

ASUW Student Senate Steering  
April 15, 2005  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 2:30pm

Roll Call

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

Chair's Report

Chair **Zach Tobin** reported that we still had the \$400 from ATN! for Lobby Day, and he wanted to propose that we spend some money on being able to frame legislation to present to recognized individuals. He also wanted to spend some money on a new Senate banner that could be used for publicity. He also wanted to buy a new Senate gavel. He said all remaining funds would be spent on food.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** said new gavels cost about \$15-20 for engraving, and that instead of buying a completely new gavel, we could just buy a new metal band for the gavel we have.

**Zach** said that Alex would work on getting frames and paper.

*Secretary **Alex Kim** moved to allocate up to \$75 of the \$400 ATN! prize for frames and paper. Seconded.*

*The motion passed.*

**Mike Leichner** said he didn't think we needed to hash out the gavel funds and didn't think most senators felt it was an important matter.

Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** said he agreed and suggested a tradition where outgoing Senate chairs would buy new gavels for incoming Senate chairs.

*Jon moved to allocate \$200 for the Senate Roast. Seconded.*

**Mae Diligencia** said that last year we used a \$200 budget and had barely enough to feed the smaller Senate.

**Joel Murray** said that we shouldn't decide what we're going to do based on how much money we have, and that instead, we should first decide what we wanted ideally.

**Mike Leichner** said he'd like to see Jon come back with a breakdown of how funds would be used.

**Jon** said that the money would be used for decorations as well.

**Karl** said that committees were in place for a reason, and suggested that Jon's committee share the burden of party research together.

**Jon** said that he wanted to talk more about this in Steering Committee before he went back to membership.

**Mike** said he thought it was the Membership Committee's responsibility to come up with the proposal.

**Jon** said the committee wanted an estimate of how much money they would be able to use before they proceeded with planning.

**Joel** said that he didn't think most people would object to paying a little bit to come to the Senate party.

*Alex moved to close. Seconded. The motion passed.*

*The motion failed.*

**Jon** pointed out that since we'd already spent \$75 on frames, it didn't leave much for a banner considering the cost of a barbeque.

**Zach** added that committees should hold relevant discussions in the absence of legislation to debate.

Officers' Reports

**Karl** reported that he was working on updating the Senate Standing Opinions Page online. He added that the Board of Directors is discussing a possible constitutional amendment giving the Senate Vice-Chair a vote.

**Jon** asked chairs to record on the attendance sheets whether members had placards.

#### Legislative Referral

##### SB-11-3: A Bill to Promote Continuity in UW Student Government

**Nick Dayton** moved to refer SB-11-3 to Campus Affairs. Seconded. Passed.

#### Approval of the Agenda

**Alex** moved to place *New Business* ahead of *Old Business* under *Orders of the Day*. Seconded.

*The amendment passed.*

**Zach** entertained a motion to extend the BOD Report to 6 minutes.

*So moved, seconded.*

*The motion passed.*

**Karl** moved to strike the GPSS Report. Seconded. *The motion passed.*

**Zach** moved to place a 40-minute time limit on the Public Forum with George Bridges. Seconded.

He said that he felt that many important issues might come up.

**Karl** said that we needed to remember to encourage senators to ask questions.

**Alex** moved to close debate. Seconded. *The motion passed.*

*The amendment passed.*

**Alex** moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. *The motion passed.*

#### Approval of Appointments

**Alex** moved to approve the committee appointments. Seconded.

*The motion passed.*

#### Approval of the Minutes

**Mike** moved to approve the minutes without amendments. Seconded. *The motion passed.*

**Mike** moved to adjourn. Seconded. *The motion passed.*