

Minutes
January 31, 2006
5:00PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

I. Committee Meetings (20 minutes)

Committees met for 20 minutes prior to beginning the general senate meeting.

II. Call to Order

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 5:26PM

III. Approval of the Agenda

Cailin Magruder moved to place R-19-10 as the first item under new business.
Seconded. Objection.

Cailin Magruder said the matter was highly time sensitive.

Gary Stute said no more time should be spent on new business before other older legislation was considered.

Objection withdrawn. The motion passed

IV. Committee Reports

Faculty and Administrative Affairs-Passed R-12-19 with a favorable recommendation

Academic Affairs-Erin Shields talked to the committee about her legislation and looked at the senate forum.

Publicity and Outreach-Jerome McCuin said all members of his committee were on the Senate online forum

Membership Committee-Travis Grandy said senators could win a date with senate leadership on Valentine's day.

Campus Affairs-The committee brainstormed over new possible legislation

Off Campus Affairs-The committee discussed the senate forum

General Affairs-Shawn Fisher said the committee debated R-12-20 and would continue to do so next year.

V. Chair's Report

Alex Kim welcomed new senators to Senate.

He said ASUW Senate track jackets could be purchased again this year

He said the ASUW Senate website is up and being used and encouraged senators to participate.

Erin Shields said there would be a public forum with Lincoln Johnson next week and thanked those people who came to the senate training before the meeting began.

VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Lee Dunbar said a representative from CORE was present and looking for people to commit to training on sexual assault education to make presentations.

It was noted that a diverse group of presenters was needed and that senators could sign up on CORE's website.

Lee Dunbar said there would be a chance for students to speak with legislators from the federal government about the state of higher education. He said it would be taking place next Tuesday and that senators could email him to RSVP.

He noted that the equal-rights bill passed in Olympia.

He said that the student conduct code bill would be in front of legislators and that he would be lobbying in Olympia regarding that bill.

VII. Board of Directors Report

Hala Dillsi said ASUW and WashPIRG took students to Dave Reichert's office to protest the federal student loan bill. She said that his office could be reached at 202-225-7761 and encouraged students to lobby him to vote against the bill.

Jon Lee said a new way of conducting elections was being considered by the board this week. He said it is implementing Instant Runoff Voting this year. He said it would be opening February 13th and operating from 9-2.

Hala Dillsi said Ashley Miller met with Tully's regarding Fair Trade Coffee on campus.

Jon Lee said Lobby Day was tomorrow and that students would be meeting in the West HUB Ballroom and that you could sign up at www.uwlobbyday.org

Tyler Dockins said students could still sign up to go. He said all costs would be covered.

Hala Dillsi said Rainy Dawg Radio was having a Birthday Party in the North Den at 7:00PM this Friday.

Jon Lee said the Board of Directors met every week at 4:30 on Thursday in 204M.

VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

There was no GPSS report.

IX. Orders of the Day

A. Nominations and Elections for Senate Liaisons

1. Childcare and Students Parents Issues Committee

Alvin Chen nominated Sue Ordoniez. She accepted.

Cailin Magruder said she was really hoping to bring the issue to the attention of the ASUW

Sue Ordonez said she works with Jumpstart and that she would like to extend that to the university

Alex Kim asked what some shortcomings are regarding what services are offered to student parents

Sue Ordonez said she thought information was lacking regarding childcare, reading, and literacy

Cailin Magruder said that no early childhood education exists on campus.

***Cailin Magruder** was elected to the position.*

2. ASUW Television Committee

Zach Tobin asked to be removed from the list of candidates.

Jason Sondhi nominated himself.

Alex Lark said he was interested in the position because he would like to get more involved in Senate and that a liaison would be a suitable position.

Kareem Cervantes said he has some experience with public television as he volunteered with a local PA television

Jason Sondhi said he was new to senate and looked forward to getting his feet wet. He said he thought he was an ideal candidate because he represented the UW Film Club.

Alex Kim asked how ASUW should proceed regarding the lack of student produced television.

Jason Sondhi said the Film Club has a variety of connections to student producers and student produced content.

Kareem Cervantes said many students don't know what resources are available to them

Alex Lark said awareness needed to be raised regarding UW Television stations.

***Jason Sondhi** was elected to the position.*

3. Biodiesel Task Force

Alex Kim summarized the duties of the position.

Casey Sedlack withdrew herself from the list.

Cailin Magruder nominated Megan Sandoz. She declined.

Albert Chang said he's been a leader in the ASUW Biodiesel taskforce for the last 2 quarters. He said he was one of two people who brought the program to ASUW and led to the formation of the taskforce

Gary Stute said he was running for the position because he thought biodiesel was a great idea and that he had knowledge of both the science and social sides of the issue.

Kareem Cervantes said he was a POE major and that it would give him a unique perspective on the issue. He said he's covered alternative energy sources in the past on campus for The Daily.

Alex Kim asked what relative experience candidates brought to the position.

Kareem Cervantes said he has done a lot of work for advertising for biodiesel and has covered the issue in his environmental studies class.

Gary Stute said he's studied both economics and physics, giving him experience with the economics and science of the taskforce.

Albert Chang said as an engineer he's actually helping to design the program and that he was involved a similar program through the University of British Columbia.

Albert Chang was elected to the position.

B. New Business

R-12-19 A Resolution in Support of Holistic Admissions

Will Rasmussen clarified that he was presenting the bill as a student, not as Student Regent.

He presented the legislation to senate.

Karl Smith said his position was that ASUW could not take positions on legislative initiatives.

Will Rasmussen said he believed ASUW could, and that he would present a memo regarding the issue to the proper Board members.

Travis Grandy asked for him to briefly summarize the Initiative.

Will Rasmussen read the portion of the Initiative that dealt specifically with UW's policies.

Andrew Everett asked that since UW is not able to act upon someone's gender or ethnicity, what would be the reason that UW should note them.

Will Rasmussen said the UW's job would be made more difficult if it could collect no information what-so-ever about its candidates.

Lee Dunbar said Phil Ballinger, Director of UW Admissions, has spoken widely on the issue and said holistic admissions would be the best admissions system.

Selma Dillsi asked if it was possible to determine national origin by a social security number.

Andrew Everett said it would not be possible to tell if you were a foreign national.

Albert Chang said it would be possible to tell if you were an international student.

Melissa Aar asked if this prevented the UW from collecting information after the admissions process for scholarships or other programs.

Will Rasmussen said this specific Initiative did not, but that it leaned toward not allowing the state to collect any such information.

Angie Wallace asked what impact ASUW's opinion would have on the Initiative.

Will Rasmussen said it would help build awareness that UW students opposed the bill.

Sam Al-Khoury asked if statistics on students would therefore not be available on the student body.

Will Rasmussen said it wouldn't prevent all such statistics, but that certain admissions statistics wouldn't be available.

Sean Kellogg moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without discussion.

C. Old Business

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

Sean Bis, sponsor of the legislation, summarized the resolution. He said the STF committee found this year that it was unable to fund several proposals for STF money, and thus is requesting additional money through a \$3 fee increase.

He said he felt the committee was very committed to spending the money wisely.

Sam Al-Khoury noted that the resolution was passed with a unanimously favorable recommendation from committee, having amended the fee to \$41.

Alex Kim noted the GPSS approved the \$43 dollar level. He asked what could happen to close the difference.

Sean Bis said a mediated discussion would take place to reconcile the two amounts.

He said that the regents probably wouldn't have a problem with negotiations going past February 1st.

Andrew Everett asked how the current fee has been assessed regarding efficiency of the usage of the STF. He asked what beyond someone's wish list justified raising the tech fee.

Sean Bis said individual projects have been audited, while the fee as a whole has not.

Shawn Fisher asked why the committee dropped the number from \$43 to \$41.

Sam Al-Khoury responded that the committee felt that the small increase would allow additional projects, without giving such a large amount of money at one time.

Sean Kellogg said it allowed the committee to raise the amount slowly.

Alvin Chen asked how much was left in the STF budget.

Sean Bis said there are currently 4.1 million dollars in STF, with over 5 million dollars in proposals this year.

Jason Sondhi *moved to reset the fee to \$43 dollars. Seconded. Objection.*

Jason Sondhi said the STF is an excellent program and that the quality of its projects are high and deserved students' support.

Bryce McKibben said the idea of slowly raising the fee was logical and appropriate given the proposals that were turned down.

Jon Lee said his concern about raising the fee level was that ASUW's job was not to make the process easy on committee members. He said technology has gotten cheaper over time and that students needed to be careful about opening the funding floodgates.

Andrew Everett said the STF would collect approximately \$4.1 million

Mikhail Smirnoff asked what the minimum requirements for proposals are.

Sean Bis said the committee has certain things it will not fund, including infrastructure, instructional tools, and new course creation tools.

He said it was first considered how widely used the project would be, and how critical it was to the department. He said student endorsements were also considered.

He said each committee member assigned a priority value to each proposal.

Sean Kellogg said he's always been very conservative with funds, including STF. He said he thought STF was making a mistake requesting \$3 at once. He said he agreed with the \$41 dollar level.

Lee Dunbar asked if anyone has talked to the Attorney General about the legality of the fee increase.

Sean Bis said he had and that the Attorney General said the I601 rules didn't apply.

Zach Tobin said many students would look at the increase and not think \$3 was significant. He said every year new students view the current level as a base, and that it will grow every year.

Albert Chang said his constituents strongly oppose such an increase. He said he thought STF wrote a blank check to the state in many cases.

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

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the amendment.

The amendment failed.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he liked the \$41 dollar level because it was incrementally increasing the level.

Megan Sandoz asked if in Sean Bis's opinion \$41 dollars would do anything helpful.

Sean Bis said the extra \$100,000 accounted for approximately one large project.

Jon Lee asked how often STF reviewed its guidelines.

Sean Bis said each year the guidelines are reviewed annually.

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

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the resolution.

The resolution passed.

R-12-10 A Resolution in Support of a Virtual Campus Community

Ed Marsh, sponsor of the legislation, presented the resolution.

Zach Tobin said he strongly supported the website but that he thought it was more appropriate for senate to submit a resolution asking for a campus community.

Ed Marsh said the intent of the website was to be run by students.

***Karl Smith** moved to add two new 'that' clauses stating "That the ASUW supports incorporating the feature of the MyCampusNet website into the MyUW homepage; and That the ASUW shall host the website in the interim period." Seconded. Objection.*

Karl Smith said he was afraid that the website would have little impact standing on its own. He said this would incorporate the feature into MyUW.

Ed Marsh said he objected because he didn't think there was any pressure on ASUW to get the site running, and that there has been strong interest in the past. He said over time it would become a well known resource for information.

***Travis Grandy** moved to amend the amendment to state "that the ASUW shall host the MyCampusNet website". Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Sam Al-Khoury said he wholeheartedly supported the amendment and that he didn't think senate should participate in any other 3rd party agreements.

Erin Shields asked how those features would be incorporated into ASUW.

He said he supported having the same features but incorporated into UW.

Ed Marsh mentioned that MyUW already has a calendar feature.

Jill Edwards moved to make an amendment to the amendment stating “That the ASUW supports incorporating links to MyCampus Net into the MyUW homepage.” *Seconded. Objection.*

Jill Edwards said she thought these features should be separate from MyUW and that she disagreed that people wouldn’t check an external website.

Karl Smith said he was not comfortable linking to a third party website.

Albert Chang noted the resolution called for a public forum, and that details should be discussed then.

Ed Marsh said he supported the idea of links on MyUW.

Travis McCoy said he was confused by what Ed Marsh hoped to accomplish with this piece of legislation. He noted that the resolution gave him ASUW’s support and server space, and that he wasn’t sure what exactly Ed Marsh wanted from Senate.

Ed Marsh said he hoped for the website to be integrated with ASUW, and hoped for some funding and server space for the project.

The motion was made to close debate on the amendment to the amendment. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Debate was closed. The amendment to the amendment passed.

Megan Sandoz moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

Debate was closed on the amendment.

Shawn Fisher moved to divide the question. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

The first ‘that’ clause passed.

Division was called on the second ‘that’ clause. The clause passed.

Sam Al-Khoury said he thought there were issues to be considered and entertained a motion to close debate.

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

The motion passed.

Zach Tobin said the final two 'that' clauses relinquished ASUW's control over the site.

Kareem Cervantes moved to adjourn. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19PM.