

ASUW Student Senate  
October 12, 2004  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 5:05 PM.

Senate Chair **Zach Tobin** entertained a motion to approve the agenda.  
*So moved, seconded. Approved.*

#### Chair's Report

**Zach** made introductory remarks to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session.

**Zach** asked members to please be patient... the officers are working hard to implement the membership reforms. He asked for any questions to be e-mailed to him. Commuter senator sign-ups will be passed out later in the meeting. He had the other officers introduce themselves.

#### Presidential Privilege

ASUW President **Kelsey Knowles** thanked the body for coming today. She encouraged members to visit the ASUW office and talk to directors and Senate officers as well. She is really excited about the year and is looking forward to putting on more events, especially in celebration of the first football win of the year. ASUW is still looking for volunteers for its committees. Apply online at ASUW.org. There is a calendar of events available. Also, the Board of Regents is meeting Thursday 3PM, please come if you're interested to these public meetings.

#### BOD Report

Directors **Chris Barrows** and **Garrett Parks** greeted the body and introduced themselves. They also introduced the rest of the Board of Directors. The BOD Report will consist of what the board is doing weekly. The ASUW Film Series begins tomorrow with Harry Potter and Spider-man 2. This Friday is "Come Together Washington". The Board is forming a RainyDawg Frequency taskforce as well. **Garrett** went on to describe the liaison role in the Senate: to facilitate dialogue, conversation, and make efficient changes for the benefit of students. **Garrett** represents students on all faculty committees, and there is now an opening of the Committee of Academic Conduct. The committee is seeking a woman to fill this seat. He encouraged members to apply. **Garrett** yielded to Vice-President **Andy O'Connell**. **Andy** detailed the process for obtaining a commuter Senate seat and began circulating a sheet for members to obtain interview times.

#### GPSS Report

GPSS Secretary **Jeff Stevens** introduced himself and greeted the body. GPSS is located down the hall in HUB 300 and is basically the ASUW for graduate

students. GPSS met officially on October 6 last week and received a report regarding performance contracts. The GPSS website contains an executive summary of performance contracts and **Jeff** encouraged members to take a look at it and reflect upon this important issue.

#### UW Alumni Association

**Courtney Acitelli** greeted the body and introduced herself. She told members about AA grants available for RSOs. The first deadline is October 25 and applications are available from her. She also encouraged members to attend Come Together Washington. She added, "Be there or be a rhombus."

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

##### Emergency election of Legislative Steering Committee liaison

**Zach** stressed the need for the Senate to immediately elect its liaison to the LSC. He entertained a motion to suspend the rules and allow for nomination and election in the same meeting.

*So moved, seconded. Approved.*

**Zach** detailed the job of the LSC liaison. Legislative Coordinator **Krystal Starwich** also encouraged members to run for the position and talk to her about the job itself.

***Rachel Flynn** nominated **Hitha Palepu**. Nomination declined.*

**Sean Kellogg** encourages anyone who is interested in the legislative process and learning more to run. **Krystal** also detailed meeting times for the committee.

***Jon Lee** nominates **Margo Anderson**. Nomination declined.*

***Chris Barrows** nominates **Aaron White**. Nomination accepted.*

***Sean Kellogg** nominates **Deepak Parashar**. Nomination accepted*

***Alex Kim** nominates **Will Miller**. Nomination accepted*

***Ryan Mattson** nominates **Hala Dillsi**. Nomination accepted*

***Nick Dayton** nominates **Jeremy Sandler**. Nomination accepted.*

***Nick Dayton** nominates **Mike Wallin**. Nomination accepted by **Nick Dayton** on behalf of **Mike Wallin**.*

***Jon Lee** nominates **Alvin Chen**. Nomination accepted.*

The candidates gave their introductory speeches. **Zach** opened the floor to questions for 3 minutes.

**Ryan Mattson** asked what other issues were important besides tuition. **Hala** believes safety is an important issue. **Will** said that besides tuition, textbook prices had to be dealt with. **Aaron** said the Student Conduct Code was important. **Jeremy** said that along with the conduct code, it is important to consider how UW students are perceived by the community. **Nick** said that the

job of the liaison is to represent the Senate rather than personal opinions. **Deepak** said that expanding minority enrollment was important. **Alvin** said that education in general is important, but personal opinions are irrelevant.

Time elapsed for questions.

**Jon Lee** moved to extend for 2 minutes. *Seconded. Approved.*

OGR Director **Jamie Corning** said that the job entails reaching out to many different students and representing them. He asked candidates to describe past experience representing large constituencies.

**Alvin** said he was high school class treasurer, currently involved with Phi Eta Sigma, and that he ran a seminar for the business school. **Deepak** said he has been to many different types of schools. **Nick** says that when Mike ran for BOD, he got quite a few votes, showing he was able to represent groups. Jeremy said he was a senator for his fraternity last year. Aaron also said he was a senator last year, and he said he is now PR assistant for the entire Greek system. Will participated in crew team during high school and organized the first ever “row for the cure”. Hala said she did Junior Statesmen of America in high school, and is currently an RA in Terry Hall.

Time elapsed for questions. Chair calls for vote by placard.

**Hala Dillsi** is elected Senate Liaison to the LSC.

#### R-11-1 Resolution in Support of Cake

Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** assumed the chair, as **Zach** sponsored the resolution.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The debate and action on R-11-1 proceeded according to a script. Traditionally, the first resolution of the session is used to demonstrate Senate debate procedures to new senators.

**Zach** presented the resolution.

As the bill was referred directly to the floor, there is no committee report. **Zach** said that after a year of hard work, the Senate would deserve cake.

**Karl** opened the floor to questions, first readings.

**Sheridan Gray** asked, “Like, who are our advisors?”

**Rene Singleton** and **Phil Hunt** introduced themselves to the body.

**Margo Anderson** said she doesn't like cake.

**Karl** declared **Margo's** remark out of order.

**Hitha Palepu** moves to place the resolution on second readings. Approved.

**Margo Anderson** again remarked that she doesn't like cake.

**Hitha Palepu** called Margo a “baby”.

**Karl** ruled **Hitha's** remark out of order.

*It was moved to place the word “chocolate” before cake in the first THAT clause. Seconded.*

Discussion proceeded.

*It was moved to limit debate to one more speaker. Seconded. Approved.*

*Debate closed. The amendment failed.*

*It was moved to close debate on the resolution. Seconded. Approved.  
R-11-1 passed.*

**OA-11-1 An Organic Act to Implement New Bylaws and Rules**

**Karl** continued as chair of the Senate as **Zach** presented the recommendations of the Summer Bylaw Review Committee.

**Zach** introduced the committee: **Sean Kellogg, Sheridan Gray, Jamie Corning, Aiko Akers, Karl Smith, Cammie Croft, Kelsey Knowles.**

A condensed presentation proceeded.

**Else Washines** asked if signatures would be required only from new RSOs. **Aiko** replied that all RSOs will be required to obtain the unique signatures.

**Karl** officially opened the floor for questions regarding membership.

It was asked whether there is there a cap on RSOs in the Senate. It was answered that there is not.

It was asked if signatories need to be members of the RSO. It was answered that they do not.

**Hala Dillsi** asked when the deadline is to obtain the signatures. It was answered that RSOs previously in the Senate will be given a Fall quarter grace period.

**Else** asked why the number 30 was chosen. It was answered that the original number was 50, and while it is rather arbitrary, it is in the Constitution.

**Alvin Chen** asked if the representation statement could change during the year. It was answered that it could not, but at each annual resubmission, changes could be made.

It was asked if there were any requirements for signatories. It was answered that signatories had to be ASUW members.

It was asked why so many details were placed in the Constitution beyond the ability of the Senate to change them independently. It was answered that compromise was needed to get the measure passed.

It was asked if there is a limit of one senator per RSO, and it was answered that there is.

**Sean Kellogg** clarified that 30 “unique” signatures means totally unique, meaning that a signatory can sign an RSO petition for only one RSO.

**Karl** reprimanded **Sean** for improper decorum.

**Krystal Starwich** asked why she was not allowed to support more than one RSO. It was answered that the limit was not meant to limit RSO participation; rather, it was meant to make the Senate more fairly representational.

**Rachel Liston** asked what the turnover period would be in terms of signature verification. **Sean Kellogg** answered that a computer program would be developed to automatically check names. However, he said that verification of whether the names were actual ASUW members would take longer. To compensate, RSOs would be given trust to obtain only ASUW member signatures, and later in the year, they would be randomly audited.

**Ben Pratt** asked if this uniqueness requirement was changeable, and it was answered that it is not.

**Nick Dayton** moved to end the question period on the membership portion of the presentation. *Seconded. Approved.*

Presentation of attendance rules proceeded. **Karl** opened the floor to questions.

**Margo Anderson** asked if there was still a distinction between excused and unexcused absences. It was answered that now that it is so easy to establish a proxy, the distinction was no longer made.

It was asked for the definition of “attendance” to be clarified. It was answered that attendance means one’s presence at Senate meetings from the call to order to adjournment.

**Nick Dayton** moved to end the question period. *Seconded. Approved.*

Presentation proceeded on accountability. **Karl** opened the floor to questions.

**Nick Dayton** moved to end the question period. *Seconded. Approved.*

Presentation proceeded on new Senate powers. **Karl** opened the floor to questions.

**Steve Kushnir** moved to end the question period. *Seconded. Approved.*

Presentation proceeded on legislation types, roll call voting, and quorum. **Karl** opened the floor to questions.

*It was moved to close debate on first readings of OA-11-1. Seconded. Failed.*

**Else** asked if the presentation made today would be available online. **Alex Kim** answered that it would be,

It was asked why was quorum reduced to 40%. **Jamie Corning** answered that this was the popular opinion of the number needed to conduct business.

**Erik Miller** asked about the legislation tabled last year that would limit a senator's ability to be liaison to multiple committees. **Zach** answered that the committee decided it was in the best interests of the body not to incorporate the legislation into the proposal. **Alex Kim** added that it is possible to submit legislation this year and make this change anyway.

*It was moved to close debate on first readings of OA-11-1. Seconded. Approved.*

Announcements followed.

**Zach** adjourned the Senate at 6:46 PM.