

Minutes
January 24, 2006
5:00PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

I. Committee Meetings (5 minutes)

Committees met for 5 minutes prior to beginning the general Senate meeting.

II. Call to Order

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 5:15

III. Approval of the Agenda

Travis Grandy moved to postpone the public forum with Ben Golden. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Travis McCoy moved to send R-12-7 back to committee. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Albert Chang moved to place a liaison to the Biodiesel Taskforce as the forth item under nominations and elections. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Travis McCoy moved to approve the agenda. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Public Forum with Vice President of Student Affairs Eric Godfrey.

Eric Godfrey said he has been at the UW for over 20 years and has been vice president of student affairs for 3 months.

He said there have been some encouraging results in scholarships in the last few years.

He said historically the student affairs division has focused on housing, healthcare, scholarships, etc.

Mr. Godfrey said he hoped to expand that focus to include student life and community as well.

He said he hoped to enhance the residence hall experience by bundling together the staff and career services and student activities to provide more coherent activities.

He said they're collaborating with the office of undergraduate education to lessen the gap between the two divisions.

He said undergrad advising is held in the gateway center with undergraduate education, but that the counseling center falls under student affairs, and he would like to integrate those areas.

He said he hoped to strengthen their ties with the Greek community and that they are on the verge of creating a committee to look into the interaction between the Greek system and the office of student affairs.

Alex Kim asked how big an interest the administration has in dealing with the legislation in Olympia regarding off-campus student conduct code.

Mr. Godfrey said the administration has been against the expansion of conduct code off-campus. He said there are issues of how far the university's influence should reach, that it would indicate the university has control over students' off campus activities, and the administrative consideration of having to deal with so many more additional cases of possible misconduct.

He said the administration is however very interested in reevaluating their relationship with the Greek and off campus community.

Deidre Lockman said she thought the drinking age was a significant consideration in the issue, and asked what position the university would take regarding the issue of lowering the drinking age.

Mr. Godfrey said that wasn't an issue that has been discussed in the administration. He said that might be a piece of the issue, but that he thought there were additional variables that come into play.

Gary Stute asked if the university lobbies one way or the other on the issue of the student conduct code.

Mr. Godfrey responded that the university has expressed serious concern about the issue. He said official university policy hasn't been determined in Olympia.

Shawn Fisher asked what the biggest conduct issues are that the office of student affairs faces.

Mr. Godfrey responded that alcohol and academic misconduct are the major issues faced by the administration. He said that generally issues of misconduct are relatively small in number given the size of the university. He said the division is looking into a new approach to its judicial philosophy on misconduct. He said he hopes the new outlook focuses more heavily on citizenship and ethics as well as student conduct.

IV. Committee Reports

Faculty and Administrative Affairs: The committee read over R-12-19 and the sponsor, Will Rasmussen discussed it with committee.

Publicity and Outreach: The committee had no legislation to consider

Academic Affairs: The committee looked over R-12-19 to educate itself on upcoming legislation.

Publicity and Outreach: The committee found a new location for the committee meeting and developed a way to reach out to commuter senators.

Membership: The committee had no legislation to consider.

Campus Affairs: The committee reviewed R-12-13, amended it, passed it with a unanimously favorable recommendation, and entertained a motion to place it as the first item under new business.

General Affairs: The committee discussed possible new legislation.

It was moved to place R-12-13 as the first item under new business. Seconded. Passed without objection.

V. Chair's Report

Will Rasmussen said December was a great month for contributions to the UW, with over 100 million dollars in donations.

He said the first ever Department of Global Health is going to be formed at UW, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

He said Initiative 914 tries to prevent the UW from considering race or gender.

He said after I-200 the university has developed the idea of holistic admissions. He said I-914 would prevent such a policy and encouraged senators to be aware of the issue.

Hala Dillsi asked what the Board of Regents has done regarding the initiative.

Will Rasmussen said the board has not taken any action as of yet, but that it would at some point.

Ashley Flowers asked if there has been any reaction from other state schools regarding the initiative

Will Rasmussen said he didn't believe there had been.

Alex Kim noted R-12-19 dealt with the issue.

Alex Kim noted that next Wednesday was lobby day.

He said it would give Senate the chance to communicate its values to communicate with legislators.

He noted that HB2661 just passed out of the Senate committee and would be voted on next week.

He said students' voice is critical to the university. He said there would be a competition again this year to see what group could get the greatest representation on lobby day.

Erin Shields noted there are a lot of new senators this quarter and said that starting next week at 4:30 a seminar would be held every week before the Senate session. She said they would also be dealing with parliamentary procedure, and asked for volunteers to help with the sessions.

Travis McCoy said the new online Senate forum he had been working on would be brought online today.

He said senators could use it as a sounding board for new legislation, as a way to discuss current legislation, and as a way for committee chairs to carry out business throughout the week.

He said the Senate executive officers have been looking at ways to make Senate more effective and efficient, and that he hoped this would help that process.

He said the forum would be readable by the public and encouraged senators to use their best judgment regarding what they post on the forum as it will reflect upon themselves and their constituents.

He said senators could email him with any questions at asuwsse@u.washington.edu

Public Forum With Ben Golden

Ben Golden said he's been spending most of his time in committee meetings.

He said OGR is particularly interested in the House Higher-Ed appropriations bill.

He said he's met with 50-60 legislators so far this year.

He said the session has been going well so far, and said this year OGR has largely controlled the dialogue.

He said they would like to see a bill keeping books unbundled from other software or answer guides, provide prices to professors, and have publishers provide the price and content changes between versions.

He said the online voter registration bill is encouraging and that there are no additional security risks from doing it online, and that there are multiple security checks.

He noted OGR is working on bringing the volleyball team to Olympia to be congratulated on their national championship title.

Ben Golden said OGR has been successful holding down the student conduct code bill and would continue to lobby against it.

He said they obtained 2.4 million dollars for the new biotech building on south campus.

He said they are pushing for improved advising services and expand bottleneck courses where students can't get into classes they need early in their academic careers.

He noted lobby day was February 1st and thanked **Angie Wallace** and **Tyler Dockins** for their organizational efforts.

He noted a federal bill to cut 12.7 billion from federal loans to students would be coming up for a final vote soon. He said a protest was being organized for students in Washington and encouraged them to attend.

Gary Stute encouraged students to talk to their congressmen about the bill.

Alex Kim asked if the bill mandating 10% of tuition waivers go to veterans could lower the total number of waivers given.

Ben Golden responded that they were working with the administration's lobbyist to keep levels constant.

VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Lee Dunbar said next Tuesday students would be going to Congressman Rickert's office at 2:00 to protest the proposed cut in student loans.

He said Wed evening at 7:00 a meeting was taking place between administrators and students. He said students could RSVP to him at asuwpres@u.washington.edu and that it would be held in HUB 206B.

He said students could meet next week with members of the board about what options are available within ASUW.

VII. Board of Directors Report

Jon Lee said on February 5th the Lunar New Year celebration would be taking place from 7-9PM in Kane 130.

Jon Lee said it is being looked into renovating the HUB.

He said the Board is looking into creating a Biodiesel Taskforce.

VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

Sean Kellogg said GPSS is hiring an assistant position for 10 hours a week.

He said new guidelines are being proposed for revising SAF.

Zach Tobin moved to place the 2nd and 3rd nominations at the bottom of old business. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

IX. Orders of the Day

A. Nominations and Elections.

1. Corporate Responsibility

Shawn Fisher removed himself from the list of nominees.

Angie Wallace said she thought the committee could accomplish a lot of positive things. She said its job would be to ensure compliance of companies that the UW is invested with.

Deidre Lockman said she would like the UW to join a coalition against companies using sweatshops and thought the UW could make a significant difference.

Alvin Chen said he sat on the committee in the past. He asked what candidates experience was with dealing with alternative resources for information on the matter.

Angie Wallace said she hasn't looked into such sources significantly, but said neutrality of information is critical.

Deidre Lockman was appointed to the position.

2. ASUW Biodiesel Taskforce

Ashley Miller said the taskforce would look into the possibility of the UW using biodiesel on campus.

Shawn Fisher nominated **Albert Chang**. He accepted.

Jon Evans nominated **Gary Stute**. He said Gary Stute would be an excellent senator for the position. He accepted.

Ted Stone nominated **Casey Sedlack**. She accepted.

Jessica Kang nominated **Kareem Cervantes**. He accepted.

B. New Business

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

Josh Bis, Chair of the Student Technology Fee committee, presented the legislation.

Mikhail Smirnoff asked what was amended in committee.

Josh Bis responded the fee increase was amended to \$41 a quarter.

Albert Chang asked why \$41 was chosen and only 3 quarters.

Sam Al-Khoury said the 3-quarter length was standard for STF.

Gary Stute said he moved to set the level at \$41 because \$43 would give an extra \$400,000 to STF.

It was noted those voting against the \$41 dollar amendment felt it was insufficient.

Alex Kim noted the increase in the fee must be approved by ASUW and GPSS.

Lee Dunbar asked what the procedure is to reconcile the \$41 in Senate and the \$43 dollar level approved by GPSS.

Josh Bis noted GPSS and ASUW leaders would meet to compromise on the issue.

Travis Grandy moved to close debate. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Debate was closed on R-12-13

R-12-17 A Resolution in Support of Lobby Day

Tyler Dockins, sponsor of the legislation, presented the resolution.

Deidre Lockman moved to place the resolution on second readings. *Seconded. Objection.*

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

Jon Lee moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

Debate was closed on the resolution.

The resolution passed.

R-12-18 A Resolution to Calling for a Tribute for Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC

Jon Lee moved to dispense with the readings. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion failed.

Gary Stute presented the legislation.

Karl Smith asked if the committee gave consideration to cleaning up the whereas clause.

Shawn Fisher said it was discussed but that it wasn't passed.

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

Debate was closed on R-12-18

C. Old Business

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

Bryce McKibben summarized the legislation.

Travis McCoy encouraged senators to separate the controversy of last week due to the way the legislation was submitted from the actual resolution itself.

Magnus Gordon said he had security concerns and would be more comfortable with having a security clause in the resolution.

Bryce McKibben said voter registration cannot be through a smaller institution such as UW.

Mikhail Smirnoff said the committee that considered the issue found the security risk to be negligible and that the cost would be small. He said he supported the legislation.

Steve Valm said he agreed that security and cost would not be significant. He said this system would make young people more likely to vote.

***Zach Tobin** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.*

Division was called

The motion passed.

Debate was closed on the legislative directive.

The legislative directive passed.

R-12-9 A Resolution in Support of Increased Communication
Between ASUW and the University Book Store Trustees

Jon Evans, sponsor of the legislation, presented the resolution.

***Melissa Aar** moved to add two 'whereas' clauses and a 'that' clause stating, "Whereas, since 1930 the bookstore has offered check rebates to students when profits allowed" and "Whereas for the 2005-2006 school year and the Bookstore changed from a policy of offering check rebates to one of offering in store credits," and "That the process of the change from a check rebate to an in-store credit rebate reflects the lack of communication that exists between ASUW and the Bookstore." Seconded. Objection.*

Melissa Aar said the amendment connects the event that spurred the conflict to the legislation.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he objected on the basis that placing such clauses because it gives the impression of being against the bookstore's policy.

Karl Smith said he thought the amendment was appropriate because it wasn't anti-bookstore, but that it simply places the resolution in context.

Sheridan Grey said he didn't like the language that the "process of change" indicated the lack of communication, and that he thought it should be amended to say "lack of communication during the process".

Lee Dunbar said he agreed with the amendment.

Cailin Magruder moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

Selma Dillsi said she thought the amendment solidifies the central problem that exists and urged senators to vote in favor of the amendment.

Jon Evans said he thought the inserted 'that' clause was not entirely accurate.

Jill Edwards moved to amend the amendment to change the 'that' clause to read "That the lack of significant communication between the ASUW and the University Bookstore was highlighted by a change from a cash rebate to an in store credit rebate without general student knowledge." Seconded. Objection.

Jill Edwards said she agreed with Sheridan Grey and that the incident highlighted the problem that exists.

Mikhial Smirnoff said he objected because he thought the clause

Melissa Aar said she liked the amendment to the amendment because it helped put the problem in context.

Shawn Fisher moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The amendment to the amendment passed.

Angie Wallace asked why the ASUW isn't looking internally at the problem. She said there was an inherent implication that the fault is with the UBS.

Hala Dillsi said the amendment didn't place any blame on the bookstore. She said it simply put the issue into context and urged senators to vote for the amendment.

Shawn Fisher moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

The amendment passed.

Karl Smith moved to strike the word "any" from the first that clause. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Travis Grandy moved to amend the resolution to add a second to last 'that' clause stating "That the ASUW disagrees with the Trustees' decision to change the type of rebate offered to Bookstore patrons before adequately consulting students". *Seconded. Objection.*

Travis Grandy said the amendment disagrees with the lack of communication, not the decision itself.

Sam Al-Khoury said he objected because Senate has made its point and that no further clarification is needed.

Jon Lee said he approved of the amendment because it clarified what the ASUW wanted from the Bookstore.

Sheridan Grey said he disagreed with the amendment because it is redundant and because he thought it was factually inaccurate.

Jon Evans said he thought the issue didn't need to be brought up again, and that he would be taking the issue to the bookstore board of trustees. He said he was interested in starting a taskforce to keep the ASUW trustees accountable.

Karl Smith said he supported the amendment.

Angie Wallace moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

Division was called.

The amendment passed.

Mikhail Smirnoff said the Senate should not appear hostile or confrontational with the bookstore.

Erin Shields moved to amend the final that clause to state “in particular those appointed by ASUW”. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Shawn Fisher moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

The resolution passed.

X. Request for Information

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

The motion was made to adjourn. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM.