

STUDENT SENATE
Session 14, Meeting 15
February 26th, 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 5:02 pm.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Shawn entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

So-moved by **Gerald**, seconded with not objections and the agenda was approved.

IV. Chair's Report

Presented by Shawn Fisher.

Shawn said Jon is still in the Philippines and **Sameer** is working on a project for him downstairs. Last week was the *Valentine's Auction* and *Senate* raised \$546, an average of \$7 or \$8 per person: or about an hours wage for demographic in *Senate*. Additionally, **Erin Lennon** has developed a new committee called the *Tri-campus Committee* for students. Currently the campuses within this university are well divided. This Friday, leaders from all three of the campuses will be meeting at the *Tacoma Campus* at 2:30 pm to meet. **Yutaka** is sick today so *Senate* will not be serenaded at this meeting. *Senate* Bingo will be next week as well and the placard decorating contest is still going on as well so Jon urges everyone to keep on decorating.

Senate is working with Chlöe Ameh and Jamil Suleman with the Bruce Lee Legislation and passing it on and making sure work is done. The *NIU* legislation will be forwarded out tomorrow. *Senate* T-shirts are also being worked on so everyone should be ready for that, the price will be determined by how many people decide to buy shirts. Last week a lot of people came to *Steering* to talk about elements in *Steering* and especially outbursts and outside comments coming from some members. **Shawn** wanted to reemphasize that everyone should respect their peers and listen to them because that's the only way to learn from each other and have good discussion and debate.

Erin Lennon is also going to start giving reports of what issues are being looked at the *Board of Regents* meetings. Last week they talked about *Balmer Hall* as well as a discussion on safety. Last year, resolution was passed on Gordon, who was a student in the 1940's who was taken off the campus and sent to a internment camp. He is a graduate of *UW* and *Senate* honored him, and the *Regents* recognized every Japanese student who was sent to the camps and gave them a baccalaureate. This is evidence of a step in the right direction for this campus and the non-tolerance of such actions. Next, they gave an honorary doctorate to the 14th Dalai Llama. The Dalai Llama will be on campus in a few weeks, and this person is a leader around the world.

Student Regent Selection Committee

Shawn said he was elected by *Senate* to be the representative on the *Student Regent Selection Committee*. On the application, they ask the *Student Regent* applicants for three student issues that are most important to them. **Shawn** opened up the floor to discussion on what the top issues are.

Tim said crime and safety.

Drew Blincow said tuition.

Rob Barnum-Reece said housing issues.

Kadey Kloetsch said transportation.

Aditya Ganapathiraju said underrepresented voices.

Shawn said the issues currently on the application are diversity, the cost of education and student academic employment.

Other issues listed by senators included *HFS* in general; insurance; *Sound Transit*, Going Green; University expansion, commuter spaces and engagement initiatives.

Yutaka said the differences in economic classes that affect student performances and accessibility to resources.

Samantha said with academics concerning majors and minors, and expanding departments to get students in them.

Hala said funding for humanities programs.

Shawn said he will be hosting a forum for this in the *ASUW* office tomorrow at 3 pm and he will be there to listen to people's concerns.

V. Public Forums (after Shawn's report)

Eric Godfrey, Vice-Provost for Student Life

Eric said that student life is a very large part of campus. There is about 1100 staff within student life. There are 15 primary units ranging from offices to admissions, registrar, student financial aid, counseling centers, *IMA*, student publications and much more. It's a very comprehensive division that has a widespread impact on campus. Students tend to be mildly interested in the work that they do. A primary role that he has is to advocate on behalf of student concerns. His responsibilities are to put issues on the table that he is aware of, and as the issues surface, that students are at the table as well. He wanted to start talking about some of the things he's concerned about.

First and foremost is campus safety. The *University Police Department* now reports to him, whereas it used to report the business side of the University. This was realigned five months ago.

People thought that it was an odd type of arrangement, but it was an arrangement he encouraged and welcomed. He's reminded people that students are the single largest constituent base, so bringing the police closer to the students in a good way is an important thing to do. Campus safety is more broadly defined to the work done being in the area north of 45th, and expanding community-policing efforts on campus to make them more visible and available to the campus. They have also worked very aggressively in enhancing the emergency communications plan. Some people may be aware that they are searching for a new chief of police. This search was initiated two or three months ago and now the committee is coming down to the end after looking at a national pool of 60 candidates who are all very experienced, especially with campuses this size and complexity. The committee has narrowed it to nine candidates and finished with preliminary interviews last week. Additionally, students will have a substantial amount of time to interact with these candidates.

Beyond campus security, there is a lot work about mental health. He is continually pressing for additional staffing for mental health. Their ratios are not what they should be for psychologists to students. They have a new director of the counseling center who comes from *Oregon State University* where she is very experienced and committed to taking a high profile position on the campus. In addition to mental health, they have recently created an office of health and awareness on student life and focusing on working with students on lifelong habits of health: giving them the tools so they can make informed decisions. They are doing this in part because they hear from students that this is what they want. They will be collaborating closely with *Hall Health*. Also related to health and wellness is an outward look to working with students who have come forward who are clearly in distress and need some help. There is a lot of one-on-one with students, triaging them and plugging them into the right resources on campus. This is terribly important work and he is pleased that this unit exists. In the few months that this unit has been in existence, they can annualize with an estimate that this unit will work with 200-300 students who are in need of help and connecting with the right resources.

They are looking at their protocol and procedures with disability resources and its time that hard look is taken on how business is being done. In that process they are working closely with the *SDC* and have formed an ad-hoc group and they are meeting for the 2nd time. They are taking new strides in respect to casting a stronger relationship with fraternities and sororities. They relegated their work to administering that recognition agreement. They are recasting the relationship so that the University is being put in a more supportive role. They are also investing much more accountability and disciplinary action with the *IFC* and *Panhellenic* leadership: a peer review process.

There are a lot of initiatives under way, improving services and pushing them really hard, most notably in mental health. Two or three big-ticket items that are referred to as Infrastructure items are expanding the number of beds on campus. A plan has been preliminarily developed with *ASUW* and *GPSS* leadership. This plan would in the short term add 2000 beds to the current on-campus system. Ultimately, within 15 years, there would be a net increase of about 3000 beds. They are looking at west campus and building a village there with a greater student presence. They would envision a retail outlet there, not the traditional type, but more apartment-like than is the case right now. They are being really attentive to building a deeper sense of community. The price tag is expensive however, and the problem is that the residence halls are for built for 4000 students but there are 5000 students being accommodated for because of high demand.

In terms of building community and providing opportunities for more students to stay on campus is promising. The *HUB* renovation will be costly yet is another exciting opportunity to

create more communal space on campus. The project will probably take a more serious approach next year. There is also an early conversation about renovating the *ECC* and he and Provost Wise are involved extensively with those projects.

Shawn opened the floor to questions.

Sonya asked what the name of the triage is.

Eric said it stood for *Consultation and Assessment within the Health and Awareness Unit* with Shannon Bailey. She was previously the *SARIS* coordinator on campus.

Shawn asked that on campus there is a great deal of students but no cohesive *UW* community. He was wondering what student life can do to help build that community.

Eric said in collaboration with Ed Taylor and Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange, they are looking at the way freshmen interest groups are structured and finding ways for students to get engaged in student life. Beyond that, they are making sure that they are very attentive to building community and engagement through the work they do in buildings. That's one of the primary contributions—providing leadership to the infrastructure to create spaces for students to come together more readily. Another piece to this they are finishing is on scholarship, making sure the university is accessible for students who can not otherwise be able to come to this school. Another piece is building out funding for support: students come and participate in an *RSO*, and that organization does not have programmatic funding. One of the things he can hope to do is student programming support, and building a big endowment so students can benefit more directly for money that is available and that has potential for creating a better sense of community.

Chris Paredes said he noticed that with Health and Awareness, the website says that *Hall Health* doesn't fall under him and he wanted to know his relationship with *Hall Health*.

Eric said the short answer is that it is simply a matter of tradition. For decades *Hall Health* has reported to health sciences and has never been a part of student life. *UW* is one of only 3% of institutions in this country to have that type of arrangement where they have a different reporting line. There is a history behind it, and that over the year, *Hall Health* and *Student Life* didn't collaborate to the extent that they could of. There is a new director who is very much on the same page on health and turning it to a more visible student health center. They are starting that collaboration in programming on Health and Awareness. Traditionally it has been an awkward relationship and not really efficient. There is a lot more work to be done, so it is a very acute and astute observation.

Jono said last year there was discussion among students and legislatures with expanding the conduct code and it has happened. He wanted to know how his office felt about it.

Eric said his office is handling it really well. It's a process that was very internal to the university. A lot of legislatures were very interested in expanding it off campus. In a very general sense, they have embarked on a year long discussion with student leadership where they sorted through the kind

of accountability measure that would be the most helpful to the area north of 45th and beyond and it resulted in modifications to the code that went into effect a couple of months ago. There is a quality of life piece to the code that addresses the codes, but this will only happen after a certain number of opportunities. Quality of life classifies as public nuisance, MIP, etc. Another important extension to the code is that if a student has been convicted of a violent crime, then the university will reserve the right to the issue of students should be pursued by the code, and does this raise the question if that individual should be included in the community? Another instance is where a student should be involved with another UW community member, off campus. They all felt that in 2007, to have that type of option in selective situation would not be a bad thing. It does not mean that students will be represented in the university and it would be a quick action type-of-thing.

Shawn asked a quick follow up question on what his relationship was with officers off campus, and when they found out that students have broken the code and what they do.

Eric said that's early since this happened in January. *SPD* and *UWPD* have good communication between each other and letting each other know. In response to an unexpected spike in crime up there, as well as *SPD* and *UWPD* force, they recognized that over the course of the year, the crime stats have gone down over the year.

Aditya asked in terms of students who have problems on campus, what his advice and avenues he had to get those problems addressed.

Eric said that if it was a specific office with which there was a problem with that they should talk with the leadership of offices. He said that he knows the leadership of a lot of the offices and they are more than willing to talk. His office is always open if he doesn't know where to go and he has staff there.

Tim Shigeta asked what the changing face of the office's relation with the *Greek Community* is looking like.

Eric said that he could only elaborate just a little bit. The office has had an odd relationship where there are two Greek advisors that advise fraternities and sororities. They were funded and hired by students through their fees in fraternities and sororities as well as the *Alumni Association*. They were not *UW* employees, and in addition, someone in the office was a Greek relations advisor. The two Greek advisors provided the support and mentoring, leadership development and programming to the Greek system, while the person in the office did a recognition agreement who was the "bad" guy which created a bunch of dynamics that were not helpful and created more tension between the school and the *Greek Community*. They are looking for a way to get the advisors closer to the office of student life and getting more input to what they do. They envision at some point that those individuals much more closely aligned along with the student life piece and not focusing on discipline. Discipline would be managed by *IFC* and *Panhellenic*. He said that there will be more information in a few months.

Nick Gibson said that with community, he talked a lot about freshmen interest group programs. He is a transfer student and there are a lot of transfer students and they are automatically shut off when they come to the school.

Eric said that his office has not done what they nearly should of done. The focus has always been on first time freshmen and they have benignly accepted transfer students. Commuters make up most of the campus. They don't do any types of programming for transfer students and nothing for parents of transfer students. They don't have any other types of programming for students to engage. Additionally, a lot of transfer students are also parents. This is just a different institution than what it was a couple years ago where student engagement was not as talked about as much. So he said that students should give it time as they move towards programming for transfer students.

Hala had the opportunity to meet with Ellen, the person of the counseling center and she is a great addition to the university and she is pleased to hear about the increased hours for counseling at the center and to hear that the state legislature is supporting the UW with a counselor in a non-budget year. It makes such a huge difference more and more very day about how big it is and how difficult it is to get and take sessions. She encourages more support for improvements that Ellen wants to make it more certified and to work with all the things she is trying to do. She wanted to encourage increase in that and in the budget. A lot of that comes from students so she is trying to continue those discussions. She has been so impressed that it is talked about. She is glad to hear about the discussion that the *Regents* had as well.

Eric said that in *Regents* last year there was a discussion on campus safety more clearly defined and Ellen came and talked about it. The *Regents* were receptive to the entire thing.

Hala said it was great to hear of more improved connections and that is going to be vital for future development.

Elizabeth had a few questions about money. She wanted to highlight the money being spent for housing, *HUB* expansion, the *ECC* renovation and renovating the Savery, Denny, Business school, proposed redevelopment of the *Husky Stadium*, spent money on the *Safeco* tower, and at the *Faculty Senate* meeting that housing and food services want to do at Brooklyn. He said in three of four years there might be money for the RSO's and he's wondering that RSO's could use an extra \$100 to spend to do outreach work. Literally, the students and the students in the future are being obligated for hundreds of millions of dollars and she finds it problematic of what the priorities are. In three or four years, RSOs will get a few hundred bucks of millions dollars. She wanted to know what the priorities are when it comes to this type of spending.

Eric clarified that he meant to say over the course of three or four years that there would be more progress that is evident. Money is not necessarily fundable and a lot of the money is coming from state and in addition, the money for the business school is a combination of the business school from donors who wanted it. With the *HUB* renovations, it would be student decisions, as well as the *ECC*. They will not go forward with housing obligations with absent commitment from students. The residence halls have got to be taken care of for the reasons he cited. It is an issue and it needs to be made sure that it is a priority, but the other initiatives are a little different.

Josh Cauvenough, Director of Transportation Services

Shawn said he came to *UW* student leaders before he was hired, to get his input to better prepare himself for the application process. This is a testament to how much he cares about the students.

Josh said he is the *Director of Transportation Services* for *UW*. He would like to take a moment in a broad sense of what he does. In most universities, there are transportation services on campus shuttles and *UW* certainly has that. In a number of universities it may include alternative transportation and working with city transit systems and that is also under his umbrella. What is a little more rare at peer institutions are fleet transportation or motor pools. What is extremely rare is recycling in waste in transpiration and moving in surplus property. They decided that it makes sense and he is happy to see that program. He understands that *Senate* discusses transportation services and he wanted to come in and listen and go straight to questions.

Jono asked if he could talk about the department's opinion about the light rail expansion and the 520-bridge expansions.

Josh said that exciting and scared are the most fitting words. There is huge potential in the light rail system. The disruption associated with that has the community concerned, and he is pleased to share that there is a parking mitigation plan for that, as well as a parking surplus plan. In the long term, having this asset on campus is worth the disruption and it will revolutionize access. As for 520, he is waiting to see where it falls. As an institution, he feels that they are well represented. It is a big and hairy process to bring a diversity of constituents to it. As soon as they know, because the various scenarios are so divergent, it is really hard to plan a mitigation plan for it. They have to plan a solution to it and then there will be years of detailed planning work before they see ground break.

John from *GPSS* said that from his cohort of 25 students, they have 9 motorcyclists. He wanted to know what is being done to motivate motorcyclists since they help the environment. The stalls that they come in for motorcyclist are at the end of the parking lots.

Josh said in terms of what is being done, the only thing being done to date is the pricing of parking for those being very competitive and it is a fraction of the cost of parking an automobile and it is reflective in terms of parking resources. It is also representative of the decrease environment impact. Could there be done to increase it? Definitely, but there is no concrete plan at the time.

Salil said he has heard a lot about the *Sound Transit* was wondering what the extent was of the department with it.

Josh said if they worked very closely with them to the tune of about \$12 to \$13 million a year. They have negotiated for they have a long strong history with working with them and he will say that he has heard that there is dissatisfaction with some of the services and routes. He has experienced some of the very crowded buses and they seem to be just in the University District. As for where those exist, there are other service lapses that they need to hear from.

Sameer said that one of the major issues under-addressed are the needs for commuter students, as well as the general feel that commuter students are being listened to. He wondered what projects are being worked on by *Transportation Services* that target commuters directly.

Josh said that's a great point, and in terms of being a commuter outside of the logistics, and that's the primary focus. They try to do some things, for example: there are things around that serve to build community. They do not own some of the amenities or things that make it easier for commuters to feel at home, so they would like to augment that. For example, if an event is being held on campus and it's the only time it can be held, they need to know about it so that parking and other arrangements are made.

Christina Coop asked if he knew what was being done with the *UPASS* system.

Josh said that they meet with the *ORCA* team on a monthly basis. There are a couple of different aspects of the projects he would like to address independently. The first is the *UPASS*: there are three county programs that exist that are not presently part of the *U-PASS* product and will become a part of the product under the regional *U-PASS*. They are trying to figure out how quickly they can do that. The regionalization is one component of that. The technological component is another aspect. That does not mean it goes live for the *U-PASS*, it just means they are being used for flex passes, it will be on the smart card. As the *UW* system is being talked with the *ORCA* system. There are some technical points where they have yet to be satisfied so he will not pull the trigger on the *UPASS* going live until he is satisfied on that. He thinks the third question is on the ferries. The ferries will not be part of the Regional *U-PASS*. Washington state ferries are a different background philosophy. And so there were existing templates for them really quickly. He is not averse to having a dialogue with the ferries. There needs to be some type of discounted ferry although he doesn't know if it will be with the *U-PASS*. Their presence in the *ORCA* consortium is the first step in the right direction.

Shawn asked if he could describe *ORCA*.

Josh said it stands for *One Regional Card for All*. It is all the transit providers merging together to create a common fair meaning. It's a smart card fair medium that will allow the loading of products. It is a huge step for a regionalized transit system, and transit works best when regionalized.

M'liss asked if he could talk about safety measures because parking garages are not really safe at nighttime. She was wondering if there are any measures for that, and any involvement with the *Night Walk* and the *Night Ride* for their offices, or if that was with the *UWPD*.

Josh said that *NightRide* and the *IMA* loop are both his programs. Clearly there is a safety component to those and they are also about the commuting issues especially in the case of *Night Ride*. They work closely with *UWPD* on that program and work in partnership with the *UWPD* to try to bring the four agencies together to look at it from a safety perspective and better align the programs. In terms of parking structure: there are blue phones in place. If they subscribe to the familiar of *SEPTED* (crime prevention through environment design), one related theory is the broken window theory. He thinks there is great truth in all of it. They have attempted to do a good

job of keeping the structures maintained and clean and there occupied spaces and they take ownership in them and that has significant impact in terms of deterring crime. It doesn't do the whole crime. They have a pilot project that begins at the triangle-parking garage in the not to distant future. They will be working with the better distribution and lighting product with less darkness in the garage as well as lower energy costs. This will prove that projects can be funded, then there is the ability to go in and re-lamp other facilities without re-lamping their states. He is 90% user supported. He is committed to doing the right things, and not just doing it to make things feel safe, but be safe.

Nick Gibson had a follow up question to *ORCA* and was wondering if there were anything being worked with privacy issues.

Josh said they were working on those issues. They had a good meeting with electrical engineering.. He will not pull the trigger until he is satisfied and those issues include the privacy issues. He is a U-PASS user as well so they will make sure that there is fragmentation across data so no one agency has all the information they have to if the database were to become compromised at some point. That is something they are doing right now and he will not be satisfied until there is a minimal retention policy in terms of the data that is reported and there are a number of things that can be turned on and off. Those elements may have been some benefit.

Shawn thanked **Josh** for coming into *Senate*.

Jono moved to move on to Item 7 under Orders of the Day.

Seconded by **Anttimo**.

Objected by **Yutaka**.

Jono said it is almost 6:30 and no business was done other than the forums.

Yutaka said that **Jenny** has been waiting for two weeks for the reports.

Senate voted and **Shawn** called division.

Gareth asked if they could also be used as a quorum count as well

Senate voted 20-9-5 that meant it passed but that *Senate* also did not meet quorum. *Senate* moved on to announcements.

VI. Requests for Information

None.

VII. Announcements

Shawn says that the fashion show is downstairs and it will be in the ballroom.

Jenny said Friday is the 20th annual ASC talent show and it's free for all students. It's going to be in the HUB auditorium and it's a good way to learn about other cultures and see student cultures.

Neil Rotta said that this weekend from 1-3 pm is Hall Caucus vs. Commuter Caucus and Greeks can join either teams.

Yutaka said that *Applied Motor Board Society* applications are online.

Chris said that *RSO Caucus* has started again and if anyone else wants to get involved, have them stop by and they meet at 4 pm in the Commons on the 2nd floor. There is also a blood drive going on tomorrow and Thursday at the Law School from 12-6 pm.

Shawn reminded everyone that there is a public forum tomorrow for the *Student Regent Selection Committee*.

alpha Kappa Delta Phi National Sorority is doing a Boba Tea philanthropy from 5-12 pm on Thursday and Pochi will donate \$1 money towards breast cancer awareness for every student that brings in the flyer.

VIII. Adjournment

Senate adjourned at 6:35 pm.