

Senate Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2007

4:30 PM – HUB 310

*Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda*

I. Committee Meetings (15 min.)

II. Call to Order

**Hala Dillsi** called the meeting to order at 4:55 PM.

III. Approval of the Agenda

**Jon Solomon** moved to approve the agenda. *Seconded. Without objection.*

IV. Presidential Privilege (15 min) & Husky Tee Design Announcement

**Cullen White** said he is very excited about tonight. He said the Husky Tee is an opportunity to provide support to students who did not have it before, and the Tee will be a reminder that we are all Huskies and here to support one another.

**Cullen** played a short film, and then revealed the Husky Tee. He awarded T-shirts to random Senate audience members.

He said we are the pride of Washington.

He said T-shirts are available for \$14.95.

He said a freshman in engineering won, **Jeremy Juel**.

**Hala** thanked **Cullen** for choosing Senate to unveil the Husky Tee.

V. Chair's Report

**Hala** welcomed the candidates for ASUW elections. She introduced the Forum overview:

**Forum Overview:**

**1 min introductions**

**1 Steering question** per position

-45 sec response for each candidate, or

-1 min response for each VP and President candidate

**Q & A from Floor:**

-2 min total per candidate

-**30 sec response** for each candidate per position

**30 sec conclusions** for each candidate to restate name and position

Total Questions:

4 questions from floor,

5 including the Steering Committee Question

*Important Note: Everyone has a limited time for response, so please make sure to make the most of your question time. To be fair, we will cut anyone off if they exceed their time.*

**Hala** explained that all candidates would answer a question. She said she will strongly prioritize a speaker that has not yet spoken in the forum.

**Hala** thanked Steering and others for working so hard on this forum.

**Hala** welcomed **Paul Boup** of the Elections Administration Committee, who will introduce elections policies and procedures.

**Paul Boup** said anyone can file a complaint on an EAC member or anyone involved in a campaign. He said one goes to the SAO office. He said you have to be as descriptive as possible with date, time, name, and situation exactly. He said complaints can only be filed against individuals, no later than 2 business days after polls close.

**Hala** said this is one of the only times there is campaigning inside the HUB.

**Hala** said there is a statement from **Laura Baird**, a reminder to get all pro's and con statements for the ballot measures and referendums to her by Friday. She said those will be published in the voter's guide.

VI. Orders of the Day

A. Ballot Measures and ASUW Board of Directors Candidates Forum

Ballot Measure 1: Pro's & Con's

**Hala** read the referendum:

Question on the ballot: Should the ASUW Constitution be amended to remove grammatical and formatting inconsistencies?

**Laura Baird** said as a point of information that there were a lot of referencing and grammatical errors in the Constitution due to changes and development uncovered by the Judicial Committee. She said formatting was also made more consistent.

**Hala** asked for a Pro statement. **Hala** asked for a Con statement.

**Yutaka** said removal of grammatical or other inconsistencies can also remove institutional memory of changes done.

### Ballot Measure 2: Pro's & Con's

**Hala** said all survey questions are nonbinding and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the ASUW and its affiliates and are intended only to elicit student opinion.

**Hala** read the following:

Survey Question:

Question on the ballot: Do you agree that University of Washington policies for the use and possession of marijuana should be NO greater than those imposed for the use and possession of alcohol?

**Hala** asked for Pro's.

**Tim Kelly** said cops are not called for marijuana violations. A student can lose financial aid, and it goes on record. He said if caught with alcohol you just need to go to a remedial class. He said marijuana is not associated with domestic violence or death.

**Hala** asked for Con's.

### 1. Candidates for Director of Programming

**Adriana Hilliard** introduced herself. She said she loves the UW, and she knows this place very well.

**Hala** read the Steering question given to members earlier today:

The Director of Programming has a big hand in both CORE and Arts and Entertainment, which are very successful programs. What are your specific plans for helping the other committees, especially the Arts and Entertainment Committee and the Crime Prevention Committee reach their full potential?

**Hala** said for A&E one of the most visible ways is through educational programs. She said that program becomes stronger when there is a concrete committee behind it. She said it needs to be made sure that people are engaged in planning.

**Jon Solomon** said one role is to assist the Director of Diversity Efforts. He asked how she would you go about advertising these programs to even a larger base.

**Adriana** said for starters, Facebook is the easiest way. She said also getting in contact with other Board of Directors is important. She said she and the others of Our Campus cover every part of campus.

**Austin Young** said she has been away from ASUW for a while.

**Adriana** said she thinks sometime we get entrenched. She said her agenda is that she is going to bring people together through programming.

**Lindsay Omta** said they're working with CORE. She asked how she sees her role as liaison to BOD, and how to make sure CORE is a successful entity next year.

**Adriana** said CORE is an awesome program, and needs awareness. She said no-one's really gone to tell campus that they're awesome, and she would love to do that.

**Angelena Crown** said Tyler did an awesome job this year.

**Neil Rotta** asked if she has plans to reach out to those who live off campus.

**Adriana** said she lives off campus, so she said definitely. She said she lives in Sandpoint, in Radford Court, not even near campus. She said she would work with the Commuter Caucus and Senate.

**Adriana** said with crime prevention they're looking at the board level. Before it was rape and off campus issues, and now it's a lot of on-campus issues. She said it must become a local lobbying issue.

## 2. Candidates for Director of Organizational Relations

**Rachel Hollcraft** said she is running with Our Campus. She said her main role is to strengthen the current entities.

**Hala** read:

ASUW decided to hire students from a business consulting network to review the ASUW Bike Shop and the Experimental College. Have you reviewed this report and what do you think the most important recommendations related to each entity are?

**Rachel** said it was a great thing we did. She read it. She said the Experimental College needs more awareness. She said they selected a catalogue cover competition for collaboration and awareness. She said permanent signs around campus, like on bike racks, would be important.

**Kim Chung** asked if she's been involved in Experimental College.

**Rachel** said she has not been involved with Experimental College because of time conflicts, but stresses that it's great we have the options.

**Selma** asked for three specific goals to strengthen relations between ASUW entities and the Board of Directors.

**Rachel** said communication is a main goal. She said she works with Rainy Dawg and Housing Affairs and the Bike Shop, and she said if people should know background and how they spend their funding.

**Andrew Omahen** asked how to increase marketing of entities.

**Rachel** said she has a marketing background. She said for the bike racks, it would be important to have covered bike racks. Contests would get more involvement. She said the catalogue contest also increases awareness. She said IMA should get HD frequencies.

**Alex Kim** said CEDA will be eliminated. He asked what she perceived were reasons.

**Adriana** said CEDA is not actually covered under her position, so she is not so familiar. She said it was probably a budget issue. She said our entities need to be revenue neutral.

**Rachel** said if anyone has more questions, to come find her.

**Tyler** said he works with CEDA, and people can ask him.

### 3. Candidates for Director of Operations

**Rob Barnum-Reece** said he is running on the Our Campus team. He said he's the president of the Commuter Caucus and has been liaison to the Legislative Steering Committee among other qualifications.

**Hala** read:

Considering that the impartiality of Judicial may not be entirely upheld as its Chair sits on the BOD, how would you approach the challenge of remaining impartial in your actions and decisions on the Board of Directors?

**Rob** said the whole concept is that Judicial is a Board of Directors [BOD] entity. He said four people are gained from all over campus. He said he would be chair of judicial, and members determine the role of judicial.

**Stephanie Adler** asked if he believed Senate can refer issues of constitutionality to judicial to review and give us back feedback.

**Rob** said yes. His opinion is that he has no personal problem with it. He said that it does not say explicitly that Senate cannot.

**Doug** asked what they will do to improve Senate's role in the ASUW, given recent relations between BOD and Senate.

**Rob** has planned to create an ASUW historical foundation, to document its history, and the Senate has a role in that. He said he thinks Senate already is involved. He said increasing membership would be the way he would do it.

**Clay Olney** asked if he believes Senate should have an override veto for the BOD.

**Rob** said no. He said Article 12 said all legislative powers rest in the board of directors. He said he thinks Senate could become a viable institution, and it would be relevant at that point, but until that every senator here is representative of the campus entirely and we need to increase representation.

**Austin** asked what "Our Campus: Come Get It" means.

**Rob** asked if he could defer it.

**Hala** said no.

**Rob** said Come Get It is about student participation and getting everyone involved.

**Rob** said there may be a lot of questions. He encouraged everyone to go to UWOurCampus.com.

#### 4. Candidates for Director of Faculty, Administration, and Academic Affairs

**Hala** said another candidate **Elizabeth Campbell** could not be here today, because there was a death in her family this morning.

**Jenny Hahn** said she is with the Our Campus team. She said she is currently the Asian Student Commission director, and has experience with many RSO's. She wants to improve diversity and improve quality of classroom experience.

**David Kim** said right now there are two people on their ticket. He wants to emphasize to please vote for the best candidates for the position. He said he believes in this position. He said he wants to work with a visionary leader, the president. He said crime prevention will be a big issue.

**Hala** read:

Name one issue related to faculty, administration and academic affairs that you would like to see change on campus, and then discuss how you would involve Student Senate to ensure that change occurs.

**David Kim** said he is passionate about working with the Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs. He said there is the Faculty Fellow program for faculty of color. He said the faculty of color are under 12% and students of color greater than 48 percent.

**Jenny** said one of the important issues is the development of an American Ethnic Studies Graduate program. She said there are a lot of factors preventing that, like not enough faculty in that department. She said she wants to work with Senate, the best representation of campus students and organizations. She said she wants to work hard to get something started on the development of it.

**Jonathan Evans** said it can be a difficult position, communicating with faculty and administrators all the time. He said it's difficult to get the point across and be respected. He said to give a specific time, an example, of clearly indicating their point to a higher authority and which led to an effective change.

**Jenny** said last quarter she said she was in a sociology class, and there was a lot of difficulty with the professor. She said students approached her to address the

administration. She said they got their voices heard, and had the professor apologize but did not get a formal complaint filed.

**David** said one example was back in high school as president he was working with administration every day, and trying to get money for collaborative efforts in Africa. He said he advocated for the collection and it was successful.

**Sameer** said elected members of BOD have all have their own jobs, and represent the BOD. He said earlier they bypassed the proposed constitutional amendments process, which passed as a ballot question last year. He said it did not get through the BOD. He asked if they will vote to give Senate the right to propose constitutional amendments as per the ballot measure passed last year. He asked yes or no on the Senate Bill companion to the Board Bill.

**Chloe** moved to have speakers be cut off only after they finish their sentence.

**Hala** said they can extend response period by a specific amount of time.

**Hala** said she makes a point to alert at 10 seconds.

**Jonathan Evans** asked if there's a way to let people finish their sentence.

**Hala** said it would be unfair because people could continue for different amounts of time.

**David** said yes. He said Senate represents students, whereas the Board is 8 people. He said he believes in the legitimacy of Senate, and whatever they can do to increase the legitimacy he would support.

**Jenny** said she would have to say no. She said BOD is representative of student government and students vote for the board of directors.

**Jono Hanks** said there are several issues facing the administration. Specifically, revamping undergraduate advising. He asked how to advocate for students and make students voices heard.

**Jenny** said she would definitely work to improve academic advising, no matter the years or transfer status. She said the same quality of advising should be available at all locations.

**David** said one of the faculty councils. He said he wants a caucus for the students on Faculty Councils.

**Yutaka Jono** said the challenge of faculty is to build something with limited money. He said the question is to increase faculty salary, at the risk of scholarships or tuition, or not increase salary, and risk losing some of the best faculty.

**David** said he would be more on the student side, advocating for more scholarships. He said teachers should be here because they love students. He said we should begin by assisting students of color.

**Jenny** said she wishes to be a voice for students. She wants to increase scholarships for students, since they are paying for the instructors through tuition.

**David** encouraged people to vote on the candidate, not the ticket, and he wants to win. He said there are ways to implement changes he has in mind and in heart.

**Jenny** said she believes she is the most qualified and passionate candidate. She encouraged questions.

#### 5. Candidates for Director of Diversity Efforts

**Tyson** said he has had the privilege of serving this year as the current Director of Diversity. He said he is a proud member of the Queer People of Color alliance, and First Nations at UW. He encouraged hard questions.

**Hala** read:

What do you foresee as road blocks to your goal of educating and advocating on diversity and inequality?

**Tyson** said one of the roadblocks is that diversity and inequality are fused together. He said we value diversity because we have inequality. He said he is the Director of Diversity *Efforts*, specifically.

**Teresa Hoffman** asked what projects he's working on right now.

**Tyson** said his greatest honor is to organize an Office of Minority Affairs student advisory board. He said he's working with the OMA and SAB to actually engage student opinion and other underrepresented communities.

**Rod** asked if the Board Bill came up this year similar to the Senate Bill, would he vote yes.

**Tyson** said he would vote yes.

**Doug McManaway** asked how he would address all the movements this year for improvement of resources for student parents.

**Tyson** said he would advocate. He said he is not sure that is his role, but he would support them. He knows we must value all students equally.

**Andrew Omahen** asked how to ensure a diverse group of applicants are hired by ASUW.

**Tyson** said he will work very closely with the Vice President and Personnel Director employment and places where they go to seek volunteers. He said he did not do that as much as possible this year. He said we need to have more positions to get talk about things that never get talked about like inequality.

**Tyson** said although he is running unopposed, he cares the most. He said he is a queer person and person of color, which makes it very personal for him.

#### 6. Candidates for Director of Community Relations

**Anttimo Bennett** said he feels very passionate about bringing communities together because he represents many communities, people of color, Greeks, commuters, transfer students. He said it is Our Campus.

**Hala** read:

You are ASUW's and ASUW Senate's liaison to the UW's student communities. What specific goals could you use to help ensure that all individuals, and as many groups as possible, are represented and sufficiently involved with ASUW Senate?

**Anttimo** said one thing is that he wants to engage the entire student body. He said he thinks this campus has so much to offer. He said he wants to make sure information is out to students on how they can get involved.

**Jess Terry** said there are a lot of living groups. She asked how to plan to work with all of them, and connect and be resource to all communities, because they are all different.

**Anttimo** said he believes in visibility, and people knowing who he is.

**Chloe** asked how to make ASUW more exciting, fun and open who are not used to it. She asked how to get students interested who normally would not be, so they want to Come Get It.

**Anttimo** said his passion for Senate and communities would show.

**Nicolle** asked for plan of action and role in supporting a commuters union or group.

**Anttimo** said doing the campus calendar would help and make them want to stay on campus.

**Rod** asked what he will do improve accountability and representation of The Daily to students and increase diversity of the staff.

**Anttimo** said he will hold The Daily accountable for the reporting. And he would advocate. He said he will be open to suggestions.

**Anttimo** said he hopes that they make the right decisions. He said he is passionate about this position and various communities. He said it does not start or stop with the ECC/T that he has been involved with.

#### 7. Candidates for Vice President

**Sam Al-Khoury** said he had to think a lot about what he wanted to do. He said he said he chose work in community relations because he loves working with students. So he believed the next logical step is the vice president, where he can maintain contact with students and active involvement with students on campus.

**Hala** read:

As Vice President, what will you do to ensure that ASUW forms a core of diverse volunteers representing our campus, and once you have formed that core, what will you do to ensure that those Volunteers stay connected to, in touch with, and most importantly answerable to the students of the ASUW?

**Sam** said that question boils down to collaboration and communication. He said he will be depending on Directors of Diversity Efforts and Community Relations to get the word out, and work with RSO's to target certain communities. He said an online forum for ASUW volunteers can be created. He said he would like to bring back the Governance Committee. He said communities should be sent Senate summaries and other information to really understand what's going on.

**Shawn Fisher** said he promised commuters to create a student union of all commuters. He said that he has failed people in stepping forward to accomplish that goal.

**Sam** thanked **Shawn** for a loaded question. He said it's important that people understand what he did. He said he did not communicate well about projects he worked on. He said he set up a meeting with **John Naughton**, former Commuter Caucus chair.

**Rod** moved to extend time 20 seconds for this question. *Seconded. Without objection.*

**Sam** said he also met with **Neil Rotta** and a commuter issues workgroup, forwarded the results to **Dean Taylor**, discussed ways to create a commuter issues convention, and asked how they can communicate with him.

**M'Liss** said he has voted against student opinion on the Board level, and asked that he explain to the body his view of student opinion.

**Sam** said it's important to listen to student opinion, since student opinion put him in office.

**M'Liss** asked about FCCC, Senate Constitutional amendment process, and other things brought to RHSA that he voted against.

**Sam** said he disagreed not with student opinion but with the way those opinions were to be carried out.

**Selma** asked the greatest current fault of the current Vice President, and how it could be improved.

**Sam** apologized to **Jerome McCuin** and said he very highly regards him. He said coordination with other directors could be improved, including preplanning over summer, and that could really nail down how things should be handled through the year.

**Andrew Omahen** asked about bringing back the Governance Committee, and asked what that committee should do.

**Sam** said the Governance Committee is in the Bylaws, and it brings together volunteers. He said he helped bring back Hall Caucus in the residence halls, which is an example of bringing together volunteers.

**Sam** said he would love to answer questions in more detail, especially **Shawn's** and **M'Liss'**. He said he's working with the current and future directors to have excellent collaboration for projects. He said he wants everyone to Come Get It.

## 8. Candidates for President

**Hala** asked if **Gavin Tucker** is here. She said there is a third candidate, an incoming transfer student from Spokane, but he could not make it.

**Chris Paredes** said when the shooting happened on campus, he was glad to see that students came together, and were able to get inspired by empowering themselves. He said we should get involved with ASUW, see the issues, and have more involvement with running. He said we can look back at some of the failures. He said a Governance Committee was promised to us. He said a commuter union should be farther along. He said the liaison could have agitated a little bit harder.

**Tyler Dockins** said he's currently the Director of Programming. He said he has a lot of experience in ASUW in the past couple of years. He said served as former Legislative Coordinator. He said we have a number of issues to address now, including gender-neutral bathrooms and advocacy at the state level for further support for higher education. He said 30 seconds is not enough time, so be sure to follow up with the questions.

**Hala** read:

Identify one issue that is important to students that the university administration hasn't adequately addressed. What steps would you take to bring attention to the issue and how would you engage Senate in your involvement?

**Tyler** said outreach is an issue. He said administration just comes to Senate or certain board members, and don't effectively reach out to the average student. He said he has seen a couple administrators come to events. He said Senate could help out with further outreach.

**Chris** said one thing is accessibility to classes; he said some classes are unavailable and there are bottlenecks, and courses that could overlap between departments aren't united. He said Senate can have a discussion and come up with a plan. He said our humanities and freshman programs are very good and we should research the models in other places, and we don't have to accept what the administration has put forth to us.

**Masha Burina** said throughout her entire career, engagement with students has been low in ASUW. She said it has always been low. She said a lot of these positions are running unopposed, which is very problematic. She asked what each would do with board members to increase participation.

**Sameer Kanal** moved to increase each response time to a minute for each candidate.  
*Seconded. Without objections.*

**Chris** said it's important to recognize is that ASUW is nothing without students. He said movements and accomplishments only were accomplished with students, be it textbook prices or fair trade products on campus. He said it needs to be a team effort. He said

there was a month without doing anything to gain volunteers. He said we need to support each other. He said ASUW should not impose ideas on students, and we should be reaching out to basic constituencies.

**Tyler** said in the past year's Dawg Sled they got 23—25 student organizations competing for event support. He said bringing people into traditional activities does not bring a lot of people into ASUW. He said the commuter morning project has given out Tully's coffee.

**Alex Minami** said by calling for a vote of confidence against the Senate Vice Chair, and contributing to precipitation of a crisis that did not need to happen, **Chris** prevented Senate from attending to our business, and lowered student opinion of Senate. He asked **Chris** to give them a reason to trust his sense of judgment in him as a leader, despite his foolish action.

**Tyler** said he wants to improve on not being so internally focused. He said he is not criticizing **Chris**. He said we must be providing services to students. He said we must go out and engage students, instead of debating about ourselves for hours.

**Chris** said he felt it was out of order for the Vice Chair to take a stand on the issue. He said it was confidence in the chair that he supported, and one had to ask himself what was going on. He said he did realize the implications. He said it was something that **Gary Stute** called, so he had to take action so it would not continue for 4-5 more meetings. He said he has tried to cut down on wasted time in other ways, for instance, for the student parent service taskforce, he decided not to run.

**Alex Kim** said he will address why we have all the unopposed positions this year. He said he believes in an elected democracy. He said it's been a difficult year to be someone who knows student government's potential. He asked each candidate to explain his personal theory on why we have so many unopposed positions this year. He said his freshman year, there were three complete tickets, and we have 1.2 now. He said the board has been very successful this year, creating tradition, more programming, and fun things. But despite Husky Pride on campus, they have failed to amplify student interests. He asked why despite husky pride this year, every position is not opposed.

**Chris** said a lot of it is that people in power will continue to be in power. He said a lot of students who expressed interest in the beginning of the year have been disappointed. He said students did not like the whole constitution issue and how it was handled with the board. He said people need to see that we can erect change.

**Tyler** said there are a couple ideas he has. He said with the structure of elections, people feel that if they cannot get on a ticket they have no chance, which deters people from running. He said elections are definitely a tough process. He said he probably agrees

with Alex Kim on almost all issues, and people don't approach him. He said instead of creating political power plays differences must be discussed.

**Jon Solomon** asked how much outreach to other groups **Tyler** realistically imagines, and that "Our Campus" is not just "Your Campus" if elected.

**Tyler** said he has skill sets, but he cannot possibly go to every meeting. He said Senate is a great body to discuss issues on campus. He said his personal thing is his partnership with other directors. He said the President spends a lot of time in administration.

**Chris** said it isn't our campus but our community. He said people find out about things through different entities. He said what he wants to do is to have a strong foundation. He said the orientation has been declining in effectiveness in past few years. He said it's important to have a presence in all the different events. He said he puts focus on our community and our campus to get involved and make change.

**Tyler** encouraged people to stay away from nasty questions, to make it about issues and not about calling each other out.

**Chris** said he wants to remind people that the reason he's running is that he wants to make sure that we are focused on what we set out to do. He said as President he would work through an agenda of items, and follow up with the board in how they follow through. [www.inspireuw.com](http://www.inspireuw.com)

**Hala** thanked all candidates.

**Tali Gourarie** said endorsements are due April 27<sup>th</sup> 5 PM for the voters' guide.

## VII. Committee Chair Reports

**Melissa Aar** said they ate Starburst and had a general discussion about many resolutions on the floor.

**Jono Hanks** said they discussed R-13-27 about the ballot question, which is going on 2<sup>nd</sup> readings for amendments next week.

**Selma Dillsi** said they looked at roles of the Board members for the forum.

**Stephanie Adler** said they also looked at the Board member job descriptions.

**Jessica** said they looked at R-13-24, which will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> readings still next week.

**Jon Solomon** said they brainstormed more ideas and realized difficulties with the Senate barbecue, so instead a potluck may be more cost-effective.

**Charles Cadwallader** said R-13-25 will be on second readings next week.

**Nicolle Perisho** asked for completing the surveys distributed from the Senate Reform Committee.

#### VIII. Board of Directors Report

**Sam** said the Board of Directors is alternating informal and formal meetings, so there is not much to report from last week.

#### IX. GPSS Report

**Yutaka Jono** said GPSS is seeking a Summer Graphic Designer and a Summer Office Manager.

**Hala** asked if GPSS pays more than ASUW.

**Yutaka** said they pay \$10-12 per hour.

#### X. Announcements

#### XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.