

ASUW Student Senate Steering
February 18, 2005
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 2:31 pm.

Roll Call

Aiko Akers - late
Chris Barrows - absent
Nick Dayton - absent
Mae Diligencia
Alex Kim
Kelsey Knowles - late
Steve Kushnir
Jon Lee
Mike Leichner
Joel Murray
Garrett Parks - proxy to Jon Lee
Rene Singleton - excused absence
Karl Smith
Zach Tobin

Chair's Report

Chair **Zach Tobin** said that we had MGH 389 if we wanted it. Following this meeting, he said that he would be presenting to Personnel Committee about new hours for the Senate officers. He said we've found that the officers are working a bit more than they're paid for.

He also went to Finance and Budget Committee and did not request a budget change.

Officers' Report

Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** reported that Provost Thorud was coming next week, and on April 4th Regent Jewell and the week after that, Dean Bridges. He also mentioned that the Power Struggle was likely to be next Friday after Steering.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** reported that placards from General Affairs committee were missing. **Karl** revealed that he had seen the GA placards on the desk. **Zach** blamed Alex for the loss of the placards and membership data.

Secretary **Alex Kim** reported nothing.

Legislative Referral

R-11-24: A Resolution Regarding Baccalaureate Honors for Transfer Students

Sponsor **Andrew Sorba** said that last year, some Tau Sigma members brought forth a concern that transfers to the UW with over 90 credits from Washington community colleges due to deferment could not get baccalaureate honors without taking extra credits. He reported that this issue was brought to the Faculty Senate last year and they showed concern.

Joel Murray said he thought this related to Faculty and Administrative Affairs (FAA) since it was headed to Faculty Senate.

Alex Kim moved to refer to FAA. Seconded

Steve Kushnir said that his committee was probably more equipped to deal with the legislation.

Andrew added that this was not already being considered by the Faculty Senate but he wanted to use this resolution to bring it up.

Alex withdrew his motion.

Alex moved to refer to Academic Affairs. Seconded.

Jon Lee said that this was more of a faculty policy, and while there was a direct connection to academics, it was stronger to be in FAA.

Alex move to close debate. Seconded. The motion passed.

The motion passed. R-11-24 referred to Academic Affairs.

R-11-25: A Resolution in Support of the University of Washington Hosting Tent City IV

Mike Leichner said he saw this as a Campus Affairs issue.

Alex Kim agreed, saying he thought it should go to campus affairs because the word “campus” contained the word “camp”, which was basically what we were talking about.

Kelsey Knowles said this was a city issue right now, and based on the fact that Seattle University was doing it now, she thought it should receive a broader debate in General Affairs.

Mike moved to refer to General Affairs. Seconded.

Jon moved to close debate. Seconded. The motion passed.

The motion passed. Referred to General Affairs.

Approval of Agenda

Alex moved to amend to place R-11-18 at the top of Old Business. *Seconded.*

He said we should talk about it after the Provost's visit.

Aiko Akers said her only concern was that it might pass too quickly next week.

Steve Kushnir said he also disagreed, and said that there was already a certain order on the agenda.

Karl said he didn't necessarily share Aiko's concern, considering that Senate was also a public forum. He added that Steering Committee had the power to reorganize the agenda, and that it was appropriate to discuss this while it was on our minds.

Zach said that he had no problem with this.

Kelsey said she opposed moving this because the discussion was only just beginning on campus.

Alex said he was talking about starting the conversation next week rather than ending it.

Joel said that he definitely wasn't very knowledgeable about this, and he wanted more time to get information.

Jon moved to close debate. *Seconded. The motion failed.*

Karl moved to amend the amendment to add a recommendation from Steering Committee that the Senate table the resolution after discussion so that we can get more info from other forums. *Seconded.*

The amendment to the amendment passed.

Jon Lee said that he supported the amendment.

Kelsey moved to amend the amendment to place R-11-18 as the second item of Old Business instead of the first. *Seconded.*

The amendment to the amendment passed.

Mike Leichner moved to close debate. *Seconded. The motion passed.*

The amendment passed.

Steve Kushnir moved to amend to make committee meetings 20 minutes. There was no second.

Mike Leichner moved to strike the GPSS Report. Seconded.
The amendment passed.

Karl Smith moved to make the Public Forum at "5:20 pm". Seconded.
The amendment passed.

Alex Kim moved to amend to make committee meetings 15 minutes.
Seconded.

Mike Leichner said that if we wanted a serious discussion, we shouldn't crunch time further.

Steve said we already were having public forum at 5:20 and we should maximize time.

The amendment failed.

Mike moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of Committee Appointments
Zach went over the new appointments.

Jon moved to approve. Seconded. The motion passed.

Steve Kushnir moved to extend R-11-20 for two weeks. Seconded.
The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Steve asked that Alex place a note in the minutes that he meant to say he would be considering R-11-20 for the 3rd week, not that he had already done so.

*It was moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded.
The motion passed.*

Discussion Items

Mike Leichner said he would like an open forum from Jostens, considering the fact that we have had a lot of one-sided debate.

Karl said that he would like to simply send out the communicate he received from Jostens.

Alex Kim moved to adjourn. Seconded. The motion failed.

Mike said he didn't think it was a moot point since Jostens did express a desire to respond to the charges made by Excition. He said that since we did give John a forum as well, it would be only fair.

Kelsey said she agreed with Mike and we could read the letter or just cap the forum to a short time. She said we should at least let students be amply informed. She said we owed it to students and senators to take back more complete info. She added that we didn't need to wait for them to contact us.

Aiko said that we should request that Karl invite Jostens to come and speak.

Karl said he wanted to reform the announcements process such that senators could e-mail him events and announcements which could be sent out on e-mail.

Mike said the information should be sent out in a second e-mail and that it should also be placed in the minutes and on the website.

Joel Murray moved to adjourn. *Seconded. The motion passed.*

Zach adjourned the Steering Committee.