

STUDENT SENATE  
Session 14, Meeting 22  
April 8<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 5:08 pm.*

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

**Aditya Ganapathiraju** said he would like to table R-14-14 for a week.

Seconded by **Yutaka Jono** with no objections and the motion carried.

**Jon** moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Seconded by **Drew** with no objection and the agenda was approved.

### **IV. Public Forum**

*Presented by University of Washington President **Mark Emmert**.*

**President Emmert** thanked the *Senate* for the invitation to come and speak. He wanted to come to mostly receive and answer questions for the Senate. His vantage point is that there is a lot of great things going on at the University. The *UW* got to be a venue as part of five days of compassion with his Holiness the Dalai Lama. All of the people with the Dalai Lama were impressed with the *UW* and how affairs were managed. There were a handful of protests that were well behaved and protested in the best mannered way. He talked to the Dalai Lama about the protest and he was not unhappy about the protests, but instead sad that he did not get the opportunity to speak to the protesters himself.

**Jon Solomon** asked what kind of project he'd like to see started and a project finished in the next year.

**President Emmert** said that for next year, they are finishing their fundraising campaign by June 30<sup>th</sup>. It was set as a \$2 billion campaign and that amount was raised 17 months ahead of time. *UW* has about 350,000 living alumni in which the *UW* is aware of where 300,000 of them are located. Most of the money came from the alumni. The *UW* will end up with \$600,000 for endowments. He would like to finish up this project because it has been very successful. As for projects that he would like to see coming up: getting the new College of the Environment underway is going to be a

big project pulling together a variety of faculty from all over campus, and require hard work and reorganization of the university. The end result could and should be fabulous though.

**Jono** asked how often does he interact with the average student during the week.

**President Emmert** asked if the *Senate* consists of average students. He said he does not interact as much as he like. People in *Senate* are representative of the average student although they are not because they are student leaders. He tries to interact with student groups as much as he can, as well as walk around campus whenever he can. He talks to student leaders a lot, and he tries very hard to keep open communication, especially through e-mail. He is very open with his e-mail address: emmert@u.washington.edu. If anyone sees opportunities where they see he can get access to more students, give him an e-mail.

**Neil** said that once a student becomes accepted into the *UW*, they experience it. He asked what aspects of that experience he thinks is most lacking and what is he thinking about on fixing that.

**President Emmert** said a challenge for a place like *UW* is the size of the school. The incoming freshmen class will be 5400 plus transfer students. The biggest challenge is to provide, early in their experience, as many small scale experiences as they can get. They are trying to provide more counselors for that, providing more activities and freshmen residence halls. Anything that can get students to interact with each other on small scales are things that he'd like to see. *WSU* has an advantage in that they are in Pullman, and because there is nothing else to do but except doing things at *WSU*. There is absolutely nothing else, so that means the entire student's life circles around *WSU*. For *UW*, they are in a great city, so there are all the distractions of living in the city. That causes problems of creating social activities within the *UW*. He is an advocate of more concerts and other programming.

**Neil** asked if there is a specific group on campus that is having a hard time connecting to campus.

**President Emmert** said transfers and commuter students are in that group. There is something appealing to him for mandating freshmen on campus living as a requirement. If he could, he would do that. For transfers it's harder to make connections because they are not here as longer, and commuters have it just as tough. They have to go out of their way to build bridges.

**Aditya** said that recently, there is an issue of biofuels and they were lauded as a solution to environmental problems. Recent studies show that they can be just as worse, if not worse to the environment. He asked if he was aware of these situations.

**President Emmert** said the whole area of alternative energy is very complicated and in it's earliest of stages. The *UW* has a number of things trying to address that. It looks like celluloses based fiber for biofuels (wood) is really effective. It is dense in terms of energy but breaking it down is the challenge. He thinks that as a nation, everyone needs to be careful of what they mandate, especially in early stages.

**Andrew Everett** said he is a transfer student and a commuter. He sat on the committee for College Arts and his opinion was shot down and disregarded. He was concerned about: the College of Arts and Sciences, and there was a concept of splitting it up in three parts. There was the notion of having a college of Arts, and then the other two would be BA's and BS's. Essentially that thought was shot down.

**President Emmert** said that is exactly what they are working on and talking about. His ideas were thrown out the window because that is pretty close to what is being talked about. He technically has the idea of what he suggested, but he doesn't want to do that without the consultation of other people. He is trying to shape a college model that is similar to what Andrew said. For example, law is important to the college of the environment and they want student and faculty to go back and forth between environmental law. Andrew is underestimating his ideas because they are being talked about.

**Hala Dillsi** said something that was sparked by the Dalai Lama's presence. He mentioned how the Universities now are beginning to lack looking at the whole person and people are departmentalized. Realizing education comes from so many different aspects such as it is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *OMA* coming together for education. She asked, although advancements have been made, what is the university is doing now, and future plans for educating the whole person, and how education differs from person to person.

**President Emmert** said that for those who weren't at the Dalai Lama's event, he thinks that was the most interesting thing he said. The Dalai Lama talked about a while ago, people split off in terms of values and religious based education from secular education. Schools have become more vocational and the University doesn't want to do that but have a well-rounded curriculum. 95% of universities don't have a conscious effort to worry about various aspects of education and core values and principles of what students should learn in college. He doesn't know how colleges can address that through the curriculum, but that can be addressed through opportunities provided to students outside of the curriculum. He is very proud of the fact that *UW* students lead the nation in the number of Peace Corps volunteers sent out. They have the obligation of going out to the world and doing good things. *UW* does more service learning, and focus on diversity. *UW* works hard to get people to understand that the planet is very diverse. He doesn't want to teach religion, but instead teach values.

**Hala** said she thinks that at the University, looking at cores, looking at values and maintaining a healthy society is important since people come from different backgrounds.

**David Kim** said that the Dalai Lama said that this is a century of dialogue. The University has an inner-group dialogue program that has been here for a few years but hasn't had great attendance. He wondered what **President Emmert's** stance was on that group.

**Anttimo** said that it is through the *School of Social Work*. It allows students to talk among small groups to be open about their feelings and thoughts, and it is confidential.

**President Emmert** said that **David** should send him a note and he will start a conversation with the Dean from the school on getting that program more attention.

**Sameer** said one thing *UW* does well is promoting research and he noted that on Professor Luchtel's public forum. His concern when talking with students in humanities, is that a lot of the funding and intangible aspects of where the university focuses is too far from research. He is sure that the hard science students appreciate that, but he knows it's hard for those in Political Science, for instance, that there might be a focus to that. His question is how is a balance ensured between teaching and research.

**Emmert** said that it is an ongoing dilemma and science majors probably won't see that differently as well. The issue is where the faculty is focusing their time and attention. The research that gets attention is the research that gets the money. There isn't a lot of money out there for funding for history or English or art. A lot of money goes towards sciences because of million dollar grants. The faculties at these schools have grants from the government so that's a luxury they have. Social sciences don't necessarily have that. *UW* tries to balance that out as best as they can by directing as much funds as they can towards other school's agendas. They reallocate from the "rich to the poor" in terms of money that different disciplines have. The real challenge is making sure that the best and brightest faculties are paying attention to their classroom. The only way that happens is by having department heads and deans, provosts and himself paying attention. To be successful at *UW*, a person has got to be a good teacher. Faculty come in two weeks early so they can get programming on "how to be a great teacher" because they want all teachers to be great.

**Shane Morris** asked about *Husky Stadium* and if he knew of any future plans or renovation.

**President Emmert** said he'll start from the beginning. *Husky Stadium* is owned by the state of Washington, and over 90 years old. That old bowl is returning to a state of nature and it's falling down and it's going to collapse. Interestingly, the upper decks are in much better shape because they are newer. The hard part is that any time any part is touched, there can't be little renovation, it's either do it all or don't do it. There is a dilemma of waiting for it to fall, or just give patches whenever necessary. Stadiums are really expensive, so they have plans of redoing the lower bowl, lower the field, eliminate the track, bring the seats closer to the stadium, pull the end zone closer and bringing the stands closer: that's about \$150 million. They were asking the state for that, but not with general taxpayers' dollars. He will never ask the state to support an athletic facility with money that could be used for academic purposes. There is a tax string that is paid for in King County that is paid by hotels, restaurants and rental cars and that comes from tourists, mainly. When there is a football game, there is a bigger impact on *King County* tourism than other events because people come from out of town for college football. He was saying that there is a tax revenue set up for paying for the *Seahawks* and *Mariners* and renovations for *KeyArena*. To him, it made sense to say "hey the Huskies should get some of that" because they have an impact on that revenue. Private fundraising would still have to be made, and it looks like \$50 to \$60 million can be raised. If a \$100-\$150 grant from the state, and other money from ticket sales, a variety of things could get done for *Husky Stadium*. It is further complicated by future *Sound Transit* construction.

**Rob Barnum-Reece** said it was mentioned earlier that when a student gets into *UW*, what is the most that they can gain. His question was what they do well in terms of providing first year experience.

**President Emmert** said they do a lot of things better in a short period of time. They started to make the transition. For entering freshman, it's made a lot more effective: the Common Book, FIGs, handling housing really well in terms of other universities. By large university standards, those are done quite well. *UW* is getting deluged by applications, as there are 21,000 applicants for 5300 slots: *UW* has become a hot ticket. He has been fielding questions from families, senator's kids, etc wondering why they are not a Husky. They are turning down really good students, but they are not going to grow the freshman class anymore than they did this year. They are trying to manage that well, but he believes that the admissions process is going well.

**Jono** asked about the branch campuses, and what his thoughts were about *Bothell* and *Tacoma* and any other branch campuses.

**President Emmert** said the *Tacoma* and *Bothell* campuses are relatively new appendages of the University. By organizational standards, they are adolescents. They are just now figuring out what they are going to be when they grow up. *UW* needs them to get to a critical mass and size to have a number of faculty and student services. To make them work, they need to be big, and both are at about 2000 students. Getting beyond that, there are some challenges. He doesn't want them to grow into big campuses. He doesn't want them to become little Seattle's, because that would be a terrible loss of opportunity, because they can do things differently. Sometime, they are likely to turn into residential campuses as well. In terms of *UW* new north campus businesses, the *UW*'s position and his position is that if there is real need up there, and if there are ways to fund the campuses then there is something to talk about. If those can be done, then there is nothing to really talk about. The debate in the background is how these are going to be paid for.

## **V. ASUW Presidential Privilege**

*Presented by Tyler Dockins.*

**Tyler** said that he will be meeting with Provost Wise talking about the new budget. He is working with Dave Brown on child care issues and mental health, possibly a little help with *HUB* renovations. *ASUW* is doing workgroup looking at the disability services offered, and its been an issue of what type of services that have been provided. There is a commitment to waiving mental health fees. He also met with the Will Johnson of *ASUW Tacoma* and they are looking at putting together a tri-campus meeting. They are looking at creating a social gathering for all three campuses. *SARVA Week* is going on this week and everyone should check out the events going on. He went out and raised \$90000 for concerts. He is keeping it on the down low but they are working hard on getting a huge festival type event on the *HUB* lawn. Bryce McKibben, the student lobbyist, finished the session with vetoes from the Governor, but he wanted to let everyone know that he's done an awesome job and there could be resolutions coming up on that soon.

**Yutaka** asked what one does if they want to run for President or any other Board of Director position.

**Tyler** said that they should contact him or any of the other Board members to provide information. The filing date is Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, but 5:00.

**Sonya** asked if there was a tentative date for that spring festival.

**Tyler** said its likely going to be at May at this point.

## **VI. Board of Director's Report**

*Presented by **Anttimo Bennett & Jenny Hahn.***

**Anttimo Bennett** said that student organization awards are going on and *SAO* is looking for nominations. *Afro-Caribbean Night* will be at Kane Hall and tickets are \$5 and it is this Saturday, April 19th. He will be there dancing but differently. *SARVA Week* is going on as well and he echoed that people should check out the events. One of the candidates for the *UWPD* is here this week and the student forum will be Thursday at 4:15 in HUB-115 so its an opportunity to come in and talk with him. The *ECC* expansion forum is tomorrow at the *ECT*. He then yielded to **Hala**.

**Hala** said she sat on the committee, and this is the last chance to pick up student opinion and share what the building is going to look like. She is looking at plans that the architects have drafted, and it's going to be a huge forum. If anyone wants information, come and talk to her.

**Anttimo** said tickets are on sale for the NP step show at *Hec Ed Pavillion* and he will be showcasing his talents.

## **VII. Placard Decoration Awards**

*Presented by **Jon Solomon.***

**Jon** said they are doing the awards for the placard decoration awards. The first awards are for the most creative: **Natalie Bankson** and **Buddy Waddington**. The award for Husky Pride is for **Lauren Cook**. The constituency pride award is for **Paul Boupha**. For *RHSA* it was for **Drew Blincow**, for Commuters it was for **Jen Pesicka** and for *IFC* it was to **Timothy Shigeta** and for *Panhellenic*, it was for both **Ariane Barr** and **Kelly Thoma** and for *RSO* it was **Wing Wong**. The last two awards were special. **Samantha Kraft** and **Jen Pesicka** won "flattery will get you everywhere".

**Tyler** said he forgot to mention that last week Sam E Al-Khoury, Chris Paredes and hisself met with *University Transportation Committee* talking about the *IMA Loop*, and they are trying to persuade them to stay for one more year. They have the night ride program, so a subcommittee is being developed for next year, and they saved it.

## **VIII. Chair's Report**

*Presented by **Shawn Fisher.***

**Shawn** yielded to **Lindsay Omta**.

**Lindsay** said she is the *CORE Director* and tonight is the first event for *SARVA Week*. At 7 pm, there is a film called “Cruel and Unusual: Transgendered Women”. It’s very thought provoking and moving and will be followed up with discussion. It’s free and Greek Week points are awarded when people sign in.

**Shawn** recognized the previous Chair of Senate, Hala, and another previous one, Zack Tobin as previous Chairs being in the Senate tonight. He sat on the Board last week and they addressed the issue of the Senate Bill. Tomorrow at 3:30, Judicial will be meeting in the Board room to talk about it. He announced winners of volunteers and employees of the month. The Volunteer of the Month for January is Michael Kim; Stacy Huynh. For February, the entire Vagina Monologues group; Samantha Kraft is also another volunteer who is in Senate and for the Employee for January: Gerald.

### **IX. Orders of the Day**

#### **A. New Business- First Readings**

##### **I. R-14-18 A Resolution Calling for Increased Support of Student Organizations**

**Sameer** and **Chris Paredes** came up to read the legislation.

**Tim Patry** asked where the money comes from.

**Sameer** said that they ask *SAF* to pay for extra so no more money is taken from *ASUW*, as well as some administrative support.

**Hala** asked if they could explain the tier system for the Special Appropriations Committee.

**Shawn** yielded to **Rob**.

**Rob** said that Special Appropriations, in order to distribute money, has a tier system. Tier 1 is RSO’s of any status that’s \$750 or less. Tier 2 is for RSOs that have been in existence for more than a year, and are expecting more than a 100 students, but less than 300. Tier 3 has to be an RSO for more than 3 years. For Tier 3 it helps if the event has been put on in the past, and is expecting more than 300 students and can request up to \$200. The committee has preferences of what they give money towards. The committee has chosen not to fund advertisements in *The Daily*.

**Tyler** asked for specificity and if it is to increase more funding towards RSO’s.

**Sameer** said that he doesn’t have a specific number for the increase in Special Appropriations. He knows there are 600 RSO’s, so that’s less than a \$100 per RSO. A lot of RSO’s don’t do anything that would need money or do anything at all. *Senate* doesn’t deal with the budget directly, it’s more of a general policy statement. In terms of the administrative end, right now, the way the administration offers support. There is money available through different colleges, and there is money available through other departments. The easiest way to help RSO’s is where RSO’s can go to specific places and have discussions of where to go for funding. In terms of the amount of funding, that is up to the administration. The basic restriction question is *ASUW*’s policy.

**Tyler** is asking if they are looking to change that.

**Sameer** said absolutely.

**Yutaka** asked if “off campus” meant anywhere else off campus, such as RSO’s going to Nationals.

**Sameer** said his intent is to expand the pool of options, not necessarily decide, but to say that there is an option to fund events going on that would require that extra funding.

**Jon S** moved to close first readings.

Seconded by **Yutaka** with no objections.

**Shawn** entertained a motion to proceed onto announcements.

So moved by **Drew**.

Seconded by **Yutaka** with no objections.

### **X. Announcements**

**Jon** said that the Hawaii Club Luau is this Friday, people can buy tickets for about \$20 and there is a lot of good food and other events.

**Shawn** reminded everyone that *SARVA Week* is this week and it starts tonight.

### **XI. Adjournment**

*Senate was adjourned at 6:32 pm.*