nominated from last week.

**Sam Al-Khoury** withdrew his candidacy.

**Karl Smith** said the events of competition would be soccer, football, croquet, a game of wits, a game of gluttony, basketball, and a tiebreaker of ASUW trivia.

**Jon Lee** nominated **Devin Craig**. *Declined.*

**Rachel Flynn** nominated **Ryan Mattson**. *Declined.*

**Jon Lee** nominated **Jamil Suleman**. *He was absent.*

The candidates presented themselves to the Senate and answered several questions.

**Aaron White** was elected to *Team Senate*.

R-11-13: A Resolution in Support of the University of Washington Town Hall with Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels

Sponsor **Angela Ju** presented the legislation to the Senate.

**Alex Kim** moved to suspend the rules and place the resolution on second readings. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

**J.B. Maxwell** moved to amend the 1<sup>st</sup> WHEREAS clause such that "Pi Alpha Sigma" would be corrected to "Pi Sigma Alpha." *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

**Will Miller** moved to amend the 2<sup>nd</sup> WHEREAS clause to correct the event time to read "5:30 to 7:00pm" location to read "Kane Hall 210." *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

**Aiko Akers** noticed that this is during the Senate, but wondered if perhaps Senate should not be in session so that members could attend. **Angela** said that the resolution was mostly to encourage members' constituents to attend.

**Alex** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

**R-11-13 passed.**

R-11-11: A Resolution in Appreciation of Dr. Ernest R. Morris for his dedication to Students at the University of Washington

Sponsor **Jon Lee** presented his legislation. **Jon** said this was just to show our appreciation for Dr. Morris.

**Joel** said that the Faculty and Administrative Affairs Committee passed the legislation with a unanimous favorable recommendation.

**Jon Evans** moved to suspend the rules and place the legislation on second readings. *Seconded.*

*The motion passed.*

**Sheridan Gray** moved to table the legislation for one week. *Seconded.*

*The motion passed.*

SB-11-2: A Bill to Institute Instant Run-off Voting in ASUW Elections

Sponsor **Karl Smith** moved to postpone the presentation for one week considering that the legislation was not up-to-date on the monitor.

R-11-12: An Act In Support of Student Involvement in the Selection of the New Vice President for Student Affairs

Sponsor **Jon Lee** said that student involvement was vital in choosing a new Vice President for Student Affairs. He presented his legislation to the Senate.

**Alex Kim** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*

*The motion passed.*

R-11-14: A Resolution to Increase Overload Policy Transparency to Students

Sponsor **Steve Kushnir** said that the entire committee had sponsored the legislation, and he yielded to **Jolene Carlson**. **Jolene** said the legislation was basically about getting information about departmental class overload policies on the actual time schedule. She presented her legislation to the Senate.

**Will Miller** moved to suspend the rules and place the legislation on second readings. *Seconded.*

*The motion failed.*

**Steve** said that several amendments had been made concerning the wording of the THAT clause. **Alex** apologized for not getting current versions of legislation on the presentation computer.

**Patrick Mar** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*

*The motion passed.*

R-11-15: A Resolution Supporting High-Performance Green Building at UW

Sponsor **Kayanna Warren** presented her legislation to the Senate.

**Aaron Best** (co-president of the Sustainable UW Alliance) said that LEEDS was now the de-facto standard for green buildings. He said that Silver LEED was a middle ground in terms of costs and benefits. **Kayanna** added that the resolution would show the legislature that students were indeed interested in building green buildings on campus. She said we needed students to say that this was important to them.

**Joel Murray** said that the FAA committee passed the legislation with a unanimously favorable recommendation.

**Jon Evans** asked about upfront cost differences. **Aaron** replied that in California, green buildings were found to have 2% higher costs but with 20% lower operational costs.

**J.B. Maxwell** asked what other third-party certifications there were. **Aaron** said there were others more related to laboratories, but LEED had emerged as the true leader in these standards.

**Joel Murray** asked if there had been any studies on how long it takes for institutions to recover the higher upfront costs of green buildings. **Aaron** said it varied.

**Ryan Mattson** asked if the group had gotten feedback from the UW administration and also if UW was expecting to build new buildings in the future. **Kayanna** said they had talked to capital projects, who had said they were largely in support of green buildings. Additionally, she added that UW had already built some green buildings. **Aaron** said he thought that students were in a position to take the lead in demanding green buildings.

**Erin Shields** wondered if there were similar standards for the renovation of buildings. **Aaron** said that there were, and welcomed an amendment placing these standards in the resolution as well.

**Jon Evans** asked if any other campuses had passed similar policies. It was replied that the entire University of California system had this policy in effect. The sponsors had not heard of increases in tuition because of this.

**J.B. Maxwell** asked how green buildings helped environments.

**Devin Craig** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

R-11-16: Resolution in Support of Student Involvement in Lobby Day  
Sponsor **Sheridan Gray** presented his legislation.

**Mike Leichner** moved to dispense with readings. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

**Sheridan** said that this bill asks faculty to excuse students who are participating in Lobby Day.

**Aiko Akers** said Publicity and Outreach Committee passed the legislation with a unanimously favorable recommendation.

**Alex Kim** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

Announcements followed.

**Zach** adjourned the Senate.