

ASUW Student Senate Steering  
October 29, 2004  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 2:14 pm

Roll Call

Chris Barrows  
Alex Kim  
Kelsey Knowles (proxy: Rachel Flynn)  
Jon Lee  
Garrett Parks (late)  
Rene (proxy: Christina Coop)  
Karl Smith  
Zach Tobin  
Aiko Akers (excused absence)  
Nick Dayton  
Mae Diligencia  
Mike Leichner  
Steve Kushnir  
Joel Murray

Chair's Report

Chair **Zach Tobin** apologized for the meeting room problems. He congratulated committee chairs on their elections and had each chair introduce himself or herself. He said that the body is behind the point he would like to be at this point of the year considering that it has not yet gone through liaison elections completely.

Officers' Reports

Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** also apologized for the room problem. Currently, Karen Remick is scheduled to discuss the ramifications of repealing I-200.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** said that we should have received in our e-mail inboxes 4 documents including membership lists and attendance sheets, and he explained the Senate check-in procedure. He is now caught up with all the paperwork.

Secretary **Alex Kim** said that he would now be working on finishing updates of websites from Session 10. **Jon** requested archiving of the committee records currently online.

**Zach** stated that he would be running steering meetings according to parliamentary procedure.

Approval of Committee Appointments

**Zach** distributed a sheet which detailed committee appointments he had made up to that point. He explained his methodology for distributing Senators into the various committees. He also encouraged the group to encourage anyone interested to request placement into the Off-campus Affairs committee. **Zach** asked if there were any objections to the appointments.

**Zach** entertained a motion to approve the appointments.  
*So moved. Passed without objection.*

#### Approval of the Agenda

**Zach** said he realizes that Senate is coinciding with election day. He said that Senate is a bit behind on its business, and intends on moving ahead with the meeting.

Legislative Coordinator **Krystal Starwich** said that originally, the Legislative Agenda was going to be finished today. However, considering the controversial nature of the document, she believes an additional week would be beneficial to work out further significant disagreements, and to perfect the Senate liaison's presentation. She also believes that it will be impossible to present the agenda in under an hour. Additionally, she predicts that many senators who would otherwise be very interested in the document would probably not be present at Senate anyway on the 2nd. She concluded by recommending that Senate cancel its Nov 2nd meeting and conduct first readings of the document the week after.

**Zach** opened a speakers' list on the topic of whether to keep the legislative agenda on the Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

**Chris Barrows** said that it made perfect sense to move 1<sup>st</sup> readings to the following week. He also pointed out that most of the people who would be most interested would probably be absent.

**Ryan Mattson** said that even if the legislative agenda was moved back a week, it would not disrupt the lobbying process for the year.

**Mae Diligencia** pointed out that herself and other commuters need to travel to vote.

**Zach** entertained a motion to remove the legislative agenda from the November 2nd agenda.  
*So moved. Passed without objection.*

**Zach** said he would now like to discuss the agenda, separate of the possibility of meeting cancellation.

**Nick Dayton** suggested that we first discuss whether we're having a meeting or not.

**Jon Lee** said this is not an emergency.

**Steve Kushnir** said that he thinks cancelling the meeting is a drastic measure the committee shouldn't take.

**Rachel Flynn** said that a smaller attendance at Senate would reduce the pool of qualified candidates for liaison elections.

**Karl** said he sees nothing in the bylaws that allows us to cancel the meeting.

**Alex** said it was strange that we were planning to discuss the Commuter task force while being able to predict the absence of many commuters.

**Nick** asked if we could simply remove substantial items from the agenda. It was answered that indeed, the agenda could be highly reduced, if not in committee, then on the floor of the Senate.

**Jon** said that it was an incorrect assumption that commuters were needing to go home to vote. He pointed out also that the body cannot conduct business without quorum.

**Joel Murray** asked how many people were expected to be absent. It was unknown.

**Mae** moved to table SB-11-1 to the agenda for November 9th. Karl pointed out that it couldn't be "tabled."

**Chris** moved to "remove" SB-11-1 from the agenda. Seconded. Rescinded.

It was agreed that the item would be tabled from the floor of the Senate.

**Garrett Parks** said the biggest issue at hand is whether or not there will be quorum. He said there was a flaw in the thinking that election day is "just casting a ballot", especially when talking about young people. Therefore, he believes it to be highly predictable that there will not be quorum, and therefore, believes a chair could consider it a type of "emergency."

**Steve** said he doesn't think there will be a quorum problem.

**Mike Leichner** agreed that we would probably have quorum, but also said that the meeting should be shortened as much as possible, limited to only critical liaison elections.

**Krystal** said it was hypocritical for ASUW to promote voting to the degree it has and then hold a business meeting on election day.

**Jon** said that the fear of not having quorum is an not an emergency.

**Mae** moved to put Section C (unfinished business) above New Business (in effect, moving liaison elections above SB-11-1). *Seconded.*

*The motion was approved w/o objection.*

**Mike** moved to remove items 4-8 from the agenda (in effect, removing all reports). *Seconded.*

Karl objected, saying that this may strike out the judicial report.

*The motion carries.*

**Chris** moved to add the Board of Directors report back to the agenda. *Approved without objection.*

**Chris** said that it wasn't fair to say that you can vote anytime of the day. He thinks we should understand why people will be missing the meeting.

**Joel** asked how we would handle this were it a national holiday, and we should handle this the same way.

**Jon** moved to approve the agenda. *Seconded.*

**Nick Dayton** asked if it was possible for vice-chair elections in committee to occur after this week. It was answered that it was.

*Agenda approved.*

**Zach** said that it was possible to further shorten the agenda on the floor of the Senate.

**Mike** asked **Zach** to establish a prioritized list of liaison elections.

**Mae** asked **Zach** to state in his chair's e-mail that those who wouldn't be present on the 2nd should notify him specially or be sure to send a proxy.

**Zach** distributed the Senate minutes for review.

As the minutes were review, discussion proceeded on various topics.

*It was moved to approve the minutes. Approved without objection.*

Zach adjourned the meeting at 2:59 pm.