

ASUW Student Senate
October 18, 2005
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

Call to Order

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 5:18.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

Chair's Report

Alex encouraged members unfamiliar with parliamentary procedure to be sure to ask questions as the meeting proceeded. He strongly recommended new senators apply for liaison positions during the meeting.

Alex yielded to **Erin Shields** who said the Senate Buddy System that is currently open for members to sign up with.

Alex introduced **Ashley Miller**. She listed the ASUW groups that currently have openings and said members can apply at www.asuw.org.

Public Forum - UW Undergrad Experience Committee

Lee Dunbar explained that the committee is designed to take into account the entire undergrad experience. He said the committee's results are due to be reported by the 15th of November.

Lee asked what Senate thought contributed most to a great experience.

Andrew Everett said he thought the diversity of the student group was a major plus for the student body.

Jamil Suleman said the administration was doing a poor job of retaining professors of different ethnic backgrounds, and that the diverse ethnic representation is insufficient. He said ASUW has not done a sufficient job of finding sufficient funding for such programs and addressing such issues.

Jon Evans said it's important that the UW's counseling resources be expanded and to significantly grow the advising staff.

Albert Chang said the Canadian studies department is also lacking representation. He noted that the music department also has been lacking significant attention, resulting in higher ticket costs for students

Sean Fisher said that he expected professors to have a certainly level of communication proficiency and that it seemed that the UW is not recruiting the best teaching talent

Magnus Gordon said there is a problem with the impression that transfer students or evening degree program students are not incorporated into the University. He said the transition from evening degree program to full time student needs definite improvement. In addition he said that the privatization of the university has resulted in an unacceptable number of separate fees.

Angie Wallace said the educational opportunity program and counseling services in general need to be more supportive of students reaching their own goals instead of dictating them.

Jenny Serpa said the requirement for freshman to have advising before signing up for classes is problematic to those who need upper division classes.

Angelena Crown said the FIG program is an excellent program and that it could be further improved to last longer than a single quarter.

Gary Fox said the school spirit at UW is lacking and that the inter-collegiate sports program is under-supported.

Mikhail Smirnov said there isn't enough communication about the programs students can get involved with. He suggested an effort during freshman advising to introduce students to the programs available.

Mona Daniels said students as the ECC need more awareness on campus. She said the First Nation's events need more exposure on campus.

Alex Kim entertained a motion to extend the Q&A period by 10 minutes. So moved. Seconded. Passed.

Kaleena Marchand said the American Indian Studies department lacks sufficient funding and is generally unacknowledged within the department.

Karud Hockma said he would be at the UW for 5 years due to the unavailability of necessary classes.

Michelle Lin said residency costs are prohibitive to undergrads.

Katie Massey said the quality of her TA's have been unacceptable and that her community college credits did not transfer.

Travis McCoy said he thought professors should be held more accountable for the quality of the classes they teach.

Vanessa Vassall said her FIG has been a low quality and there needs to be additional guidelines for those allowed to teach FIGS.

Anna Gonzolvo said the night ride program has been an excellent service for her. She said in addition the Daily should play a larger roll in helping to promote the ECC events.

Lee Dunbar said emails could be sent to asuwpres@u.washington.edu with additional comments. And that a catalyst form will be made available soon. Additional forums will be held on Oct 25th at 7:30 in HUGB 108, and October 27th in Lander 132 at 7:30.

ASUW Presidential Privilege

Lee Dunbar said he has been working on the online textbook exchange program. He has also been addressing the patronage refund program at the UW bookstore.

Erin Shields suggested senators research the UW bookstore patronage issue and that they would be coming to address the senate in the next month.

Board of Directors Report

Hala Dillsi said the National Coalition Building Institute would be coming to the UW this week and that senators can email cmcoop@u.washington.edu for more information.

Jon Lee said homecoming applications are online for homecoming royalty.

Orders of the Day

1. Nominations for Senate Committee Chairs

Alex Kim prefaced the nominations with a brief explanation of each committee.

a. Academic Affairs

Jeff Nesty nominated **Derek Hazen**. Accepted

Jamil Suleman nominated Adel. Accept

Erin Shields nominated **Angellena Crown**. Accept.

b. Campus Affairs

Zach Tobin nominated **Sam Al-Khoury**. Accepted. Zach said Sam has been a great member of senate for the last year and would represent senate well.

Brent Ludeman nominated **Alexandrea Valenhne**. Accepted.

Trevor Cross nominated **David Yake**. Accepted.

Alex Lark nominated himself.

Cailin Magruder nominated herself.

Magnus Gordon nominated himself.

Joel Murray nominated **Michael Maves**.

c. Faculty and Administrative Affairs

Jon Lee nominated **Jon Evans**. Declined.

d. General Affairs

Vitaliy Pradun nominated **Michelle Lin**. Declined.

Angie Wallace nominated **Corwin Hackwa**. Accepted. She said he has been very involved in senate the last year.

Travis Grandy nominated **Inigo Estaban**. Declined.

Gary Fox nominated **Shawn Fisher**. Accepted. He said Shawn is very responsible and will do a good job.

Colin Thomas nominated **Andrew Everett**. Accepted.

e. Membership Committee

Niki Iglesias nominated **Albert Chang**. Accepted.

f. Publicity and Outreach Committee

Lee Dunbar nominated **Ted Stone**. Accepted.

Zach Tobin nominated **Niki Iglesias**. Accepted.

Katie Massey nominated **Albert Chang**. Accepted.

g. Off-Campus Affairs

Hala Dillsi nominated **Alvin Chen**. Accepted. Hala said Alvin has been very active in Senate with commuter and transportation issues.

Jeff Nesty nominated **Derek Hazen**. Accepted.

2. Nominations to the Senate Officer Review Committee

Alex Lark nominated himself.

Sam Al-Khoury nominated **Jay Singh**. Accepted.

Jon Evans nominated **Kinsley Ogunmola**. Declined.

Andrew Omahen nominated himself.

Sam Al-Khoury nominated **Melissa Orr** accepted.

Angie Wallace nominated **Jon Evans**. Accepted.

Andrew Everett nominated himself. Accepted.

Old Business

Elections of Senate Liaisons

Alex explained the rules of voting.

a. Special Appropriations Committee

Marina Cook nominated **Jon Evans**. Accepted.

Jon Evans introduced himself. He said he was the liaison to the F&B committee last year.

He responded to a question that if he were on an RSO that requested funds he would remove himself from the voting.

Jon Evans was elected to the position.

b. Services and Activities Fee Committee

Sean Kellogg spoke about the significance of the committee.

Zach Tobin nominated **Alex Kerchner**. Accepted.

Sam Al-Khoury nominated **Jerome McCuin**. Declined.

Inigo Esteban said he is new to senate but feels that he could do a solid job filling the position.

Alex Kerchner said he's been on the committee in years past and likes to tackle the problems that are addressed by that committee.

Brent Ludeman asked if they viewed themselves as fiscally conservative. Inigo said he thought he would allocate the funds well. Alex said he believes he is fiscally conservative.

Magnus Gordon asked what experience they had prior to ASUW.

Alex said he is president of a fraternity and has been on the committee for 2 years.

Inigo said he worked with the Tacoma and Seattle art museums as well as the Spanish vice consulate.

Alex Kerchner was elected to the position.

c. Finance and Budget Committee

Alex introduced the committee.

Magnus Gordon nominated **Hanna Richards**. Declined.

Mikhail Smirnoff nominated himself.

Erin Shields nominated Inigo. Declined.

Jon Evans introduced himself. He said this is his second year on the committee.

Mikhail said it's his first year at UW. He said he served in student senate for 4 years in high school as well as the president of two clubs. He also dealt with money for high school theater productions.

Alex asked what the candidates hoped to learn from the experience.

Mikhail said he wants to get involved with ASUW and to learn about its operations.

Jon said he hoped to delve deeper into where the money is distributed to. He said he also wanted to learn how to use Excel.

Andrew Everett asked what the candidates are studying and how that applied to their work on F&B.

Jon said he is a business major and deals with accounting and marketing.

Mikhail said he's studying economics and international studies.

Mikhail Smirnoff was elected to the position

d. Legislative Steering Committee

Alex introduced the committee.

Niki Iglesias nominated **Inigo Esteban**. Accepted. Niki said Inigo is enthusiastic and has great potential for the position.

Alex Lake said he worked at the office of the state attorney general and worked with the legislation that went through the office.

Katie Massey said she is very involved with ASUW and serves on the Special Appropriations Committee. She also served on local government in her home town.

Coley Veitenhans said he is a freshman and is interested in running for another position.

Inigo Esteban said he's very interested in politics and knows the house representative in Olympia and that it's a subject he's particularly passionate about.

Alvin Chang asked what they thought the scope should be of the legislative agenda.

Inigo said the agenda should be defined by the senate.

Katie said she looked forward to offering a voice to senate students. Alex said he looked forward to being a strong voice for senators.

Alex Kerchner asked what roll primary and secondary education should play in the agenda.

Katie said it was crucial for the UW. Alex said it should be a high priority for the University.

Indigo concurred with the other two candidates about its importance.

Inigo Estaban was elected to the position.

e. Judicial Committee

Karl Smith introduced the committee

Jon Lee nominated **Chelsea Bergeson**. Accepted.

Ian Savage nominated **Ted Stone**. Declined.

Erin Shields nominated **Cailin Magruder**. Accepted.

Casey Sedlack said she's very interested in getting involved and thought it would be a good experience.

Chelsea said she was in Senate last year and is very interested in constitutions and bylaws and is excited about the position.

Cailin Magruder said she was also in Senate last year and is interested in getting involved this year.

Andrew Everett asked what the candidates thought their biggest detriment was to the candidates filling the position.

Cailin Magruder said she really enjoys talking.

Chelsea said she's very meticulous.

Casey said her biggest detriment is that she gets really tired in meetings sometimes.

Jon Evans asked how the candidates viewed the ASUW constitution.

Casey said she would probably be more interpretive of the constitution.

Chelsea said it depends on the situation.

Cailin said she thought there was always room for interpretation in the constitution.

Chelsea Bergeson was elected to the position.

Alex Kim entertained a motion to adjourned. So moved. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Senate was adjourned at 7:18PM.