

Minutes
May 16, 2006
5:00PM-HUB 310

I. Committee Meetings (15 Minutes)

Committees met for 15 minutes prior to the meeting beginning

II. Call to Order

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 5:25

III. Approval of the Agenda

Zach Tobin moved to place R-12-43 as the 2nd item under new business.
Seconded. Passed without objection.

Mikhail Smirnoff moved to place R-12-40 as the 4th item under new business.
Seconded. Passed without objection.

Brandon Gregory moved to place R-12-44 as the 2nd item under new business.
Seconded. Passed without objection

*A motion was made to place R-12-37 as the 4th item under new business.
Seconded. Objection.*

Division was called. The motion passed.

Sia Bartell moved to place R-12-41 first item under new business. *Seconded.
Passed without objection.*

Andrew Everett moved to remove R-12-39 from the agenda. *Seconded. Passed
without objection.*

Travis McCoy moved to place R-12-42 as the 3rd item under new business.
Seconded. Passed without objection.

Jerome McCuin R-12-34 4th item under new business. *Seconded. Objection.*

Division was called. The motion passed.

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

IV. Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – No legislation to consider

Campus Affairs – The committee considered R-12-43 and passed it with a favorable recommendation.

Faculty and Administrative Affairs – The committee passed R-12-42 with no recommendation.

General Affairs – The committee considered R-12-40 and passed it with a favorable recommendation.

Publicity and Outreach – The committee considered R-12-44 and passed it with a favorable recommendation.

Off-Campus Affairs – No legislation to consider

Membership Committee – No legislation to consider

V. Chair's Report

Alex Kim noted legislation had to be passed today in order to be completed this session. He requested that Senators stay as late as was necessary to clear the docket.

VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

There was no Presidential Privilege report.

VII. Board of Director's Report

Hala Dillsi said ASUW is in the process of approving committees and noted the results of the election last week.

Jon Lee said that on Friday June 2nd the Senior Sendoff would be held on the HUB Lawn from 4-7pm.

Hala Dillsi noted that all constitutional amendments passed that were on the ballot this year.

VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

Nick Peyton, GPSS President noted that GPSS is hiring for paid summer positions.

He said GPSS held a great social last week and had more than 800 attendees.

IX. Orders of the Day

A. Nominations for the Session XIII Officers of the Student Senate

Nominations were opened for the position of Chair

Mikhail Smirnoff nominated **Gary Stute**. He accepted.

Sia Bartell nominated **Jono Hanks**. He accepted.

Jon Lee nominated **Hala Dillsi**. She accepted.

Yongwook Choi nominated **Jon Evans**. He declined.

Cullen White nominated **Travis Grandy**. He declined.

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chair

Gary Stute nominated **Mikhail Smirnoff**. He accepted.

Shawn Fisher nominated **Andrew Everett**. He accepted.

Jon Evans nominated **Charles Cadwallader**. He accepted.

Tyson Johnston nominated **Cailin Magruder**. She accepted.

Ted Stone nominated **Melissa Aar**. She accepted.

Nominations were opened for the position of Secretary

Travis McCoy nominated **Alex Gwozda**. He accepted.

Jerome McCuin nominated **Holly Jones**. She accepted.

Nominations were opened for the positions of Membership Coordinator

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

Jon Lee nominated **Casey Sedlack**. She declined.

Yongwook Choi nominated **Kyle Albert**. He accepted.

Shawn Fisher nominated **Inigo Esteban**. He declined.

Joe Root nominated himself.

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

Jon Evans nominated **Charles Cadwallader**. He accepted.

B. New Business

R-12-41 A Resolution In Support of Encouraging Professors to Utilize the Umail Catalyst Tool on their Websites.

Sia Bartell, sponsor, presented the legislation.

Gary Stute asked if there were any plans on getting training for professors on using the tool.

Sia Bartell said they would be introduced to it the first quarter they taught a class through the UW.

Mikhail Smirnoff asked if there was any cost to using the tool.

Sia Bartell said there was not.

Erin Shields moved to replace “it” with “this resolution” in the second ‘that’ clause. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Cailin Magruder noted that the committee, though it didn’t have a chance to pass it out, received the legislation positively.

Jon Lee moved to amend the final ‘that’ clause to add “and Faculty Fellows”. Seconded. Objection.

Gary Stute moved to remove the word “new” from the final ‘that’ clause. Seconded. Passed without objection.

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

The amendment passed.

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

The resolution passed unanimously.

OA-12-9 An Act to Establish New Senator Orientation

Erin Shields presented the legislation as sponsor and summarized it.

Mikhail Smirnoff asked when the event would take place.

Erin Shields said it was decided to not be too specific in the bylaws to allow for some leeway, but that the general format would be similar to this year’s Senate 101.

Jon Evans asked if the OA would eliminate the annual resolution in favor of cake.

Erin Shields said it was up to the Senate officers every year.

Olgy Diaz asked if the OA would place undue burden on the Membership Coordinator.

Travis Grandy said he thought it would be a beneficial program that wouldn't necessarily require extending the membership coordinator's hours.

Travis Grandy moved to place the OA on second readings. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

Jono Hanks asked if a clause could be added regarding allowing for senators who couldn't make the meetings.

Erin Shields said that it should be addressed by the membership coordinator.

Zach Tobin moved to add a final 'that' clause to state "THAT this organic act is in no way meant to replace the annual tradition of a Resolution in Support of Cake." *Seconded. Objection.*

Alex Kim explained the significance of the annual cake resolution.

Zach Tobin noted it was the oldest tradition in Senate.

Gary Stute said he favored the amendment.

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

The motion passed.

The amendment passed.

Mikhail Smirnoff noted that if the OA passed and required the Membership Coordinator to work additional hours it would cost additional money.

Erin Shields said she didn't think it would require additional funding for the program. She noted it was part of the vice-chair's job but that the service had not always been carried out.

John Naughton asked about how proxies would be impacted.

Erin Shields said she didn't believe it was a substantial problem as it was up to the interpretation of the Membership Coordinator

Travis McCoy moved to close debate on the OA. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

The OA passed.

R-12-42 A Resolution in Support of Ethical Investment at the University of Washington

Ben Weintraub, co-sponsor of the legislation, presented the resolution.

Jon Evans asked if the resolution could have a negative impact on UW's investments.

Ben Weintraub said that UW hired fund managers to manage their portfolio. He said this resolution would allow UW to adopt investment guidelines, meet on a regular basis to address ethical investment issues, and report their findings to the Board of Regents.

Karl Smith said that ASUW has a committee that addresses this issue and asked if they had been consulted.

Ben Weintraub said they had, but that as he understood it the committee was not actively meeting.

Gary Stute asked how much money the UW might lose if this were implemented.

Ben Weintraub said the group had worked with the UW treasury office and that they had done research on this very issue. He said that would be part of the responsibility of the committee to weigh that factor.

Kyle Albert asked if there were any current UW investments in Sudan.

Ben Weintraub said there are, mostly through companies that provide oil services. He said that while no companies being held at present meet criteria for divestment, this measure would prohibit it in the future.

Cailin Magruder asked how R-11-36 worked with this resolution.

Ben Weintraub said that that resolution addressed a specific instance of Sudan but that this resolution addressed future possible problems.

Mikhail Smirnoff asked how the process currently operates.

Ben Weintraub said UW doesn't consider ethical issues unless the issue is brought to them by students.

Travis McCoy said he felt the resolution was important as it directly impacted how student's funds were used and entertained a motion to place the resolution on second readings.

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

Division was called.

The motion passed.

Mikhail Smirnoff said that he agreed with the general idea behind the resolution, but that he was concerned about the financial impact of the bill, and that he was concerned with the fact that ASUW already has a committee to address the issue.

Kyle Albert said he thought it was important to have the committee as the ASUW has not been successful in its efforts thus far.

Hannah Lommers-Johnson said that this committee would involve the faculty and administration.

Gary Stute encouraged senators to not brush through legislation. He asked what sort of effects the UW Treasury predicted such a divestment program would have.

Ben Golden said there hadn't been a conclusive decision on that.

Hala Dillsi moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion failed.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he was concerned what the resolution was actually doing.

Ben Golden said the purpose of the committee was to create a dialogue with the administration.

Alex Kerchner said he supported the idea but that he was afraid of passing it so quickly and felt that it should be slowed.

Travis McCoy said he strongly favored the resolution. He said he wasn't concerned about the financial aspect of the committee as it would simply be making a recommendation to the Board of Regents, along with the UW treasury office. He said there was clearly a need for such a committee as the existing committee appeared to be ineffectual.

Travis Grandy said he recommended the resolution be passed.

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

The motion passed.

The resolution passed.

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

Jerome McCuin, sponsor, presented the legislation.

He said the debate has gone to a national level that has been reported on by CBS news who interviewed several UW students on the matter.

Travis Grandy said he supported the resolution as it involved students in the formation of the policy by UW.

Erin Shields asked if the committee that had been formed had students involved.

Jerome McCuin said he wasn't sure, but that he was going to be involved for a short period of time with the committee.

Mikhail Smirnoff asked if it established a policy or called for its creation.

Jerome McCuin said it merely called for the creation of a policy. He said that the final 'that' clause could be struck if Senate so desired.

Erin Shields moved to strike the final "and" in the last 'that' clause. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Zach Tobin said he was concerned about the last 'that' clause as it seemed to suggest a policy and that such a policy might give students a false sense of security for when they enter the working world. He entertained a motion to strike the last 'that' clause.

Ryan Malama asked if other schools have implemented similar policies.

Jerome McCuin said that there have been discussions with other schools' deans about this issue.

Alex Kerchner moved to amend the final 'that' clause to remove "against" and replace them with "in evaluating". *Seconded. Objection.*

He said he thought it should be clear that the information should not be used at all.

The amendment to the amendment passed.

Shawn Fisher noted that some crimes had been prevented by information found on networking sites.

John Stevens noted UW is a public institution and should have a much higher level of scrutiny in protecting free speech. He entertained a motion to change "private" to "individual" opinions.

Charles Cadwallader made such a motion. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Jono Hanks moved to amend the final 'that' clause, adding "and clarify how the Student Conduct code applies to online social networking sites." *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Niki Iglesias asked how threats against other individuals should be treated.

Jerome McCuin said they should be dealt with on a separate level.

John Stevens said he had found that other schools used student conduct code violations to prosecute students' for their online content.

Alvin Chen asked if the resolution made a distinction between relevant and irrelevant information that could be accessed via such online networks.

Jerome McCuin said there should be a general policy about all information online.

Travis Grandy said he thought there was a clear law between speech that's protected and speech that presents a public danger.

Mikhail Smirnoff moved to strike the final 'that' clause. Seconded. Objection.

He said he didn't think it appropriate to give a blanket statement saying no information on the internet should be used.

Jon Lee encouraged senators to keep amendments to a minimum and focus on the general idea posed by the legislation and move on.

Karl Smith said he disagreed with striking the 'that' clause as privacy is important to students and they need to take a stand.

Zach Tobin said he didn't want to create an opinion with the resolution that creates a bubble online where students are untouchable by the UW. He entertained a motion to remove the second to last 'that' clause.

Travis Grandy moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

The amendment failed.

Gary Stute moved to add an amendment as the last 'that' clause stating "We encouraged the UW to not devote any resources to the patrolling of online social networking websites." Seconded. Objection.

Bryce McKibben moved to amend the amendment to read "we discourage the University from devoting any resources..." Seconded. Passed without objection.

Colin Thomas moved to add "state" and replaces "patrolling" with "monitoring". Seconded. Objection.

Jon Lee moved to vote immediately. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

The amendment to the amendment failed.

The amendment passed.

The resolution passed.

Hala Dillsi moved to place R-12-37 above R-12-34. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

R-12-44 A Resolution Applauding Student Regent Will Rasmussen

Alex Kim summarized the legislation.

Travis Grandy moved to suspend the rules and place the resolution on 2nd readings. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Alex Kim said Will Rasmussen had done an exemplary job and that he hoped future Regents would do as excellent a job as he had.

Zach Tobin moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The resolution passed.

Gary Stute moved to proceed to announcements. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

R-12-43 A Resolution in Support of the Creation of a Financial Education Week

Travis McCoy presented the legislation, as the sponsor was not present.

Mikhail Smirnoff asked if this would be an ASUW event or an event put on by Student Fiscal Services and ASUW.

Travis McCoy said that it would be the latter.

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

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

Oscar Rosales summarized the legislation.

Maria Guillen gave the majority report and said the majority of the committee supported the resolution.

Mikhail Smirnoff gave the minority opinion and said that it was felt the 'whereas' and 'that' clauses were biased and not factually based.

Olgly Diaz said that she firmly believed in the resolution and discouraged Senators from thinking that institutionalized racism does not exist.

Gary Stute encouraged senators to continue debate of the resolution and not adjourn.

Mikhail Smirnoff summarized his amendment. *Seconded. Objection.*

He said the amendment was an attempt to remove bias and rhetoric from the 'whereas' clauses. He summarized the amendments.

A senator reminded senators that at UW, xenophobia was acknowledged as a fact.

Alex Kim encouraged senators to ensure the 'whereas' clauses were factual only and could be cited as fact.

Edgar Florez asked about the change to the fifth 'whereas' clause.

Mikhail Smirnoff said H.R. 4437 referred specifically to immigrants and no one else.

Zach Tobin moved to amend the amendment to restore the portions of the first 'that' clause that were struck. *Seconded. Objection.*

He said he felt the amendment should focus on the 'whereas' clauses.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he struck the language because it wasn't specific to 4437 and referred to other unspecified legislation.

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

The amendment to the amendment passed.

Travis Grandy asked that the 'whereas' clauses be read as amended.

Olgly Diaz moved to close debate on the amendment. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

Shawn Fisher moved to divide the question. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion failed.

The amendment passed.

Jerome McCuin moved to replace all instances of “undocumented persons” with “undocumented immigrants”. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Jono Hanks moved to remove the word “back” from the third ‘that’ clause. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Gary Stute moved to strike “xenophobic and ‘anti-immigrant’”.

Alex Kim ruled it dilatory.

Gary Stute appealed the decision of the chair.

Alex Kim said he felt the issue had already been discussed.

Gary Stute said he believed a different issue was at issue when the matter was brought up previously and that it didn’t represent Senate’s final stance on the matter.

The decision of the chair was confirmed.

Colin Thomas moved to replace every instance of “undocumented” with “illegal”. *Seconded. Objection.*

Jim LaRoche said he objected as he felt it should be not be ruled as illegal but rather undocumented.

Mikhail Smirnoff said it depended on the technicality of if it was possible for immigrants to be both undocumented and legal.

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

The motion passed.

The amendment failed.

Alex Kerchner moved to reinsert the ‘whereas’ clause addressing the fact that 4437 entertained the possibility of deporting the immigrant parents. *Seconded. Objection.*

He said there were cases in which immigrants had to be deported as described in H.R. 4437.

Mikhail Smirnoff said it merely backs an existing law that mandates immigrants who committed a felony be deported and didn’t entertain any idea of deportation.

Olgy Diaz moved to vote immediately. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion failed.

Jill Edwards said she agreed with the amendment as the piece being reinstated was factual.

Travis Grandy noted the language was “entertains the possibility”.

Oscar Rosales said he felt the specific ‘whereas’ clause was particularly important and that such acts of deportation had occurred in the past.

Mikhail Smirnoff said the bill made no mention of entertaining the possibility of deportation.

Erin Shields moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

The motion passed.

The amendment passed.

Mikhail Smirnoff moved to amend the second to last ‘whereas’ clause to read “United States laws entertains the possibility...” and add to the second ‘that’ clause “...that will include increased border security as well as a guest worker program, as part of which there would be a possibility for earned citizenship”. *Seconded. Objection.*

Bryce McKibben said that this amendment gives blanket support of any sort of border security.

Jill Edwards said she agreed with Bryce McKibben and felt Senate should fail the amendment and pass the legislation.

Gary Stute said immigration was what has made the U.S. great, and that the flipside of that issue is the respect for the law.

Oscar Rosales said he felt this was putting a band-aid over a huge problem and opposed the amendment.

Anna Arroyo noted that thousands of immigrants have died in the effort to move across the border, and that she opposed the amendment.

Kareem Cervantes moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

Division was called.

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the amendment.

The amendment failed.

Hala Dillsi moved to add a fourth 'that' clause to state "THAT the ASUW opposes further militarization along the Mexico-U.S. border and; THAT the ASUW opposes the intimidation of day laborers by groups such as the "Minutemen". Seconded. Objection.

She said the second clause is particularly applicable to Seattle and that it solved the issue of putting the statements in the 'whereas' clauses.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he felt the wording of the amendment was inflammatory and inaccurate as H.R. 4437 would not further militarize the border.

Kareem Cervantes moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The motion was made to divide the question.

Division was called.

The first clause of the amendment passed.

The second clause passed.

Kareem Cervantes moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the resolution.

Gary Stute moved for a Roll-Call vote. The motion failed.

The resolution passed.

Travis Grandy moved to adjourn with announcements. Seconded. Passed without objection.

X. Announcements

Jill Edwards noted the Honors Croquet League All Campus Tournament was on Saturday.

Edgar Florez said the American Ethnic Studies Dept is hosting an immigration forum this weekend.

Jim LaRoche noted the Native American Law Association is holding its Bingo night this Thursday at 6PM.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.