

ASUW STUDENT SENATE
Session 14, Meeting 11
January 8th, 2008
HUB-310

*Chaired by **Shawn Fisher**.
Minutes by and respectfully submitted by **Gerald Corporal**.*

I. Committee Meetings

Committees met in their respective locations to discuss legislation & other ASUW-business.

II. Call to Order

Shawn Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Jono Hanks moved to add R-14-9 first under New Business.

Tyler Dockins asked if it was time-sensitive.

Jono said yes because the process for naming this alumnus is concluding next week, and this was submitted on November 13.

Seconded by **Ariane Barr**.

No one objected and the motion passed.

Yutaka Jono moved to add “Sing Happy Birthday to Shawn before his Chair’s Report.”

Seconded by **Drew Blincow**.

Shawn said *Senate* could do it, but it *Senate* would just not include it in the agenda. He then entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

So-moved by **Sameer Kanal**.

Seconded by **Conor McClean**.

Senate sang Happy Birthday to **Shawn**.

IV. Chair’s Report

Presented by Shawn Fisher.

Shawn said he went to Mexico and he got in this morning at 2 am. Steering will be at 2:30 this Friday in HUB 204N. Steering is working on programming for making *Senate* more entertaining for

senators such as the Date Auction, Bowling Strike, Senator Spotlight, etc. **Shawn** then passed out more survey forms and asked people to fill it out before they left. The “biggest issue” question is the main focus he wanted senators to look at in the survey. He introduced “Sanya” from *The Daily* and she is to be The Beat correspondent for *Senate*. There is also the possibility of a Newsletter for the community at large so people will know more about Senate; there could be volunteer opportunities there. The Legislative Agenda was passed by the Board of Directors with no changes- it took a while and hopefully it will bring some positive change. He reminded people that there are only two quarters left and this quarter is the meat of it.

V. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Presented by Tyler Dockins.

Tyler said that the Legislative Agenda is done, and Bryce is going down to Olympia now and there are five bills right now that are looking pretty good that the school will be making a motion on. There will be continual updates about whats happening in Olympia and he will try to arrange trips down there.

Hala Dillsi asked how the bills are going.

Tyler said that there are representatives from all the universities as well as the CTC’s for more solidarity and continuity instead of rivalry among the different schools on issues such as child care. *ASUW* and *GPSS* are working together on the issue of child care. **Tyler** said that there needs to be more in funds so that’s why the two groups are working together, so things are looking better.

Aditya Ganapathiraju asked about the *GoGreen Coalition*.

Tyler said that with the *GoGreen Coalition*, he had an email from Phyllis Wise asking about what students thought about the environment, and he will put more of an effort on that this quarter since he does not have as huge as an academic workload. There is also an effort for environmental films coming up so there will be an e-mail on that.

VI. Board of Director’s Report

Presented by Anttimo Bennett and Sameer Kanal.

Anttimo said that *GLBT Commission* is bringing the 2008 DRAG Competition so if anyone thinks that they’ve got what it takes, then come out and audition for the competition. Auditions will be held on January 15th in HUB 200-A and January 16th from 5-6 pm. Contact the GLBT Commission Director if these times conflict. The date for the competition is February 15th from 7-10 pm in the HUB ballroom and it will be free and open to all. Next, nominations are now being accepted for the 4th Annual “Celebrating Woman” for recognizing woman in the community who have made an impact on people’s lives within the campus community. Nominations are due February 18th. Nominations are confidential and all who are nominated will be recognized. On January 25th at Meany Theater, Daniel Tosh will be performing. A&E is putting on the Fascist Show in celebrating eating disorders along with the Student Health Consortium. Finally, the Black Student Union is having their Founder’s Week this week so there are a lot of events going on around campus.

Sameer said that the Constitutional Amendment Taskforce will be coming up soon, but other than that, Lobby Day is coming up soon in February where students come down to lobby to senators.

Sabrina Fields asked when other specific lobby days are.

Sameer said he does not know, but Elliot from the OGR should know so he'll get back next week.

Yutaka asked who the contact person was for the fashion show.

Anttimo suggested going to the A&E Director, but otherwise just come down to the ASUW office.

Holly Jones also added that they could go to the Student Health Consortium for more information.

VII. GPSS Report

Presented by Yutaka Jono.

Yutaka said that *GPSS* had their first summit ever in December and it was a success. Legislatures and industry people came over and spoke about the state of Washington's state of graduate students, and the state is that it is not producing enough graduate degrees for the different businesses, so the state is actually importing people from other states. This matters because it shows that there is a lack in graduate degrees. With the hope that undergraduates are looking into graduate schools, there can be more jobs open, and that was the idea of the summit. There was good feedback for the summit and there are quite a few people from the *ASUW* board who were present so they would have more information on the event.

VIII. Committee Chair Reports

Shawn thanked everyone for meeting up.

Drew Blincow & Publicity and Outreach: there was legislation on Climate Change and they looked over it for a little bit. Then they talked about the programs that they had ideas for and it was a good meeting.

Ariane Barr & Academic Affairs: discussion about programming ideas, winter break and cookies.

Jono Hanks & General Affairs: the committee talked about R-14-9 and it was passed favorably without recommendation. Additionally, Hilary Clinton is leading in New Hampshire.

Holly Jones & Campus Affairs: the committee talked about R-14-8 and they went through first readings and had the sponsor with them.

Salil Mathur & Faculty & Administrative Affairs: FAA had first readings for R-14-11 and it was passed for second readings.

Alex Jouravlev & Off-Campus Affairs: Off-Campus was writing up legislation and doing edits for increased bus access because it is not up to par to what it should be. Also, Nick Gibson also came in to talk about off-campus housing.

Jon Solomon & Membership: membership talked about programming ideas. Additionally, he updated all the membership records on the ASUW site and seats will also indicate attendance records so people can check that out.

Tyler asked people if they have ever used the *Night Ride Loop*.

Shawn asked if people know what he was talking about and most people raised their hands.

IX. Orders of the Day

A. Nominations of Senate Liaisons

I. Senate Constitutional Amendment Power Taskforce

Shawn passed the floor to **Sameer** to talk about the Board of Directors Constitution on voting and **Sameer** talked about the Senate Constitutional Amendment Power Taskforce. He said that the Board created a Power Taskforce and read the Bill in its entirety. Legal question is that while the ASUW is a student organization, it is listed in the state as a corporation. Under Washington corporate law, the leaders have to have a final authority over the affairs of the corporation, and the question is raised of people who believe it to be true and those who do not. If Senate has the ability to put it on the ballot without the board's authority- and that is violating state corporate law. The idea of the taskforce is to create three ways to solve the problem.

Alex J asked when *Senate* was going to hear back from them.

Sameer said that the Constitutional Amendment has to be submitted by April where the taskforce will submit what they will be submitting.

Hala said that she felt that it was a matter of a lawyer's opinion or a student's opinion, legal or not.

Shawn said that Senate is going to pick two people who they want to delve into this position with law.

Alex J nominated himself.

Jon Solomon nominated **Conor McLean** but he respectfully declined.

Tyson Johnston nominated **Chris Paredes** but he respectfully declined.

Jono nominated **Jordan Villeneuve** and he accepted.

Chloe Ameh nominated **Sabrina** but she declined.

Ariane Barr nominated **Joseph Principe** and he accepted.

Sabrina nominated **Gerald Corporal** but he respectfully decline.

Shawn closed nominations and will open it again next week.

I. Senate Officer Review Committee

Garreth Snow nominated himself.

A. Old Business

I. R-14-5 A Resolution in Recognition of the 2007 College Cost Reduction and Access Act

Chris Paredes read his resolution.

Shawn took a speaker's list for discussion.

Jon S had a question on the second WHEREAS clause and why the last part of it was not taken out and put as a separate clause.

Peter asked if it could be clarified what this bill does.

Chris P said that it is for loan forgiveness and it doesn't affect students who are graduating as much as those who are incoming, but it does affect everyone and provides more money for pell grants.

Yutaka said he liked the ideal of the act but he wanted to know where the money is coming from.

Chris P said he doesn't know where the money comes from but there is this effort where it is coming from a variety of different sources.

Shawn moved the discussion to 2nd round amendments.

Anastasia Ivansenko moved to vote on it.

Chloe seconded it.

No one objected and the Legislation was passed.

I. R-14-6 A Resolution Commending the University of Washington Men's Crew.

Charles Cadwallader was not present so **Doug McManaway** came up to read it.

Shawn took a speaker's list.

Yutaka said that he does not like the wording of it in terms of "heart" because he feels uncomfortable with it and he entertained a motion to strike it.

Jon S said he was wondering if anyone knows someone on the Crew Team because it is really cool that they did this.

Sabrina said she agreed with striking "and heart" and motioned it.

M'liss Dewald seconded it.

Jon S objected.

Sabrina said that she feels that if ASUW is to be consistent with the rest of the legislation then "heart" is more of an opinion.

Jon S yielded to **Doug**.

Doug said that then apparently then the Crew Team is heartless.

Yutaka said that having heart is one thing, but the legislation says "displaying heart".

Tyson said that people are reading a little bit too much into it and if they vote against it they have no heart.

Shawn ruled the last part of the statement out of order.

Sameer moved to close debate.

Seconded by **Tyler**.

Senate voted and voted against the amendment.

Ehsan Aleaziz moved to close debate.

Seconded by **Gerald** with no objections.

Senate voted on the legislation and the resolution passed.

Shawn then apologized for skipping R-14-9 and *Senate* went back to this.

D. New Business- First Readings

I. R-14-9 A Resolution Requesting that Rep. Thomas P. Lantos be named UW Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus.

Andrew Everett was not present to read so Sameer read the legislation.

Shawn added that there are amendments coming from the committee.

Jono shared the edits to the legislation.

Gareth asked if the phrase in the first WHEREAS clause can be clarified.

Jono said that it refers to the word holocaust which is offensive.

Yutaka asked who else has been nominated.

Jono said that it is kept closed and that Thomas P. Lantos is a known nominee because Andrew Everett nominated him.

Jordan V. mentioned that people should think if we have the right to support this if people don't know about the candidate. This person does have a good tract record but a lot of people don't know about him.

Gareth Snow asked if the ASUW is required to make a recommendation.

Shawn said no but it is a right that ASUW has.

Aditya asked if nominating people would hinder from supporting other nominees.

Sameer said that multiple people could be supported, if people knew who they were.

Matt Steele asked how this would work if no one knows who is nominated.

Yutaka asked how much influence or say does student resolution have on this process.

Shawn said that is unknown but it is given to the *Alumni Selection Committee*.

Yutaka asked if there is student representation on that committee.

Erin Lennon said that it made up of Alumni and those in University relations, 6 members of each.

Joseph Principe said that the last THAT clause is awkwardly stated.

Tyson asked if this was second readings and then asked about the first THAT clause because it is a matter of opinion and could be rephrased in other words.

Yutaka asked if anyone else on *ASUW* would have nominated someone for this.

Shawn said he didn't know and entertained a motion to close debate.

So-moved by **Sabrina**.

Seconded by **Chloe** with no objections.

I. SB-14-1 A Bill to Improve Representation on the Student Regent Selection Committee

Neil Rotta read the Senate Bill.

Shawn asked for the intent of the bill.

Neil said that the only change made was to add three members, two voting and one ex-officio to the committee that selects the Student Regent. He said he is open to further amendments to "fixing" the committee.

Gareth asked on the newly proposed legislation, about the typo of being "8" instead of "7".

Sameer had a question in regards to the 3rd to last part on commuter students and why it was listed that way.

Neil said it was for no specific reason.

Tyson asked with the THAT clause concerning transfer students and commuter students and how they would be screened.

Shawn said that *Senate* trusts the word of the its members and there seat cant be with *IFC/Panhellenic* or *RHSA*.

Tyler said that the commuter senators are elected by the Vice-President until there is a union for commuters.

Neil said that he is in favor of an amendment giving power for that to the Vice-President

Yutaka asked if this bill proportionately decreases the *GPSS* voting power in this committee.

Neil said that it is another possible amendment that could be made.

Jono had a point of information about transfer and commuter senators and the process itself. It would be a more democratic process.

Jon had a question on the last part with transfer students and commuters, and if its open to anyone to run for it.

Neil said yes and it's for people that are qualified.

Joseph P pointed out a grammatical error.

Sabrina moved to go on to second readings.

Shawn had a point of information and said that under Senate Liaisons say that it has to be a senator who is a commuter to be appointed to it.

Sabrina's motion was seconded by **Sameer**.

Objected by **Yutaka**.

Senate voted and the motion failed.

Yutaka asked if this bill has been discussed with *ASUW Tacoma* and *ASUW Bothell* because this might diminish their vote as well.

Shawn said no but he has talked to them and they will be let known if this is passed.

Gareth motioned to close first readings.

Seconded by **Tyler**.

Objected by **Yutaka**.

Senate voted and debate was closed.

Shawn entertained a motion to move on to announcements

So-moved by **Ariane**.

Seconded by **Jon** with no objections.

X. Announcements

Tyson said that 3 weeks from now there will be a Pow-Wow and it is open to all.

Dylan Lionberger said that on February 2nd, McCarty Hall will have a game night and they need dealers.

Chris P. said that *MAPS* is having their pre-conference and its 9-4 pm and it costs \$13 for students.

Shawn entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

So-moved by **Tyler**.

Seconded by **Sameer**.

Senate is adjourned at 6:49 pm.