

Senate Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2007  
4:30 PM – HUB 310

*Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda*

### I. Call to Order

**Hala** called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

### II. Approval of the Agenda

**Rod Palmquist** moved to amend the agenda to include a new point A. First Business with a. 1<sup>st</sup> readings of R-13-29, An Emergency Resolution Concerning Student Senate Representation on the Services and Activities Fee Committee, and b. Nominations for Student Senate liaison to the Services and Activities Fee Committee.

**Jono Hanks** moved to add a 15 min. time limit to R-13-29. *Seconded. Without objection.*

**Rob Barnum-Reece** moved to have SB-13-2 as first item a. under New Business.  
*Stephanie Adler objected.*

**Rob** said if it's placed first we can get to it quicker next week, so it gets passed by the end of the year, so Judicial and the Board of Directors [BOD] can change the makeup of the Student Regents Selection Committee next year.

**Stephanie** said she understands the time-sensitivity, but there are a lot of other things to get to as well.

A senator called division.

*Motion passes.*

**Hala** entertained a motion to approve.

A senator moved. *Seconded. Without objection.*

### IV. Public Forum -- Bryce McKibben, OGR Director: ASUW Student Lobbyist (15 min)

**Hala** welcomed **Bryce McKibben**. She said he was just elected the President of the Washington Student Lobby.

**Bryce** said he has a PowerPoint presentation with a lot of information, so he will send it to anyone who would like to see it afterwards.

*Bryce went over the slides; outline below:*

## 2007 Legislative Session Review

Bryce McKibben, Director

### Before the Session

University aims to close per-student “funding gap”

-- Significant tuition increases

Washington Learns panel recommends education reform

Institutions ranked against GLOBAL CHALLENGE STATES

### The “Funding Gap”

INSTITUTION	FUNDING PER STUDENT
Rutgers University	\$27,608
UCLA	\$24,067
University of Connecticut	\$23,704
UC, Davis	\$21,803
Washington Learns 60th percentile .....	\$21,401
University of Maryland	\$21,134
University of Massachusetts	\$20,648
UC, San Diego	\$18,563
University of Virginia	\$18,044
<b>UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON</b>	<b>\$17,709</b>
UC, Irvine	\$16,554
University of Colorado	\$13,287

THE \$3,692 GAP

### Successful Legislation

Tuition Cap: SB 5806

-- 7% Cap

Textbook disclosure: HB 2300

Online voter registration: HB 1528

Student loans: SB 5385

Part-time state need grant: HB 1179

### Successful Legislation Cont'd

College Bound Scholarship

GET Ready for Math & Science Scholarship

Passport to College Promise Scholarship

Domestic Partnerships

Mediation for SR 520 Expansion

Privacy of credit records

### Unsuccessful Legislation

Childcare access: HB 1856 / SB 5782

Free-press for students: HB 1307  
Same-day voter registration: SB 5336

### **2007-2009 Operating Budget**

15 percent new revenues over 05-07 budget for UW  
-- Increase of \$105.3 million  
Tuition increases of 7% for resident undergrads per year  
-- Non-resident & graduate tuition 7-12%  
\$79 million in new financial aid  
-- Increase eligibility for State Need Grant

### **Scholarships that affect you!**

State Need Grant  
-- Family of four now covered if family income is \$46,500 and \$50,000  
-- Taking 3-5 credits now eligible  
Future Teacher Scholarships  
-- Students committed to teaching in shortage areas

### **The Year Ahead: YOU can help!**

Washington Student Lobby  
-- Childcare issue  
-- De-escalate tuition  
-- Explore "Washington Student Association"  
2008 Elections  
-- Turnout is critical  
-- Register to vote online starting January 2008!

**Andrew Everett** asked about the tuition cap. He asked if specific bills can override the 7% cap.

**Bryce** said aside from constitutional amendments, policies are capable of being changed or exempted. He said it a passed policy makes it a lot more difficult to override, though.

**Erin** said the Board has been talking about a Board Bill that would call for the Board to decide whether or not to participate in the Washington Study Lobby [WSL]. She asked if we should allocate money in being a part of the WSL. She asked what he feels about that.

**Bryce** said it's important for us to be members of this group. He said at the same time there are a lot of benefits to it. He said it's important that the board knows there is a Washington Student Lobby.

**John Stevens** asked more about what specifically happened with the childcare bill.

**Bryce** said it was not an issue of student voice, since our presence was great.

**Nick** asked how quickly it will kick in., and how long that funding level is sustained for.

**Bryce** said it takes effect in the fall, slightly before school. He said incoming students will be eligible for many of the budget improvements for students.

**Jono Hanks** asked more about what killed the free-press bill.

**Bryce** said that was the high administration who killed the bill, and they were very outspoken, and they delayed the bill through the Senate. He said a few key legislators did not vote in support of it.

**Hala** thanked **Bryce**.

#### V. Chair's Report

**Hala** thanked Senate for the thoughtful forum last week.

**Hala** said Senate is a civil society for ASUW. She gave a quote by Jean Cohen describing civil society. She said forms of collective actions are institutionalized here. She said civil society is a target and terrain of democratic politics.

**Hala** said it's important that we take our jobs seriously in representing our constituencies and bringing information back. She said we become less democratic if we do not question our leadership and what is happening.

**Hala** said elections are coming up, so be sure to have these conversations and ask the critical questions.

**Hala** said she was really proud of the caliber of the questions brought up in the forum.

#### VI. Committee Chair Reports

**Stephanie** said Campus Affairs discussed R-13-28 in response to tragic events, passed unanimously and favorably to the floor.

**Selma** said General Affairs had no legislation, but looked at legislation in other committees.

**Melissa Aar** said they sat in with Campus Affairs, as she was the sponsor of R-13-28 and explained it. She said they also discussed the emergency resolution.

**Jono Hanks** said FAA discussed R-13-27 and renamed it, and passed it to the floor with no recommendation. He said they also spent 5 minutes on the emergency resolution.

**Jessica Kang** said Academic Affairs passed R-13-24 unanimously and favorably to the floor.

**Charles** said they are still discussing R-13-25 in support of student priority in the HUB.

**Maggie McLaughlin** said she doesn't have a lot of updates and they are pushing through. She said we probably don't have time to include much more topics, but what they are doing is very inclusive.

**Jono** asked about the surveys they did last week.

**Holly Jones** said she just finished today.

**Nicolle Perisho** said the committee does have time and items can still be added.

**Jon Solomon** said the Senate barbecue said he contacted Bob with SAO, so they do a similar BBQ at the end of the year as well and are looking for volunteers. He said they're seeking volunteering for a planning group and for volunteers in actually setting up and taking down things at the barbecue. He said it may be May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Hala** thanked **Jon** on all his work.

## VII. Presidential Privilege

**Cullen White** said on Friday at 2:30 in Gerberding they will have four students participated in a community roundtable, which will be on UWTV with **President Emmert**. He said he will select them if they contact him, and he wants to be sure they have questions. He said the topic is vague right now.

**Kim Chung** asked who is sponsoring it.

**Cullen** said he can't remember the name of the organization.

**Cullen** said they're on the budget discussion with the administration, especially with regard to faculty salaries. He said traditionally our faculty has been underpaid, so faculty salaries are a number one priority this year. He said we want to make sure we have all community members at the table.

**Cullen** said he will take the resolution to **President Emmert** and **Eric Godfrey** and will be talking about that. He said it's on the GPSS agenda.

**Shawn Fisher** asked if we take it to **Emmert** before or after they pass it.

**Cullen** said afterwards.

**Shawn** said that would be appreciated.

**Yutaka Jono** asked if the Husky Tee is available around campus.

**Cullen** said it is available at the HUB news stand, and other locations, the bookstore. He

said they sold about 400 shirts in the first days.

**Stephanie** said the T-shirts are from American Apparel, which is sweat-free, although they are not unionized.

**Cullen** said they will be working to do video clips as video petition for American Sign Language.

### VIII. Board of Directors Report

**Mikhail** said **Sam** asked him to go over the BOD last weekend.

**Mikhail** said the BOD did four Board Bills amending the bylaws. He said one was to improve funds for WSL, which **Erin** and **Bryce** mentioned. He said another is about the processes in creating ASUW entities. He said another is on discretionary funds. Two went to Judicial and two were tabled. Taskforce bill amendments were made.

**Jono** asked about Senate selecting own people.

**Mikhail** said yes, that is supported.

**Jessica McPherson** this week is Transgender Awareness week. She explained events that are happening.

**Sam Al-Khoury** said UW 's on the designated supplier's program workgroup. Said the UW committed to the workgroup. He said the UW is putting more definitive steps to making sure all our apparel is made through fair trade practices.

**Sam** said Semana de La Raza is happening this week.

**Sam** said online donations are enabled for the Husky Pride fund.

**Erin** said she sent a message on Faculty council positions needed, and they can be applied to online.

**Erin** said the next and last Faculty Senate is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Erin** said UWPD spoke about fixing policies about clarifying what to do if you feel threatened in your workplace. Faculty and Admin had very spirited discussion about faculty salaries. She said as students we want tuition as low as possible, but it's also important that we get a great learning experience from well-compensated teachers.

**Erin** said administration can say they want programming for students on one end and faculty on the other, but she said we are not enemies and it's important that we talk together for the best solution.

## IX. GPSS Report

**Yutaka** said **Bryce** mentioned tuition for graduate students. He said we are having the spring social tomorrow.

**Yutaka** said they are pushing for an on-campus childcare resource coordinator. He said even though the bill failed in Olympia, it's not over yet.

He said they're looking for Summer Graphic Designer and Summer Office Manager, \$10-12 per hour.

He said GPSS elections will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He said only registered GPSS senators can vote.

**Melissa Aar** said to check the GPSS website to see the candidates' resumes and statements of objectivity.

**Rod** asked about the TA/RA monitoring process.

**Yutaka** said the new contract was due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and they have a 24 hour extension.

**Yutaka** said there is a slight possibility of a strike.

## X. Orders of the Day

### A. First Business

#### a. 1<sup>st</sup> readings – R-13-29: An Emergency Resolution Concerning Student Senate Representation on the Services and Activities Fee Committee

**Rod Palmquist** gave first readings.

**Hala** asked for a summary.

**Rod** said it's one of the most important committees, and the Senate's current liaison resigned. He said it's unsure whether they will allow another representative, so he wants to make sure they elect a new representative and Hala can serve as the official liaison in the interim. He said the fee represents over \$10 million.

**Jon Solomon** asked how long the seat has been vacant.

**Hala** said it has been officially vacant since the beginning of the quarter, but the person was not coming since the middle of the winter quarter.

**Sameer** asked when they would normally elect a new liaison. He asked about the session.

**Hala** it meets at the beginning of winter quarter and goes until the end of this school year.

**Hala** said the recommendations go to the Board of Regents.

**Rod** said we elected our liaison at the beginning of fall.

**Tyson Johnston** moved to suspend the rules and place the resolution on second readings.  
*Seconded. Objection.*

**Tyson** said this is one of the most important committees in the UW, so he feels students are not well- represented.

**Matt York** said the other members of the committee do have an opinion. He said we don't start discussing budget until next week.

**Stephanie** asked when it meets.

**Hala** said it's an open meeting Friday at 10:30 in HUB 204N.

**Austin Young** asked why we have to pass it.

**Hala** said it doesn't pertain to the motion.

*59-8-7 motion passes, second readings begin.*

**Hala** said we would do a speakers list for question now, then a speakers list for amendments.

**Austin** asked why we have to pass this.

**Rod** said that's a good question. He said by passing a resolution it pressures them to ensure a student Senate seat, so student Senate demonstrates clear support.

**Hala** said she was told we have no Senate liaison anymore.

He said **Sheridan Gray**, the SAF chair, said that Senate would not have a vote unless it was approved by the vice provost, and so student Senate representative could go but not vote.

**Hala** said when there was a lack of representation, she stepped in.

**Rod** said the last That clause includes forwarding this resolution to the administration.

**Jono** said that **Eric Godfrey** would have to rule on this, and asked if **Godfrey** has gotten to back him.

**Hala** said it was not taken up at that point by the committee.

**Erin** asked if we know that **Eric Godfrey** provides a tenure letter for someone we select.

**Rod** said it's not set in stone that they have to listen to what we say. We want to make sure that this is what Senate and students want.

**Shawn Fisher** began a motion to amend.

**Hala** said we will take some questions first, and we're still on that first part.

**Yutaka Jono** asked about the final whereas clause reference.

**Jono Hanks** said it seems like we're jumping the gun, and could have gotten to **Eric Godfrey** first on why we aren't having representation. He asked why coming to Senate first.

**Rod** said the best answer he can give is that time is running out, and no matter what we have to talk with administration, so we thought that Senate should have a voting voice as soon as possible. He said our voice shouldn't just be conversational, but clear.

**Matt York** said if Senate wanted a seat, they had to take the initiative.

**Hala** said that was not what was relayed to her by **Sheridan**, and **Sheridan** said he did not think it was pertinent. She said that was not translated to her.

**Matt** said it wasn't the committee that is denying.

**Hala** said her discrepancy is not with the committee but the chair.

**Rod** said there are four ASUW voting representatives and three GPS representatives, as well as nonvoting faculty and administration, but he could be wrong.

**Angelena Crown** said she's on the phone with **Sheridan**, and he could be here in 10 minutes.

**Hala** said it will happen with or without him. She said we have about 5 minutes left on this legislation.

**Sameer** moved to continue to amendments. *Seconded. Without objection.*

**Shawn** moved to amend the last whereas clause to remove and "fits in with tradition...."  
*Seconded. Rod objected.*

**Shawn** said it does in philosophical ways, it doesn't add much to the legislation and doesn't specifically refer to what tradition. He said representation is good enough for that whereas clause.

**Yutaka** moved to amend the motion to return the language and add mention that 'moreover, the founding fathers declared "no taxation without representation" '.

*Without second.*

**Sameer** said it is dilatory.

**Hala** said hostile amendments are in order.

**Jon Solomon** moved to vote immediately on the amendment and resolution. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Jon** said it's the only thing he wanted to amend, and it's an emergency resolution.

**Matt** said he wants to get Senate in contact with what the committees' going through right now, and to get on the speaker's list.

*57-15-6, motion passes.*

*42-14-16 amendment passes, section stricken.*

*71-5-6, resolution passes.*

#### Nominations for Liaison for the SAF committee

**Kim Chung** asked why Senate had not representation for an entire quarter.

**Hala** said when she asked to meet with the representative they never got back to her.

**Hala** said the chair of the committee removed the representative.

**Salil Mathur** asked about the time commitment.

**Hala** said it is a maximum of 2 hours on Friday and longer meetings toward the end of the year, and additional outside work time may be needed.

**Matt York** said the hardcore considerations are coming in these next few weeks.

**Yutaka Jono** nominated **Tyson Johnston**. *Declines.*

**Tyson** nominated **David Kim**. *Declines.*

**Shawn Fisher** nominated **Austin Young**. *Declines.*

**Stephanie Adler** nominated **Sara Koser**. *Accepts.*

**Angelena Crown** nominated **Gary Stute**.

**Hala** said he was the previous liaison and could not make the time commitment.

**Sameer** moved to close nominations. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Sameer** said next week we can take nominations, and he wants to get to legislation.

**Rod** said it's appropriate that we consider the next liaison now.

*16-30-20, motion to close nominations fails.*

A senator nominated **Doug McManaway**. *Accepts.*

**Shawn Fisher** accepted the nomination of **Gary Stute** as his proxy.

**Jon Solomon** nominated **Kim Chung**. *Declined.*

**Jono** nominated **Andrew Everett**, explaining that **Andrew** had asked him.

**Austin Young** nominated **Jon Solomon**. *Declined.*

*Nominations closed.*

**Matt York** said they have been spending all year forming policies on how to rebuild the HUB as well as dealing with childcare issues, so if you want to be a member, he strongly urges people to meet with **Sheridan** and go to the meeting this Friday to be up-to-date.

## B. Old Business.

### a. 2<sup>nd</sup> readings – R-13-13: A Resolution Calling for a Revised Weather Closure Policy, to Promote Safety (20 min)

**Chris Paredes** asked for the map of the commuter areas to be shown of the three top community areas, and a spreadsheet of the schools in those areas.

A senator moved to dispense with readings.

**Chris** said it's been around for three months and the purpose remains the same.

**Yutaka** said the first that clause seems like an arbitrary number.

**Chris** said he thought 2/3<sup>rds</sup> would constitute a great enough majority to justify the closure.

**Austin** asked what the alternatives are. He said individual classes can be cancelled, which is a lot easier on the institution. He said it's just a concern.

**Neil Rotta** moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Neil** said this resolution was on the floor much earlier and was returned for cleaning up Whereas clauses, and we have already made up our minds.

**Yutaka** said this resolution has been around for a long time, he said we have not had a thorough debate on this matter.

*42-8-14, motion to close debate passes.*

**Yutaka** said a similar bill was passed in GPSS, but he has a concern.

**Hala** said it's out of order to discuss resolutions of different bodies as a point of information now.

*51-3-8, the resolution passes.*

b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings – R-13-18: A Resolution Promoting Senate Efficiency and Legitimacy

**Stephanie** moved to dispense with readings. *Seconded. Without objection.*

**Austin** asked for That clauses to be read. *Seconded. Without objection.*

**Sameer** read the That clauses.

**Sameer** said we spent over an hour on non-legislative items today, and we feel rushed when we get to legislation. He said sponsors should always get their needed time. He said legislation should be put on the docket in the order they were submitted.

**Jono** said he is fully in support of all the clauses.

**Austin** said his concern is that the limiting of stuff that we do get done. He said nothing we have talked about today isn't important.

**Hala** said we are considering questions and comments first, and then amendments.

**Yutaka** asked about the realism of having a percentage breakdown, especially with the Vote of Confidence example.

**Sameer** said moving to adjourn early does not affect the schedule. He said he didn't even think about Vote of Confidence, and that's different, so he has amendments he would like to propose to address exceptions. He said the numbers are somewhat arbitrary, but asked if it's really that much to ask.

**Sameer** said he would move to add amendment to add exception of candidate forums and votes of confidence.

**Holly** moved to go to amendments. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Hala** said she would move all the speakers into the second portion.

**Neil** said he supports it totally and is reasonable in allocation.

**Tim Mensing** asked about the purpose.

**Sameer** said the purpose is to give a statement of our opinion of how Senate could be kept efficient.

**Kim Chung** asked how long the supposed to be scheduled for.

**Hala** said there is no real schedule. She said it has been 5-7 PM usually.

**Kim** said this meeting would go to three hours if we go through everything. She asked what we actually expect to get to.

**Sameer** said it would be the percentage of the 2 hour meeting time.

**Erin** said she would say that exceptions come up all the time, and that, for instance, **President Emmert** speaks for an hour in Senate. She said there's also Senate elections. She said committee meetings are half an hour before Senate, and she said that changes the balance. She said it may be misleading if committee meetings are not counted.

**Jon Solomon** yielded to **Holly Jones**.

**Holly** moved to remove the third That clause, that the steering committee to should limit total time to 25% or 40% when there is a public forum.

**Holly** said logistically it would be very hard to calculate. She said that is really short to have 25%.

**Holly** said our most important goal is legislation, but reports are very important in order to be informed citizens.

**Sameer** said this is a resolution, not an organic act. He said if it's an extenuating circumstance, we can modify the agenda. He said 75% is not too much to ask for the main purpose of our body. He said he wants to make an amendment to put in exceptions. He said there are diminishing returns on the value of reports after a certain amount of time.

**Jon** moved to close debate on the amendment. *Seconded. Objection.*

*40-3-3, debate closed.*

*14-17-13, motion fails.*

**Yutaka** asked quorum.

**Yutaka** said there were only 44 people by his count.

**Sameer** asked people to read the last That clause.

**Charles** said 55 people are required.

**Yutaka** called quorum.

**Hala** said we have 60 seats present, and quorum is met.

**Jono** said this is saying what Steering should do, not what it must do.

**Rod** said he would like to speak against this legislation. He said the majority is covered in the governing documents, and it's the role of the steering committee to decide. He said it's an internal issue.

**Mikhail** said he doesn't like the percentages. He said he would like to know what we are going to strike. He said 40% with a public forum leaves us 12 minutes for a public forum.

**Alex Cutler** asked how we can recommend what should be stricken.

**Mikhail** said to make an amendment.

**Maggie** asked what the percentages mean.

**Jono** said the 40% includes reports.

**Jon** said this is a discussion of ultimate irony, and entertained a motion to close debate.

**Sameer** said the intent of the legislation has already been stated.

**Stephanie** moved to close debate.

**Rod** said we don't have enough time to characterize the flaws of this legislation.

*Debate closed.*

*31-15-15, resolution passes.*

**Stephanie** moved to table Seattle Flag Addition, R-13-19, until next week. *Seconded. Objection.*

*30-11-7, motion passes.*

2<sup>nd</sup> readings – LD-13-3: A Legislative Directive supporting impeachment proceedings against the U.S. President and Vice President

**Jono** moved to table LD-13-3 indefinitely. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Jono** said this Legislative Directive asks for the Senate to consider something this session, which closed, but it can be brought up next year.

**Erin** said technically when we approve it, it's in existence on record for next year.

**Sameer** asked if a motion can be made to reclassify in second readings.

**Hala** said yes.

*28-16-12, motion fails as it does not receive 2/3rds.*

**Yutaka** moved to dispense with readings. *Seconded. Without objection.*

**Rod** said he speaks as an individual and not on the behalf of WashPIRG. He said we should be a vanguard for issues we believe in.

**Sameer** moved to reclassify as a resolution, as a form of amendment. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Sameer** said by giving a legislative agenda supporting impeachment, we would lose our credibility. He said we should have student opinion.

**Jon** said the issue is so large, we cannot make a student opinion with the diversity of interests on our campus.

*23-10-19, motion passes, it is now a resolution.*

**Hala** said only the needed wording changes in the general resolution form are considered amended, and the rest needs to be amended on the floor.

**Jon** said it should be called R-13-30.

**Rod** entertained a motion to amend the first That clause would say “That the ASUW support measures enabling congress whether to conduct...” and the second that clause be stricken.

**Stephanie** moved. *Seconded. Without objection.*

**Neil** said he strongly opposed this resolution. He said he is very skeptical of strong support of impeachment proceedings on this campus. He asked to think deeply about those they represent.

**Rod** said the ASUW is a body that enacts legislation, and other representative bodies have voiced their opinions. He said if these allegations are true, there should be an investigation.

**Jon** moved to close debate and vote immediately. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Jon** said all the points have been made, and we have all made up our minds.

**Sameer** yielded to **Alex Cutler**.

**Alex** said many have objected because it seems ludicrous, but said the people have not been heard out.

**Jon** amended his motion to exhaust the speakers list.

**Rod Palmquist** called quorum.

**Hala** said we have 54. She said we need 55.

**Sameer** said we still have announcements.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:24 PM.