

Minutes  
May 9, 2006  
5:00PM – HUB 310

*Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy*

I Committee Meetings (10 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 5:25pm.

III. Approval of the Agenda

**Nathan Bedle** moved to place R-12-39 as the third item under old business.  
*Seconded. Passed without.*

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to add R-12-41 to the top of orders of the day.  
*Seconded. It was noted the legislation was time-sensitive. Objection.*

*The motion passed.*

**Angelena Crown** moved to place R-12-39 as the second item under new business due.

**Alex Kim** ruled the motion dilatory.

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

IV. Committee Reports

**Academic Affairs** – The committee passed R-12-39 with a unanimous favorable recommendation.

**Campus Affairs** – The committee discussed R-12-34

**Faculty and Administrative Affairs** – The committee considered the umail resolution.

**General Affairs** – The committee considered the CORE education resolution, and will recommend it next week.

**Off-Campus Affairs** – The committee considered how to improve commuter representation next year

**Publicity and Outreach** – The committee saw a model for the Senate newsletter.

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

## V. Chair's Report

**Alex Kim** encouraged senators to vote in the ASUW elections and inform their constituents about the voting process.

**Niki Iglesias** noted that one of the biggest criticisms of ASUW is that the organization doesn't do enough outreach every year. She said flyers were available for senators to give feedback on the issue.

**Alex Kim** noted that it was Trans Awareness Week, promoting awareness and equal access healthcare for trans-gendered employees.

He strongly encouraged senators to give each piece of legislation full and fair consideration. He said it was Senate's responsibility to consider each piece completely regardless of time constraints.

## VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

**Jon Lee** noted that Lee Dunbar was not available, but encouraged senators to vote in ASUW elections.

## VII. Board of Directors Report

**Jon Lee** encouraged students to get tickets to the concert this Friday.

He said the board would be considering the budget issues discussed last week.

He said the UW's judicial system was under review and encouraged students to give him their feedback.

## VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Senate

**Melissa Aar** noted that elections for GPSS are next week, and that the GPSS social was taking place Wednesday.

## IX. Orders of the day

### **A. Unfinished Business**

R-12-41 A Resolution in Support of Encouraging Professors to Utilize the Umail Catalyst Tool on Their Websites

**Sia Bartell** and **Sam Al-Khoury**, sponsors, presented the legislation.

**Sia Bartell** noted that the resolution encouraged faculty to give students the ability to provide anonymous feedback. She said it allowed teachers to change their courses on the fly to fit students' needs.

**Gary Stute** asked if there were any safeguards against abuse of the system.

**Sia Bartell** said students were always able to send anonymous feedback via fake free email accounts, but that abuse was rare and was outweighed by its positive aspects.

**Nathan Bedle** asked if there was much expectation that faculty would use the system.

**Sia Bartell** responded she hoped it would, given its introduction at the Teaching Academy.

**Olgy Diaz** asked about professors who don't use their websites, and whether the system would still be used.

**Sia Bartell** responded that was up to individuals.

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

#### R-12-36 A Resolution in Favor of Increased Lighting on Campus

**Jon Lee**, proxy for Ezana Emmanuel, presented the legislation.

*The motion was made to dispense with readings. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

**Jon Lee** said passing the legislation quickly would allow the school to put in additional lighting during the summer quarter.

**Alex Kim** asked for a time-table on the issue.

**Jon Lee** said the item needed to be added into the budget before the session ended.

**Alex Kim** asked who was in charge of planning placement and funding issues.

**Jon Lee** said ASUW would not be funding the process.

**Ian Savage** moved to suspend the rules and place the resolution on second readings. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**Jono Hanks** moved to replace “of” with “particularly in”. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**Charles Cadwallader** moved to change the last ‘whereas’ clause to replace “and” with “therefore”. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**KJ Frimpong** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

*The resolution passed unanimously.*

### R-12-34 A Resolution Calling for Campus-wide Online Social Network Policy

**Jerome McCuin**, sponsor of the resolution, presented his legislation.

He noted that the purpose of the legislation was not to propose a policy, but raise awareness of the issue amongst administrators. He said the administration had already started forming a committee when it learned about the resolution.

**Jono Hanks** asked if student use of the websites mentioned should be regulated as well.

**Jerome McCuin** said the resolution didn’t call for that and that he didn’t personally believe it necessary, but instead asked the UW to form a policy and ensure students were a part of that process.

**Brandt Hofstetter** asked if the legislation took a position on use of online material for hiring and firing decisions.

**Jerome McCuin** said he didn’t think it should be used in those situations.

**John Stevens** asked if there was a policy in place in the conduct code regarding the issue.

**Jerome McCuin** responded that there were policies regarding the use of student web space, but not on websites external to UW.

**Gary Stute** asked if there was a reason the legislation didn’t address specific instances where online information had been used.

**Shawn Fisher** asked if the legislation included HFS and what examples exist where these actions had taken place because of students' online material.

**Jerome McCuin** said it does intend to include HFS. He said people had been dismissed from on-campus jobs based on information in Facebook.

*Jon Lee moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

R-12-37 A Resolution in Support of Immigrants and Human Rights

MEchA, sponsors of the legislation, presented the legislation.

**Travis Grandy** asked what "low intensity" warfare refers to.

**Oscar Rosales** said it referred to barbed-wire, electrified fences, and other devices in use.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** asked about the specific rights of immigrants that are being violated.

**Oscar Rosales** said many people live in fear because so many individuals are afraid their families will be ripped apart.

He noted that they also had a right to live apart from racial policies.

**Nathan Bedle** asked how proposition 200 was xenophobic or racist.

**Oscar Rosales** said the proposition denied undocumented people in Arizona access to social services.

**Shawn Fisher** asked what "serious matters" mentioned in the final 'that' clause actually referred to.

**Oscar Rosales** said it referred to other significant issues such as the war on poverty, drugs, and other pressing matters.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** asked about the national Aztlan movement and if his group was associated with the organization.

**Oscar Rosales** said the national Aztlan movement had to do with personal identity. He said his organization referred to it was as a conscious state of mind. He said he was unaware of a national movement.

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

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

**Jill Edwards**, sponsor of the legislation, presented the legislation.

**Nathan Bedle** said he was concerned over passing resolutions in support of other organizations.

**Travis Grandy** said Senate had a history of sponsoring other groups on campus.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to change the resolution's title to read "A Resolution in Support of the Honor Croquet League's All-Campus Tournament. Seconded. Passed without objection.

*Debate was closed on the resolution.*

*The resolution passed unanimously.*

OA-12-7 An Act Modifying Roll Call Procedure

**Erin Shields** presented the Organic Act.

**Nathan Bedle** asked how accuracy could be reduced by the old procedure.

**Melissa Aar** encouraged students to fail the resolution as she thought it failed to solve any of the problems it attempted to address.

She said she thought senators should vote the way their constituents wanted.

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

*The motion failed.*

**Gary Stute** encouraged senators to vote the resolution down.

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

*The organic act failed.*

OA-12-1 The Comprehensive Records Act

**Erin Shields** presented the legislation.

**Jill Edwards** encouraged senators to fail the resolution. She said she had personally had issues with minutes being broadcasted. She said the problem was with outside interpretation, not with the current minutes process.

She said she didn't think it would improve accuracy or fix other problems.

**Gary Stute** said he agreed with Jill Edwards and encouraged the OA to be tabled indefinitely.

***Mikhail Smirnoff** moved to table indefinitely. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

The Organic Act was tabled indefinitely.

#### OA-12-8 An Act Creating the ASUW Power Struggle 2006

**Travis Grandy**, sponsor of the legislation, presented the Organic Act.

**Lee Dunbar** asked why basketball wasn't included.

**Travis Grandy** said softball was decided to be a better option.

***Charles Cadwallader** moved to place the resolution on 2<sup>nd</sup> readings. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

**Jon Lee** said he thought softball should be replaced with dodgeball.

**Gary Stute** asked when it would take place.

**Travis Grandy** said it would take place the week after elections.

**Jill Edwards** asked if Travis Grandy had spoken to the Board.

**Travis Grandy** said he had talked to some board members.

**John Stevens** asked about food.

**Travis Grandy** said it would be something like pie

***Jono Hanks** moved to replace softball with dodgeball. Seconded. Objection.*

**Travis Grandy** moved to amend the amendment to read “whiffleball”.  
Seconded. Objection.

*The amendment to the amendment failed.*

**Shawn Fisher** moved to close debate on the amendment. Seconded.  
Objection.

*The motion passed.*

*The amendment passed.*

**Lee Dunbar** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

*The Organic Act passed.*

#### R-12-38 Construction of a UW Campus Swing Set

**Jon Lee**, co-sponsor of the legislation, presented the resolution.

**Gary Stute** asked about the personal liability issues for UW.

**Jon Lee** said it wasn't an issue.

**Kareem Cervantes** moved to place the resolution on second readings.  
Seconded. Objection.

*The motion failed.*

**Angelena Crown** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without  
objection.

*Debate was closed on the legislation.*

#### R-12-39 A Resolution in Support of Sexual Assault Awareness Presentations During University of Washington New Student Orientation Programs

**Angelena Crown**, sponsor of the legislation, presented the resolution.

It was noted that the committee report was unanimously favorable.

**Angelena Crown** noted it was time sensitive as the program could be  
added to the freshman orientation next year.

**Kurtis Heimerl** asked how other programs had been implemented at other schools, and how they achieved “great success”.

**Angelena Crown** said statistics were available about the programs including the fact that other campuses had become more comfortable environments as students were more aware of the issues.

**Erin Shields** asked if First Year Programs had been talked to.

**Angelena Crown** said she had been discussing the issue with Eric Godfrey.

**Rod Palmquist** moved to place the resolution on second readings. *Seconded. Objection.*

*The motion passed.*

**Angelena Crown** said she was aware of concerns regarding what sort of programs were supported.

She presented possible new wording.

**Olgy Diaz** said she fully supported the legislation.

**Angelena Crown** said she hoped to bring in outside professional presenters.

**Erin Shields** asked what impact this would have on CORE’s roll on campus.

**Angelena Crown** said she thought CORE was needed to offer another presentation method.

**Lee Dunbar** said he fully supported the legislation.

**John Stevens** asked if there were any ideas about more publicity or awareness about assaults that take place.

**Angelena Crown** said that would be easier to do once a widespread program was instituted.

**Alex Gwozda** moved to amend the resolution to add a second that clause stating “That these programs include interactive presentations addressing communication and sexual assault within relationships.” *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

**Charles Cadwallader** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

*The motion passed.*

*The resolution passed unanimously.*

*X. Announcements.*

**Lee Dunbar** noted the concert this weekend, relay for life, and other events this week.

**Jen Cadwell** noted a panel about the Fair Trade Movement with Matt Warning was taking place immediately after Senate.

**Kareem Cervantes** noted the play Harvest was closing this weekend.

XI. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.*