

Minutes  
April 11, 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 5:22PM.

III. Approval of the Agenda

**Travis Grandy** moved to place OA-12-5 as the last item under new business as second readings. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

*Charles Cadwallader* moved to add R-12-33 to be the first item under new business. *Seconded. Objection.*

*The motion passed.*

**Gary Stute** moved to reconsider R-12-27 as the third item under new business. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Gary Stute** said it was tabled under the impression that it was dilatory, and that he didn't believe that was the case.

**Shawn Fisher** said there were additional problems with the legislation that resulted in it being tabled.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** said he didn't think it made sense to have the bill be tabled when another bill that presented the other side of the argument was being considered.

**Andrew Everett** noted that military recruiters were protected by law.

**Max Wagner** said it was tabled because it was perceived as dealing with issues not pertinent to Senate.

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

*The motion passed*

*The motion to reconsider failed.*

**Erin Shields** moved to place R-12-31 as the second item under new business. Seconded. Objection.

*The motion failed. Division was called. The motion passed.*

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

### III. Public Forum with Karl Smith Regarding Instant Runoff Voting

**Karl Smith** said the essence of IRV was the ability to rank candidates. He said one candidate must get more than 50% to win the election.

He noted that often times candidates don't receive a majority vote, and that this would more accurately reflect voters preferences.

**Gary Stute** asked if it were possible to write in more than one candidate.

**Karl Smith** said it was not possible this year, but that it may be possible in future years.

He said students could go to <http://vote.asuw.org> for more information.

### IV. Committee Reports

**Faculty and Administrative Affairs** – The committee discussed online social network policy.

**Academic Affairs** – The committee discussed Facebook and the pending legislation regarding social network policy.

**Publicity and Outreach Committee** – The committee considered R-12-33 and passed it favorably.

**Membership** – The committee had no legislation to consider.

**Campus Affairs** – The committee considered R-12-35 and passed it favorably.

**Off Campus Affairs** – The committee had no legislation to consider

**General Affairs** – The committee passed R-12-31 with a favorable recommendation

### V. Chair's Report

**Alex Kim** thanked Senate for an exemplary Senate meeting last week. He said he hoped that trend continued throughout the quarter.

He noted that Steering Committee is currently considering two Organic Acts regarding the process of roll call votes. He encouraged senators to consider the importance of roll call votes and how they should optimally be conducted.

He said he was working with Hala Dillsi to construct a Commuter Forum. He said he was also working on creating a new group in Senate that would follow through on legislation.

He thanked those who volunteer and help run the meeting smoothly.

#### VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

**Lee Dunbar** noted that it was Sarva week.

**Andrew Everett** said that the movie Born into Brothels would be showing at the HUB tonight. He said that Thursday was the take back the night event to show support of the cause. He said students could email [asuwcore@u.washington.edu](mailto:asuwcore@u.washington.edu).

He noted that Beats, Chords, and Comedy was on May 12<sup>th</sup> and encouraged students to attend. He said the Step show and Relay for Life were also that week.

#### VII. Board of Directors Report

**Jon Lee** said a Funk Show would follow the take back the night event.

He mentioned that the Powwow would take place this weekend at Hec Ed.

**Hala Dillsi** said the Board of Directors approved the ballot for the GRTF.

She said the Crime Prevention survey was currently posted on the ASUW website and encouraged senators to participate.

**Jon Lee** said that ASUW was hiring for next week, and that Board of Directors election packets were available.

#### VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

*There was no GPSS report*

#### IX. Orders of the Day

##### **A. New Business**

Nominations and Elections for the Senate Liaison to Student Regent Selection Committee

**Lee Dunbar** explained the responsibilities of the roll.

**Jon Evans** nominated Angie Wallace. She accepted.

**Gary Stute** nominated Jon Evans. He declined.

**Zach Tobin** nominated Alvin Chen. He declined.

**Travis Grandy** nominated Selma Dillsi. She declined.

**Sam Al-Khoury** nominated Holly Jones. She declined.

**Hala Dillsi** nominated Alex Gwozda. He declined.

**Jon Lee** nominated Zach Tobin. He declined.

**Magnus Gordon** nominated Shawn Fisher. He accepted.

**Zach Tobin** nominated John Naughton. He accepted.

**Sam Al-Khoury** nominated Charles Cadwallader. He declined.

**Alex Kim** nominated Travis McCoy. He declined.

**Alex Kim** nominated Erin Shields. She declined.

**Erin Shields** nominated Alex Kerchner. He declined.

**Hanna Lommers-Johnson** nominated Ashley Flowers. She declined.

**Sam Al-Khoury** nominated Sia Bartell. She declined.

**Ted Stone** nominated Bryce McKibben. He declined.

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

**Will Rassmussen** explained that the position requires students to represent students on major university wide issues.

**Angie Wallace** said she regularly attends Regent meetings and that she thought she understood what sort of person would be effective in the position.

**Shawn Fisher** said he thought it was important to consider the different qualities of the candidate.

**John Naughton** said he thought he would bring a fresh outlook and non-partisan approach to the position.

**Jon Lee** asked what candidates thought were important qualities in candidates.

**Shawn Fisher** said he thought writing and communication skills were critical.

**John Naughton** said a willingness to explore different solutions and looks in-depth at issues were important.

**Angie Wallace** said good communication and strong convictions were important, as well as a willingness to represent students and make themselves available to the student body.

**Alex Kim** asked how candidates viewed the Senate's relationship to the student regent.

**John Naughton** said he wanted to see a broad and critical relationship between the two groups.

**Angie Wallace** said she wanted to make sure the regent brought legitimacy to the body and represented Senate's views well.

**Shawn Fisher** said he thought this year was a good example of what Senate needed in a regent who was often present and worked to pass resolutions in Senate.

**Jerome McCuin** asked how candidates viewed using online communities as a way to consider applicants.

**Angie Wallace** said she was against the use of such information.

**Shawn Fisher** said he hoped there wouldn't be anything implicating on those networks.

**John Naughton** said he thought evidence of criminal activity might be disqualifying, but that he didn't think that information should be a primary source.

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

*Angie Wallace was elected to the position.*

R-12-33 A Resolution in Support of the Invisible Children Global Night Commute Seattle

**Charles Cadwallader**, sponsor of the resolution, presented his legislation.

**Erin Shields** asked what Invisible Children Inc. was doing to help the issue.

**Charles Cadwallader** said it was trying to raise awareness in the U.S. government to exert pressure against the government of Uganda.

**Travis Grandy** asked how anyone could get involved with the global night commute.

**Charles Cadwallader** responded they could go to the website and get involved.

**Nathan Bedle** asked what was being done to improve the situation.

**Charles Cadwallader** said it was a sit-in protest that was taking place nationwide.

**John Naughton** asked if the UN Security Council had passed any resolutions.

**Charles Cadwallader** said it passed a resolution condemning the events there.

**Brandt Hofstetter** asked how pressure was being exerted against the rebel group that was taking such actions.

**Charles Cadwallader** said the government hasn't taken many steps against the group.

**Melissa Aar** asked how the group running the event was started.

**Charles Cadwallader** said it was started by the film makers.

*Mikhail Smirnoff moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

## R-12-31 The Green Textbook Resolution

**Lee Dunbar**, sponsor of the legislation, presented his resolution.

**Jon Lee** asked how much more students will have to pay for textbooks.

**Lee Dunbar** said that it's difficult to estimate what sort of price increase would occur, but that he thought the price would quickly stabilize.

**Erin Shields** asked who would be pursuing the issue within ASUW.

**Lee Dunbar** said he and President Emmert would send letters to the publishers noted. He said the administration was very interested in the project and wanted student opinion on the issue.

**Jon Evans** asked if Lee could say what price increase was likely, and if current students would benefit from the resolution.

**Lee Dunbar** said they might not, and that prices might increase, but that the question should be considered whether the environmental aspect outweighed the price increase.

**Jon Lee** asked if any schools other than the UC schools had adopted such a stance.

**Lee Dunbar** said he didn't know of any other schools that had done so.

**Magnus Gordon** asked if he was asserting current textbook production is environmentally damaging, and if so, to what extent.

**Lee Dunbar** said that it was an industry that used a lot of raw materials as explained in the second 'whereas' clause.

**John Naughton** asked if there were any private supporters of the policy.

**Lee Dunbar** said he hadn't seen any such support so far.

**Dan Boirum** asked if it was possible for prices for recycled versus non-recycled paper could be presented to Senate on second readings.

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

**Alex Kim** said it was important for students to bring the issue to their constituents.

### OA-12-3 An Act to Amend the Roll-Call Voting Procedure

**Alex Kim** explained that Steering Committee had developed a list of Pros and Cons for the legislation, as required by the Senate Bylaws.

**Travis Grandy** presented the legislation.

**Erin Shields** presented the pros and cons of the legislation.

**Gary Stute** asked why Travis Grandy decided to bring the issue to Senate.

**Travis Grandy** said he intended to prevent it from being used for intimidation purposes. He said in the past, Senate had a threshold of 30%.

**Andrew Everett** asked why Travis Grandy chose a 30% level.

**Travis Grandy** said he based it on precedent.

**Karl Smith** pointed out that Senate had used a majority threshold in the past.

*The motion was made to close debate. Seconded. Objection. The motion passed.*

### OA-12-4 An Act to Create A Motion to Adjourn with Announcements

**Erin Shields** presented the legislation.

**Travis Grandy** presented the pros and cons of the legislation as decided on by Steering Committee.

**Magnus Gordon** moved to place the resolution on second readings. *Seconded. Objection.*

*The motion failed.*

**Jon Lee** asked if a motion to adjourn would be in order.

**Erin Shields** said that it would.

**Gary Stute** moved to close debate. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

**Jon Evans** moved to place R-12-29 as the next item under new business. *Seconded. Objection.*

R-12-23 A Resolution to Honor Gordon Hirabayashi

*At this time, Alex Kim left and Erin Shields took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

**Karl Smith** recounted the legislation.

*He moved to amend the final 'whereas' clause to read "That the ASUW supports the dedication of an appropriate building or classroom on the University of Washington campus, naming it after Gordon Hirabayashi and including inside a commemoration listing the names of all those students of Japanese descent forced to leave the University of Washington as a result of internment. Seconded. Objection.*

**Gary Stute** entertained a motion to strike "building or".

*Jon Evans made the motion. Seconded. Objection.*

**Jon Evans** said he thought the resolution was very good, but that he didn't think it was an achievable goal.

**Karl Smith** said he thought it was a great goal to have, and that he didn't want to take it out because of concerns of feasibility

**Melissa Aar** said she didn't think it should be taken out.

**Sam Al-Khoury** said he agreed and thought it should be kept in the resolution.

**Hala Dillsi** said she thought it was an effort that showed the power of Senate, and that the request for a building should be kept.

**Lee Dunbar** said it was entirely possible more buildings will be constructed in the near future.

**Brent Hoffstedder** said he was concerned it wouldn't reach enough students.

*The motion was made to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

*The amendment to the amendment failed.*

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to close debate on the amendment. Seconded. Objection.

*The motion failed.*

**John Naughton** asked if Karl Smith thought a passive display was adequate or if a more active one would be more appropriate.

**Karl Smith** responded it was a question of how best to reach students.

**Jerome McCuin** proposed adding “or library” to the resolution.

**Brent Hoffstedder** said he thought the monument should be made more public.

**Angie Wallace** moved to amend the amendment to state “a bus stop” and strike “an appropriate building or classroom”. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Travis Grandy** said he thought it ironic to name a bus stop after him considering the circumstances of his detainment, and felt it would come across as inappropriate.

**Selma Dillsi** said she thought it was disrespectful to name only a bus stop after him, and that it would make a larger impact if a building or room after him.

**John Naughton** said he thought it was inappropriate to have a bus stop named after him.

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

*The motion passed.*

*Debate was closed on the amendment to the amendment*

*The motion failed.*

**Jerome McCuin** moved to amend the resolution to add “pedestrian bridge, or library”. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Karl Smith** asked for clarification of the term “pedestrian bridge”.

**Gary Stute** said he felt the amendment dilatory.

**Jon Evans** said he encouraged Senate to focus on the important aspects of the legislation.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** said he didn't think the library and bridge were an appropriate method of appreciating those who the resolution hopes to honor.

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

*The motion passed.*

*The amendment to the amendment failed.*

**John Naughton** moved to amend the amendment to read "a visible public space" and strike "an appropriate building or classroom". *Seconded. Objection.*

*The motion was made to close debate. Seconded. Objection.*

*The motion passed.*

*The amendment to the amendment failed.*

**Andrew Everett** moved to adjourned. *Seconded. Objection. The motion failed.*

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked if any room would be particularly appropriate. Karl Smith said he wanted to keep the resolution broad in scope.

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

*Division was called. The amendment passed.*

**Jon Evans** said he thought it was a solid piece of legislation and that the new amendment was particularly appropriate.

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

*The motion passed.*

*The resolution passed.*

*The motion was made to proceed with announcements. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

## X. Announcements

**Andrew Everett** said Born in Brothells was showing in the HUB immediately after Senate.

**Melissa Aar** said the WashPIRG hunger cleanup was Saturday.

It was noted that BSU is hosting its annual bachelor auction the upcoming weekend.

Travis Grandy said that Delta Lambda Phi and the GLBTC are hosting a free screening of Transamerica at 7pm on April 20<sup>th</sup> in the HUB ballroom.

#### XI. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 7:13*