

ASUW STUDENT SENATE  
Session 14, Meeting 12  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 5:04 pm.*

### **III. Approval of the Agenda**

**Shawn** entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

So-moved by **Sabrina Fields**.

Seconded by **Chloe Ameh** with no objections.

### **IV. Chair's Report**

*Presented by Shawn Fisher.*

**Shawn** said he was going to introduce some people but they are not present right now. A representative from ASUW from *University of Washington: Bothell* was supposed to come but it does not look like it she was able to make it. The student government at Bothell currently has five people as compared to the amount people ASUW on the Seattle campus has. He also filled in for **Sameer Kanal** at the Board of Director's meeting and it was the shortest meeting ever.

Steering has also been working on programming for Senate. Expect Senate Bingo pretty soon, headed by **Holly Jones**. Bowling is likely another activity and may cost some money, but not too much. There will also be a placard decorating contest spearheaded by **Jon Solomon**.

**Shawn** also had information from Olympia and OGR Office. On Thursday, some of the legislative steering committee will be interpreting the Legislative Agenda in relation to the new SR-520 bill. They are also working on getting discussion on housing going, and there has been discussion with city council members. There should be a forum sometime in March for this. Committee Chair **David Kim** is a legislative aid now and he will try to get his boss Paul Chin to come in March as well. There will be more public forums coming up and he will try to get a list going which includes Mark Emmert. Shawn opened the floor to suggestions for people to come and speak in the forums.

**Tyler Dockins** suggested Josh Cavannah, and said he has a great connection with students.

**Hala Dillsi** suggested Luis Fraga, a political science professor from *Stanford University* who got hired by the *University of Washington* and was a huge add.

**Yutaka Jono** suggested Todd Turner and other senators mentioned that he had resigned.

**Hala** suggested Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange.

**Shawn** said that he also went to SAB a couple of weeks ago and Dr. Edwards is pretty busy so *Senate* will try to set a time with her. He then turned the floor over to **Holly**.

**Holly** said she was up there because Senate is doing tabling this Thursday in an effort to emphasize bringing in new topics for legislation. The purpose for it is to talk to students in front of the HUB to get them to write down issues that they have- no matter what it is. It serves two purposes- for Senate to get to know the issues that students are concerned about, and to promote Senate's visibility. A sign up sheet is going around for tabling and preferably three people per time slot would be good.

**Shawn** thanked **Holly** and then asked the *Senate* who gets his e-mails. Most people raised their hands and he said that hopefully senators know of the brainstorming session today. The point of brainstorming is to develop issues that students can tackle this year and in following years- a wish-list of issues that students can change and recommend. Running off his favorite movie *Fight Club*, it will be *Senate Club*. There are rules: the first one is to talk about Senate in here. The second rule is to talk about Senate out there. He asked how many people, during their week, mention that they are *ASUW Senators*. He says he talks about it a lot so he makes up for some people. He understands some hesitation and reserves on mentioning it, but it is truly important to get ideas from other people. The third rule for *Senate Club*, is that it is a senator's first time speaking in Senate, it has to be today. This is a perfect opportunity because they don't have to have a structured opinion, they just have to throw their ideas out there. He then turned the floor to **Drew Blicow**.

**Drew** said that *Senate* has Senator Spotlight since the *Senate* doesn't know each other too well. She is going to pick one person to spotlight at every meeting and ask a few questions. Today the spotlight gets a Cupid Hershey candy bar. Today's Senator Spotlight is on **Gerald Corporal**.

Senate Spotlight

It's **Gerald**! His crown says he's awesome. His 3 greatest memories were: last year's Apple Cup, when UW won and he rushed the field; when his baby sister was born this past year, and third was winning Senate Secretary last Spring! With regards to Sandwiches, CRUST! He abstains on his goals for the world question. If he could say one sentence or saying to be heard by the entire world, he'd say "Do work." His current *Facebook* status is that he's *Theta Delta Chi's* new public relations officer! His "saddest Facebook stalking you've ever done" was...last night. When he was not doing homework. If he could go by any other name, besides Gerald, it would be Geraldo. His personal clothing style is "dress to impress" like **Anttimo Bennett**. When asked "Tila or New York?"- Tila! His typing speed is 70-90 wpm and his middle name is Doton which was his grandfather's last name on his mom's side.

**Shawn** mentioned the *SAB* elections which took place last night and congratulated **Vanessa Vassal** and **Sabrina Fields**, who are the new co-chairs. He also thanked **Chloe Ameh** and **Anttimo Bennett**, last term's officers, for a great year.

**Akina Lantow** asked what *SAB* was.

**Shawn** turned the floor to the new co-chair Sabrina to talk about *SAB*.

**Sabrina** said that *SAB* is a student group for marginalized student groups on campus. What they do is report back to the Vice President of the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity Efforts. It's a group of students talking about issues around campus that are affecting them. They report back to them to let them know how they feel and their recommendations, and the Vice President listens to them. An example of what has been accomplished this past year is that UW Police Department is now under Student Life. If anyone has questions or wants to come to the meetings, feel free to come in.

**Alex Jouravlev** asked what *SAB* stood for.

**Sabrina** said that it stood for *Student Advisory Board* and the next one is Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> in the *Ethnic Cultural Center* at 4:30.

**Chloe** asked if *SAB* has free food.

**Sabrina** said that there is always free food, and last time there was Pizza Hut, and its free!

**Chloe** asked if she can write down her e-mail on the board.

**Sabrina** said she doesn't know the e-mail address off the top of her head because she has been co-chair for less than 24 hours.

## **V. ASUW Presidential Privilege**

*Presented by Tyler Dockins.*

**Tyler** said that the *GoGreen Coalition* is back in action, and Committee Preferences are being sent out. If anyone is interested, everyone should e-mail his assistant and they will be provided more information. It's definitely inclusive and any groups interested are welcomed to be apart of this attempt to promote sustainability on campus. Additionally, UW Alert is good to go at [washington.edu/uwalert](http://washington.edu/uwalert). He recommends that everyone signs up for it so that people can get text messages sent to people for alerts, and to tell their constituencies and friends about it and get them signed up. For Night Ride, he and Josh Cavanah will be looking for more money for the IMA Night-Ride Loop and is something that could possibly be brought to Olympia since it is a campus safety issue. He and Sam E-Al Khoury met for talking about the future for students and philanthropy. They are going to talk about how more students can get engaged with philanthropy. For the 520-Bridge, he encourages people to take a look at it because it could be a legislative directive in a few weeks. There is talk of a possible toll on the bridge that would affect people. The

bridge is said to be fine for the next 20 years, but is an issue when it comes to transportation systems. It doesn't necessarily negatively affect the UW community, but the traffic jams could affect access to *Husky Stadium* and the *UW Medical Center*. Finally, there is a resolution coming up concerning expanding the Regent Selection Committee. What he would like to do is for people to hold on before students make their decision because he is talking to representatives from the *UW Bothell* and *UW Tacoma* campus and get their information before *Senate* makes their decision. The most sound practice is to move forward together and to get consensus.

## **VI. Board of Directors Report**

*Presented by Anttimo Bennett, Jen Hahn and Sameer Kanal.*

**Anttimo** said that *Martin Luther King Day* is Monday and it's a day on, not off. There is a rally and march at *Franklin High School*. *ASUW* will be hosting its first annual *ASUW Social* in the second floor lounge in the HUB on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. It's to have fun and get to know the other people in *ASUW*, and that includes the senators of *ASUW*. Activities include a dance off, 90's trivia, music, Nintendo 64 and much more. It's a 90's theme so wear a 90's outfit. *ASUW* also has track jackets and are trying to choose out of 3 logos, so he encouraged people to come down to the *ASUW* office to pick the logo that is best. Auditions for the Drag Show are still going on, so stop by tomorrow in the HUB.

**Jen** said that the next Board of Director's meeting will be this Thursday in HUB204N. There are also several volunteer opportunities, just go to [asuw.org](http://asuw.org), and click on the volunteers link. She highly encourages everyone to get more involved.

**Sameer** said that there are three more events: there is a Diversity Career Fair in the HUB Ballroom on Friday, a *Nobel Peace Prize* winner will be coming to speak in Kane120, sponsored by the *UW Bookstore*. Tickets are free if people buy his book at the bookstore. The third is on January 28<sup>th</sup> where the *UW Career Center* is running an Etiquette Dinner and tickets go on sale the day after tomorrow. Also, the *Board of Directors* affirmed Senate Resolution 14-5 and 14-6, which are the 2007 College Cost Reduction Act and Commending the UW Men's Crew.

**Shawn** said that there is a new element to Senate this year, so every week Senate will invite a different Board of Director to talk about what they have been doing. This week Senate will have **Rob Barnum-Reece** speak, and invited him to the floor.

**Rob** said he is the Director of Operations and today he played Mindsweeper during office hours. Last quarter he was chair of the Judicial Committee and they are almost done with the EPP. This quarter he will be co-chairing the Senate Constitutional Amendment Taskforce alongside **Sameer**. There are liaison elections later today in *Senate*. He is also looking for a process for changing how the Legislative Agenda is adapted and affirmed. If anyone has any questions or comments to come see him.

## **VII. GPSS Report**

*Presented by Yutaka Jono.*

**Yutaka** said that GPSS is on the front page today for what their doing for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. On February 4<sup>th</sup>, they will have their first ever GPSS Speed Dating. This event is only open to graduate and professional students, and that's because a lot of undergraduates have them as T.A.'s. However, undergrads should let their T.A.'s know about this event because the better mood their T.A.'s are in during Valentine's Day, the less harsh they will be in grading.

**Sam E-Al Khoury** asked if there is any recourse if undergraduates tell their T.A.'s if they think they look lonely.

**Hala Dillsi** asked if there will be men-for-men, women-for-women and those looking for both at this event.

**Yutaka** said that there will be.

**Shawn** asked **Yutaka** to introduce the GPSS President who was present.

**Yutaka** introduced *Senate* to the GPSS President, **Dave Brown**.

**Dave** said that GPSS is doing the Speed Dating because **Yutaka** has been lonely for far too long.

### VIII. Committee Reports

**Holly Jones & Campus Affairs:** they talked about R-14-8 and its their second week on it. They are asking for an extension because they need a couple of more weeks.

**Alex Jouravlev & Off-Campus Affairs:** looked at a resolution in appreciation of the UW bookstore and was moved to the floor. They also discussed SR-520.

**Ariane Barr & Academic Affairs:** they didn't have any legislation so they did a little bit of legislative brainstorming.

**David Kim & Faculty and Administrative Affairs:** they looked over R-14-11 and they sent it back to its sponsor to talk about its logistics. They talked about creating a taskforce on creating an under-cover for commuters where buses pick them up. They will be talking about it and drafting legislation.

**Jono Hanks & General Affairs:** they didn't have legislation so they did legislative brainstorming.

**Drew Blincow & Publicity and Outreach:** they had a resolution on supporting the climate and they passed it favorably.

**Jon Solomon & Membership Committee:** Jon said he redistributed placards. The website has been updated and he thanked everyone for e-mailing him about their absences. Also, be on the lookout for where they want the Date Auction to go in terms of charity.

## IX. Orders of the Day

A. Nomination and Election of Senate Liaisons

I. Senate Constitutional Amendment Power Taskforce

**Hala** nominated **Austin Young** and he accepted.

**Jordan Villeneuve** asked if he could have his name removed.

**Shawn** closed nominations and asked the candidates to come to the floor.

**Alex J** said he is the Off-Campus Affairs Committee Chair. He nominated himself because it deals with the law, he is applying for law school and he sees this as a thrilling opportunity for something he may be dedicating his life too. He looks forward to working on this and speaking with lawyers who can provide him insight about what the standing may be in legal circles on these.

**Joseph Principe** said he has a lot to offer. As a clear and concise writer he also has a lot of connections and is an intern for the *City of Seattle Attorney's Office*. He is also completely for this Taskforce.

**Austin Young** said he is most passionate about it because of Erin Shields and she was a huge advocate for this and she spent a lot of Lobby Day with her talking about this. He is also passionate about *Senate* and their credibility and visibility.

**Shawn** said he would like to know if they could explain how they would approach precedent and balancing that along with their predispositions.

**Austin** said he comes with a predisposed idea of how they should govern themselves. On one end they can govern the constitution, or govern with the idea or principle without directly violating it and he is for the latter.

**Joseph** said it would be important to take successful previous actions. He is there as a liaison from *Senate* to give their point of view, not his own point of view.

**Alex J** said he is not present to find a way to sneak something through the bylaws. He respects the chamber of *ASUW* and *Senate* and if there is a way to do things legally, he will bring it to *Senate's* attention, and he is not going to hide any motives. He comes with no biases and has no predispositions.

**Mikhail Smirnov** asked if they could walk *Senate* through the process of what it should be for *Senate* to do that. The committee recommends the language; he would like to know what they think *Senate* could do to pass the amendment.

**Joseph** said he thinks that after all members are together; decide from their they want to do. He thinks it would be to clear up the old bill and then get legal definitions a lot clearer and then submit it because that's the goal.

**Austin** said he is a big advocate for *Senate's* visibility on campus. He believes it is within *Senate's* power to elicit opinion.

**Alex J** said he doesn't have much background on the issue, he understands the basic purposes that are trying to be achieved. He recommends the procedure that the committee is allowed to talk.

**Chris Paredes** said that the committee works on a short time table. He asked what other commitments they have.

**Alex J** said that he is not going to treat it as a job with an hourly time, it's something that needs to and will be done regardless of time frame and is very dedicated to *Senate* and has no qualms about spending endless hours researching the law and compiling documents.

**Joseph** said he has a lot of commitments, but in essence he'd be able to make it any time, and finding time wont be an issue.

**Austin** said he goes to school, he works and goes to *Senate*. He is not really involved within *ASUW* and this is something he'd like to concentrate on. He is not overly spread out thin.

**Sameer** moved to extend the time and add two more questions.

Seconded by **Gerald**.

No one objected and the motion passed.

**Sameer** asked if *ASUW* should be run as a business or a government, and why.

**Joseph** said he believes that they are here to represent the student body, it should be running as a government.

**Austin** said that usually businesses imply greed, and he thinks that students should come first, and governing should come first.

**Alex J** said differentiating the two would be pointless, its what's better for *Senate* to do and how best for *Senate* to do its job.

**Ehsan Alezis** asked if they would come into the committee with their minds made up about additional restrictions and *Senate's* power, or what is unnecessary.

**Austin** said he is not coming in with any opposition to restrictions; he is more of an alloweer.

**Alex J** said he will be coming in understanding Senate's needs and goals, but he is not going to press his own agenda.

**Joseph** said no, he will not have any predisposed intentions.

**Shawn** asked the candidates to leave while *Senate* had a discussion period on the candidates.

**Yutaka** moved to dispense the discussion.

Seconded by **Sabrina** with no objections. Discussion was dispensed.

**Shawn** asked who can't stay until 7, and *Senate* has a lot of business he wants to get through so he hopes people can stay.

## II. Senate Officer Review Committee

**Ehsan** nominated **Neil Rotta** and he accepted.

**Shawn** closed nominations and asked **Holly** and **Neil** to come up.

**Holly** came up to speak on behalf of **Gareth Snow** who was not present. She said **Gareth** is her committee Vice-Chair and she has been really impressed by his devotion to Senate and he would do a really good job on this committee.

**Neil** said he is really dedicated to *Senate*, has perfect attendance and he tries to go into everything as unbiased as possible. He promises people that personal connections won't go into this at all.

**Ehsan** asked if they could think of a situation of the committee taking action against an officer.

**Neil** said that there are definitely situations involving breaking the law. It depends on what it is, and his main concern is that it has to directly affect *Senate* and he doesn't want to meddle with people's personal lives. It has to be a problem where break of trust occurs to fragment the *Senate* structure.

**Yutaka** asked if officers fail to check whether quorum is present, would that be grounds for reviewing the officer.

**Neil** said he is not going to answer that but he thinks a lot of it has to do with what the *Senate* thinks and if there is overwhelming consensus to review someone. Reviewing something is different from taking action.

**Alex Lark** asked if he saw the committee as an active committee or a passive committee.

**Neil** said he's not sure and he hopes that there is not a situation where this committee never meets. There is no reason to pry into people's lives to try to accuse them. He would lean towards passive, but if he see's something he would like to bring it up.

**Chloe** asked how he would keep his objectivity if he has personal friendships with the officers.

**Neil** said that he views things as businesses and he promises objectivity. He could abstain from the situation if that is the case, but in either cases, he would just look at the facts and not who it is.

**Shawn** asked **Neil** to step outside for discussion and voting.

**Yutaka** asked if it could be done by the raising of placards.

*Senate* voted by placards.

**Shawn** announced **Neil** as the winner for the Senate Review Committee and **Austin Young** and **Alex Jouravlev** for the Constitutional Amendment Taskforce.

## B. Legislative Brainstorming Session

**Shawn** said he isn't sure how *Senate* is going to do this, but the main thing is to just throw out ideas. One idea now could very well turn into legislation.

**Kelly** from *Delta Delta Delta Sorority* and she thought there could be something more to cover the presidential election such as voter registration.

**Hala** said there is a bill increasing voter registration forms.

**Austin** said that in committee he thought that some issues that affect students, if money is already being broken down for SR-520 or the *HUB* or *Husky Stadium*, *Senate* always gets generic resolutions. He thinks that someone or some people could take on the task for taking on the resolution to map out what *Senate* does or does not support. In some way or form, something will end up hurting something. Additionally, he suggested no one bring up an idea about Plan A for the *HUB* renovation because he doesn't like it.

**Samantha Kraft** said that students getting health and a lot of state funding got cut for medications if students aren't covered by their parents.

**Shawn** asked how many students do or don't have insurance, who uses the university's and who uses their parents. For those who don't have it, he noted that the common denominator is that it is because it is too expensive.

**Alex J** said solutions for parking, such as for students who just want to come on campus real quickly, such as to turn in a paper.

**Ehsan** said he thinks the school should support a light rail system and go farther than just *Husky Stadium*.

**Shawn** asked what people felt or know about the light rail station.

**Samantha** suggested having someone come in to talk about the light rail system.

**Jen Hahn** said the buses are a little overcrowded.

**Elizabeth Campbell** suggested a land taskforce for some areas for buses because bus shelters in place are the same as the ones on campus that serve the same group of people. This taskforce would try to get that initiative started and to get additional shelter at the bus stops.

**Shawn** mentioned things that happen in this city such as smoking and being pushed away 25 ft from the building. **Shawn** quit smoking for his New Year's Resolution but when he used to smoke he was being pushed away from the buildings and into the rain just to smoke.

**Laine Anderson** said safety issues are a concern.

**Shawn** asked for specific safety issues.

**Sameer** said a campus wide PA system would be good because not everyone has cell phones.

**Elizabeth** said that there should be more police presences doing beats around campus.

**Mikhail** said that a friend of his got in an accident trying to get to school with the snow and ice.

**Alex L** said that cops really should be doing a beat because there have been instances where he gets off work late at night at Ian's Domain and people have gotten jumped.

**Elizabeth** said there should be more lighting near *Hansee Hall* and *McCarty Hall*.

**Yutaka** said *The Ave* is getting more and more sketchy and is having a lot more crime.

**Shawn** moved on with the discussion and suggested talking about the police.

**Samantha** said she doesn't really know the police.

**Alex L** said there are rumors about tearing down Hansee Hall and he wants to see what Senate wants to do about protecting these historic buildings.

**Shawn** moved the discussion on to places that haven't been talked about yet, such as *HFS*.

**Samantha** said that with food options, a lot of people aren't accommodated for.

**Chris** asked if the dining halls have compost sections for recycling.

**Joseph** moved to only have two more suggestions and then close brainstorming.

Seconded by **Yutaka**.

Objected by **Sameer**.

*Senate* voted and the motion passed and **Shawn** said that *Senate* will do this again, except next week it will be at the beginning of the meeting.

**Karl Polintan** said that *HFS* put a policy where if students don't use their money, they do not get it back.

**Drew** said that *HFS* buys all their bulk as soon as they know how many people get certain types of plans. Sometimes they buy more then they sell back, so that's why prices are a little expensive.

**Laine** said that *HFS* needs to be a *UW* entity so that way buildings such as *Hanse Hall* wont be demolished, and issues wont be a mystery.

**Elizabeth** said that since she has been at the *UW*, she has always wanted a hotdog stand.

**Shawn** thanked everyone for brainstorming and said he doesn't think *Senate* will be able to get to legislation so he entertained a motion to adjourn with announcements.

So-moved by **Alex L**.

Seconded by **Sabrina**.

### **X. Announcements**

**Jon Solomon** said that this quarter his in a class for CHID and its where people send in postcards to Frank Warren to create art. If anyone is interested to help with Campus Secret, just let him know.

**Alex J** said that *Commuter Caucus* is kicking off Commuter Morning's Project where fair trade coffee is being given free to commuters. Anyone interested in getting involved, just let him know.

**Karl** said that *FASA* is having their second annual All Day Ball Day where they are trying to raise money for flood relief.

**Neil** announced that the champions of Model United Nations are returning where they won 7 out of 12 awards. The *Senate* applauded.

**Holly** reminded people of tabling for this Thursday and encouraged people to sign up.

**Anthony Pastores** said that the *American-Indian Student Commission* Pow Wow is coming up on the 26<sup>th</sup> and if anyone could volunteer that would be great and just e-mail him.

**Dylan** said that he still needs dealers for the *McCarty Hall* game night which is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. All people need to participate is a white shirt.

### **XI. Adjournment**

*Senate is adjourned at 6:50 pm.*