

ASUW Student Senate Steering  
November 5, 2004  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 2:05

Roll Call

Zach Tobin  
Karl Smith  
Alex Kim  
Jon Lee  
Chris Barrows - absent  
Garrett Parks  
Aiko Akers (proxied by Tina Oh)  
Steve Kushnir  
Mae Diligencia  
Nick Dayton  
Joel Murray  
Mike Leichner  
Kelsey Knowles  
Rene Singleton - late

Chair **Zach Tobin** had members to a quick introduction.

**Zach** had committee lists distributed to members for confirmation.

Chair's Report

**Zach** thanked all who came to last Senate meeting... it was productive. He wishes to create a culture in Senate of not necessarily ending every meeting at 7:00 sharp so that assigned business can be finished every week. He wants all veterans and chairs to encourage senators, especially new ones, to write legislation and give help where needed.

**Zach** had each committee chair designate a location for their committees to check in.

Officers' Reports

Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** hopes that the chairs are all focusing on helping members write legislation.

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** said he wants chairs to make giant posters for their committees so people can find their check-in points. He also told members to inform senators that he would from this point forward only accept proxies with the forms available online.

Secretary **Alex Kim** said that massive website updates were underway. Currently, there is no online tool or method for submitting the new legislation types. For the interim, these types of legislation should be submitted on paper, and the secretary will manually make them available online. The tool should be ready soon.

#### Approval of the Agenda

*Academic Affairs Chair **Steve Kushnir** moved to amend the agenda so that the call to order would be at 5:20 instead of 5:15.*

He said that since this would be the first real committee meeting, more time should be provided for elections and for members to get to know each other.

*The motion was seconded. Passed without objection.*

***Karl** moved to strike the time marker on "ORDERS OF THE DAY" and to correct the spelling of "RainyDawg". Seconded. Passed without objection.*

**Zach** asked if there were any questions about the business under Orders of the Day. There were none. He distributed copies of the legislative agenda.

Director **Garrett Parks** moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.

#### Discussion

*General Affairs Chair **Nick Dayton** moved to have all unexcused absences from the previous week excused. Seconded.*

**Jon** objected, saying that we couldn't be sure that the senators who missed were gone due to the election.

**Garrett** thinks there's no reason that leeway can't be granted here.

**Kelsey** said that we should encourage political involvement, and it would reflect well on our organization if we excused people.

**Nick** said that it was pretty clear why people missed.

Faculty/Admin Affairs **Joel Murray** agreed, and said that we should support students getting involved in politics.

Off-Campus Affairs Chair **Mae Diligencia** said that an easy option was available for senators to get themselves excused just by e-mailing the membership coordinator.

***Steve** moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

*The motion passed.*

**Zach** entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

*So moved. Approved without objection.*

**Nick** asked if people could still change committees. **Zach** said that they could, provided they spoke to him first.

**Alex** asked what chairs should do if senators came to check-in and were not on the list. **Jon** said that they should be referred to him.

**Zach** entertained a motion to approve committee appointments.

*So moved. Approved without objection.*

**Zach** adjourned the meeting at 2:31 pm.