

Minutes  
May 30, 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 5:23pm

III. Approval of the Agenda

*The motion was made to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

IV. Board of Directors Report

**Hala Dillsi** said the Board was considering amendments to the ASUW Bylaws being sent to the Judicial Committee.

V. Orders of the Day

**A. Nominations and Election for the Senate At-Large Representative for Team Senate in the ASUW Power Struggle 2006**

**Travis Grandy** moved to nominate **Phyllis Ying**. She declined.

**Jon Evans** nominated **Brendan Gregory**. He accepted.

**Sam Al-Khoury** nominated **Zach Tobin**. He declined.

**Travis Grandy** moved to appoint **Brandon Gregory** by acclamation. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**B. Unfinished Business**

OA-12-10: An Act to Create a Final THAT Clause for Senate Resolutions

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

**Erin Shields**, sponsor, summarized the legislation.

**Travis Grandy** moved to suspend the rules and place the OA on 2<sup>nd</sup> readings. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**Erin Shields** said she thought a gap existed between when a piece of legislation was passed and when the Board took action on it.

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked to hear the pros and cons of the legislation as determined by Steering Committee

*Secretary's Note: A portion of the discussion was not recorded as I worked to find the pros and cons as recorded in Steering Committee.*

**Erin Shields** noted that the OA would add to the job descriptions of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

She said she thought more debate should take place on the OA next session and entertained a motion to table the motion.

**Melissa Aar** moved to table the legislation indefinitely. Seconded. Passed without objection.

#### R-12-45 A Resolution in Support of Fair and Safe Labor Practices

**Jen Caldwell** and **Micah Rose** summarized the legislation.

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked if the 'whereas' clauses specifically related to LVI.

**Micah Rose** said they did not entirely pertain to LVI.

**Jon Evans** asked if the UW had a regular history of contracting with agencies that regularly have health and safety regulations.

**Micah Rose** said they hadn't specifically done any research on their histories.

**Jon Evans** said he was concerned that the legislation targeted LVI unfairly and that it might be inappropriate for Senate to consider at this time.

**Karl Smith** said he thought it was appropriate to include references to LVI as it was the inspiration for the resolution. He said he thought it was an excellent piece of legislation.

**Erin Shields** said she thought it was a positive piece of legislation and set clear expectations for the university on the manner.

**Selma Dillsi** moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection. The motion failed.*

**Nathan Bedle** asked how the University was not union neutral and how it affected employees.

**Mikah Rose** said technically the UW had to be union neutral by state law, and that the resolution was asking the UW to specifically state that fact.

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked if there had been any response from LVI regarding safety violations.

**Mikah Rose** said there had been a letter from the President of LVI in the Daily addressing the issue. He said their violations were well documented, though they had been proactive in addressing the issue.

**Jon Evans** asked what the need was for the resolution.

**Mikah Rose** said there were serious questions as to LVI's actual neutrality to unions.

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked if LVI was worse with regards to labor violations compared to other companies.

**Mikah Rose** said it depended on who you believed. He said UW administrators said it was about equal with other companies, though labor unions claimed otherwise.

**Ashley Miller** said she thought it was a similar issue to the UW making sure people knew it did not support racist policies, and thus stated that fact explicitly. She said she didn't know why Senate wouldn't pass the resolution.

*The motion was made to exhaust the speakers list. Seconded. Objection.*

*Division was called. The motion passed.*

**Jon Lee** asked why the resolution wasn't simply calling for overall neutrality instead of promoting labor unions as the resolution appeared to be suggesting.

**Mikah Rose** said that was what the resolution was supposed to accomplish, and used the appropriate federal definition of labor neutral to indicate that fact.

**Andrew Everett** asked why these steps needed to be taken.

**Mikah Rose** said while he didn't want to take an antagonistic approach to the issue, he wanted assurances that the administration was practicing labor neutral practices.

*The speaker's list was exhausted. Debate was closed.*

*The resolution passed.*

R-12-46 Commending the 2005-2006 Senate Leadership

**Jon Evans** moved to close debate. The motion passed without objection.

*The motion passed.*

## **VI. Final Business**

### A. ASUW Presidential Privilege

**Alex Kim** thanked **Lee Dunbar** for his exemplary leadership this year and for his willingness to open a dialogue between Senate and ASUW.

**Lee Dunbar** said Senate provided the voice and dialogue on campus that was needed to deal with a variety of issues.

He said it was because of groups like Senate that legislators considered students' opinions in doing what was right for the UW and its students.

He said he was proud of the fact that ASUW allowed for dissent and honest debate.

He said it had been an honor to represent Senate and the students of UW over the course of the year.

### B. Chair's Report

**Alex Kim** thanked committee chairs for all of their work. He said committees were a key part of Senate and provided the first step of dialogue with every piece of legislation that was considered.

He thanked Rene Singleton for all of her work with Senate this year.

He thanked the Executive Officers for their work. He said Travis Grandy had done an excellent job of creating community in Senate over the course of the year.

He thanked Travis McCoy for his work and the relationship that he had with him.

He said Senate was incredibly lucky to have Erin Shields represent it on the Board and that ASUW was lucky to have her as a member on that same board next year. He said she had done an excellent job as vice-chair to call him out when necessary and performed her duties to an amazing degree.

He noted that Senate had not always enjoyed its current privileges, but that it had gotten that status thanks to the hard work of past members of Senate and the Board who had worked tirelessly to achieve that.

He said that Sean Kellogg particularly had shaped his own role in Senate and the body as a whole.

He presented the "Farewell, Mon Capitan" Award to Sean Kellogg.

He thanked the Senate body for helping to evolve his views on leadership and what it means to be a Senator.

He said that leadership should be a relationship and a dialogue that exists, not only a set of virtues.

He said Senate must expect collaboration and change in order to succeed, and must not accept the status quo or a tentative role at UW and the university community as a whole.

He said he hoped that Senate grounded itself in contrast to that which it had to question.

He said he looked forward to speaking up at future Senate meetings.

### C. Presentation of Certificates of Tenure

**Travis Grandy** presented the list of individuals who received the award.

### D. Presentation of Special Senate Awards

The Executive Board presented the special Senate Awards

#### E. Presentation of Senate Awards

1. Chair's Award

**Alex Kim** presented the Chair's Award to **Bryce McKibben**

2. Senate Award for Oratory

**Travis Grandy** presented the Award for Oratory to **Mikhail Smirnoff**.

3. Senate Award for Leadership

**Travis McCoy** presented the Award for Leadership to **Sam Al-Khoury**

4. Steering Committee Award

**Shawn Fisher** presented the Steering Committee Award to **Gary Stute**.

#### VII. Changing of the Dias

The officers of Senate Session XIII took their seats at the Dias.

**Magnus Gordon** moved to adjourn with cake. Objection. The motion passed.

#### VIII. Adjournment Sine Die

*Session XII of the ASUW Student Senate adjourned at 6:44pm.*