

Minutes  
November 29, 2005  
5:00PM – HUB 310

*Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy*

I. Committee Meetings (20 minutes)

*Committees met for 20 minutes prior to the general senate meeting beginning.*

II. Call to Order

**Alex Kim** called the meeting to order at 5:21

III. Approval of the Agenda

Alex noted that steering committee didn't pass 2 agendas at its past meeting, and thus

**Jon Lee** moved to add R-12-11 under new business as the 3<sup>rd</sup> item. He noted it was a time sensitive resolution. Passed without objection

IV. Committee Reports

**Faculty and Administrative Affairs:** The committee ate caramel and talked about the Legislative Agenda.

**Off Campus Affairs:** The committee talked about how to use catalyst to develop a commuter website.

**Academic Affairs Committee:** The committee discussed Thanksgiving break, proposed legislation, and enjoyed candy.

**Membership Committee:** **Travis Grandy** noted that tonight was the first annual Senate Strike bowling night, and that it was completely free.

**General Affairs Committee:** The committee talked with 2 members of the bookstore board of trustees to improve communication with students.

**Campus Affairs Committee:** R-12-10 was passed with unanimously favorable

**Publicity and Outreach Committee:** The committee ate pizza, talked about using ASUW tables for tabling and said they would be very aggressive about advertising senate next quarter.

**Erin Shields** noted that senate buddies would have new activities, and that this week the activity was The Art of Writing a Resolution.

V. Chair's Report

**Alex Kim** noted that the relay for life kickoff is on January 24<sup>th</sup> in the HUB.

He said he hoped that the discussion today on the legislative agenda would be robust and respectful.

He congratulated **Sam Al-Khoury** for being named student of the month by the National Resident Hall Association.

#### VI. ASUW Presidential Privilege

**Lee Dunbar** noted that the legislative reception took place last night. He said Ed Murray called it the best student organized event in 10 years and thanked **Ben Golden** and **Tyler Dockins** for their hard work.

He said the Undergrad experience committee would be releasing its report on Monday and that it would be available online.

#### VII. Board of Directors Report

**Jon Lee** noted that from 6-8:30 there would be a Patriot Act Forum tonight in the HUB sponsored by many campus groups and thanked ATN! for their support.

**Hala Dillsi** said the Andrew W K and Pretty Girls make Graves would be performing on Friday in the HUB.

#### VIII. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

**Sean Kellogg** said GPSS is considering a resolution next week on the rapid increase of textbook prices.

#### IX. Orders of the Day

##### A. Old Business

##### 1. Second Readings – 2006 ASUW Legislative Agenda (LD-12-1)

**Alex Kim** opened debate on the Health Safety and Welfare section.

**Gary Stute** moved to close debate on the section. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**Alex Kim** opened debate on the Transportation Section.

**Inigo Esteban** summarized the section.

It was noted that structural changes could be made at the end of considering the agenda.

**Sean Kellogg** noted that the generality of the statements in the section and to strike the word “any” from the second and third bullet points. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**Alex Kim** asked if the senate passed a resolution against the arboretum onramp, if it would be seen as contrary to the second statement.

**Angie Wallace** said her understanding was that the legislative agenda was written generally, and thus anything the senate passed specifically would override the agenda.

**Ben Golden** said it would

**Sheridan Grey** noted that it would not as that was the purpose of legislative directives. He suggested taking the last two bullet points and combining them and adding an exception clause.

**Gary Stute** made such a motion. Seconded. Objection.

**Sheridan Grey** clarified the statement, striking the third bullet point, adding to the second “burden of commuter students expect those that significantly impact the UW Community in a negative manner.

**Karl Smith** said he felt it was two separate issues as the amendment wouldn’t allow us to lobby against the arboretum onramp.

**Gary Stute** said he disagreed as the amendment did offer some leeway.

**Jill Edwards** said the exception only applies to any measure that eases commuter students’ burdens. She said the third bullet point should be left in.

**Steve Valm** said he thought the amendment offered a lot of “wobble room” as any transportation measure would fall under both aspects of the single bullet point.

**Jon Evans** said he brought up the issue of commuter students as it gives the amendment a different context and entertained a motion to broaden the statement.

**Hannah Lommers-Johnson** said by deleting the third bullet point it was removing the objection.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objected. Motion failed.

**Liliana Karelja** said the arboretum onramp would be directly addressed by this section as it could negatively impact the UW community.

**Jon Lee** said if we strike the third clause, senate would be limiting its abilities to lobby on behalf of other groups other than commuters such as faculty members.

**Alex Kerchner** said if there were legislation that negatively affected the entire campus it would not be objectionable to given the current language.

**Melissa Aar** said she agreed with Jon and that by explicitly stating commuter students it was limiting senate in its consideration of other students besides commuters.

**Alvin Chen** said it all comes down to interpretation and asked Ben Golden how he would interpret the language as amended.

**Ben Golden** said it gave a lot of discretion to the separate issues that come up and that he would probably come back to ask the student body.

**Corwin Hoekema** said the third bullet point needs to have hierarchical advantage to the second bullet point.

**Jon Evans** moved to amend the amendment to read “we support measures that would ease the transportation burden of commuter students but oppose those that significantly impact the UW Community in a negative manner”. Seconded. Objection.

**Angie Wallace** said the amendment stated the same thing as the two separate amendments and urged it be voted against.

**Jon Evans** encouraged senators to vote for the amendment because it would all be equally weighted with the new amendment without the concern of weights of two bullets.

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

Division was called on the passage of the amendment to the amendment. The amendment failed.

**Gary Stute** amended the amendment to strike the word “commuter”. Seconded. Objection.

Gary said removing the word commuter senators would give ASUW a broader choice in lobbying and this would be more inclusive.

**Angie Wallace** said the faculty has their own lobbyist and that the reason the word “commuter” was present was so that we could lobby on their behalf.

**Jon Evans** moved to close debate on the amendment to the amendment. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The amendment to the amendment passed.

**Angie Wallace** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

Division was called. The motion passed.

The amendment failed.

**Alex Kerchner** moved to strike “commuters” in the second clause and insert “all transportation” in the third clause. He said it broadened the scope. Objection.

**Steve Valm** said changing the language to strike commuter was still inclusive of commuters.

Objection withdrawn.

The amendment passed without objection.

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

**Inigo Esteban** summarized the Student Advocacy section.

**Sean Kellogg** moved to strike the words “and lobbying abilities” from the first bullet point. Objection.

**Sean Kellogg** said the language as it stands allows **Ben Golden** to commit students to being a part of WSA and it’s associated fees. He said the language is so vague it opens students up to committing to issues they should only authorize explicitly.

**Gary Stute** said senate shouldn’t limit its lobbyist because of concerns over one organization.

**Jon Lee** said he shared some of Sean’s same concerns. He said student senate and the Board of Directors decided what Ben would be lobbying on, and that something as big as WSA would probably not be passable.

**Alex Kim** asked Ben Golden whether the older language would allow him to commit to UW to join WSA.

**Ben Golden** said the old language would not unilaterally allow him to make such a commitment.

**Corwin Hoekema** said the statement did not allow the lobbyist to make such a commitment because of the limiting statement “that would strengthen UW’s voice”

**Shawn Fisher** said he would be voting against the amendment.

**Sheridan Grey** said students could not simply write a resolution to tell the lobbyist what to lobby on.

**Alex Kim** informed senators that legislative directives are passable by senate and allows senate to modify the legislative agenda.

**Will Rasmussen** said he shared a lot of Sean Kellogg's concern around WSA and entertained a motion to change that language to limit the lobbyist's abilities.

**Lee Dunbar** said he would vigorously oppose any legislatively directed fees and agreed with Corwin that the language "enhance UW's voice" limited that ability. He said he did not foresee the issue coming up this year.

**Steve Valm** asked who would be involved in making the decision to join WSA.

**Rene Singleton** said in the past a campus wide vote has been conducted to approve such a measure.

**Gary Fox** asked what WSA is.

**Lee Dunbar** said it's the proposal to form the Washington State Association which would require more fees than the UW currently pays.

**Angie Wallace** said in the WSL agenda for the year exists a clause supporting the formation of a student association. She said with parallel language in the LA might indicate a consensus on campus in favor of WSA, which she didn't believe to be the case.

**Gary Stute** said he didn't think senate should limit its lobbying abilities in it's legislative agenda. He encouraged the next person to close debate.

**James Byers** moved to make an amendment to the amendment to state "we oppose a state-mandated association" and to unstrike "and lobbying abilities." Seconded. Objection.

**James Byres** said we still want lobbying abilities but that we don't want it to be limited by another association.

**Jon Lee** said he objected because it's such a big issue that he didn't believe this was the right time and place to debate the WSA because senate doesn't have enough information to have a constructive debate on the issue. He said in the end a state mandated student association might be the best option and in which case our hands would be tied.

**Travis Grandy** moved to vote on the entire amendment. Seconded. Objection. Division was called. The motion failed.

**Sheridan Grey** said he was opposed to the amendment for the amendment because it's pitting bullet points against other bullet points. He said senate should be very careful of bullet points that contradict each other.

**Corwin Hoekema** said lobbying is poorly funded at the moment and that WSA could be a positive thing for UW. He said if UW has a large voice in WSA it could be highly beneficial, but that UW doesn't know enough about WSA at this time.

**Jerome McCuin** said he agreed that senate doesn't know about WSA and encouraged senate to keep the language the same.

**Alvin Chen** said the language only limits state mandated student associations.

**Karl Smith** said he thinks the language is adequately broad though he shares Jon Lee's concerns. He said senate wants the ability to decide for itself whether it wants to join a larger lobbying body or not.

**Jon Evans** said "policies that would strengthen UW voice" stops the lobbyist from joining anything not beneficial to UW.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

**Lee Dunbar** noted WSC would be a state mandated organization that requires a fee.

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the amendment to the amendment.

The amendment to the amendment passed.

**Jon Evans** strongly urged senators to vote the amendment down.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection. The motion passed.

Division was called on the passage of the amendment. The amendment failed.

**Brent Ludeman** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

It was noted 1 person was on the speakers list.

The motion failed.

**Kenny Umetsu** asked how husky pride would be defined.

**Gary Stute** moved to close debate. **Alex Kim** called the motion dilatory.

**David Yake** moved to amend the section to include another bullet point reading “We support responsible global consumption of goods by the University of Washington, specifically with an emphasis on Fair Trade Certified goods.” Seconded. Objection.

Point of information: it was asked if the sponsor of the amendment could define global consumption and who would define it as such.

**David Yake** said TransFair, a widely recognized organization, would do so, and that it encouraged HFS to use fair trade certified goods.

**Gary Stute** felt the Legislative Agenda was not an appropriate place to lobby on this issue and that it could limit consumer’s choices.

**Ashley Miller** said it could help in giving students the ability to invest in responsible corporations.

**Alex Kerchner** said he felt it wasn’t the appropriate place to lobby for this issue.

**David Yake** said as is the case with many goods there is not a choice to buy Fair Trade Certified goods for students to purchase on campus.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** said he opposed the amendment because he didn’t believe the Legislative Agenda was the proper place to address the issue. He said senate doesn’t want state legislators determining what students consume.

**Gary Stute** reiterated Mikhail’s statement and said that it wasn’t the appropriate place to deal with the issue as the UW has it’s own responsibility to deal with that issue, not the legislature.

**Travis Grandy** said he agreed with Gary Stute and objected to the fact that the goods we have on this campus have a great impact on student’s academic lives.

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection. The motion passed.

The amendment failed.

**Gary Fox** proposed an amendment to add “University of Washington” in front of Husky Pride.

**Tyler Dockins** said he objected to the inclusion of the language as confusion was not likely given it’s an ASUW legislative agenda.

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed

The amendment failed.

**Brent Ludeman** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

**Alex Kim** opened debate for the entire legislative agenda and noted the chair could call repeated amendment dilatory.

**Jon Evans** said he was encouraged by the work senate has done already.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to amend the third to last bullet point in Academics to the last bullet point in Maintaining and Expanding Diversity. Seconded. Objection.

Shawn said the language had more impact on diversity on campus than the UW’s academics.

**Deidre Lockman** said diversity deals with different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds and that additional international students do not significantly add to that.

**Jerome McCuin** said he agreed with Deidre Lockman and that they are only at the UW temporarily, and that the amendment would dilute the diversity section.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** said he supported the amendment because the best way to attract students from diverse environments is to include individuals from different parts of the world.

**Gary Stute** said he agreed with the amendment because he found it somewhat absurd that bringing in international students would not increase diversity on campus.

**Deidre Lockman** said there is a distinct difference between an academically diverse environment and a culturally diverse campus.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** said there was no reason to oppose a clause that is in favor of increasing diversity.

**Jill Edwards** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

It was noted there were 12 people on the speakers list. Alex Kim said 8 people had not spoken.

The motion passed. Debate was closed.

The amendment passed.

**Jon Evans** moved to close debate on the agenda. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

**Casey Sedlack** moved to strike the second bullet point from Maintaining and Expanding Diversity. Seconded. Objection.

Casey said it seemed that the bullet point is intended to help needy and poor families, but thought that financial aid would do a better job of that. He said in-state tuition exists because parents pay taxes.

**Gary Stute** noted that illegal immigrants do pay instate sales tax.

**Deidre Lockman** said she felt eliminating the clause would dramatically lessen the number of people of color who would be able to attend the university, and that she was strongly in opposition to the amendment.

**Shawn Fisher** said the state owes many illegal immigrants a huge amount because of the work they do to support the state's economy and that he strongly supported their right to instate tuition.

**Gary Stute** said he was in favor of the amendment as otherwise the clause gives illegal immigrants benefits for breaking the law.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** said as an immigrant he completely supported the amendment because there are people who break laws with this hope in mind, and that the amendment condoned such people. He said his family had to go through a lengthy process to successfully immigrate to the United States. He said he gets instate tuition because his family went that extensive process, and does not believe the government should condone breaking such laws.

**Sean Kellogg** said the state is one of the few states that allows undocumented immigrants to get drivers licenses for the purpose of them being able to get insurance. He said the federal government is forcing the state to change that law, and that the federal government doesn't recognize the reality of the situation. He said we must accept the fact that illegal immigrants will not go away and that must be acknowledged.

**Tyler Dockins** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

The amendment failed.

**Gary Stute** moved to move the last clause of Maintaining and Expanding Diversity to the Health, Safety and Welfare section.

**Ben Golden** noted that the position of the bullet point does not matter in the agenda.

**Bryce McKibben** said he opposed the amendment when it was first debated because part of the reason people who are discriminated against is because they have other things to worry about, and we want to encourage both issues.

**Jon Evans** asked why anyone would expand a clause that supported expanding diversity.

**Deidre Lockman** said she opposed the amendment because not having it in the Diversity section implies that homosexuals are not at risk in UW.

It was noted that if the clause was left under diversity would give UW grounds to recruit.

**Zach Tobin** moved to close debate. Objection. Seconded.

The motion passed.

The amendment failed.

**Brent Ludeman** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

**Alex Kim** noted there were no speakers on the speakers list.

The motion failed.

**Phyllis Ying** moved to add a comma in the financial aid section after the word "ability". Seconded. Objection.

The amendment passed.

**Brent Ludeman** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Debate was closed on the Legislative Agenda.

A roll call vote was called on the Legislative Agenda.

The Legislative Agenda passed with 68 Yays Nay 3 Abstain 4.

**Ben Golden** thanked senate for passing the legislative agenda and for the great debate. He said he hoped senate didn't allow the debate to stop tonight and that it would continue throughout the year.

**Alex Kim** encouraged senators to consider the R-12-6.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

2. Second Readings – R-12-6: A Resolution in Opposition to an Arboretum Onramp

**Will Rasmussen** showed senate a map of what the arboretum on ramp would consist of.

**Gary Stute** asked if it would be a drawbridge or not.

Will responded he didn't believe it would be.

**Shawn Fisher** said he felt that the information was crucial to bring to their constituents.

Will asked that students consider the legislation this evening.

**Kenny Umetsu** said he was in favor of the legislation and encouraged the next speaker to close debate.

**Mikhail Smirnoff** asked about the term "arboretum onramp alternative".

**Will Rasmussen** said it would object only to this specific onramp.

**Sean Kellogg** moved to close debate. Seconded. Objected.

Motion passed.

R-12-6 passed.

**Jon Lee** moved to adjourn. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed.

XII. Adjournment

Senate adjourned at 7:22.