

Minutes
January 17, 2006
5:00PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

I. Committee Meetings (20 minutes)

Committees met for 25 minutes prior to beginning the general senate meeting.

II. Call to Order

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 5:20

III. Approval of the Agenda

Bryce McKibben moved to suspend the rules and insert LD-12-2 as the 4th item under New Business. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Ed Marsh moved to place R-12-10 to the top of Old Business. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

Ed Marsh said he hoped to have discussion take place earlier in the meeting.

Travis Grandy said Melissa Aar had arranged to have guest speakers come to speak about her legislation.

Ed Marsh moved to place R-12-10 as the second item under old business. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed

Andrew Everett moved to place Old Business prior to New Business. Seconded. Objection.

Andrew Everett said senate should deal with the older issues first.

The motion failed.

Erin Shields moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

III. Public Forum UW Alumni Association

Courtney Acitelli introduced the Alumni Association's efforts for Career Week.

Andrew Everett asked what the procedure was for RSOs to get grants from the UWAA.

Courtney Acitelli said there was an application online for groups to browse to at www.uwalum.com

IV. Committee Reports

Faculty and Administrative Affairs: The committee discussed R-12-17 and passed it to the floor with no recommendation.

Academic Affairs: The committee elected a new Vice-Chair **Alex Gwozda**

Publicity and Outreach: The committee developed a way to communicate with residence hall students to show what legislation was considered in senate every week.

Membership Committee: The committee had no legislation to consider.

Campus Affairs: The committee had no legislation to consider.

General Affairs: The committee discussed R-12-18 and passed it favorably.

Off-Campus Affairs: The committee had no legislation to consider.

V. Chair's Report

Alex Kim noted that the annual Relay for Life Kickoff Event will be next Tuesday in the HUB auditorium at 7PM.

VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Lee Dunbar noted that the Presidential Student Forum would be taking place on January 25th in HUB 106B at 7:00, and the subject will be Community. He said several high level administrators would be available to talk to students.

He said students could RSVP to him at asuwpres@u.washington.edu

He said a lot of resolutions come out of such meetings and that it was a great opportunity for students.

He noted that an article appeared in the Seattle Times regarding the drop in enrollment of minority students. He encouraged students to look at the hard numbers and see for themselves the extent of the problem at UW.

He said that Ben Golden is still in Olympia lobbying on behalf of students and encouraged students to attend Lobby Day on February 1st.

Tyler Dockins noted that ASUW representatives went down to Olympia several times over the last few weeks to speak to legislators. He said sign up sheets are available and that a website will be available in the next few days. He said they would be taking ideas for Lobby Day t-shirt logos over the next week.

Alex Kim asked if teams would be formed this year.

Tyler Dockins responded that there would be a competition for the largest group of students that attends. He said the first place prize would be \$400, a second prize of \$200, and \$100 for third place.

He noted Student Senate won the competition last year.

Jon Lee asked what time students would be leaving and who would be providing the prize money.

Tyler Dockins said they would leave at 8 AM and would get back at 4:30. He said Affordable Tuition Now was providing the funds for the competition.

Andrew Everett asked if there would be a document available to give to professors to explain students' absences.

Alex Kim said there was and that it would be available online.

VII. Board of Directors Report

Jon Lee said the bike shop would be changing their price levels this week.

He said the HUB open house was coming soon.

He said tickets for 2 events were still on sale for the comedy on January 26th.

Hala Dillsi said students could win prizes for taking place in the HUB open house.

She said this week is Celebrate Your Body Week

She said Lunafest is playing at 6:30 on Thursday in the hub auditorium, with tickets costing \$5.

She said the Winter Pow-Wow is being put on by First Nations this coming Saturday in the HUB. She said the event will be free.

Jon Lee asked students to forward questions regarding the advising report that came out last week to himself or Lee Dunbar.

Andrew Everett asked if the price adjustments at the bike shop would just be price increases.

Jon Lee said that there would be price cuts as well as some increases.

VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

Hala Dillsi said GPSS passed a resolution regarding affordable textbooks and approved the STF increase.

IX. Orders of the Day

A. Nominations for Senate Liaisons

Ashley Miller explained the rolls of each of the committees.

Committee on Corporate Responsibility

Zach Tobin nominated Deidre Lockman. Accepted.

Angie Wallace nominated herself.

Ashley Miller nominated Melissa Aar. She declined.

Shawn Fisher nominated himself.

Childcare and Student Parents Issues Committee

Cailin Magruder nominated herself.

ASUW Television Committee

Ted Stone nominated Zach Tobin. He accepted.

Angie Wallace nominated Alex Lark. He accepted.

Sam Al-Khoury nominated Kareem Cervantes. He accepted.

Ashley Miller said the committee would meet every Monday afternoon.

B. New Business

R-12-13 A Resolution to Set the Level and Continuance of the Student Technology Fee for 2006-2007

Gary Stute moved to place the legislation back in committee for reconsideration. Seconded. Objection.

He said he was in the committee that passed it. He said the vote was very rushed and it was misunderstood that it had to be considered immediately and that the committee would like to consider it again.

Shawn Fisher said he thought it should be kept on the floor.

Angie Wallace moved to close debate. Seconded.

Erin Shields said there was a lack of understanding on the part of the committee that they could ask for an extension.

The motion passed. R-12-13 was referred back to Campus Affairs.

R-12-15 A Resolution Encouraging the use of UW Electronic Reserves by Instructors and Faculty

Travis Grandy, sponsor of the legislation, presented the resolution.

It was noted that the resolution passed committee with a favorable recommendation.

Angie Wallace moved to place the legislation on second readings. Seconded. Objection.

Travis Grandy said he objected because the legislation isn't time sensitive.

Angie Wallace withdrew her motion.

Jon Evans asked if Travis Grandy had discussed the idea with faculty.

Travis Grandy said the resolution would be a tool to help start the discussion on the issue.

Jill Edwards asked if electronic reserves replace course packs or augment them.

Travis Grandy said the resolution supported using them as an addition to course packs.

Alex Kim asked what the financial impact would be of implementing the plan.

Travis Grandy said the financial impact was regarding copyright issues, and that they already have an extensive reserve on hand.

Jon Lee said there is some discussion about bringing course pack printing back to campus because of copyright issues.

Gary Fox said some professors decide not to pursue copyrights to reduce costs.

Debate was closed on R-12-15

SB-12-1 A Bill Restoring a Portion of the 2004 SRTF Proposal

Alex Kim passed the gavel to Erin Shields to present his Senate Bill.

Alex Kim said the issue was brought up several years ago during the 9th session of senate.

He said the SRTF recommended Senate be able to make amendments to the ASUW constitution to allow greater access to the Constitution by students.

He said that specific proposal was removed from the amendment by the Board of Directors and then passed by the student body.

He said ultimately SB-12-1 would allow constitutional amendments to originate in senate. Amendments would then be reviewed by the Judicial Committee and would be placed on the ballot.

Travis McCoy asked what the reason was that the Board of Directors removed that clause from the amendment.

Alex Kim replied the Board of Directors didn't believe Senate was truly representative of the student body and thus removed that clause from the amendment.

He said the legislation was largely thanks to Karl Smith's efforts, and that the language of the bill has not changed from the original SRTF language.

Shawn Fisher asked how likely Alex thought it was that the bill would pass the current Board of Directors.

Alex Kim said he would share his opinion on second readings.

Gary Stute asked how this piece of legislation would proceed.

Alex Kim said because this was a Senate Bill and would have to be approved by the Board of Directors.

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

LD-12-2 A Legislative Directive in Support of Online Voter Registration

The sponsor of the legislation, **Bryce McKibben**, presented the legislation.

Bryce McKibben noted that currently all voting in the State of Washington is done by paper. He said this legislation would allow Ben Golden to lobby for electronic registration.

Ashley Miller said one of the current concerns with electronic voting is that it's impossible to compare signatures online, as is done with paper voting.

Bryce McKibben said the Secretary of State would follow up with voters to obtain signatures.

Melissa Aar wanted to know where the idea for the legislation came from

Bryce McKibben said this issue has come up with Ben Golden who would like to lobby on the issue.

Tyler Dockins noted that signatures would go through the department of licensing.

Andrew Everett asked how signatures would be collected online.

Bryce McKibben said the bill doesn't specifically say how identification will be obtained. He said information regarding your driver's license or state ID number would be required.

Gary Stute asked if Ben Golden is already planning on lobbying on the issue or if the legislation is needed.

Bryce McKibben said the legislation would help his efforts.

Brent Ludeman guy asked what voters without licenses would do.

Bryce McKibben said all citizens over 18 are required to have an ID card.

Ashley Flowers asked if there would be some form of confirmation sent back to the voter regarding their vote.

Bryce McKibben said those details aren't clear in the legislation.

Lee Dunbar asked if there was a correlation between online voting and voter turnout.

Bryce McKibben said there isn't extensive data on the issue, but said he thought it would help with registration.

Travis Grandy moved to place the legislation on second readings. *Seconded. Objection.*

He said the legislation is time sensitive and is needed by Friday.

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

Debate was closed.

The motion failed.

Division was called.

The motion passed. The legislation was placed on second readings.

Bryce McKibben said that online voter registration could help with voter participation.

Lee Dunbar said that the legislation would be useful in the long-run past Friday.

Gary Stute encouraged senators to vote the legislation down given that it hasn't been fully considered in senate.

Mikhail Smirnoff said it would be a mistake to pass the legislation today and entertained a motion to table the legislation for 1 week.

Steve Valm said electronic registration would be a very positive thing for voter registration as it would improve the turnaround time on registration.

Andrew Everett explained that using a drivers license number led to a higher degree of insecurity.

Travis McCoy asked if the bills allowed for both electronic and paper registration.

Magnus Gordon encouraged delaying the legislation for a week. He said he questioned the statement that the voting process is secure and hesitated to pass the bill immediately.

Ashley Flowers said some people don't vote because of the inaccessibility of the process and that this measure would help young voters.

Jon Lee *moved to table the legislation one week. Seconded. Objection.*

He said he felt uncomfortable endorsing legislation he hadn't read or discussed with constituents.

Tyler Dockins said the session is very short and that having this legislation would be very helpful to Ben Golden's lobbying efforts.

Jon Evans said he agreed that we need to discuss the issue with constituents and that he supported the motion to close debate.

Travis Grandy *moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the motion to table the legislation.

The motion passed.

Division was called. It was confirmed the motion passed.

Angie Wallace asked officers to call for abstentions from votes.

C. Old Business

R-12-4 A Resolution in Support of Affordable Textbooks

Melissa Aar re-summarized the legislation.

Sam Al-Khoury asked why the legislation was limited to a local scope.

Melissa Aar said she would entertain a motion to extend the scope of the legislation.

Melissa Aar moved to add a second to last 'that' clause stating "That the ASUW encourages the establishment of a UW libraries' Textbook rental program". *Seconded. Objection.*

Jon Evans said he objected on the basis that it should be discussed as a body.

Magnus Gordon said the issue of textbook rental should be discussed separately.

Sam Al-Khoury asked if there was any data on the total financial impact of such a program.

Melissa Aar said she didn't know any specifics but that she thought the impact would probably be pretty small.

Jon Lee said he supported the idea but that he didn't see it as falling in line with the overall resolution.

Andrew Everett said he objected because he thought it should be a separate resolution.

Jon Evans said he thought the amendment should be its own bill, asked if she thought it should be pursued at other universities, and noted it would be a large financial burden on the library.

Travis McCoy moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the amendment.

The amendment failed.

Jon Lee said he thought this legislation should be passed.

Jon Evans moved to adjourned. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion failed.

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

Debate was closed on the legislation.

The legislation passed.

Travis Grandy moved to adjourned. Seconded. Passed without objection.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.