

Minutes
April 18, 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 5:20

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

IV. Public Forum -The UW Alumni Association

Courtney Acitelli noted that Washington weekend was taking place April 27th – 29th and needed volunteers to act as ambassadors to alumni.

She encouraged students to attend the various events going on at UW. She noted that there were a variety of events that students and alumni could attend.

V. Committee Reports

Faculty and Administrative Affairs – The committee referred R-12-34 with a unanimously favorable recommendation.

Academic Affairs – The committee had no legislation to consider.

Publicity and Outreach Committee – The committee had no legislation to consider.

Membership Committee – The committee had no legislation to consider.

Campus Affairs – The committee discussed OA-12-7.

Off-Campus Affairs – The committee discussed the commuter forum

General Affairs – The committee discussed the Roll Call legislation

VI. Chair's Report

Alex Kim noted that The Daily was doing a survey on how best to improve the paper next year and that a survey was available for students to fill out.

He said a set of forums was taking place next week, one at the Ethnic Cultural Theater, and that on April 26th, the joint forum between IFC/PanHell, RHSA, and ASUW was taking place at 5pm in Smith 120.

He said the annual Senate Forum would occur next week at 5pm at the weekly Senate meeting.

He said voting would begin May 8th through May 10th.

He encouraged Senators to consider their roll in Senate next year as executive board elections would take place next year.

VII. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Jon Lee said Lee Dunbar was at the north of 45th committee and regretted not being able to attend.

VIII. Board of Directors Report

Hala Dillsi said that the ASUW was hiring for director of the Disabilities Commission.

Jon Lee noted that all applications were due by April 19th.

He said committees were being formed by Provost Wise to guide the hiring process for two new positions that would have a significant roll in undergraduate education.

He said UW Faculty was considering subscribing to TurnItIn.com, an anti-plagiarism website.

Hala Dillsi said Board of Directors applications were due by Friday, April 21st in order to run for positions this year.

Hala Dillsi said ASUW would be making its request to SAF at the next Board meeting and encouraged senators to attend.

Ashley Miller said College Civics Week was taking place next week to encourage students to register to vote, and that several events would be taking place next week.

She said a demonstration of disabled voter voting equipment would also take place.

IX. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

It was noted that GPSS was hiring for positions next year, and was currently considering legislation dealing with health care and the previous GPSS bill regarding I-520.

X. Orders of the Day

A. New Business

R-12-35 A Resolution in Support of the Honors Croquet League

Karl Smith, co-sponsor of the legislation, presented the legislation.

Travis McCoy asked Karl Smith for a brief overview of the history of such legislation.

Karl Smith said the Senate had passed similar bills in the past.

***Max Wagner** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

OA-12-7 An Act Modifying the Roll Call Procedure

Erin Shields, representing Steering Committee, presented the legislation and the Pros and Cons.

***Dan Boirum** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

OA-12-1 The Comprehensive Records Act

Erins Shields, representing Steering Committee, presented the legislation and the Pros and Cons.

John Naughton asked if there had ever been any other adjustment to the minutes procedure in the past.

Jono Hanks asked who would determine what time period would be feasible.

Andrew Everett said advisors to Senate and the officers of Senate would execute.

Dan Boirum asked if senators would be required to step up to a microphone to speak.

Andrew Everett said it depended on the type of technology that was ultimately used.

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

OA-12-5 An Act to Honor the U.S. Military in Iraq

Travis Grandy, chair of the committee that considered the resolution, presented the legislation.

Travis Grandy noted that the legislation was passed unanimously unfavorably.

Gary Stute encouraged senators to vote against the act. He said he was a strong supporter of the war in Iraq and the military, but that he didn't believe it was appropriate to honor those who had died in a conflict that is ongoing.

Jon Evans moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

Erin Shields asked why the legislation wasn't failed in committee.

Travis Grandy said the committee didn't want to kill the bill, and instead have it considered by the body at large. He encouraged students to table the legislation indefinitely.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he felt the legislation was misguided, as it would not have any positive effect.

Shawn Fisher moved to table the legislation indefinitely. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed. The legislation was tabled indefinitely.

R-12-29 A Resolution Admonishing the Discriminatory Military Recruitment at the University of Washington

Bryce McKibben, sponsor of the resolution, presented the legislation.

He said the purpose of the legislation was to make a statement against a long standing discriminatory policy.

He said the issue is very timely as the issue was recently taken up by the U.S. Supreme Court.

He said it was important to take into account that the military was not being attacked by the resolution. He said it was aimed at addressing ideals that UW generally holds dear.

Shawn Fisher moved to allow Bryce McKibben to continue his presentation. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

Shawn Fisher moved to make amendments developed by Bryce McKibben. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Mikhail Smirnoff moved to amend “the military’s anti-gay policy” to “the anti-gay policy enacted by Congress.”

Zach Tobin read comments from Andrew Omahen encouraging students to vote against the legislation.

Jon Evans said while the legislation addressed some very important concepts were addressed in the resolution.

He noted that there is no such thing as a military Don’t Ask Don’t Tell, as it was in fact a statute in U.S. law. He said the resolution addressed the wrong people, as the military couldn’t change the policy. He said he supported a resolution that accomplished the same thing, but that the resolution targeted the wrong people

Nathan Bedle said it was difficult to assess the policy’s impact on national security. He said the resolution incorrectly targets issue that affect individuals who are not students.

He said students were not qualified to decide who was capable of serving.

He said the military did not discriminate, but prohibited homosexual activity.

He said the policy protected individuals in the military, and that it would serve to be divisive within the military.

Mikhail Smirnoff moved to remove references to the military’s discriminatory policy, and replace them with references to the DADT policy. Seconded. Objection.

He noted that the policy was not developed by the military, and thus it should address the policy itself. He said it was possible to oppose the policy, and not the military.

Deidre Lockman said she opposed the amendment as it didn't accomplish what she believed to be the true purpose of the resolution.

Shawn Fisher moved to amend the amendment to remove "passed by the U.S. Congress". *Secoded. Objection.*

Mikhail Smirnoff said he thought it should be noted that the military has no choice as to the policy. He said taking out the clause made it sound like it was a military policy.

Jon Evans noted that the military is an entity of the U.S. Government. Thus, the change needed to begin with the Congress, and not the military.

Jerome McCuin said he felt changing the wording would make the resolution weaker.

Ashley Miller noted that the policies were enforced by the military and that if they so requested, the Congress would repeal the law.

Bryce McKibben said he supported the amendment to the amendment.

Jon Evans moved to close debate. *Secoded. Passed without objection.*

Division was called. The amendment to the amendment passed.

Jon Evans moved to amend the amendment to change the title to read "A Resolution Admonishing the Discriminatory Don't Ask Don't Tell Don't Harass Policy of the U.S. Government", add "policy as outlined in the Title X in the U.S. Code 654". *Secoded. Objection.*

He encouraged senators to discern between the military and the U.S. Government, and that the resolution should target those who can change the policy.

Karl Smith said he viewed the amendment as watering down the original amendment.

Ashley Miller said the issue at hand was that the military was enforcing the issue, and that they were the ones who needed to change their behavior.

Mikhail Smirnoff said the analogy between an employee and a manger was a good one. He said attacking the military would accomplish nothing as they had no choice but to follow the policies set out by Congress. He said he thought it would be a more powerful message if the legislation targeted the U.S. Government.

Bryce McKibben said he opposed the amendment.

Lee Dunbar asked if the military code addressed homosexual behavior.

Dan Boirum said it prohibited any form of sodomy, including oral sex between straight individuals.

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

The motion passed.

The motion was made to divide the question.

The change to the title failed.

The change to the first whereas clause passed.

Striking the portion regarding national security failed.

The change to the first 'that' clause failed.

Debate on the original amendment resumed.

Bryce McKibben said he was in support of Mikhail's amendment.

John Naughton moved to close debate on the amendment. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

The amendment passed.

Dan Boirum noted that military recruiters had no interest in individual's sexual orientation. He said recruiters did not want to know sexual orientation as their job was to recruit new members. He said the military has been a progressive organization, allowing blacks, women, and other minorities to serve prior to society's acceptance of them in that roll.

Kyle Albert moved to close debate. There was no second.

Travis Grandy said he believed the country was founded on the idea of equal protection. He encouraged senators to vote for the resolution.

James Foxcurran said the DADT wasn't against gay people. He said openly homosexual behavior would negatively affect military effectiveness.

Phyllis Ying moved to add a fifth 'whereas' clause stating "*Whereas the DADT policy of excluding those who have "married, or attempted to marry a person known to be of the same biological sex" forces same-sex couples to automatically disallow their spouses or dependents from receiving equal benefits and resources offered by the military, such as family support groups and health care coverage, and;"* Seconded. Objection.

She said she felt it further explained why the DADT was problematic.

John Naughton said he thought there was enough in the body of the legislation to support the resolution's argument.

Bryce McKibben said it was difficult to be overly progressive with regards to a discriminatory issue.

Jon Evans moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The amendment passed.

Shawn Fisher noted that there were instances where individuals were forced out of the military without openly discussing their sexual orientation. He noted that there were a large number of countries that allow gays in their military and operate effectively. He said blacks were integrated successfully into the military and that the same would occur with homosexuals.

Karl Smith encouraged senators to vote for the resolution, as many other schools had successfully advocated for a more progressive stance.

Hala Dillsi said sexual orientation was not a health or ability related issue, and that considering it as such was discriminatory. She encouraged senators to support the resolution.

Hanna Lommers-Johnson moved to insert "*THAT the ASUW supports HR 1059 which calls for replacing the current policy concerning the current policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces with a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.* Seconded. Passed without objection.

Bryce McKibben encouraged a motion to close debate.

Andrew Everett noted that military personnel couldn't refuse to obey orders. He reminded senators that those who execute the policy are legally bound to carry it out, otherwise they are held as criminals.

Jon Evans moved to amend the title to read "A Resolution Admonishing the Discriminatory DADT Policy of the U.S. Government As it Affects the University of Washington. Seconded. Objection.

He said the resolution now targets the U.S. Government, and that the title should be changed to reflect the amended resolution.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he supported the amendment.

Jerome McCuin said he thought the issue of recruitment should be specifically addressed.

Dan Boirum said the resolution should be progressive, not attacking recruiters on campus.

Bryce McKibben said he supported the changed title given the changed text of the resolution.

Kareem Cervantes moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

Division was called. The amendment passed.

Jerome McCuin said he thought the policy encouraged individuals to sign up but doesn't allow them to be themselves.

Bryce McKibben moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

Debate was closed on the resolution.

The resolution passed.

Shawn Fisher moved to proceed to announcements. Seconded. Passed without objection.

XI. Announcements

Kareem Cervantes said the play Harvest opens Thursday at the ECT.

Afro Caribbean Night is taking place in Kane 130 on April 22 from 5:30-11:00pm.

Luau is taking place on April 22 in the HUB Ballroom from 5:00-11:00.

An Intelligent design debate is being hosted by UWYD 7:00 Gowen 3:01.

College Civics week is taking place next week.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.