

Senate Meeting Minutes
Date: 10-24-2006
4:30PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda

I. Call to Order (4:30 PM)

Hala Dillsi called the meeting to order at 4:44.

II. Approval of the Agenda

A senator moved to approve the agenda. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

III. Committee Meetings: Nominations and Elections for Senate Committee Chairs

Miscellaneous nominations proceeded.

Selma Dillsi nominated **Chris Paredes** for Publicity and Outreach, noting he was absent. **Hala** accepted the nomination.

Doug McManaway nominated **Nathan Frei** for Campus Affairs.

Andrew Everett nominated **Max Wagner** for General Affairs.

Hala said committee-by-committee nominations would now proceed.

FAA

No additional nominations.

Campus Affairs

No additional nominations.

Academic Affairs

Jessica Kang was nominated. *Accepts.*

Erin Shields nominated **Katie Burns**. *Declines.*

Off-Campus Affairs

Andrew Everett nominated **John Naughton**.

General Affairs

No additional nominations.

Publicity and Outreach

No additional nominations.

Hala explained the procedure of splitting into committees. She reviewed the question “What is the most pertinent issue facing your committee and how do you envision leading your committee to a proactive response?”

Senators split into individual committees headed by Steering Meeting members in accordance with the agenda.

Elections Results:

a. Faculty and Administrative Affairs

Jono Hanks

b. Campus Affairs

Yet to be tallied due to a tie.

c. Academic Affairs

Jessica Kang

d. Off Campus Affairs

Melissa Aar

e. General Affairs

Selma Dillsi

f. Publicity and Outreach

Jon Solomon

IV. Public Forum and ASUW Presidential Privilege

Cullen White, ASUW president, proceeded to present a PowerPoint presentation:

Cullen White said this is what will go on in the end of December and beginning of January; he mentioned the UW Vision Statement, 6-10 year plan, and the Husky Promise financial aid program, as well as Students First.

Bryce McKibben presented new draft legislation and said state funding should be increased, but the amount should be decided at a later time. An example of a policy it aims to put in place is that after having 125% credits required for graduation, the student would have to pay full costs.

Cullen said that it adds predictability, but has other possible detriments to consider.

Bryce said the administration wants to combine forces in going for full funding and limited increases in tuition.

Hala entertained an extension of Cullen’s speaking time.

John Naughton moved to extend for 5 minutes. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Cullen said he is uncertain about the meaning of unrealized gains.

Andrew Everett asked about specifics of the credit limit.

Bryce said that it does not stipulate whether or not that includes externally gained credits.

Cullen said it is a valid concern that needs to be addressed.

Travis Grandy asked **Bryce** if the Legislative Steering Committee has considered this issue in relation to the Legislative Agenda.

Bryce said that the Legislative Steering Committee had not met yet. He said they could support increase in state need grant.

John Naughton asked about bond granting and revenue.

Cullen said the bonds come from capital based funds.

Alex Kim said it is strange that they are deciding the credit number amount and other specific provisions on who pays what tuition amounts.

Cullen said it has to be carefully considered and consulted with us.

Bryce said it's a knee-jerk reaction about how to get more slots for people, and not a process of sitting down and seeking to increase funding and access. He said we should voice our concerns.

Rod Palmquist asked if the PowerPoint will be available online.

Cullen said yes.

Rod also asked about revenue from the state, and asked if we know what percentage that would become.

Bryce said if tuition increased 7% and state budget increased 21% then it would be about 50-60% shared.

Cullen said the increase in tuition would not be to 7% level if 20% increase was gained.

Sameer asked about 125% and double majors. He said he is a transfer and has many credits that do not count towards a major.

Cullen said his understanding is that its 180 credits across the board. He said it is unfortunate.

Bryce would encourage people not to consider it final, but a draft.

Melissa Aar asked if the Husky Promise is already in place.

Cullen said we don't need the funding increase per se, but historically 5000 or so students now are covered.

Hala entertained a motion to exhaust the speaker's list with four more people.
Moved. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Reece Johnson asked if the University would match the endowment to a 6 year fund.

Cullen said no.

Reese asked if there's a cap on the amount that can be in it, and asked where money was being taken out.

Cullen said it's taken out of the University Investment Pool fund, a general fund. He said a new account can get a higher interest rate. He said they want to match the corpus.

Sam Gu (sp?) asked what if they come in as freshman and have debt because of loans.

Bryce McKibben said the proposal has not coordinated with other state funds.

Jon Stevens asked how guidelines work to determine eligibility.

Cullen said a student must meet requirements for a state need grant and a federal Pell grant.

Jon asked if it's supposed to help current students as well.

Cullen said as he understands it the student has to be able to exhaust state grant before the end of their four years in order to be eligible for Husky Promise.

Stephanie Adler asked if details will be online to look at.

Cullen said yes, that it will definitely be on asuw.org and hopefully the Senate website.

Hala offered to send it out to the Senate mailing list.

V. Chair's Report

Hala announced that **Stephanie Adler** is elected as Campus Affairs Chair.

Hala said that the meeting will move much quicker with committee chairs elected.

Hala said that next week **Jon Evans** is talking about the budget.

Hala reminded students that they're bringing information back to their constituencies.

Hala said usually Wednesday **Mikhail** will send out information about what happened at Senate. **Hala** said Monday she will send an email including information about the agenda after Steering meeting.

Hala reminded senators of her Parli Pro question of the day. She asked what the three rules are that can help the officer decide who to call if senators raise their placards at the same time.

Nathan Frei said the officer could go by how high each is in the priority of motions.

Hala said yes, and also if the person asked for recognition.

Doug McManaway said if they haven't been called on before.

Hala said yes, if the member has not already spoken.

Matt York asked if seniority is one.

Hala said no!

Jono said if there are people for and against, calling to alternate viewpoints can make it even.

Hala said yes, that the officer can switch between positions to be more equitable. She warned she may ask the viewpoint before calling a person to speak. She also said if a person is presenting the resolution before the body, they have the precedent.

Mike Kim asked what to do if they haven't got a Senate email.

Hala said senators need to be confirmed in order to be on the list. She said if senators are not yet approved, they can ask to be on. She said it is open to the campus community.

VI. Introduction of Committee Chairs

Melissa Aar said she is the chair of the Off Campus Affairs Committee, and **John Naughton** will be the vice chair. She said the 520 onramp and off campus conduct code issues will be looked at heavily, and wanted to create something like a commuter caucus so that commuter voice can have more organization and say on campus.

Jon Solomon said he is the chair of Publicity and Outreach and wants a larger role in campus issues, and he invited all to Hansee Haunted House and Homecoming. He said he promotes active advertising rather than passive advertising.

Selma Dillsi said she is the chair for General Affairs, and mentioned that she wants to be proactive about speakers coming.

Jono Hanks said he is the chair of FAA and he looks forward to dealing with the faculty and administration issues.

Jessica Kang said she is the chair of Academic Affairs, and mentioned she wants to look more at the 6-10 year plan.

Stephanie Adler said she is the chair of Campus Affairs, and that she wants to outreach to other students on campus.

Charles said he is the Membership Committee Chair.

VII. Board of Directors Report

Mikhail said **Lincoln Johnson** came and talked about the HUB remodeling. They looked at allocating money for a banner about homecoming on HUB. He said last year the Senate passed bills to create task forces for honoring UW Medal of Honor winners and for Financial Education.

Sam Al-Khoury noted that there would be an anti-abortion rally tomorrow afternoon that will have photos, banners, and large displays that may be offensive to some in Red Square. He said it is not sponsored by anyone at UW, and Red Square is designated as a free speech area.

Inserted is the outline of the Board of Directors report presented by Sam Al-Khoury and Erin Shields of upcoming events for the week.

The ECC/T & La Raza Commission Dia de los Muertos: Community Altar Building

Join us in celebrating the Mexican tradition of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) by constructing a multicultural altar in the ECC/T Lounge. We will begin constructing this altar on **Monday, October 23.**

The Unveiling of the ECC/T Community Altar

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 7pm in ECC/T Lounge

Business Consulting Network Meet and Greet

Tuesday, 10/24 at 5:30 pm in Kane (Walker-Ames Room)

ASUW is requesting MBA Consulting Services (Free, Students get credit for participating)

Bike Shop and Experimental College (Institutional Memory, Marketing)

Scott, Jonathan, Laura, and Jerome, Bike Shop and Experimental College Staff Attending

Q Center Speaker: Alice Y Hom

“Intersection of Race, Gender and Sexuality”

Tuesday, 10/24 at 6pm in Johnson 102

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

First Senate Meeting

Wednesday, 10/25 at 4:30-6pm in HUB 310

HUB Movies

Wednesday, 10/25 at 6pm/8:30pm in FfUB Auditorium

The Descent

Snakes on a Plane

+Get tickets at the HUB Box Office, with Husky ID

+\$ 2 per showing

+\$ 3 for both!

Aaron Karo

Thursday, 10/26 at 8pm in HUB

Auditorium \$7 with UW ID at HUB

Ticket Office \$15 GA at

TicketsWest.com & TW outlets

Homecoming Rally

Friday, 10/27 at 8pm in Red Square

Dawg Sled Competition Judging at

3pm

ASUW Trivia Hunt and Costume Contest Sunday, 10/29 at

4pm on HUB Lawn \$3 Entry Fee - Lots of Prizes!

(Pre-Register by Friday, 10/27 in HUB 103 - Bike

Shop)

Tyler Dockins encouraged people to change Facebook.com pictures to homecoming rally banners. He explained more about the event. **Tyler** said there will be 6 people in the homecoming court who will be announced Friday at the rally.

Olgy Diaz said that about the anti-choice demonstration, the University's pro-choice RSO's will tabling at the same time in opposition.

A student asked what time the homecoming rally is on Friday.

Sam said 8pm.

VIII. Orders of the Day

A. New Business

1st Readings – R-13-2

Hala said **Charles** will speak for the resolution since the sponsor is absent.

Sam Al-Khoury motioned to table until next week because sponsor is absent. *Seconded. Objection.*

Sam said he wanted the sponsor **Andrew Everett** to respond to questions of intent.

Jon Solomon said **Charles** should be able to answer well.

Travis McCoy asked if **Andrew** had asked **Charles** to present for him.

Charles said yes.

Division was called on the motion to table until next week.

The motion to table the resolution until next week passes.

1st Readings – R-13-3

Mikhail read the resolution.

Jon Solomon asked if it's online.

Mikhail said yes, on the Senate website under legislation.

Neil Rotta asked how they define negative impact.

Mikhail said that would apply if they increase tuition simply because of the existence of Husky Promise. He said he left it vague on purpose so future lobbyist can lobby effectively as the situations demand.

Erin Shields asked if there's anything in the legislation about evaluating the Husky Promise over time.

Mikhail said not in the legislation itself. He said the program's evaluated by the Regents.

Travis Grandy asked if it supports against, or in the future if it will apply to, negative impacts on some other part of student life.

Mikhail said no, but can't imagine it negatively impacting other parts of student life.

A senator began entertaining an amendment. (?)

Hala said on second readings there should be questions about amending it.

Erin asked if there's a reason for the resolution not discussing the Students First and Husky Promise.

Mikhail said they're separate, and sees no reason for other negative impacts to apply.

Hala encouraged senators to email amendments ahead of time to **Alex Gwozda** for minutes and presentation on the screen for second readings.

B. Nominations/Elections for Senate Liaisons

a. Personnel Committee

Holly Jones and **Selma Dillsi** *withdraw*.

Alex Kim moved to appoint **Katie Burns** by acclamation. *Seconded without objection. Passed.*

b. Joint Commission Committee

Kelsey Smith and **Jono Hanks** *withdraw*.

Hala moved to appoint **Vanessa Vassal** by acclamation. *Seconded.*

Travis McCoy asked for explanation of appointment by acclamation.

Hala said it allows body to vote for one person if only one is running in the election.

Melissa Aar asked if we have to vote if there are no objections.

Mikhail said yes and it's not a debatable motion.

Appointment by acclamation passed.

c. Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Mikhail said **Melissa Aar** is currently nominated.

Travis Grandy moved to appoint **Melissa Aar** by acclamation. *Seconded.*

Passed.

Melissa said the first meeting is tomorrow.

d. Service Activities Fee Committee

Sameer Kanal asked what time it meets.

Sheridan Gray said Friday sometime.

Travis McCoy and **Alex Kim** *withdraw*.

Melissa nominated **Sameer**. *Accepts*.

Travis McCoy asked if we can postpone elections until next week.

Mikhail moved to postpone SAF Liaison elections until next week. *Seconded. Objection.*

Mikhail said he knows at least two more people who want to run, and it's one of the most important committees since they distribute almost all of the money.

Hala said **Sheridan** wants someone who can stay on for many years for institutional memory.

Sheridan said committee does need to be filled by the 6th week, which is next week.

Motion to postpone elections for SAF Liaison passes.

e. Student Technology Fee

Alex Kim nominated **Travis McCoy**. *Declines*.

Sheridan Gray said it's an excellent, fun committee with millions of dollars to handle.

Doug McManaway asked when it meets.

Rene said Monday afternoon.

Matt York nominated **Dan Baker**. *Accepts*.

Mikhail nominated **Neil Rotta**. *Accepts*.

Dan Baker *withdraws*.

Mikhail moves to appoint **Neil Rotta** by acclamation. *Seconded without objection.*

Appointment by acclamation passes.

f. Course Fee Review Committee

Hala said no time is currently set.

Sam Al-Khoury asked what the committee does.

Hala said it's very important, and considers individual course fee charges like lab fees.

Jon Solomon nominated **Doug McManaway**.

Charles moved to appoint **Doug McManaway** by acclamation. *Seconded. No objection.*

Passed.

g. Board of Directors

Vanessa Vassal nominated **David Kim**. *Accepts.*

Jon Solomon nominated **Matt York**. *Declines.*

Katie Burns *withdraws.*

Austin Young asked what the Board of Directors does.

Hala said they are student executives who meet every week Thursday 4:30, HUB 204n. She said if there is any issue they can give a report to Senate, and in the board meeting they can speak up on resolutions for senate. She said **Mikhail** is also a representative there.

Melissa Aar nominated **Sameer Kanal**.

Austin asked if it's a voting position or opinion position.

Hala said most liaisons do have a vote, but for the Board of Directors it is an opinion seat.

Mikhail nominated **Carmen Lau**. *Accepts.*

Austin Young nominated himself

Travis McCoy nominated **Jono Hanks**. *Accepts.*

Carmen *withdraws.*

Hala asked if someone can speak on the behalf of **Max**. *No response.*

David Kim said it would be a great opportunity to converse with directors. He said he thinks most of the Board of Directors knows him. He said he has served as a class president before.

Sameer Kanal said he wants to speak on behalf of legislation.

Austin Young said the Board is an organization within ASUW that he wants to continue being involved with, so he will actually fulfill his duties.

Jono Hanks said he thinks he can work effectively with **Mikhail** to express positions.

Hala announced the question: How will you work with both **Mikhail** and the Senate Steering if there is a conflict between opinion of senate and the board, and how will you advocate toward the Board?

Jono said he's a member of Steering Committee already as a committee chair. He said he'll be able to take that to the board of directors. He said he can meet with **Mikhail** to fine-tune opinion and make a strong united front toward the board.

Austin said he would represent the body as a whole, whereas **Mikhail** can represent the leadership more specifically.

Sameer said he knows many of the people like **Sam** and **Mikhail** and works well with them. He said an informal conference is the best way to resolve conflicts.

David Kim said he's not currently in an ASUW position, but is passionate about ASUW. He said he has a lot of time on his hands.

Alvin Chen said we need to advocate for Senate sometimes. He asked each to give an example of a time each has advocated on behalf of a position in conflict with his own.

Austin said he could not recall a time, since he tends to agree with his constituency.

Sameer said he has had to advocate on the tuition policy and more.

David said he's brought positions from ASB to a board of directors.

Jono said freshmen year in his FIG he had to do government research, and was put on the extremely conservative group, much more conservative than himself, and his team actually won.

Travis asked what each would do if the Board of Directors is debating an issue in which there's no senate opinion.

Sameer said if there's an opportunity to do so, come back and talk about it with Senate. He said he may ask if it can be discussed again next week.

David said if there's no opinion from senate, it's his duty to put it on the agenda.

Jono said if he had time, he would go through institutional memory of people and look up old resolutions.

Austin said he would do the same as **Sameer**; not necessarily give an opinion, but would ask Senate for an opinion.

Hala asked for any motion to begin a discussion period.

Ballots were collected.

h. Publicity and Programming

Lauren Snyder moved to table Publicity and Programming until next week. *Seconded. Objection. Motion fails.*

Mikhail moved to adjourn with announcements.

Jon Solomon said we only have one more to go and could get all these positions filled.

Quorum was called. Quorum is not present.

Hala said they will have votes tallied as Senate proceeds through the agenda.

IX. Request for Information

Hala said the Request for Information section is a time for senators to ask about more information or emails. She said, for example, that a senator could ask Mikhail about the 6 year plan, and as the Board of Directors liaison he would go and ask for more information. She said then he would give a presentation the following week to answer the request.

X. Announcements

Hala declared **Sameer Kanal** as the newly elected Board of Directors liaison.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.