

Senate Meeting Minutes
Date: October 3rd, 2006
5:00PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda.

I. Introductions

Hala Dillsi introduced our sponsors, the UW Alumni Association.

II. UWAA, Our Sponsors

Jill Anger said homecoming is in three weeks, and we have a winning football team, so she hopes our events will go very well. One new event is the dogsled competition, which **Tyler** and **Cullen** will talk about later. The homecoming rally is a great night, many people will be there, and there will be giveaways and food. She said there is a paid student opportunity this year: Husky Pride Patrol – 12 students excited about marketing and promotion with tons of Husky pride. Their job is to get the word out about Alumni Association and UW tradition. Contact **Courtney** for more information, who is listed on the job description online. **Jill** wanted to make sure we all participate in the dogsled competition, go to homecoming and cheer hardcore for the Huskies.

III. Senate Officers

Hala Dillsi thanked **Jill Anger**, and said different ASUW leaders will be explaining their positions and ASUW later. Now she would like Senate officers to introduce themselves. She said her role includes facilitating and chairing the Senate meetings and Steering meeting.

Mikhail Smirnov introduced himself as the vice chair. His duties include serving as the parliamentarian, and by going to all BoD meetings he will help let us know what is going on in those meetings.

Charles Cadwallader is the membership coordinator. He keeps track of membership paperwork, which he hopes all present will fill out.

Hala Dillsi said Senate is the official opinion-making body about anything happening on campus, in our community, or globally. She welcomed **Cullen White**, our ASUW president, to speak.

IV. ASUW President

Cullen White said Senate is fundamental to operations of ASUW. He said it is important that we get great people in senate to operate effectively, and to have good relations with the BoD to provide them good direction. He reminds people to be sure you fill out one of

the forms from **Charles**. He invited anyone to come down to the ASUW office; their door is always open.

Hala Dillsi said the ASUW will be working very closely with Board this year. She welcomed BoD members to introduce themselves.

V. Board of Directors

Jerome McCuin said that he sees a lot of our school's finest represented in the room. He said a year ago he was the senator of Hansee Hall, and that he had only a general idea of what he was getting into then. He emphasized that they could be one of the officers up front, and invited all to think on what kind of leaders they want to be. As ASUW Vice President he fills about 80 committee appointments; since most school committees include students, it is one of the opportunities that all students have. He said UW is bigger than some towns, so what they do is real. **Jerome** gave the example of meeting a US Senator during Lobby Day, and encouraged students to look out for that opportunity.

Laura Baird introduced herself as the Director of Operations. She said her primary responsibility is the judicial committee, which will probably meet within two weeks. A request for review form is open to all students, and they review these and make a ruling based by bylaws and constitution. She said she has many goals to increase institutional stability. She invited students to contact her with any questions about the internal operations of ASUW.

Sam E Al-Khoury introduced himself as the Director of Community Relations. He said like **Jerome** he started as a senator, and served as RHSA Head Senator last year. He said when something comes out of Senate it carries the weight of 40,000 students represented. He said he facilitates communication on campus, and that he is one of the two board liaisons to Senate.

Tyler Dockins divided the room into halves for a "Go" "Huskies" cheer. He introduced himself as the Director of Programming, the liaison to a number of ASUW programs, including CORE, CEDA – Committee on Eating Disorder Awareness, A&E - Arts and Entertainment. He invites anyone to contact him on anything about ASUW. He announced that Homecoming Royalty applications are now public on the main page of the www.asuw.org website, as well as the paper copies present, which includes a significant scholarship. He said **Sam Al-Khoury** will be handing these out to living groups. In response to the audience **Tyler** said that applicants have about 2 weeks, until Oct 13th.

Erin Shields said it was her 4th year in Senate, and that she started out as a senator for her sorority, then ultimately served as an officer last year. She introduced herself as the Director of Faculty, Administrative, and Academic Affairs. She said she would love to hear concerns with, for example, faculty tenure. She also noted that UW Leaders is starting to recruit for this year, and invited students to visit their office.

Jon Evans introduced himself as the Director of Finance and Budget. He said there were a couple of problems starting a couple years ago, which had been starting to unfold other problems, but that this year they're well on way to solving those problems. He encouraged all to apply to be on the Finance and Budget or Special Appropriations committees. He said that this year Budget committee will be a little intense.

Scott Robinson introduced himself as the Director of Organizational Relations. He is the BoD liaison to some of the services like Bike Shop, Experimental College, Rainy Dawg Radio, and Off-campus Housing Affairs. He explained that the Experimental College is a student organization offering over 200 courses and that registration is still open. Examples include travel in China, punk rock yoga, magic in relationships, salsa. He said that for off-campus housing, Off-Campus Housing Affairs is the best place to start.

Andrew Omahen introduced himself as the Personnel Director, and that he chairs the Personnel Committee. He said they review all job descriptions, look at pay for all employees, and do hiring in spring quarter. He invited students to apply for being a committee chair for a hiring committee, or about November to apply for Elections Committee chair.

Hala Dillsi said also that **Tyson Johnston** is the Director of Diversity Efforts, who they will be seeing around later. She called on the advisor for Senate, **Rene Singleton**, to introduce herself.

Rene Singleton joked that she is probably a vintage member of senate, and said she likes to sit in the corner. **Rene** said she is here to help Senators out, and has an office in 207 downstairs.

Hala Dillsi said **Rene** is a great resource, and such a help throughout the year. **Hala** invited **Jenny Faubion**, our appointed student regent, to speak.

VI. Student Regent, Jenny Faubion

Jenny Faubion said she was elected by a student committee, who had many representatives from this organization on it. She said she was a four year senator, and served on finance and budget committee, which she highly recommends to learn how finances work in a public institution. Two senators will be on the finance and budget committee. As student regent, UW is overseen by a board of regents (9 members) each with 6 year appointments except one shorter-term student position. She said they make policy decisions for UW and reach out to students all over campus, including Bothel and Tacoma. She emphasized that some of the best friends she made in college she met in Senate, and that now she is working with real senators. She said she talks frequently with **Cullen White** and **Kimberly** (GPSS President), and for questions or concerns her personal email will be written on the whiteboard.

Hala said that **Jenny** is a great resource, and she will come back to talk about important issues this year and what students will be battling for. She invited other ASUW leaders to the floor.

VII. ASUW Entities

Malaelupa Samifua introduced himself as the Director of the Pacific Islander Student Commission, serving as the voice for Pacific Islander students on campus. He said it is his first time being involved in Senate.

Kelsey Mussman introduced herself as the Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, Transgender Commission Director, office 304L. She said it is also her first time at Senate.

Sasha Tyshier introduced herself as the Women's Action Commission Director, office 201. She said she is looking forward to working with other commissions.

Bryce McKibbin introduced himself as the Director of the Office of Government Relations, serving a student lobbyist.

Angelena Crown introduced herself as the director of the Committee Organizing Rape Education. She said they give presentations to various organizations on how to prevent or deal with sexual assault.

VIII. "So, you want to be a senator...!"

Charles said that commuter senators are appointed by the Board of Directors. Prospective Residence Hall student senators should go to <http://students.washington.edu/RHSAweb>. Then fill out a Senate Seat Renewal form, where you rank committees you want to be in, although you can't always be put in the first choice committee. He said with IFC (Interfraternity Council) or Panhel (Panhellenic Association) contact Rachel for sororities or Eric for fraternities. He said you can be elected for your house, and then they will send you to him for a renewal form. Besides living groups, if you're part of an RSO (Registered Student Organization) that has been around for at least one year, you can get signatures of at least 30 people on the RSO form to have a senator.

IX. Leadership Opportunities in Senate

Hala said there are many ways to get involved; one way is to become a committee chair, who leads committees where all the legislation goes. She said Senate has liaisons to represent it on different committees and groups. Next week, when they go into more of how legislation and parliamentary procedure work, they can do an exercise to feel comfortable with it. She said they will discuss committees we have open, how to

nominate oneself or have someone nominate you, and what these positions do. She said the Senate buddies program can get match senators up with another senator who has been here previously, for instance to get ideas across and help on how to write legislation.

Hala said one can always come to a senate officer, but sometimes it's nice to get to know a senator one-on-one. She asked students to bring up any questions about senate at this time.

A student asked how many Senate seats there are total.

Hala said there are about 45 for Residence Hall members, about 45 for commuters, about 45 for IFC/Panhel, and then an unlimited number provided to RSOs (Registered Student Organizations). She said if you're part of an organization that has been in existence for a year, you can apply for a seat.

A student asked how many people there need to be in an RSO for a seat.

Hala said that there are 5 people necessary to create an RSO, so as long as that is met you can have a representative in Senate.

A student asked how committee chairs are elected.

Hala said there is an election by the entire body. Committee chairs will give a speech to the body, and vice chairs within committees are determined by those committees.

A student asked if there is a dress code.

Hala said we want to keep decorum. She said when guests come, sometimes Senate officers will dress professionally.

Travis McCoy asked for clarification about Senate Steering.

Hala said it is the meeting that helps run senate and determine the agenda, and that she chairs the meetings. She said the committee chairs are each members of Senate Steering, and also the ASUW President sits in as well as two BoD (Board of Director) liaisons -- this year **Sam Al-Khoury**, Director of Community Relations and **Erin Shields**, Director of FAAs -- as well as the advisor, **Rene Singleton**.

Mikhail said Steering and Senate are all open to the public, and that any concerns about the agenda for Senate, or about minutes, are always welcome at Steering.

Hala said if students are not sure they really want to be committed as a committee chair or don't have time, they are invited come to see what officers do and how they get organized. She said members may have priority when things are busy, but anyone can add their voice.

A student asked if there will be parli pro 101 classes this year.

Hala said yes; next meeting there will be a practice resolution in support of cake. She said she will call on people, keep a speaker's list, and you raise your placard to be placed on it. She said she will be answering questions at any time, explaining how parli pro goes; **Mikhail** is our parliamentarian. She said procedure is here to help us run an efficient and fair meeting.

A student asked what version of parli pro we are using.

Mikhail said Sturgis 4th edition is used, which is not nearly as difficult as Roberts, and not nearly as formal. He said it is meant to help organize, not prevent people from saying anything.

Hala asked if **Mikhail** could explain more about Senate 101.

Mikhail said it was started by **Erin Shields**, and he will be up in the Senate meeting room or in ASUW office about 30 minutes before Senate starts. He said it includes procedure and how to write resolution, and if there are any questions, students should feel free to come.

Hala said they will also have informal quizzes throughout.

A student asked if the meeting therefore starts at 4:30.

Mikhail said Senate will start at 4:30 with committee meetings.

Hala said it is good to ask about how to write a resolution or organic act, which we will go over in depth next week. Again, once Senate gets rolling, then right at 5pm there will often be public forums that may include the ASUW president, the board of regents, or other faculty, and afterwards Senate will proceed with orders of the day.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52pm