

ASUW Student Senate Steering  
October 15, 2004  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 2:03.

Roll Call

Director Chris Barrows - present  
Senate Secretary Alex Kim - present  
President Kelsey Knowles - absent, excused  
Senate Membership Coordinator Jon Lee - present  
Director Garrett Parks - present  
SAO Advisor Rene Singleton - present  
Senate Vice-Chair Karl Smith - present  
Senate Chair Zach Tobin - present

Chair's Report

The Senate is still waiting for the GPSS representative to be assigned. **Zach** thanked the BOD Liaisons for encouraging members to come to the board meeting. **Karl** and **Zach** have developed a liaison election procedure that will be more streamlined.

Officers' Reports

Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** – **Karl** has contacted the HUB to request a room for Steering meetings, and they are in the process of assigning one. **Karl** has established (with Kelsey) a procedure for submitting resolutions and bills to the Board for consideration.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** – **Jon** has been doing more interviews and is creating a new membership database that will be easier to read and access. He hopes to complete the database by the coming Tuesday. The Senate is about a third of the way to attaining 56 commuters; **Jon** is still working with the Vice-President on this matter. He encourages members of the committee to encourage friends to sign up to join the Senate. **Zach** pointed out that **Jon** was not as active as the other officers during the Senate meetings, and asked if he would update the database live. **Jon** has found that it is much easier to check attendance as members check out of the meeting. **Chris** pointed out that checking in was better to checking out. **Hitha Palepu** suggested that **Jon** break up check-ins by constituency type. **Zach** agreed that this would be easier. **Jon** asked **Alex** if he's looked at the membership database he is developing. **Alex** has not.

Secretary **Alex Kim** – Not too much; progress continues on the website and updating the legislative entry system.

### Approval of Seat Allocation Plans

**Zach** distributed the Seat Allocation Plan developed by IFC/Panhellenic. **Jon** asked for clarification of the plan in terms of the ability of a house to have multiple seats. **Chris** answered that this would most likely occur only in the case that there is insufficient interest among all houses.

*The IFC/Panhellenic Plan was approved without objection.*

**Zach** distributed the RHSA seat allocation plan.

*The RHSA plan was approved without objection.*

### Approval of Agenda

**Zach** distributed the proposed agenda. **Hitha** pointed out that there was no space on the online application for commuter senators to express committee preference. **Zach** said that those senators would need to fill out the necessary paper forms at the next Senate meeting. **Karl** asked when the nominees for committee chair would have a chance to receive questions from the floor. **Zach** answered that on the week of elections, committee meetings could be made at any time of the meeting; therefore, a question period could precede committee chair elections.

In regards to OA-11-1, the entire bylaws and rules will be considered at once. **Zach** doesn't see a problem occurring in terms of the both documents being completely rejected. **Rene** pointed out that with the large number of new senators, the Senate should aim to pass through as much of the document as possible with the full engagement of senators. She said we should not get stuck on boring technical details. **Zach** plans to point out in his Chair's Report that these technical hurdles simply must be passed for work to continue.

*Myriad grammatical revisions were taken as friendly.*

*The agenda was approved without objection.*

### Approval of Minutes

**Karl** called for two minor revisions.

*The minutes were approved without objection.*

A general discussion period followed.

**Zach** adjourned the committee at 2:55 PM.