

Senate Meeting Minutes
Date: October 10, 2006
5:00PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda

I. Call to Order

Hala Dillsi called the meeting to order at 5:03.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Hala said the meetings will start at 4:30 once committee meetings have been assembled.

Hala said that now they can approve the agenda, add new resolutions, or make any modifications.

Erin Shields asked if there was a GPSS report.

Hala said the GPSS representative could introduce himself to the body, and asked for motion to add a GPSS Report.

Andrew Everett moved to add a GPSS Report. *Seconded. No objection.*

Travis Grandy moved to strike nominations for Membership Committee chair.

Hala noted that they already have the chair of that committee, **Charles Cadwallader**.

Seconded. Amendment passed without objection.

Agenda passed without objection.

III. Chair's Report

Hala said during her Chair's Report she will explain what is coming up.

Hala said **Cullen White** will come address us during the Presidential Privilege.

Hala said for the Board of Directors Report Senate has two liaisons, **Sam Al-Khoury**, Director of Community Relations and **Erin Shields**, Director of FAA, and as well **Mikhail Smirnov** is also a representative to the Board of Directors.

Hala introduced this thirteenth session of the ASUW Student Senate. She said it was established in 1994 out of Student Assembly, which was created to increase democratic access to the students. She said Senate has tackled many important issues, including honoring UW Alumni Medal of Honor winners, and Senate's work on the Legislative Agenda represents student voice. **Hala** urged all senators to discuss and debate our issues, to come prepared to the body, to create legislation, and be unafraid to speak our opinions that would otherwise be unheard. She said many of our greatest achievements were spurred by student government, including coming together to build the HUB, creation of the Office of Minority Affairs, the Ethnic/Cultural Center and the GBLT communities.

IV. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Cullen White asked if anyone knew about the 6 year plan being taken to Olympia by our administration, and explained that it is the administration's binding budget and policy document. **Cullen** said he will be working with **Hala** and **Mikhail** and others, working on a presentation for Senate in three meetings from now, and is seeking people very competent at Powerpoint and Excel. Executive Vice Provost **Ana Mari Cauce** is working on the mission statement. **Cullen** said they are currently looking for 4-6 students to come together to work with graduate students to focus and narrow down action items to be more reflective of what we want out of campus, since right now it is very academically focused, but they want to take into account all the nonacademic factors. **Cullen** invited students to email him at asuwpres@u.washington.edu. He'll make sure to get the 6 year plan and mission statement on the Senate website. For the Board of Directors meeting **Cullen** expressed intention to follow through on items from last year, including this Thursday legislation about UW Medal of Honor approval. He said he spoke with professor **Richard Ladner** yesterday on sign language in regards to a resolution [R-11-46] from the 11th Senate. **Cullen** gave more information about the Dawg Sled competition, including that 25 miniature floats can be created by RSO's for the homecoming rally, to be judged. He said student groups can collaborate. Additionally, **Cullen** wanted to be sure Senate has a voice on the Board of Directors.

V. Board of Directors Report

Sam Al-Khoury introduced himself, Mikhail and Erin. **Sam** said this Thursday, 6pm at the Q Center there is an identity celebration, an open forum for artistic exploration.

Jessica McPherson said tomorrow is National Coming Out Day, and Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 in the Q center is the Queer Women and Trans Individuals Interest group.

Sam said the Q center is in Smitz Hall 450.

Sam said there have only been two applications for homecoming royalty, and more should apply because usually there is a scholarship, the winner gets announced at the rally the night before the game, and the winner is down on the field at half-time. He said applications are available online at www.asuw.org, due by Friday at noon, and 10 copies of the application are needed with one cover sheet.

Tracey Myers asked as a point of information if applications are to be turned in at the box at ASUW office.

Sam clarified that it goes to the SAO office.

Kelly Farris asked what years are eligible.

Sam responded that sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduates are eligible.

Sam said sub-prizes are available.

Erin introduced herself and said her role will be to contribute additional info regarding the Board of Directors and ASUW.

Mikhail said the Finance and Budget director will come in the next couple weeks about the budget, but he will focus mostly on finance issues.

Erin said she would like other ASUW leadership who didn't get a chance to present last week to present now, starting with **Tyson Johnston**, director of Diversity Efforts.

Tyson Johnston said there are eight amazing diversity commissions and other diversity projects. He said that this year the Student Disabilities Commission has been created for the first time since 1994. Tyson said Thursday there will be a rally by a Filipino activist group in protest of Columbus Day starting at the HUB at 5:30, and continuing to Red Square. **Tyson** said the Senate is very important to him, and student opinion is valued here.

Matt McClearly introduced himself and **Kimberly Reid** of UW Leaders, and said they are a great way to get involved, and they offer leadership development programs for freshmen, sophomores, and transfer juniors. **Matt** said a student has a mentor, doesn't need past leadership experience, and that they have curriculums every Wednesday night from 5-7. He said at the end they take what they've learned and do community service projects, as well as a couple retreats throughout the year. **Matt** said applications are due at the end of October, and students can access their website from www.asuw.org.

Erin said Board of Directors meetings are Thursdays at 4:30 in 204n and they welcome input. She added that this Wednesday at 4pm in Kane 130 President Emmert is going to speak at his annual address, and the audience is packed every year.

VI. GPSS Report

Yutaka Jono introduced himself as from the Graduate & Professional Student Senate. **Yutaka** said they and ASUW Senate work together for Lobby Day and policy legislation, and that they have common goals like affordable tuition, academic excellence, and support of diversity. He said their office is HUB 300, email gpss@u.washington.edu, and that you can see him at Board of Directors meetings as well.

VII. Parliamentary Procedure 101

Hala invites **Rene** to speak.

Rene said **Phil [Hunt]** is the other advisor to Senate. **Rene** said some will learn a lot about the valuable art of listening, and if a student's speaking she hopes opinion is expressed and is also well-researched. **Rene** said they get a chance to practice to make great resolutions in a civil, respectful way, and her function is to help Senate but she doesn't plan to speak again unless needed.

VIII. Orders of the Day

Hala said information will now be passed out.

Mikhail said Senate uses “parli pro” to have a good discussion, not to prevent people from speaking.

Alex Kim raised a point of personal privilege suggesting **Mikhail** use a microphone.
Agreed by **Mikhail**.

Mikhail said for parliamentary procedure Senate uses the Sturgis guide, one much easier than Robert’s Rules of Order. Majority decides most events, but rules allow for expression of minority opinion. He said quorum requires 40% of voting senate membership, which is noted during committee, and quorum’s assumed to be present unless it’s noticeably questionable. He said they consider one question at a time, and nobody speaks until recognized by chair, with exceptions like point of order and personal privilege. **Mikhail** said each speaker gets 3 minutes, nobody is allowed to interrupt another person, and proper decorum must be observed. He said to address the chair, **Hala**, at all times, to help keep the debate impersonal and more civil, and limit personal attacks. **Mikhail** said now they will pass out the Resolution in Support of Cake.

Hala thanked **Mikhail**. She said next week they will be receiving the Senate Handbook as they are waiting on a printer. It includes how senate works and a guide on how to write legislation.

Ryan Malama asked if they do adjournment with announcements.
Hala said yes.

Travis raised the point of information asking if we say “move to adjourn with announcements”.
Hala affirmed that someone will make the motion to “adjourn with announcements”. **Hala** said the meeting is not done before announcements are made, and they will listen to everyone.

R-13-1

The resolution was presented using a pre-written script that was provided to members of senate. Please reference the script for detailed information regarding the resolution.

IX. Nominations

For Senate Committee Chairs

Hala said chairs head all legislation that come through their committees, and encourage their committee members to write legislation and to help write legislation, and noted they are also members of senate steering committee. She said nominations will begin today after the explanation of each role, and then nominations and elections resume next week.

Mikhail said it is in the by-laws that we must do this for two weeks, and if a senator’s not sure now, he has until next week.

Mikhail said Faculty and Administration Affairs Committee considers legislation regarding issues of faculty and administration.

Mikhail said Campus Affairs Committee considers issues about anything on campus, like campus life and residence halls.

Mikhail said Academic Affairs Committee considers student as well as faculty academic issues.

Mikhail said Off Campus Affairs Committee considers access to resources, insurance, and housing, and said last year there was the off campus student conduct code issue.

Mikhail said General Affairs Committee considers issues reaching beyond campus, on levels of Seattle community, the nation or globe, or that don't fit into other committees.

Mikhail said Publicity and Outreach Committee considers legislation promoting student involvement in Senate, and promoting Senate.

Mikhail said Membership committee considers issues of senate membership, for example a program that Senate wants to put on. He said it is already chaired by Charles so there is no election for this chair.

A student asked if there is a description of each on the Senate website.

Hala said yes.

Mikhail added on website gives just basic info.

Hala added section 7 of Senate bylaws is about committees.

Hala said anyone can nominate oneself.

FAA Nominations

Travis Grandy nominated **Jono Hanks**. *Accepts.*

Campus Affairs Nominations

Andrew Everett nominated **Max Wagner**, noting that Max is not present but Max requested the nomination.

Alex Kim nominated **Stephanie Adler** for Campus Affairs. *Accepts.*

Sam Al-Khoury nominated **Holly Jones**. *Declines.*

Academic Affairs Nominations

Sam Al-Khoury nominated **Jessica Kang**. *Accepts.*

Off Campus Affairs Nominations

Alvin Chen nominated **Melissa Aar**. *Accepts.*

General Affairs Nominations

Alex Kim nominated **Selma Dillsi**. *Accepts.*

John Naughton nominated **Andrew Everett**. *Accepts.*

Alex Kim nominated **John Naughton**. *Accepts.*

Publicity and Outreach Committee Nominations

Tyson Johnston nominated **Cailin Magruder**, noting that she is not present.

Hala said it will be revisited next week.

John Solomon nominated himself.

Hala said Senate uses instant runoff system, each candidate will have a limited time to speak, and then vote will be taken and discussion moves on immediately. He added that names can be added as election proceeds.

A senator asked if there is time for discussion when candidates leave the room.

Hala said yes, and will explain more next week.

Nominations for Senate Liaisons

Hala said senate has liaisons with different UW committees, and ASUW has representatives in committees, including Senate. She said the liaison responsibility is to attend all meetings of committee, and to report back via email or one-on-one with the chair. She said they are to represent the standing opinion of senate, and report in front of Senate at the request of the chair. **Hala** said they must attend 80% of Senate meetings to be a liaison, and a senator as well, and proxying will not count against a senator.

Special Appropriations Liaison

Mikhail said he served on both last year, and it is the committee that monetarily supports all RSOs on campus. He said last year the committee ran out of money, which is to be avoided this year. He added it's useful to be on in order to know what events are happening.

Alex Kim made a motion to suspend rules and add Personnel Committee as item 3f of orders of the day. *Seconded. Passed without objections.*

Travis Grandy asked when Special Appropriations meets.

Mikhail said it is in the HUB 3:30-4:35 Tuesdays right before Senate.

Travis McCoy asked if the Student Tech Fee Committee should be under nominations.

Mikhail said these are committees that requested immediate liaisons, and that they should be spaced out.

Tyson Johnston asked if we must tell them if they we want an immediate liaison.

Hala said yes.

Kim asked how many liaisons are appointed to each.

Hala said in general there is one. She said Finance & Budget and Legislative Steering Committees have two.

Andrew asked if there are multiple liaisons if they use the top two in instant runoff.

Hala said yes.

Jenny asked if committees meet the whole year.

Hala said yes, most do meet for the whole year.

Mikhail added that the Legislative Steering Committee meets frequently early in year while preparing, and rarely afterwards.

Hala opened the floor to comments and nominations.

Alex Kim said he was the Senate chair last year, and encouraged all to be a Senate liaison, as it's a great way for freshman to learn about student government and get involved.

Kim asked if the date and time are set in stone, since she has a conflict with Special Appropriations.

Mikhail said yes, Finance & Budget and Special Appropriations are set, although others may have not set times.

Austin Young nominated himself.

Matt York nominated himself.

Finance and Budget Committee Liaison

Mikhail said Finance and Budget Committee is the body that puts together the ASUW budget, headed excellently by **Jon Evans**. He said they do need a lot of people committed to that committee, as there are quite a few problems in the association over the past few years that they must face. **Mikhail** said it does not begin the majority of its work until Spring quarter, when they put together the whole budget for next year, but will begin meeting now. He added that on the committee one learns how every entity in the association works. He said it meets Wednesday afternoons, but will get the exact date next week.

Hala called for nominations or questions.

Kim Chung nominated herself.

Bobby Stoumbos nominated himself.

PJ LaFemina was nominated. *Accepts.*

John Naughton nominated **Andrew Everett**. *Accepts.*

Andrew Omahen added a point of information that the committee meets at 3:30.

Legislative Steering Committee Liaison

Sameer Kanal said there are no times set yet, and that it meet twice a week for about an hour each week over November, and then very sporadically for no more than once every two to three weeks. **Sameer** said it writes the Legislative Agenda submitted to Washington state government on policy we want advocated, for instance: lobbying for low tuition and cooperating with Affordable Tuition Now; student conduct code including MIP consequences off-campus.

Andrew Everett asked what MIP is.

Sameer said it means Minor in Possession.

Sameer added it is one of the most important committees on campus, and there is also at-large membership besides a senate liaison.

Mikhail chairs the nomination since **Hala** is nominating herself.

[**Hala** nominated herself.]

John Naughton was nominated. *Accepts.*

Melissa Aar was nominated. *Accepts.*

Ryan Malama was nominated. *Accepts.*

Alex Kim nominated **Jono Hanks**. *Accepts.*

Sam Al-Khoury nominated **Robert Barnum-Reece**. *Accepts.*

James Chin was nominated. *Accepts.*

Judicial Committee Liaison

Hala said it interprets the ASUW bylaws and constitution, and is vital in ASUW elections for review of procedure and judgments on election violations. She said it meets Friday 1:30-2:30 starting October 13th, and one cannot run for ASUW Board of Director elections if they are part of the committee; they must remove themselves at the beginning of spring quarter.

Tyson asked if it was actually before the first day of spring quarter.

Hala said yes, since the committee does consider elections policy and procedure before that time.

Hala said **Laura Baird** chairs this committee and she is also Director of Operations.

Holly Jones asked if a person can be nominated for more than one position.

Hala said yes.

Alex Kim asked if a person can be on any other ASUW committee and Judicial Committee at the same time.

Hala said no, since they want neutral people to go through that work.

A senator asked again what day it starts.

Hala said it begins meeting October 13th, Friday.

Katie Burns was nominated. *Accepts.*

Travis Grandy was nominated. *Accepts.*

Sameer Kanal nominated **Max Wagner**. Not present.

Holly Jones nominated **Rob Palmquist**. *Accepts.*

Alex Kim nominated **Travis McCoy**. *Accepts.*

Service Activities Fee Committee Liaison

Hala said this committee reviews the budget of the Student Activities Fee, about an 11 million dollar budget. She said it researches and allocates money to all different student entities that

receive funding, including ASUW and GPSS, Hall Health, ECCT, and the Q Center. **Hala** said meetings will be on Friday.

Andrew Everett nominated **Travis McCoy**. *Accepts.*

Erin Shields nominated **Alex Kim**. *Accepts.*

Hala said **Sheridan Gray** is chair of that committee, and **Sheridan** said he would like people who can sit in and continue for institutional memory.

Personnel Committee Liaison

Andrew Omahen said it meets 2:30-4:30 on Thursdays, generally for only an hour. **Andrew** said it reviews job descriptions for all 50+ ASUW employees, including salary and hourly rates. He said in Spring, it hires all employees for following year, and also looks at any personnel issues with any ASUW employees, and noted **Hala** will be on it as well.

John asked again when it was.

Andrew said Thursday 2:30-4:30 in the HUB board room.

Sam Al-Khoury nominated **Holly Jones**. *Accepts.*

Mellisa Aar nominated **Katie Burns**. *Accepts.*

Tyson Johnston nominated **Selma Dillsi**. *Accepts.*

Alex Kim nominated **Alvin Chin**. *Declines.*

Andrew raised a point of information that they also have 4 at large (non-Senate) positions on the committee.

Hala said to remember that next week nominations continue.

Mikhail said that generally there is a short speech followed by discussion, and probably the meeting will last longer than usual, past 7pm.

John Naughton moved to adjourn with announcements.

Second. Passed without objection.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43.