

ASUW Student Senate
November 16, 2004
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Committee meetings preceded the Senate.

Call to order at 5:17 PM.

Chair **Zach Tobin** asked for any modifications to the agenda.

He entertained a motion to approve the agenda.
So moved, seconded. Passed without objection.

Public Forum – Student Regent Alex Bolton

Alex Bolton introduced himself to the body. This is his 7th year coming to Student Senate meetings, and he said he understands the importance of Student Senate. The Board of Regents is the governing body of the university, and it also sets policy goals for all UW campuses. It considers broad general goals and allows the administration to consider finer details. It is not always clear what the role of the student regent is, but Alex considers himself a regent who also happens to be a student, and his decisions will consider what's best for Washington State and UW. He doesn't feel that the student regent should be a puppet for ASUW, but at the same time, he values the opinions he gets from bodies like the Senate. Some of his goals are retention of good professors, adjustment of the 210-credit policy, campus community improvement, and improvement of intercollegiate athletics. His e-mail address is stureg@u.washington.edu and he welcomes questions or concerns.

Public Forum – David Morgan

Director of Budget and Finance **David Morgan** encouraged members of RSOs who "like money" to apply for funding from ASUW Special Appropriations. The new website <http://money.asuw.org> was launched today.

Committee Chair Reports

Academic Affairs Chair **Steve Kushnir** reported that the committee talked about starting research on encouraging professors to create websites to help students, and also on getting tenured professors to obtain evaluations.

Campus Affairs Chair **Mike Leichner** reported that **Scott Ladner** was elected vice-chair. The committee also conducting brainstorming for potential legislation.

Faculty/Administrative Chair **Joel Murray** reported that Elspeth Williams was elected vice-chair. The committee continued its discussion of performance contracts and the complaints process. It is also discussing legislation which would commend outgoing Dean George Bridges.

Off-Campus Affairs Chair **Mae Diligencia** reported that the committee continued its discussion of the lease lid issue. She announced that on November 17 at 5:30PM, a public forum in the matter would be held at City Hall.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** reported that the committee elected vice-chair Angie Wallace. It also conducted first readings on the RHSA and IFC/Panhellenic seat allocation plans.

General Affairs Chair **Nick Dayton** reported that the committee members brainstormed about bills they may want to write later this quarter.

Publicity and Outreach Chair **Aiko Akers** had members fill out a survey concerning various ideas about how the Senate can reach out to new Senators, and also discussed possible social events.

Chair's Report

Zach told members to be sure to turn in placards after the meeting, and to e-mail him if they still had no committee assignment. He said that traditionally, the Legislative Agenda meetings go longer than 7pm, and encouraged members to stay and "have a good time."

ASUW Presidential Privilege

President **Kelsey Knowles** said that Special Appropriations has already allocated funds for several RSO events. Also, a search for a new provost is progressing. A time will come when the search committee will receive feedback from students on the new provost, and she greatly hopes that this will occur at the Senate. **Kelsey** also encouraged members to come out for an advanced screening of "National Treasure." Tickets are free from the HUB info desk.

GPSS Report

Hala Dillsi said that the GPSS approved their legislative agenda, and Harlan Patterson came to talk to them about performance contracts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

RainyDawg Radio Taskforce Liaison

Travis Grandy withdrew. **Zach Franklin** stood nominated.

Else Washines nominated **Mona Daniels**. Nomination accepted.

Zach Tobin called **Mona** and **Zach Franklin** to present themselves to the body.

Megan Wilbert asked what the candidates' experience with RainyDawg has been. **Mona** says that for Native American Heritage Month, RainyDawg has allowed her to be a DJ in order to play traditional music. **Zach** said he has none.

Travis Grandy asked if either listened to RainyDawg on regular basis. **Zach** said that he does occasionally. **Mona** said that she does not.

Sherwin asked what will the candidates would bring to RainyDawg. **Zach** said he'd bring an open mind. **Mona** said she wanted to see music from other cultures.

The period for questions ceased.

Zach Franklin was elected liaison to the RainyDawg taskforce.

LD-11-1: The Legislative Agenda, second readings

Zach Tobin said that according to the rules, the Senate must go through each point separately. Only at the end could shuffling of points or new points be made.

*Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** moved to suspend the rules in order to discuss the agenda section-by-section. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Zach again clarified the procedure.

Legislative Coordinator **Krystal Starwich** and Liaison **Hala Dillsi** proceeded to summarize the agenda. They began with the section regarding tuition and fees.

Jerry Derevyanny said he had an objection to differential tuition increases in graduate and professional fields. **Krystal** responded that it was a more open way to lobby for fairer tuition increases. **Kelsey Knowles** added that graduate and professional students were also ASUW members, and that we had a responsibility to lobby on their behalf as well.

Jerry said that without an extensive differential tuition, one studying law and one studying English in order to go into teaching would end up with the same financial burden. Differentials make it possible for individuals to follow their true interests even when doing so doesn't translate into higher pay.

Cammie Croft asked what "extensive differential tuition increases" meant to the lobbyist. In the past, she said that it didn't necessarily mean an opposition to differential tuition. Director of Governmental Relations **Jamie Corning** replied that he agreed, saying it referred simply to increases and not to overall tuition differences.

***John** moved to strike "and for graduate and professional students" from the 5th clause. Seconded.*

J.B. Maxwell said that since people in different fields get paid differently, we couldn't expect them to pay the same tuition.

Nick Dayton said that if we remove this and allow, for example, higher increases in law tuition, people would be discouraged from being public defenders.

Aiko said that this wasn't an expression of opposition to differential tuition, but rather, an expression of opposition against differential increases.

Mike Wallin said he was in support of the amendment.

Steve Kushnir reiterated that the language was simply opposing the differential increase, not tuition in general.

Alice Lemieux said that the current amendment and discussion didn't really pertain to the original problem that had been brought up.

Krystal pointed out that removing these students from the legislative item removed a part of ASUW constituency to whom we were accountable to.

It was moved to close debate. Seconded. Motion passed.

The amendment failed.

Steve Kushnir moved to close debate. *Seconded. Motion failed.*

Jerry moved to amend the section such that the word "unreasonable" would be added in front of "extensive" and the word "undergraduate" in front of "tuition classifications" in the fifth point. *Seconded.*

Mike Leichner moved to divide the question. *Seconded.*
Zach accepted the motion.

Debate proceeded on the first part of Jerry's amendment.

Nick Dayton said he thought the amendment was redundant.

It was moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

This part of the amendment failed.

Debate proceeded on the latter half of Jerry's amendment.

Alice Lemieux moved to amend the amendment such that "undergraduate" would be replaced by "nonprofessional." *Seconded.*

Rachel Liston said that we've already discussed and failed this.

It was moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.
The amendment to the amendment failed.

It was moved to close debate. Seconded. Motion passed.
The amendment failed.

Travis Grandy moved to approve this section of the Legislative Agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Krystal and **Hala** proceeded to summarize the section on financial aid.

Angie Wallace asked if a tuition decrease would cut into funds available for financial aid. **Krystal** didn't think so.

Anthony Rose asked whether there was a provision in the agenda for ensuring that undocumented students could receive financial aid. **Krystal** said that it was largely a federal issue, and so it didn't have a place in the state legislative agenda. Also, she believes that points in the diversity section allow sufficient lobbying in the area.

Anthony asked if there would be specific language supporting the Dream Act. **Krystal** said that since the ASUW doesn't lobby the federal government, there would be no point in putting it in the agenda. Also, she said that the agenda doesn't deal with specific pieces of legislation.

Kelsey said that putting specific names of specific legislation was decided against in the committee. Also, she said that ASUW is non-partisan, and putting in specific names of legislation may give an improper impression.

Vice-President **Andy O'Connell** suggested that the reason the LSC removed the word "state" from "state legislative agenda" was exactly in order to include federal issues.

Nick Dayton said that the committee had resisted including the names of specific legislation.

Aaron Schwitters said that the Dream Act could definitely be considered both a federal and state issue.

Kelsey said that the ASUW didn't have the resources to support lobbying on federal issues, and it might limit our lobbying power statewide.

Aiko asked for clarification on the Dream Act. **Aaron Schwitters** said it allowed children of undocumented workers to receive in-state tuition if they've been living in Washington for 3 years and can prove that they graduated from a state high school. **Andy O'Connell** added that while this was in conflict with a federal law, the courts have ruled to uphold a similar state law in California.

It was moved to close debate. Seconded. The motion failed.

Anthony Rose said that the issue was brought up at the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and this shows that the state is concerned with the issue.

Anthony said that the board was interested in UW opinion, and that therefore the ASUW should take a stand on this issue.

Jamie Corning said he agreed with **Anthony**, but that he didn't believe Financial Aid was the place to put place the statement; additionally, he added that the agenda should not mention the specific names of bills.

Nick Dayton said he wasn't sure we should put in specific names of legislation.

Alex Kim moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Krystal and **Hala** proceeded on the section regarding maintaining and expanding diversity.

Megan Woosley moved to strike "women" from the first clause. Seconded.

She said that the clause indicates that women are underrepresented and in fact, they are the majority on campus.

Aiko Akers said that this was true, but also, women on the faculty were still the vast minority. She said that "underrepresented" means more than just student population.

Kelsey Knowles added that women were still the minority in professional fields.

Andy O'Connell suggested that perhaps the reason women were the majority here was because the UW was making the conscientious effort.

Sheridan Gray said that perhaps the references to all of the specific groups listed here should be stricken.

Alex Kim said he disagreed, saying that the specific mentions referred to groups that were particularly disenfranchised.

Zach Tobin reminded the Senate that it was still considering the amendment to strike "women" from the first clause.

Alice Lemieux said that "women" did not refer only to students.

Rachel Liston moved to close debate. Seconded. The motion passed.

The amendment failed.

Krystal Starwich entertained a motion to amend the preamble to say: "Learning from those whose experiences, beliefs, and perspectives are different is an essential component of a quality education, and these lessons can best be taught in a richly diverse intellectual and social environment. The ASUW

strongly advocates for expanding the diversity of the student body, faculty, and staff. Specifically:"

Aiko Akers moved to add the word "veterans" in the list in Point 1 of this section.

Seconded. The amendment passed without objection.

Tyler Hermsen moved to add "active military" in the same list. *Seconded.*

Alex Kim entertained a motion to change the amendment to "current military personnel."

So moved by Joel Murray. Seconded.

The amendment to the amendment passed without objection.

Chloe Ameh asked if current military personnel were really underrepresented on campus. **Tyler Hermsen** answered that he believed they were.

Kelsey said that the body needed to remember that too many underrepresented groups should not be added to this list.

Devin Craig moved to close debate. *Seconded. Motion passed.*

The amendment passed.

Erik Miller moved to change the first clause to read "sexual minorities (Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, Questioning), gender identities (Transgendered, Intersexed)" as opposed to "sexual minorities, Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian and Transgender people."

Nick Dayton said that the committee believed the term "sexual minorities" included identities not specifically mentioned.

Erik said that this would make the point more inclusive.

Shawn Fisher moved to amend the amendment to removed all text in parentheses.

He said that we weren't specifying in other cases either, and so we shouldn't in this case as well.

It was moved to close debate. Seconded. Motion passed.

The amendment to the amendment passed.

Alex Kim moved to amend the amendment to read "people of minority gender identity" rather than "gender identities".

Anthony Rose asked if **Erik** was comfortable with the new language. **Erik** replied that was not really.

Aiko Akers said that “gender identity” was still a new concept, and didn’t think the political arena was ready for this umbrella term. It was still too ambiguous.

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

The amendment to the amendment passed.

***Jeremy Sandler** moved to close debate. Seconded. Motion passed.*

The amendment failed.

***Lysondra Ludwig** moved to add a new point in the section which would read, “We support in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants.”*

Lysondra Ludwig believes that the university should do this. We should try to get more people fully represented.

Nick said that we shouldn’t support people who are not here legally.

Jeremy Sandler also said that illegal immigrants do not fully support the state, and therefore we should not fully support them.

Ben Pratt said he opposed this amendment because he hasn’t had a chance to talk to his constituents, and neither have the other senators.

Rachel Liston said that the United States has a long history of not punishing children for actions of their parents, and therefore, believes we should support this amendment.

Mike Leichner said that before debate proceeds, someone should move to amend the amendment to stipulate additional requirements. As it stands, it seems as if the ASUW promotes illegal immigration.

***Joel Murray** moved to amend the amendment such that the amendment would read “We support in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants who have proof of high school graduation in Washington State and have proof of at three years of residency.”*

Nick Dayton said that he liked this language much better than what we had before.

***Sam Al'Khoury** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

The amendment to the amendment failed.

Aiko moved to amend the amendment to say “We support maintaining current state law which provides in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants.”

Aaron Schwitters said that this still supports the Dream act.

Nick Dayton said that the current language must be changed to discuss only the children of immigrants.

Andy O'Connell said that since the HECB is currently discussing this, we should clearly support this point.

Alice Lemieux moved to close debate. Passed.

The amendment to the amendment passed.

*Andy O'Connell moved to amend the amendment to add the words “children of” before “undocumented immigrants”. Seconded.
The amendment to the amendment passed.*

It was moved to amend the amendment to strike the words “maintaining current state law which provides”. Seconded.

Andy said that Jamie would interpret the current language as meaning the law which was current at time of passage of the agenda, and that there was no need to remove the words.

Nick Dayton said that we should put in specific rights which we want rather than just referring to state law.

Jamie said that it is important to pass the agenda tonight, and he thinks the Senate getting too fine in particular details.

Alice Lemieux moved to vote immediately on the entire amendment at hand. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The amendment to the amendment failed.

The amendment passed.

Mike Wallin moved for a roll call vote. The motion passed with at least 10% of the present voting members as prescribed in the Senate bylaws.

The roll call vote proceeded. The results follow:

Secretary's Note: Membership Coordinator Jonathan Lee tallied and computerized the results ridiculously fast. I extend my deep gratitude.

Registered Student Organizations

Angela Ju - American Civil Liberties Union at UW - AYE

Jenny Serpa - American Indian Science Society - AYE
College Republicans - AYE
Angela Wallace - CORE - AYE
Ryan Mattson - Delta Lambda Phi - ABSTAIN
Anna Gonzalvo - Filipino American Student Association - AYE
Kathleen Lam - Honors Croquet League - AYE
Steve Kushnir - HuskIPAC - ABSTAIN
Luisa Pedroza - Interested Ladies of ΛΘΑ Sorority - AYE
Charles Rogers - Students for Social Change - AYE
Joe Sant - Taiwanese Student Association - AYE
Yi-Hua Chang - Tau Sigma Honor Society - NAY
Olgy Diaz - VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood - NAY
Rachel Liston - WashPIRG - AYE
Hala Dillsi - Young Democrats - AYE

IFC/Panhellenic

Tyler Hermsen - IFC Leadership - ABSTAIN
Thomas Lange - Delta Chi (IFC 4) - AYE
Alan Lau - Delta Upsilon (IFC 20) - NAY
Brian Pezzetti - Kappa Alpha Order (IFC 6) - NAY
Scott Lander - Lambda Chi Alpha (IFC 19) - NAY
Joel Murray - Phi Kappa Tau (IFC 8) - AYE
Tyler Dockins - Pi Kappa Alpha (IFC 10) - AYE
Eddie LeSage - Pi Kappa Phi (IFC 11) - AYE
Grant Cole - Sigma Alpha Epsilon (IFC 13) - NAY
Evan Roberts - Sigma Chi (IFC 17) - AYE
Steve TeSelle - Theta Chi (IFC 14) - AYE
Tara Hendershott - Panhellenic Leadership - ABSTAIN
Erin Shields - Alpha Xi Delta (Panhellenic 5) - AYE
Jennica McLean - Delta Zeta (Panhellenic 9) - NAY
Natalie Crawford - Kappa Delta (Panhellenic 12) - AYE
Becky Graham - Zeta Tau Alpha (Panhellenic 16) - NAY

RHSA

Mike Leichner - RHSA Leadership - NAY
Angelena Crown - Hansee Action! - AYE
Travis Grandy - McCarty Connection - AYE
Kayty Harrison - MacCity - AYE
Jeff Pollard - Terry/Lander Hall Council - AYE
Christina Oh - Terry/Lander Hall Council - AYE
Elspeth Williams - RHSA At-Large 1 - AYE
Maggie Ryan - RHSA At-Large 7 - NAY
Sherwin Tsao - RHSA At-Large 8 - NAY
Olivia Burkland - RHSA At-Large 11 - AYE
Chris Paredes - RHSA At-Large 15 - AYE
Laura Baird - RHSA At-Large 16 - NAY
Noelle Bobbe - RHSA At-Large 17 - NAY
Jerry Drescher - RHSA At-Large 21 - AYE
Sam Al'Khoury - RHSA At-Large 22 - NAY
Anya Pavlovic - RHSA At-Large 23 - AYE

ASUW Personnel and Constitutionally Protected Seats

Erik Miller - GBLTC Commission - AYE
Josefino Sanchez-Salazar - La Raza - AYE
Mavis Tevaga - Pacific Islander Student Commission - AYE
Kelsey Knowles - ASUW President - ABSTAIN
Zach Tobin - Senate Chair - ABSTAIN
Jonathan Lee - Senate Membership Coordinator - ABSTAIN

Alex Kim - Senate Secretary - AYE
Karl Smith - Senate Vice-Chair - AYE
Hillary Madsen - ASUW Women's Action Commission- AYE
Chloe Ameh - Black Student Union - AYE
Kaleena Marchand - First Nations at UW - AYE
Megan Wilbert - MEChA - AYE

Commuters

Vedrana Durakovic - Commuter 2 - NAY
Aiko Akers - Commuter 3 - AYE
Jamie Corning - Commuter 4 - ABSTAIN
Ben Pratt - Commuter 5 - NAY
Nick Dayton - Commuter 6 - NAY
Christian Albut - Commuter 7 - AYE
Shantel Martines - Commuter 8 - AYE
Jamil Suleman - Commuter 9 - AYE
Shawn Fisher - Commuter 11 - NAY
Allen Chen - Commuter 12 - AYE
Elese Washines - Commuter 13 - AYE
Razmig Keutelian - Commuter 14 - AYE
Lysondra Ludwig - Commuter 18 - AYE
Mike Wallin - Commuter 19 - NAY
Kayla Webley - Commuter 21 - AYE
Brendan Levy - Commuter 23 - AYE
Cammie Croft - Commuter 24 - AYE
Jerry Derevyanny - Commuter 26 - NAY
Mae Diligencia - Commuter 27 - AYE
Dana Little - Commuter 28 - AYE
Aaron White - Commuter 29 - AYE
Zenaida Olivias - Commuter 31 - AYE
Sia Bartell - Commuter 35 - AYE
Jac Stocks - Commuter 37 - AYE

The recorded vote was 55 AYE, 20 NAY, 8 ABSTAIN. The amendment stands passed.

Aiko Akers moved to adjourn the Senate. *Seconded. The motion passed.*

Zach Tobin adjourned the Senate at 7:25 PM.