

Minutes
April 25, 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 5:14

III. Approval of the Agenda

Charles Cadwallader moved to amend the agenda to place R-12-33 as the first item of Unfinished Business. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Jerome McCuin moved to place R-12-34 at the top of New Business. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Tyler Dockins moved to place OGR Update after Presidential Privilege. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

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

IV. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

V. Chair's Report

Jen Pae, vice president of the United States Student Association said there were multiple bills on the federal level that affect students.

She said the Pell Grant, Perkins loan, and other programs are targeted for elimination or 5% across the board cuts.

She said she hoped that the Pell grant might be increased later this year depending on pending legislation.

She said students could visit www.usstudents.org for more information.

Travis Grandy said the Membership Committee is working on organizing entertainment for the last meeting of the year. He said they were hoping to schedule a free concert by The Senate.

Alex Kim welcomed visitors attending for the Candidate Forum and asked that senators maintain a serious atmosphere.

He disclosed that he was affiliated with one of the campaigns and asked that if students felt he moderated unfairly to bring that up at the time.

Angie Wallace asked that *Travis Grandy* take questions for the debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

There was no Presidential Privilege.

VII OGR Report

Tyler Dockins noted that College Civics week was this week, with events organized throughout the week.

VIII. Board of Directors Report

Hala Dillsi said the Board approved the majority of next year's budget.

Jon Lee said there were still paid positions open at ASUW.

Hala Dillsi said the Board decided to fund several pilot programs next year through the general fund.

She noted that this week is Washington Weekend with a wide range of events going on.

Ted Stone noted that a joint forum was taking place with RHSA/IFC/Panhellenic on Wednesday in Smith 120 at 5:00pm.

IX. ASUW Elections Forum.

Referendum 1

Alex Kim explained the format for the forum process.

Alex Kim presented the pro side for the referendum. He said the most representative body in ASUW was Student Senate, and that they should have a role in the Executive BoD meetings.

There was no con presentation.

Andrew Everett asked about the position of GPSS representative.

Alex Kim said the amendment would not grant the Senate representative voting power.

Referendum 2

Travis Grandy read the prepared statement by Judicial Committee.

Alex Kim presented the pro side for the referendum. He said students should be able to propose constitutional amendments as it provides a direct path for Student Senate to take issues to the voters.

There was no con presentation.

Andrew Everett asked if Senate had that power in the past.

Alex Kim said that it did not.

Referendum 3

Travis Grandy read the prepared Statement by Judicial Committee.

Melissa Aar presented the pro side for the referendum. She said the OGR taskforce tried to make sure OGR lived up to its full potential. She said changing the makeup of LSC would make it a more representative body.

Jon Evans presented the con side for the referendum. He said there was some concern over the legislation being past too quickly in Senate.

There were no questions.

Referendum 4

Travis Grandy read the prepared statement by Judicial Committee.

Hala Dillsi presented the pro side for the referendum. She said there is not currently any layout for how commissions should be created or disbanded. She said the new amendment created a process to follow for both cases.

There were no speakers for the con side.

There were no questions.

Discussion for the position of Programming Director began.

Nelson Robles thanked Senators for attending the meeting. He said it was critical to network with other ASUW organizations and help provide both entertainment and education.

Tyler Dockins said he's done a lot of programming this year as legislative director. He said he hoped to introduce a speaker series next year with a variety of speakers.

Travis Grandy asked the pre-prepared question: Everyone talks about large scale events, but how do you plan to serve the most students while meeting their varied interests?

Tyler Dockins said working with individual student organizations was critical. He said he hoped to help with navigating the bureaucracy and finding funding for events.

Nelson Robles said it was important to build a dialogue with other groups through tabling, emails, and other methods. He said he hoped to get personal with student groups and meet their individual needs.

Andrew Everett asked if the candidates would be willing to work the campus political organizations.

Nelson Robles said it was important to bring in outside perspectives to help in the educational process and build students with broad perspectives.

Tyler Dockins said the speaker series he had mentioned would serve that purpose well. He said that while ASUW couldn't sponsor partisan events, he thought it could be a worthwhile event.

Marley Blonskey asked what ideas the candidates had for large-scale events.

Tyler Dockins said he's working on his third major program of the year. He said he worked on Lobby Day, Fixing Elections, and the Legislative Dinner.

Nelson Robles said he served as the public relations officer for the student executive board at a community college. He said he coordinated Spring Fling and concerts at the school. He said he had experience coordinating events for campus wide and individual group sizes.

Discussion for the position of Director of Organizational Relations began.

Masha Burina said she has worked in advocacy and empowering students. She said she hoped to build an advocacy toolkit to help new students get involved.

Scott Robinson said he has always been proud of the various aspects of UW. He said he felt his job was to enhance the services that ASUW offered.

Travis Grandy asked the pre-prepared question: How can ASUW effectively provide services to students while being financially viable through enterprises such as Experimental College, Rainy Dawg Radio, the Bike Shop, and SHA?

Scott Robinson said the ASUW programs mentioned were the idea of past board members. He said he thought the best approach was to fully dedicate ASUW to existing programs.

Masha Burina said Experimental College needed a voice on the Board. She said Rainy Dawg Radio also needed stronger ties to the Board.

Magnus Gordon asked how much experiences the candidates had working with students groups.

Masha Burina said while she didn't have direct experience with ASUW organizations, she thought she could help improve them.

Scott Robinson said that he's been assistant to David Morgan and Lee Dunbar, and has been in contact with the directors of Rainy Dawg Radio and Student Housing Affairs.

Nimco Bulale asked how the candidates were involved on campus.

Scott Robinson said his involvement has been largely with the husky ski team.

Masha Burina said she's been involved in Washington State MUN and has sought out money for the group, as well as being campaign manager for Teach for America.

Discussion for the position of Director of Operations

Rod Palmquist said he would work to establish a student labor union and a tri-campus committee.

Laura Baird said she was passionate about the position. She said she had several ideas about how to emphasizing student voice and was excited about working with her fellow students.

Jon Evans moved to extend response times to 45 seconds. *Seconded.*
Objection. The motion passed.

Alex Kim moved to extend Q&A period to 4 minutes 45 seconds. *Seconded.*
Objection. The motion failed.

Travis Grandy asked the pre-prepared question: Given the reorganization of OGR, how would you plan to involve students in the drafting of next year's legislative agenda?

Laura Baird said the constitutional amendment this year will potentially allow 3 representatives from Senate next year. She said she thought this would make the process more time efficient and effective.

Rod Palmquist said he thought the BoD should reach out to get as much involvement as possible, as well as increasing Senate involvement.

Jon Evans asked how the candidates responded to the current Boards decision to not follow a given process in establishing a commission this year.

Rod Palmquist said he thought the board saw a need and filled it by creating the commission, and also had foresight in creating a process for future years.

Laura Baird said she agreed with Rod, and that she was present at the board meetings where those decisions were made, and that a huge amount of deliberation took place.

Ben Golden asked each candidate what an original idea was that each candidate had that they could bring to Olympia to make the UW better.

Laura Baird said she wanted to work to have first year programs get students to outline what role they thought student government should have.

Rod Palmquist said he was interested in organizing an undergrad student labor union, and including that in the Legislative Agenda next year.

Discussion for the position of FAA Director began

Erin Shields said she thought FAA was a critical position in ASUW. She said the issue of student voice on administrative committees was key in holding the administration accountable.

Travis Grandy asked the pre-prepared question: What is the relationship between faculty, administration, and students in the shared governance at UW?

Erin Shields said the role of the administration was to create a framework in which a dialogue could take place between students and faculty.

Andrew Everett asked what she would do for science and engineering students and study abroad questions.

Erin Shields said she would like to create a major seminar to help students to navigate their departments and introduce them to faculty.

Jon Lee asked what problems Erin saw afflicting students today and what process she would go through to fix them.

Erin Shields said she was happy to work with the Amplify ticket, and that their goal was to enhance student's presence in campus.

John Stevens said he felt UW had become a rubber stamp. He asked what ideas she had to create a sense of community.

Erin Shields said the major conclusions in the UW under grad experience committee was a lack of community. She said while first year programs was well established, programs were needed for graduating seniors.

Discussion for the position of Diversity Director

Deidre Lockman said as director of diversity efforts next year, she hoped to call out issues she felt were unacceptable problems.

Tyson Johnston said he felt those who have held the position in the past did not take a pro-active approach. He said he would ensure that the BoD answered to the UW community.

Travis Grandy asked the pre-prepared question: How do you think students of underrepresented communities should be advocated for at UW?

Tyson Johnston said there was a lack of communication between diversity groups. He said making ASUW approachable was key.

Deidre Lockman said she thought changing the system itself was critical. She said there wasn't enough unity on campus and that voices were stifled.

Jamil Suleman said he was tutoring at a local high school and that there were few UW students that tutored to students of color outside the university.

Deidre Lockman said she had talked to other students who had noted a large disconnect between UW students and the outside world. She said the problem

was that the OMA was the only campus that took care of underrepresented students.

Tyson Johnston said as a member of the UW Dream Project, he has gone to schools without access to such programs and seen the problem first hand. He said increasing cultural events would also help to attract additional students of color.

Angie Wallace asked what candidates would do to make themselves come across as an open-door board member.

Tyson Johnston said it was important to stay involved in communities that board members come from. He said he wouldn't change anything about who he and wouldn't be ashamed of who he was.

Deidre Lockman said that she thought voicing her opinion was important and contributed to campus as a woman of color. She said she could get past political issues and relate well on a personal level.

Discussion for the position of Director of Community Relations began:

M'Liss Dewald said that she was ready to take skills she had learned as RHSA president and improve involvement on campus, and to extend communities such as the GLBT and disabled student communities.

Sam Al-Khoury said he wanted to continue to work with Senate and be its liaison to the Board. He said he wanted to ensure that communities are heard, as he couldn't represent all of them, but could make sure their voices were heard.

Travis Grandy asked the preprepared question: How can your position improve ASUW's relationship with outside student organizations that aren't directly affiliated with student government such as RHSA, Panhellenic, or NPHC?

Sam Al-Khoury said his position was more than being a liaison to the residence hall systems. He said those groups should send out more information on ASUW to involve students. He said ASUW should also better represent commuters and make the BoD more accessible.

M'Liss Dewald said she would work with RHSA and continue to work with IFC/PanHell and reach out to other organizations to help build bridges with ASUW.

Shawn Fisher said every year BoD candidates say they will bring commuters into the community. He asked what specific ideas they had to accomplish that.

M'Liss Dewald said she thought commuter caucus was critical to keeping commuters involved and staying throughout the week and weekend.

Sam Al-Khoury said there has always been talk of keeping commuters involved. He said his experience in developing Hall Caucus should help in developing that community and creating a forum for discussion.

John Naughton said it was difficult to reach out to commuters. He asked what specific ideas candidates had.

Sam Al-Khoury said the idea of residential fairs and other first year programs presented a unique opportunity to reach out and involve commuters.

M'Liss Dewald said the Amplify ticket has discussed keeping public relations separate from the programming committee. She said many commuters find themselves involved with RSOs, and thought it would be a valuable forum for reaching out to commuters.

Discussion for the position of Vice President began:

Oscar Rosales proxied for Chris Paredes. He said Chris wanted to make ASUW relevant to the UW community. He said he would work with the governments committee and corporate responsibility.

Jerome McCuin said he used to be a Project Manager. He said Husky Pride worked well together and would listen to student voices.

Ezana Emmanuel said he was proud of the lineup for the Spring Concert.

Travis Grandy asked the pre-prepared question: What problems do you see in recruiting volunteers for ASUW and how will you resolve these issues?

Jerome McCuin said getting feedback was critical to ASUW success. He said he wanted to set up an online forum for the ASUW.

Ezana Emmanuel encouraged students to volunteer for the concert.

Oscar Rosales said there wasn't nearly enough outreach and bringing in new voices and reinvigorating ASUW was important.

Marley Blonsky asked what specific experience candidates had with the ASUW Commissions.

Ezana Emmanuel said he hoped they go to the concert.

Oscar Rosales said Chris has worked collaboratively with several of the ASUW commissions on campus.

Jerome McCuin said he's been a member of BSU and is willing to go wherever volunteers are needed.

A student noted that not all students could be satisfied. She asked how they would make sure students were happy with ASUW.

Oscar Rosales said he wanted to make sure students were involved.

Jerome McCuin said bringing more people in from outside the ASUW circle within the HUB and placing people where they could be effective was the key.

Ezana Emmanuel said he would be most happy seeing senators at the concert.

Will Rassmussen asked which committees candidates thought were most important to fill with quality candidates.

Jerome McCuin said the needs of the campus change from year to year, and that it was critical to assess what they were and a

Oscar Rosales said he wanted to make sure voices weren't marginalized in the process of enabling volunteers.

Shawn Fisher said part of the process of finding quality volunteers was the interview process. He asked what questions candidates would ask in interviews.

Oscar Rosales said he couldn't speak for Chris as to what questions he would ask.

Jerome McCuin said career development was important for the people being placed. He said the positions have to be right for the volunteer.

John Stevens asked what candidate's opinions were on the issue of online social networking and intrusions on student privacy.

Jerome McCuin noted that he had a resolution in Senate dealing with that issue. He said he wanted to make sure students were involved in the process of developing a UW policy regarding the issue.

Oscar Rosales said he wanted to create legislation for the state and the administration what student opinion on the issue was.

Discussion for the position of President began.

Hala Dillsi noted that different students have different opportunities and expectations of ASUW. She said her experience as director of community relations has developed skills she thought would serve students well in the position of President. She said connecting community and improving visibility of ASUW were key.

Faraz Zargami asked senators to attend the Spring Concert. He said many groups were funding the event to make it a success.

Cullen White said he was running with Husky Pride. He said as director of organizational relations he has seen many of ASUW's successes, but also its shortcomings. He said the image of being disconnected from campus entities needed to be changed before organizations could be connected to one another.

Travis Grandy asked the pre-prepared question: How do you see Senate's resolutions as they relate to your job as the official representative of ASUW, especially when there are issues that Senate has not yet formulated an opinion on?

Faraz Zargami said it was important for senators to get the word out to constituents about the concert.

Cullen White said he thought the most important resolution was the Legislative Agenda. He said he thought the document should be followed explicitly and follow senate's opinion. He said he was a representative of not only ASUW but of students at large.

Hala Dillsi said resolutions were crucial as they direct the Association. She said the resolutions help keep the Board accountable to student's interests.

Vanessa Vassel said that at WSU, the president was grounded in the community, and asked how the ASUW candidates would similarly help to keep grounded next year.

Cullen White said he has been undergoing training as a CORE volunteer and that next year he wanted to bring its issues to the campus. He said he wanted the BoD to get out and talked to the rest of the campus for an hour every week next year.

Hala Dillsi said the president should be an advocate for the people they represent. She said she has shown her ability to reach out to groups by attending meetings and events this year, and that she intended to continue and expand that effort next year. She said the president needs to be involved in the community so they can accurately represent student opinions.

Faraz Zargami said he wanted to get the word out about the upcoming Spring Concert.

A senator said she had been hearing conflicting messages about annual funding for programs and asked the candidates about their stance on related issues.

Faraz Zargami said he wants to get bigger and better shows year after year.

Cullen White said he wants to work with the next director of operations to set up a long term funding system to help groups get 3 or more years of funding at a time. He said it wouldn't prioritize events over one another. He said he also wanted it to be possible for ASUW to make volunteers available to outside organizations.

Hala Dillsi said the BoD should never be considered a rubber stamp for activities on campus. She said the board should be accountable and be challenged to keep events effectively serving students.

Bryce McKibben asked how the candidates would interact with minority groups on campus.

Hala Dillsi said this year she had been very involved with groups such as the ECC and other under-represented groups on campus, and that they key to their success lies in bringing energy to diversity efforts.

Cullen White said he has recently been broadening his horizons and been connecting with groups on campus. He said he wants students to know that he will work as an ally and can be trusted to represent them.

Alvin Chen asked about a single proposal candidates had for next year and how they would accomplish it.

Cullen White said that a major reason for commuters not getting involved is transportations issues. He said as a commuter himself, he wants to work with local government to make commuters lives easier.

Hala Dillsi said Amplify wanted to improve access to ASUW and improve outreach initiatives. She said she wanted to ensure students have access to resources they need.

Shawn Fisher moved to extend debate for 10 minutes. Seconded. Objection. The motion passed.

Kyle Albert asked if candidates had to cut 20,000 from the budget, where would they take it out.

Hala Dillsi noted that the board didn't do that sort of allocation. She said she would first see what programs were successful and which ones weren't. She said the Finance and Budget Committee was in charge of that aspect of finances. She said it would have to be done in a manner so that it wouldn't hurt the association or student services.

Cullen White said that as a member of the F&B committee this year he's been involved in the budget process. He said he thought salary increases for the Board of Directors should be slashed first of all.

Shawn Fisher said he feels people don't care about ASUW. He asked what candidates would do to make sure they had the biggest showing ever in the elections.

Cullen White said awareness needed to be increased, and that connections should be made with students on a personal level.

Hala Dillsi said many students don't know what ASUW has to offer them. She said it was important for ASUW to go out to groups and improve their influence on campus with ASUW resources and mobilize them.

Rachael Obenchain asked what the candidates greatest accomplishments and shortcomings were this year.

Hala Dillsi said her efforts in organizing WashPIRG events were very successful. She said she had helped to bring a large variety of events to the campus.

Cullen White said his work on the Late Night Coffee Shop was his greatest success. He said he hadn't had a chance to work strongly with Fair Trade Coffee and integrating their efforts with HFS.

Jon Evans asked what process the candidates would use to cut funding if necessary.

Cullen White said cutting salary increases was the place where funding should be cut first. He said it was a difficult question to deal with because ASUW needed committed people to make it successful.

Hala Dillsi said it's very rare for the Board to face a request for significant cuts. She said programs should be evaluated in terms of their success and see if any further sources could be found.

Zach Tobin *moved to proceed to announcements. Seconded. Objection. The motion passed.*

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

Senate Adjourned at 7:23pm