

Minutes
May 2, 2006
5:00PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

I. Committee Meetings (15 minutes)

Committees met for 15 minutes prior to beginning the general senate meeting.

II. Call to Order

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 5:27

III. Approval of the Agenda

Travis Grandy moved to refer 0A-12-8 back to Steering Committee.

Travis McCoy moved to add committee reports after public forum. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Shawn Fisher moved to add R-12-37 as the second item under new business. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

Cailin Magruder moved to place R-12-36 as the last item under new business. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

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

IV. Public Forum – Regents Craig Kold and Will Rassmussen

Alex Kim introduced Craig Cole and Will Rassmussen

Craig Cole noted that Will Rassmussen had done an excellent job this year. He said he has represented the student body extremely well.

Regent Cole noted that while he didn't graduate from UW, he's been heavily involved in higher education issues and said it is what he is most passionate about.

He said his involvement with student government in college was particularly enlightening and gave him real world skills that impacted his life afterwards.

He said the Medal of Honor issue was a particularly good example of a student body thinking before it took action.

John Naughton asked how tuition increases would allow the UW to be accessible to those students who need it most.

Regent Cole said there is a legacy policy that needs to be changed in Washington. He said that in the 60's, students paid only a quarter of the cost of their education, while students today pay more than half.

He said he thought the fundamental structure was flawed and needed to be changed. He said he thought the solution should be significantly higher aid and significantly higher tuition.

He said the current system was completely broken.

Will Rasmussen said the high aid/high tuition model needed to be proven to be the best system before it was implemented.

Sean Kellogg asked how the regents hoped to ensure student opinions were heard given the administrative restructuring.

Will Rasmussen explained that the administrative change has reorganized students' channels in talking to the president.

Regent Cole said he couldn't offer an opinion on the issue. He said students should focus not only on going through formal pathways, but also via those that are more informal such as Regent Committee meetings.

Andrew Everett asked if the UW has considered using a model similar to the Canadian model in which students are brought into university as second year students to decrease the burden on the university.

Regent Cole noted that a restructuring of the public education system would be needed to accomplish that. He said an integrated 4 year experience was important. He noted that many of the introductory courses were very economical to teach and often times covered smaller upper-division classes.

Jon Lee asked what Regent Cole's vision was over the next 5 years regarding funding and tuition in general.

Regent Cole said there is a significant bottleneck at the baccalaureate level in Washington. He said he was worried about serious funding problems from federal sources. He said in order to maintain UW's status as a world-class facility, the state would have to increase its funding for research dramatically.

Regent Cole said the best way to contact him was via phone through the Regents office at 206-543-1633

V. Committee Reports

Faculty and Administrative Affairs – The committee passed R-12-36 with a favorable recommendation

Academic Affairs – The committee considered the swing set bill.

Publicity and Outreach Committee – The committee brainstormed about a Senate newsletter

Membership Committee- The committee had no legislation to consider

Campus Affairs – The committee discussed the swing set legislation and passed it with a favorable recommendation.

Off-Campus Affairs- The committee had a discussion about attendance issues

General Affairs – The committee passed R-12-37 favorably

VI. Chair's Report

Mona Pitre-Collins from the Undergraduate Scholarship Office said she was excited to see the number of student leaders engaged in leadership activities.

She encouraged students to explore the various scholarships offered by the Office.

She said she wanted to get feedback from Senate on a permanent Rhodes Scholarship display.

She noted that there were few permanent displays for academic excellence.

Ms. Pitre-Collins said she hoped to develop a permanent display to recognize past and future students who had been chosen to be American Rhodes Scholars.

She said two sites were being considered: One was in the current location of the HUB hall of Fame, and the other was in the northwest corner of the first floor of Mary Gates Hall.

She said several groups inside the administration were interested in the project, which would probably cost \$25-30,000.

Ashley Flowers asked if there were thoughts regarding doing the memorial after the remodel.

Ms. Pitre-Collins replied she didn't think that area would be particularly impacted by the remodel.

Jono Hanks asked why the Rhodes Scholarship was selected.

Ms. Pitre-Collins responded that it was traditional, well known, and well respected.

John Naughton asked if the memorial could also act as a road map that helps those who are in the system to work toward that goal.

Ms. Pitre-Collins said it was the committee's hope to proceed in exactly that direction.

Angelina Crown asked if past Rhodes Scholars had been consulted on the project and about the scale of the memorial.

Ms. Pitre-Collins said the estimate was approximate, but that design firms were still being consulted. She said the scale was on approximately on the same level as other campus memorials. She said that she had in fact talked to past Scholars and that they were strongly supportive.

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VII. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Lee Dunbar noted that the text of his speech would be online soon.

He noted that last year, less money was requested from SAF and the ASUW changed its accounting method.

He said that ASUW recently discovered it was running a \$100,000 in debt every year with no new requests.

He said ASUW had inherited the problem and was careless in years past.

He said a request would be made to SAF to partially cover the issue. He said RSOs would have increases in funding frozen. He said cuts would not be made to the Students with Disabilities Commission.

He said that while solutions exist to the problem, ASUW could not continue to lose money as ASUW could be taken over by the administration in response to a continued deficit.

Angie Wallace asked if funding really needed to be increased to lobbying efforts.

Lee Dunbar said he felt it was critical to have strong representation next year given it would be extremely tough legislative session.

Jon Evans asked about the \$12,000 being frozen this year, and how it could be thawed out.

Lee Dunbar said there were some cases of double dipping by RSOs and that the RSO allocations needed to be reconsidered.

Gilad Berenstein asked about ASUW's total budget size.

Lee Dunbar said it requested 500,000 from SAF, and managed more than a quarter of a million dollars.

VIII. Board of Directors Report

Jon Lee noted that smoothies would be served at the Late Night Café at By George.

He said there is an effort to have a candidate named for the Vice-President of Student life and Academic Affairs. He noted it was critical to have student input on the issue.

Hala Dillsi encouraged students to vote and read the voter's guide being published tomorrow.

IX. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

Sean Kellogg said a presentation was made to GPSS in which a committee drafted a report on the I-520 issue. He encouraged students to look over the report.

X. Orders of the Day

A. New Business

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

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

He said 60,000 people across the country took part in the event. He said he hoped to see the resolution passed.

Erin Shields moved to amend the last 'whereas' clause changing "is hosting" to "hosted" and replacing "take place" to "that occurred" in the second 'that' clause. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Jon Evans moved to change the title of the resolution to “A Resolution Commending the Outstanding Support of the Invisible Children...”

John Naughton moved to close debate on the resolution. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

The resolution passed unanimously.

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

Travis Grandy presented the legislation.

Erin Shields reviewed the pros and cons of the legislation as determined by Senate Steering Committee.

Jon Lee said he opposed the legislation as the roll-call vote hasn't been abused in the past.

He said he believed senators should vote along their beliefs.

John Naughton said he also opposed the resolution because he also supported standing behind one's vote and said that it's a great tool for the minority vote.

Jon Evans said he opposed the legislation because there's significant value to having names behind votes.

Bryce McKibben moved to amend the title to read “An Act to Amend the Roll Call Vote Threshold” *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Ashley Miller said she felt the last time the roll call vote was used during the Pappy Boyington issue it was intended to pressure people into voting a certain way.

Melissa Aar moved to change 30% to 20%. *Seconded. Objection.*

She said she thought it was important to have both accountability and a higher threshold.

Bryce McKibben said he felt trying to find a middle ground was not productive.

John Naughton said he thought a compromise might be in order.

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

The motion failed.

Selma Dillsi said she supported the legislation and that students should support each other, and that having legislative minorities stand up for themselves doesn't necessarily give them confidence.

Jill Edwards said she echoed what Ashley Miller said and that she also experienced intimidation. She said she had only seen it used as a way to influence votes, not to empower minorities.

Dan Boirum said he felt that the roll-call vote wasn't what was used for harassment, but that misinterpretation of the minutes was what caused negative issues.

Travis Grandy said that had the second Boyington resolution failed, the roll call would have been used for harassment.

Cailin Magruder moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

Hala Dillsi said she thought it was false to claim a 10% brought accountability to Senate.

She said roll call vote should be used to see how senators vote, not as a political tool.

Alex Kim noted that Steering Committee debated the issue for some time. He said he thought the idea of 10% ensuring accountability was questionable.

He noted that the roll-call vote was the most accurate method of voting possible. He said it should be used as such.

Shawn Fisher said that while his family had a strong military tradition, he felt the previous two military bills were used as a patriotism check by those who wanted.

Lee Dunbar noted that outside media supported the use of the roll-call vote when employed as a negative tool to single out and harass senators.

Erin Shields moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

The Organic Act passed.

OA-12-4 An Act to Create a Motion to Adjourn With Announcements

Erin Shields, sponsor of the resolution, presented the legislation.

She said she wanted to make sure that student groups could use Senate as a place to plug their events.

***Dan Boirum** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

The Organic Act passed.

R-12-31 The Green Textbook Resolution

Lee Dunbar, sponsor of the legislation, reviewed his resolution.

John Naughton asked if there has been any further investigation as to the cost analysis of textbooks.

Lee Dunbar said it was clear the costs of textbooks would increase, but that it was a small percent compared to the amount of money used for royalties.

Kyle Albert said he was afraid Senate was sending a mixed message on the issue.

Ryan Malama said he was concerned about the cost increase, and that he was willing to support the paper issue if textbook bundling was reduced.

Jon Lee said he was also concerned about sending a mixed message. He said he viewed the issue as being two separate ones.

Erin Shields said the issue of bundling was a significant one, but that this issue allowed student money to go to a good cause. She said she thought the issues of bundling should be considered separately.

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

Division was called.

The motion passed.

The resolution passed.

***Charles Cadwallader** moved to adjourn with announcements. Seconded.
Passed without objection.*

XI. Announcements

Hala Dillsi noted that Filipino Night was in the HUB auditorium.

She also noted that matinee was Sunday at 2pm.

Lee Dunbar said questions for VPSA could be submitted to him.

Jon Evans noted that 30% of donated blood comes from students, and encouraged students to give blood.

Charles Cadwallader noted Hansee Hall Ball was this Saturday.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.