

ASUW Student Senate  
November 23, 2004  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 5:15 PM.

Chair **Zach Tobin** called for any additions, deletions, or modifications to the agenda.

*It was moved to approve the agenda. Seconded.  
Passed without objection.*

Committee Chair Reports

Academic Affairs Chair **Steve Kushnir** said that the committee talked about continuing research.

Off-Campus Affairs Chair **Mae Diligencia** said that the committee decided to talk about issues that may actually yield legislation.

Publicity and Outreach Chair **Aiko Akers** reported that the committee talked about plans for promoting senate; also, it discussed possible Senate socials.

Faculty and Administrative Affairs Chair **Joel Murray** said that the committee passed the resolution to commend Linda Buck. It also passed the resolution commending George Bridges. These will be going to the floor next week.

General Affairs Vice-Chair **Megan Wilbert** reported that the committee looked at act to create the ASUW power struggle.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** reported that the committee discussed and passed the seat allocation plans.

Campus Affairs did not meet.

Statement from the Director of the Office of Government Relations

**Jamie Corning** said that committees in Olympia were starting to meet next week. He “begged” senators to stay as late as needed to pass the agenda today so he could start lobbying as soon as possible. He also urged senators to limit the scope of the agenda to higher education.

BOD Report

Director **Chris Barrows** said that last Thursday, new taskforces were passed: the spring fling taskforce and the homecoming taskforce. Nominations for Senate liaisons to these taskforces are starting today. Director **Garrett Parks** said that \$518.00 was appropriated to the Experimental College to update their office. He also mentioned major developments in the course fees issue in that the administration is closer to getting course fees defined and justified as to what exactly they are for. Also a group sought endorsement from the Board for a concert in Spring quarter.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Nominations for Commuter Union Task Force Liaison

**Chris Barrows** nominated **Mike Wallin**. Not present.

**Jon Lee** nominated **Jacqueline Stocks**. Accepted.

**Jon Lee** nominated **Brendan Levy**. Declined.

Nominations for Spring Fling Task Force Liaison

**Travis Grandy** nominated **Ryan Mattson**. Declined.

**Adriana** nominated herself.

**Garrett Parks** nominated **Aaron White**. Accepted.

**Jon Lee** nominated **Nikki Iglesias**. Declined.

Nominations for Homecoming Task Force Liaison

**Jenni Backes** nominated **Ryan Mattson**. Accepted.

Further nominations and election of liaisons will occur next week.

LD-11-1: 2005 ASUW Legislative Agenda

**Zach Tobin** reminded senators that the rules were suspended last week to consider entire topic sections at once. Also, he said that Steering had imposed a 30 second time limit for each speaker.

Legislative Coordinator **Krystal Starwich** and Senate Liaison **Hala Dillsi** presented to the Senate. **Krystal** reminded senators of what the Legislative Agenda was.

**Zach** said that we were previously debating the section on maintaining and expanding diversity. The discussion proceeded.

**Angela Ju** moved to amend such that “people of color” would be replaced by “racial and ethnic minorities”. Seconded.

**Angela** believes it is possibly less offensive.

**Megan Wilbert** said that the word “minority” is sometimes belittling.

**Jamil Suleman** said, “Don’t do it.”

There was no further debate.

*The amendment failed.*

**Travis Grandy** moved to amend the preamble such that the words “are different from our own” would be replaced with “of all individuals” and also “those whose” with “the”. Seconded.

**Jeremy Sandler** said he supports this because the prior language was divisive and this is much more inclusive of all students.

**Hala Dillsi** moved to amend the amendment such that the preamble would begin with the words “Learning for those who have different experiences, beliefs, and perspectives is an essential ...”. It was taken as friendly.

Secretary **Alex Kim** said it could be ethnocentric to leave the preamble as is.

**Jamie Corning** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

*The amendment passes.*

**Steve Kushnir** moves to amend first bullet point to strike the entire list of minority groups and make it read instead, “...increase accessibility for underrepresented groups on campus.” Seconded.

**Steve** said that listing groups is unfair to minority groups unlisted.

**Jacqueline Stocks** thinks it is more inclusive than listing groups specifically.

**Erik Miller** feels that leaving the language vague provides room for minorities to be left out and be un-included. He said it is very important that we try to include as many groups as possible.

**Jeremy Sandler** said that this gives minority groups the basis to go to Olympia and lobby themselves.

**Aiko Akers** said that the list specifies interpretations for the lobbyist, and that we should fail this amendment.

**Ryan Mattson** said that these specific groups are the ones we want to remember and remind the lobbyist as such.

President **Kelsey Knowles** said she was against the amendment also because these groups are left out of every definition of diversity in Olympia already. These are things legislators can’t necessarily think of themselves.

**Steve** expressed concern that minority groups like religious minorities were not provided for in the current language.

Vice-President **Andy O’Connell** said that taking the list out makes it easier for the lobbyist to disregard groups that aren’t mentioned.

**Zenaida Olivas** moves to close debate. Seconded.  
*The motion passed.*

*The amendment failed.*

**Else Washines** mentioned that the preamble to this section was much longer than that of other sections. She asked why LSC felt so much more explanation was needed in this case.

**Krystal** said that it was because these issues were more complex and multifaceted. She admitted it was a bit wordy, but it encompasses the importance students give these issues.

**Mona Daniels** moved to amend the preamble such that “different” would be replaced with “diverse”. *Seconded.*

**Angie Wallace** said that “diverse” was not necessarily grammatically correct. It meant “many” not “different”.

**Megan** said that this showed why the change should be made, since thinking of “difference” implied thinking of a collective “we”.

**Alex Kim** said that “difference” should actually be interpreted on an individual basis.

*It was moved to close debate. Seconded. The motion passed.*

*The amendment passed.*

**Steve Kushnir** moved to amend the first bullet point to read, “...increase accessibility for underrepresented groups such as women, people of color, ...”. *Seconded.*

**Jamil Suleman** said that he didn’t like the word “underrepresented.”

**Tyler Dockins** moved to close debate. *Seconded. Motion passed.*

*The amendment failed.*

**Aaron White** moved to close debate on the topic. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

The debate proceeded to the section concerning state funding.

**Steve Kushnir** moved to amend the section such that the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point would be stricken from the agenda. *Seconded.*

He said that some departments need more funding than others, and “balanced” funding is unfair to those departments.

**Aiko Akers** objected, saying that “balanced” probably refers to quality, not simply funding.

**Krystal Starwich** explained that “equal funding” is different from “balanced funding”: it just means that smaller departments aren’t “taken out of the loop”.

**Jon Evans** asked if there was some documented imbalance already. **Jamie** said the legislature this year may freeze fund increases for departments that weren’t in high-demand.

**Andy O’Connell** said he appreciated Aiko’s point, but believed the current language did not state that.

**Steve Kushnir** moved to amend the amendment such that the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point would be made to read, “We support balancing of new funding of to ensure equal quality of all programs and courses of study.” *Seconded.*

**Steve** said that this clearly specified the Senate’s intent to the lobbyist.

**Ryan Mattson** said he thought it was redundant.

**Alex Kim** said he thought the body was wasting time on minute details.

**Jamie Corning** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*  
*Motion passed.*

*The amendment to the amendment passed.*

**Cammie Croft** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

*The amendment passed.*

**J.B. Maxwell** asked if “higher education” referred to all higher education in the state. **Krystal** said that while our lobbyist would be lobbying for UW, rarely did a bill come up benefiting only UW.

**Aaron White** moved to close debate on the topic. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

The debate proceeded to the section on academics.

**Hala Dillsi** moved to amend the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point to read, “...two-year or four-year institutions to the University of Washington.” *Seconded.*

**Hala** said this made the point inclusive of those transferring from other 4-year schools.

**Jamie** withdrew his initial objection.

*The amendment passed without objection.*

**J.B. Maxwell** moved to strike the first bullet point.

He said that this point was redundant now, since we just amended the 2<sup>nd</sup> point.

**Alex Kim** said that this referred directly to the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA), and that we needed to take a stand on behalf of citizens.

**Jacqueline Stocks** said that such provisions gave people who couldn't otherwise afford college a way to come here.

**Krystal** said the committee strongly favored this point in the agenda.

**Jon Evans** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

*The amendment failed.*

**Aiko Akers** asked whether the legislative agenda as it stood instructed Jamie on how to lobby in terms of higher standards for a new DTA. **Kelsey** said that implementing some form of DTA would involve UW Bothell and UW Tacoma primarily, and a new DTA would probably serve those campuses. **Jamie** said that any proposal for a DTA would probably be supported.

*It was moved to amend the 3<sup>rd</sup> point to read, "We support the creation and expansion of academic programs..." Seconded.*

*The amendment passed without objection.*

**Steve Kushnir** moved to amend the 1<sup>st</sup> point to replace the word "guarantee" with "maximize".

**Steve** said that he was not in favor of guaranteeing admission for any students considering that we still had to cater to high school students.

**Krystal** clarified that DTAs allowed students who completed degrees at community colleges to enroll directly.

**J.B. Maxwell** said that he supported higher standards.

**Alex Kim** said he strongly disagreed. The UW is still a state school, and it has a duty to serve the citizens.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to amend the amendment to change "maximize" to "help".

**Alex Kim** said that we were further watering down the intent of this point in the agenda. He said that we need to demand a full DTA program so that more citizens could access the education we here are privileged to have.

**Aiko Akers** said that guaranteeing admission to those who got 3.8's in community college was a great idea.

**Nikki Iglesias** said that she was afraid of guaranteeing admission. She felt that her caliber of education was being compromised.

**Jamie** spoke against both amendments. There are a limited number of spots for direct transfer, and often, these are non-traditional students.

***Jon Evans** moved to close debate. Seconded.  
Motion passed.*

*The amendment to the amendment failed.*

**Krystal** said, saying that this statement did not represent the LSC, that she didn't want her university to be elitist, and wanted equal access to excellent to education.

***Jeremy Sandler** moved to amend the amendment such that it would read, "... guarantee admission to... students who SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE a course of study..." Seconded.*

He feels this is a good compromise between access of education and the quality.

**Hala Dillsi** feels that this amendment micromanages admissions. She said that putting this language in the Legislative Agenda oversteps our boundary.

***Jon Lee** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

*The amendment to the amendment failed.*

**Andy O'Connell** said that we should keep the original language because it maximizes Jamie's ability to lobby.

**Else Washines** urged voting down the amendment.

**Jon Lee** said the issue was funding, and that we needed to focus on sufficient funding for all programs.

***Jamie Corning** moved to close debate. Seconded.  
Motion passed.*

*The amendment failed.*

**Aaron White** moved to close debate on the topic. *Seconded.*  
*The motion passed.*

Debate proceeded to the section on health, safety, and welfare.

**Jon Evans** moved to close debate. *Seconded. Motion failed.*

**Aaron White** moved to amend the last point to read "...students including the expansion of the student conduct code." *Seconded.*

**Aiko Akers** said she worried that putting this here with civil rights might be laughable for some legislators.

**Ryan Mattson** said that the Student Conduct Code was already part of the understanding of "civil rights" here, and opposed the amendment.

**Andy O'Connell** said that indeed, it was a problem last year that legislators didn't read it there explicitly in the agenda.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to amend the amendment to read "...code to off-campus situations."

**Jamie Corning** said we might be getting too specific here.

**Jamil Suleman** moved to close debate. *Seconded.*  
*Motion passed.*

*The amendment to the amendment failed.*

**Hillary Madsen** moved to amend the amendment to read "...civil rights of students or to increase their liability or punishment based on their status as students."

**Angie Wallace** said that we should vote this down and replace with language which would bring the off-campus concern back.

**Alex Kim** said we were getting way too specific.

**Rachel Flynn** said we were splitting hairs.

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

*The amendment to the amendment passed.*

**Alex Kim** moved to close debate. *Seconded. Motion passed without objection.*

*The amendment passed.*

**Jon Evans** moved to close debate on the topic. *Seconded. The motion passed.*

The debate proceeded to the section containing position statements.

**Rachel Flynn** moved to vote immediately on the Legislative Agenda.  
*Seconded.*  
*The motion failed.*

**Aaron White** moved to close debate on the position statements. *Seconded.*  
*Passed without objection.*

**Zach Tobin** said that senators would now have a chance to rearrange points and debate the agenda as a whole.

**Angie Wallace** moved to place the point “We support funding of programs and capitals projects at the K-12...” from “Maintaining and Expanding Diversity” to “Position Statements”.

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

*The amendment passed.*

**J.B. Maxwell** moved to place the first point of the academics section (concerning guaranteed admission of community college graduates) to position statements.

He felt that these cases were far too isolated and that it limited the ability of the lobbyist to be effective.

**Ryan Mattson** said that this was something we actively lobbied on.

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

*The amendment failed.*

**Aaron White** moved to close debate on the Legislative Agenda. *Seconded.*  
The motion passed.

Per the bylaws, a roll call vote proceeded.

*It was moved to suspend the rules to hold a voice vote rather than a roll-call vote. Seconded.*  
*The motion failed.*

The roll call vote proceeded.

### Campus Life Committee

Mike Leichner – RHSA Leadership – AYE  
Scott Ladner – Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity (IFC 19) – AYE  
Anna Gonzalvo – Filipino American Student Association – AYE  
Priya Bhavan – South Asian Student Association – AYE  
Olgy Diaz – VOX – AYE  
Hala Dillsi – Young Democrats – AYE  
Jason Harmon – Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity (IFC 2) – AYE  
Tara Hendershott – Panhellenic Leadership – AYE  
Erin Shields – Alpha Xi Delta Sorority (Panhellenic 5) – AYE  
Megan Woosley – Sigma Kappa Sorority (Panhellenic 15) – AYE  
Luisa Pedroza – Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority – AYE  
Adriana Hilliard – ASUW Black Student Commission – AYE  
Thomas Lange – Delta Chi Fraternity (IFC 4) – AYE  
Aaron Schwitters – College Republicans – AYE  
J.B. Maxwell – SMAC – AYE

### Publicity and Outreach Committee

Aiko Akers – Commuter 3 – AYE  
Alison Thomas – Alpha Delta Pi Sorority (Panhellenic 2) – AYE  
Kate Rodgers – Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority (Panhellenic 11) – AYE  
Courtney Norris – Commuter 17 – AYE  
Joe Sant – Taiwanese Student Association – AYE  
Anya Pavlovic – RHSA At-Large 23 – AYE  
Kelly Ronan – RHSA At-Large 24 – AYE  
Van Nguyen – Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity – AYE

### Membership Committee

Jon Lee – Membership Coordinator – AYE  
Angie Wallace – CORE – AYE  
Jackie Bachik – Delta Gamma Sorority (Panhellenic 8) – AYE  
Travis Grandy – McCarty Connection – AYE  
Noelle Bobbe – RHSA At-Large 17 – AYE  
Vedrana Durakovic – Commuter 2 – AYE  
Else Washines – Commuter 13 – NAY  
Sam Al'Khoury – RHSA At-Large 22 – AYE  
Erika Monges – Commuter 44 – NAY

### Faculty and Administrative Affairs Committee

Joel Murray – Phi Kappa Tau (IFC 8) – AYE  
Angela Ju – ACLU at UW – AYE  
Sohaira Siddiqui – Muslim Student Association – AYE  
Danielle Aaro – Alpha Chi Omega Sorority (Panhellenic 1) – AYE  
William Miller – MacCity – AYE  
Jeff Pollard – TLHC – AYE  
Elspeth Williams – RHSA At-Large 1 – AYE  
Olivia Burkland – RHSA At-Large 11 – AYE  
Aaron White – Commuter 29 – AYE  
Mona Daniels – ASUW American Indian Student Commission – NAY  
Josefino Sanchez-Salazar – ASUW La Raza – NAY  
Jenny Serpal – American Indian Science and Engineering Society – AYE  
Cammie Croft – Commuter 24 – AYE

### Off-Campus Affairs Committee

Mae Diligencia – Commuter 27 – AYE  
Shawn Fisher – Commuter 11 – AYE  
Razmig Keutelian – Commuter 14 – AYE  
Brendan Levy – Commuter 23 – AYE  
Jerry Derevyanny – Commuter 26 – AYE  
Zenaida Olivas – Commuter 31 – AYE  
Steve TeSelle – Theta Chi Fraternity (IFC 14) – AYE  
Kayla Webley – Commuter 21 – AYE  
Erik Miller – ASUW GBLTC Commission – AYE  
Ninette Cheng – Chinese Student Association – AYE  
Niki Iglesias – Commuter 38 – AYE  
Jamie Corning – Commuter 4 – AYE

#### Academic Affairs Committee

Steve Kushnir – HuskIPAC – AYE  
Ryan Mattson – Delta Lambda Phi – AYE  
Yi-Hua Chang – Tau Sigma Honor Society – AYE  
Jeremy Sandler – Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity (IFC 1) – AYE  
Kelsey Taylor – Chi Omega Sorority (Panhellenic 6) – AYE  
Angelena Crown – Hansee Action! – AYE  
Kayty Harrison – MacCity – AYE  
Deepak Parashar – RHSA At-Large 6 – AYE  
Andrew Lincoln – RHSA At-Large 14 – AYE  
Jon Evans – RHSA At-Large 18 – AYE  
Alan Chen – Commuter 12 – AYE  
Kathleen Lam – Honors Croquet League – AYE

#### General Affairs Committee

Marissa Dolin – Students for Social Change – AYE  
Tyler Dockins – Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (IFC 10) – AYE  
Eddie LeSage – Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity (IFC 11) – AYE  
Grant Cole – Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity (IFC 13) – AYE  
Bretta Fogerty – Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority (Panhellenic 3) – AYE  
Andrew Spott – Haggett’s People Council – AYE  
Alvin Chen – Commuter 1 – AYE  
Jamil Suleman – Commuter 9 – NAY  
Hillary Madsen – ASUW Women’s Action Commission – AYE  
Chloe Ameh – Black Student Union – NAY  
Megan Wilbert – MEChA Student Organization - NAY

#### Non-committee Members

Kelsey Knowles – ASUW President – AYE  
Zach Tobin – Senate Chair – ABSTAIN  
Karl Smith – Senate Vice-Chair – ABSTAIN  
Alex Kim – Senate Secretary – AYE

***FINAL RESULTS: 75 AYE, 7 NAY, 2 ABSTAIN.***

***The 2005 ASUW Legislative Agenda passed.***

Announcements followed.

The senate adjourned at 7:04 pm.