

Senate Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2007
4:30 PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Hala Dillsi called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Travis Grandy moved to amend New Business to add new item g. 1st Readings - R-13-25: A Resolution Supporting Student Priority and Student Priorities in the HUB.
Seconded. Without objection.

CK Okoro entertained to add R-13-31 and emergency resolution supporting the resource center for student organizations before Old Business.

Rod moved. *Seconded. Objection.*
Rod yielded to **CK**.

CK Okoro said it supports its attempt to restore its status as a single-line item the SAF budget. He said it's an emergency because the deliberations are occurring on Friday.

Jon Solomon withdrew his objection.

Melissa Aar objected.

Melissa said it we have other business to do, and it should be left up to SAF.

Motion passes.

Stephanie Adler moved to place item d e and f to the top of new business. *Seconded. Objection.*

Stephanie said these three all incredibly time-sensitive and important issues. She said the sweat-shop free legislation is needed for the campaign that is happening right now. She said they have been waiting for a long time.

A senator explained an objection.

Alex Jouravlev moved to amend the motion to put R-13-24 first, R-13-23 second, and leave R-13-22 where it is.

Jon said he would like it seen in the order submitted, and Steering went through a long process to ensure that.

Amendment to the amendment passes, 19-13-29.

Motion passes, 30-11-22.

Matt York moved to hear a 2-minute report from the SAF committee chair on the current state of SAF after reports. *Seconded. Objection.*

Matt said we need to understand the context of SAF.

Rod withdrew his objection.

Jon moved to approve the agenda as amended. *Seconded. Objection.*

Agenda approved.

III. Chair's Report

Hala said she wanted to give an update on where we are this year, and about what Seante does.

Hala said R-13-5 in opposition to the Pacific Street interchange passed, and **Erin Shields** went and spoke with members of the Seattle city council and made an impact in delaying the council.

She said the conduct code resolution R-13-9 failed and the university is working on conduct code implementation for autumn.

R-13-7: She said Senate raised money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital with the auction.

R-13-11: She said we are supporting the ECC/T and Instructional Center feasibility study and the work of the Office of Minority Affairs on that.

R-13-12: She said they sent the resolution to all our state legislators and senators and worked in conjunction with WashPIRG.

R-13-13: She said in support of Equality Day they sent out emails to all legislators. She said many senators went there and spoke with legislators on Equality Day.

R-13-17: She said with American Sign Language, lectures are starting and much more is happening.

R-13-18: She said Steering is seeing out the opinion passed on Senate efficiency and legitimacy.

R-13-19: She said this emergency resolution on a SAF liaison from Senate is underway with elections. Hala said she went and talked to Vice Provost Eric Godfrey and we will have another representative representing students on that committee.

She said other administrators and faculty are doing good work, and it has been an honor to represent them.

She said on R-13-13 she's working with getting at taskforce talking and starting to see what we can do with the administration.

She said the Senate Officer nominations are next week.

She said we also have ASUW elections now at vote.asuw.org.

Hala thanked Senate.

V. Committee Chair reports

Melissa Aar said they met outside.

Stephanie Adler said they talked about resolutions upcoming.

Selma Dillsi said she had no legislation, but they looked at R-13-27, and reviewed the emergency legislation R-13-31 on the resource center.

Jessica Kang said they talked about the SAF liaison nomination, since they had a member of SAF in their committee.

Jono Hanks said they talked about how to make Senate better.

Jon Solomon said Publicity and Outreach looked at ASUW volunteer barbecue, and **Bob Dustin** is their SAO contact. He encouraged people to email him. He said he hopes to get back to people by Thursday at the latest.

Charles said they discussed R-13-25: A Resolution Supporting Student Priority and Student Priorities in the HUB, and passed it with favorable recommendation to the floor.

Maggie McLaughlin said they finally decided exactly what they will pursue and how to present it, and next meeting they will go over that and put it together in a readable way. She said next week she will be going into more detail.

Hala asked if she will be available in Steering.

Maggie said possibly, but there will be other members there for sure.

VI. Board of Directors Report

Sam Al-Khoury said **Cullen White** apologizes for not being here. He said **Cullen** will wage a boycott of blue books, and instead push for blue books from recycled paper.

Sam said over 500 T-shirts have been sold. He said **Cullen** has been working with Joint Commission Committee to do the video campaign for ASL programs.

Erin Shields said to please apply for faculty councils ASAP because interviews and closures on applications are happening soon.

VII. GPSS Report

Melissa Aar said GPSS is still hiring for the office manager and they also need a lot of applications for the graphic designer. She said on the GPSS main page has all the people running, and the only undergraduates who have a vote tomorrow are herself and **Erin** for the positions. She said it's tomorrow at 4:30 PM in this room.

2 Minute Report from Sheridan on the status of SAF

Sheridan Gray said the SAF liaison will likely be appointed tomorrow, he said tomorrow the liaison will need to become acquainted with this full binder of information.

He said SAF manages 11.5 million dollars of requests, versus about 10 million in revenue. He said he is not sure how they will manage the gap.

Matt York asked about the time commitment.

Sheridan said they should read through about 90% of the binder, meet 2-3 hours with him prior to Friday, and attend the 6 hour meeting as well as provide any independent analysis. He suggested it would be about 20 hours this week.

Hala thanked **Sheridan**.

Doug nominated **Hala Dillsi**. *Accepts*. **Hala** said she will step down for chairing the nominations and elections.

A senator nominated **Matt York**. *Accepts*.

Jono asked if he can hold two SAF seats.

Sheridan said it wouldn't be difficult to make it happen.

Hala asked if **Matt** would need to be removed from the committee as the ASUW at-large member to run for the committee. She asked if that's something we cannot do.

Mikhail said we can nominate anybody, and how **Sheridan** and **Eric Godfrey** select it is up to them.

Sheridan said everyone has rules and ways to get around rules to get the best representation.

Mikhail said there is no problem on our end.

Mikhail said there are 30 second introductions, 4 questions from the floor, and 30 second responses to each question.

Sara Koser said she would like to be the liaison and she has been going over the meeting minutes, she attended last Friday's meeting, and has looked at budget requests from the organizations.

Andrew Everett said he has been a senator for 3 years. He said he has attended a few SAF meetings. He said he can make the time commitment.

Hala said we are in an unfortunate situation. She said she's been sitting on the as the liaison, and it's another way to add more accountability and how SAF decide to spend her money.

Matt York said he has been on SAF all year and understand the context and understands all the budget knowledge.

Jono asked how they will get caught up with the thick binder of information.

Andrew said he can read 100 pages and hour, and has been tested. He said he has spoken to the previous Senate liaison and what he doesn't know he can read fast.

Hala said she has done the research, read the minutes, talked to SAF, and gone to the meetings. And she will take back any input and relate it to the committee.

Matt said he does know all of it. He said a lot of what we'll be deliberating on depends on verbal context.

Sara said she's looked through meeting minutes and budget requests and willing to make the time to learn all the rest of the information.

Melissa asked about SAF, and that SAF is more than just numbers, including personnel issues. She said considering all these issues, if they don't already have this knowledge, if they'll be willing to go anyway even if they don't get a vote.

Hala said she will be there, representing Senate's voice. She said we know that Senate has no standing opinion on some things. She said she will abstain on what we do not know. She said we will uphold what Senate has demonstrated.

Matt said if he's not elected now he would still have his current position. He said he would use Senate's resolutions rather than his personal views if elected as the Senate liaison.

Sara said she would go even though she wouldn't have a vote, and she will still be there.

Andrew said yes.

Kyle said they all claimed they have some familiarity with SAF. He asked what programs each would never cut, or what should be cut.

Matt said we have to cut over 1 million dollars, so he said everyone's on the table, and he would follow Senate standing opinion.

Sara said she would need to get more information so she makes a very good decision.

Andrew said he would not cut Hall Health and ASUW, but other than that he would review anything and would try to minimize general impact.

Hala said this will have to come with all deliberations and discussion.

Rod Palmquist asked what their general experience with ASUW and the surrounding community is and their view of the SAF committee that deals with numbers as opposed to policy.

Sara said she has not been a member of the ASUW for that long of a time.

Andrew said he has been involved for 3 years, and has worked with students, administrators, and paid employees.

Hala said she has volunteered and worked with ASUW for the past 4 years, and knows about pretty much every entity on campus.

Matt said he has been in Senate all year, and mainly the information he knows is through SAF itself, and he has learned how much they get paid and why, 3 hours a week.

Discussion Period

Doug said he would voice support for **Hala**, and opposed **Matt York** as he is already a member, and he said he wants to increase student representation.

Jono said he agrees with **Doug**, but he thinks **Matt York** has the most experience, and would be the best person to be our voice for Senate.

Rod Palmquist said he pointed out that you don't need to know every detail to make a decision. He said for example US presidents are not experts in every area, but they get advice and input. He said the Senate chair is already attending meetings and is definitely representing our body.

Alex Lark said **Matt York** is the only one that has been there the whole year, and he knows everything that's going on, and he knows how to talk to people and organize them. He said he would be able to spend his time deciding what's best for Senate.

Yutaka moved to extend time for 5 minutes. *Seconded. Objection.*

Jon amended the motion to exhaust the speaker's list.

Mikhail said there are 9 more people, nobody repeating.

Seconded. Objection.

Motion amended.

Motion fails.

Hala said we will move on to R-13-31.

2nd Readings – R-13-31: An Emergency Resolution Supporting the Resource Center for Student Organizations

CK Okoro read the resolution.

Hala asked **CK** to summarize.

CK said it's put forward to create an individual budget line-item in the SAF committee budgeting process. He said it would be like other student organizations like ECC/T. He said it was done without their consultation and it has been decreasing efficiency for the resource center. He said he would like this body to give support for the resource center to be its own line item to help efficiency.

Rachel Taber said, having worked with the resource center, that they're here to support students. She said we have no agenda with the resolution. She said we are in tune with what students want. She said just getting something simple like envelopes has been a huge debate that needn't happen. She said last year \$10,000 was cut from our budget without any rationale as to what was being cut or why. She said we are suffering now, and we're running out of paper. She said practically all the flyers around campus probably came from the copiers here, and the blue tents are ours. She said we make student life possible because we make these resources free.

Jon Solomon moved to suspend the rules and put this resolution on second readings. *Seconded. Objection.*

Jon said they have made a compelling case.

Jono said Senate has the responsibility to discuss this before we begin second readings, and we should have first readings questions.

Doug McManaway we can have first readings questions during second readings. He said it's emergency because the SAF meeting is Friday.

Stephanie said many RSO's are familiar with this. She said this is crucial.

Yutaka Jono asked why they waited this late in the game to file a resolution.

Hala said we can discuss that during actual discussion.

Andrew Everett said he's concerned that we are rushing.

50-11-8, motion passes to go to second readings.

Hala said the first readings list would be the beginning of the second readings list.

Jon asked about 2004 or 2006 it was found out.

CK it was 2004.

Jono asked why it has taken so long, and he said it feels very rushed. He said SAF makes decisions for us for a reason. He asked what SAF said to them.

Rachel said it's not like they haven't been working on this, and this is part of a 2 year diplomatic process to make the resource center more efficient, and we have been running into brick walls and bureaucracy.

Kevin said he helped found the group and he was part of the group in 2003 when this started being discussed.

Hala asked them to each introduce themselves.

CK Okoro said he's the assistant director.

Rachel Taber said she worked at resource center for several years.

Kevin Gallagher said he is the director and helped found the resource center.

Alex Lark asked what a line-item is and how that changes the budget.

Kevin said their budget would be considered an independent budget. He said Hall Health and the Daily are each considered separately. He said they have been incorporated into the facilities and services budget.

Sheridan said 1) this is a mute issue and SAUF [Student Activities & Union Facilities] has always paid for the janitorial issues, and since that were enveloped and are welcomed in the SAF budget hearings and do talk directly to them. 2) he said takes issue of efficiencies being hindered, 3) he said efficiency for students has increased over the past few years. He said he agrees with **Hala** that SAF should be an apolitical entity, but this is a very political issue, and it's inappropriate that it is transformed into a budgetary issue.

Kevin said FIUT doesn't receive student funding and pays its own rent. He said resource center representatives didn't have time to meet with SAF. He yielded to **Rachel**.

Rachel said there is nothing political about this office for students who make copies, and just trying to make it more efficient. She said she finds a lack of evidence for increased efficiency. She gave an example of the PA system. She said we weren't able to buy button-makers and help obtain envelopes that would make a huge difference for students. She said they are spending money out of pocket to make things happen because of interfering bureaucracy.

Kevin said it might be more efficient for ASUW to put it under other entities but it is unfair and they should be consulted.

Ehsan Aleaziz asked where this money would come from.

Kevin said it was just reclassified without their knowledge, and they have had to convince SAF that their program has merit. He said it has not been taken in consideration how much the student resource center has changed. He said he needs the bureaucracy out of the way.

Rachel said they are not trying to go around the system, but to be considered as a line-item budget and that whole process will apply to them still.

Andrew Everett moved to exhaust speaker's list. *Seconded. Objection.*

Hala said we have about 10 minutes remaining on the discussion, and asked if we should just exhaust or still end at the 10 minutes remaining.

Jon said he thought exhausting overrides the time limit.

Yutaka asked the vice chair the ruling on that.

Mikhail said it's 2/3rds to extend the time, and should be part of Andrew's same motion.

Rod Palmquist said he is very familiar with the issue since he practically lives in the resource center, and all kinds of students use it, including fraternities and sororities. He said we can have an impact and pass this resolution and promote student interests. He said this should not be that controversial. He said the GPSS and ASUW have their own line-items. He said the students would say we support the resource center be given back the privileges they used to have for the direction of their student group. He said they will still work with the SAUF. He said he doesn't see it as a big deal.

Nicolle Perisho said she agreed with Rod at face value but she's struck by how it's disrespectful to Senate. She said it hasn't had the adequate time to be informed. She said there are other little things like violations of bylaw requirements. She said it has been submitted today and others have been waiting in line. She entertained a motion to table.

Mikhail said an RSO cannot cosponsor, according to the bylaws.

Alex Minami moved to amend the phrases to correct apostrophe placement. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Mikhail said a resolution may be cosponsored by a standing committee, ASUW entity, or member of the association, so that does not include RSO's.

Doug moved to strike the cosponsor in question, the Resource Center.

Stephanie asked if the resource center is an RSO.

Hala said it is an RSO.

Angela Stanley said she wants to understand maintaining independence, but SAF does work with a lot of different people requesting budgets. She asked if they have considered that SAF was protecting the Resource Center but putting it underneath another organization. She said if they were the own line-item they may be more likely to be cut.

Kevin said they are better off on their own to fight for themselves.

Rachel said she understands what they're saying, and she trusts that SAF would not cut such an important program. She said the gains they can make in terms of efficiency would outweigh that.

CK said he hopes liaison and people from this body would make sure the resource center is not overlooked like that.

Stephanie said she wanted to emphasize how important the resource center is. She said all the things on the HUB lawns for different causes and advocacies are all from the resource center. She said they give us tables and supplies and copies. She said if it has been politicized it's probably because people have not been heard.

Matt York said he is probably for having resource being funded as an independent entity, but this should not be passed right now. He said he is on SAF. He said he does not think it has been followed through very well, with lack of communication, and he thinks it should be given a chance next year. He entertained a motion to table indefinitely, and he is in support of this happening if the future, but not right now.

Salil Mathur he wanted to emphasize the importance of the resource center.

Rachel said she wants to respond to **Matt's** point. She said the time is now. She said she has seen this process take 2 years, and said many people have had to pay out of pocket go to Kinko's. She said having the resource center costs less than having two full-time staff members, to give an idea of how effective they are.

CK said the process takes so long because no time is a good time, and there's always something else to be done. He said this is the best time to be considered because we're going to lose **Kevin** as director for next year, who knows all the history and has been

there since the founding. And without him a lot of the expertise is leaving. He said that is a reason this is the best time.

Sameer said it's obvious that resource center needs an independent line-item, and really doesn't have all the resources it needs. He said it may not take effect this year. He said it should have been done a long time ago. He said he is upset about having emergency resolutions.

Hala said once this passes we will follow it, and whoever our Senate liaison is will be directed to follow that.

Doug asked who our Senate liaison is.

Mikhail said it was **Hala Dillsi**.

Sheridan said something.

Rod said something

Charles said that was out of order as a point of information.

Matt York moved to table indefinitely. *Seconded. Objection.*

Jon asked if this motion is in order.

Hala said yes, because discussion is over and we need a motion to vote.

Mikhail said it would take a majority because it is not suppressing debate.

Matt said he is for the resource center being expanded, but it's way to late in the game because it has not been followed through this year.

Sameer said tabling is a way to give ourselves to feel good about ourselves for not failing it.

9-49-6, motion to table fails.

Clay Olney moved to vote immediately. *Seconded. Without objection.*

53-4-8, resolution passes.

Rod moved to suspend the rules and table R-13-30 indefinitely. *Seconded. Objection.*

Bobby Stoumbos asked what that is.

Hala said it is a resolution supporting impeachment proceedings against the U.S. President and Vice President.

Hala thanked **CK, Kevin, and Rachel**.

Rod said he is the sponsor and while he feels that this body should consider anything it considers important, he said he believes there are more pertinent issues for the University of Washington. He said it could be addressed in the fall.

Sameer said we have 16 minutes.

48-8-7, motion passes, tabled indefinitely.

Neil Rotta moved to suspend the rules and consider SB-13-2 now.

Seconded. Objection.

Neil yielded to **Shawn**.

Shawn Fisher said it's important to consider and it has to go to the board and regents by the end of May.

Jon said he believes there may be too much for us to deal with by the end of May.

Jon said we should give some respect to original order, although amending is totally within our purview.

10-27-25, motion fails.

1st Readings – SB-13-2: A Bill to Improve Representation on the ASUW Student Regent Selection Committee

Hala said the sponsor has not responded to coming.

Matt York asked who the sponsor is.

Hala said **Joshua Mahar** is an ASUW member.

Mikhail, cosponsor, gave first readings.

Clay moved to table indefinitely. *Seconded. Objection.*

Clay said the sponsor doesn't support the bill.

Mikhail said the Senate should consider legislation of any member of the association, although he hasn't talked with the sponsor.

Rod said we should give it a chance, or fail it.

Hala said she made a mistake, and we cannot have discussion on tabling indefinitely.

12-36-8, motion fails.

Jon moved to amend “WHEREAS the University should acknowledge and promote this connection to the city by hoisting the Seattle flag on our flagpole along with the American and State flags” by making a second whereas clause.

Melissa said the second one should be a That clause.

Shawn Fisher moved to amend the motion to make the new second Whereas clause a That clause. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Holly moved to close debate on the motion. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Yutaka moved to vote on the resolution. *Seconded. Objection.*

38-11-10, motion passes to vote immediately.

25-22-14, resolution passes.

Hala encouraged us going through at least a couple first readings in order to have second readings for next week. She encouraged us to decide wisely on their motions.

1st Readings - R-13-24: A Resolution in Support of Accessible Single-Stall Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Jessica McPherson gave first readings.

Sameer asked in the second Whereas clause, it said ADA accessible, and asked about that ADA was left out in that place, and why the second That clause was wording how it was.

Jessica said what ADA considered accessible are not accessible, because in the HUB ADA accessible bathrooms do not allow wheelchair users to close the stall. She said the wording for the That clause was changed from gender-limited to gender-specific. She said they were not comfortable with the word unisex either.

Hala asked **Jessica Kang** the committee report.

Jessica Kang said **Jessica McPherson** was at both meetings. She said the vote was unanimous on that amendment to use gender-specific, and whole vote was unanimous, favorably.

Yutaka moved to suspend the rules and place on second readings. *Without second.*

Jon moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

Andrew Everett asked how many are on the speakers list.

Hala said there are 4 people who have not spoken yet.

41-5-6, motion passes, first readings closed.

Hala encouraged anyone to contact **Jessica McPherson** for questions or bring up points in second readings next week.

Neil moved to adjourn with announcements. *Seconded. Objection.*

15-31-7, motion fails.

R-13-23: A Resolution in Support of a Sweatshop Free Campus

Rod Palmquist and **Stephanie Adler**, cosponsors, gave first readings.

Rod said he said a member and liaison from Young Democrats sponsored it, and we're asking that anything with UW's official logo or sold through official university outlets should be compliant with the Designated Suppliers Program so that workers must have minimum wage to sustain a reasonable living based on that person's location.

Valerie asked if that would mean athletic apparel would be included.

Rod said that's one area that is currently not covered by that program. He said 60-70% of profits are sold from the University Bookstore.

Neil asked if it's divesting in companies, or improving conditions for workers.

Rod said the answer is that the UW has the sole right to license to the brand, and the idea is that if enough of the big schools want a sweatshop free brand, the companies will have to respond. He said the collegiate clothing industry is the smallest at about 1% but over \$4 billion.

Neil asked if it's improving conditions of workers.

Rod said it provides living wage and rights in new factories. He said current factories have to meet certain standards.

Angela asked why we are not just moving to factories that already have those conditions.

Rod said there are basically no factories for UW logos that produce under sweatshop free conditions.

Yutaka asked if the peer institutions are determined academically or by size or by athletic status.

Rod said examples that he cited were what UW officially considers peer institutions.

Hala said first readings are out of time, and entertained adjourning with announcements.

A senator moved. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Announcements

Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:25 PM.