

ASUW Student Senate Steering  
December 10, 2004  
Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Kim

Call to order at 2:01.

Roll Call

Aiko Akers, Publicity and Outreach Chair (Tina Oh)  
Chris Barrows, Director of Community Relations (Rachel Flynn)  
Nick Dayton, General Affairs Chair  
Mae Diligencia, Off-Campus Affairs Chair (Garrett Parks)  
Alex Kim, Senate Secretary  
Kelsey Knowles, ASUW President  
Steve Kushnir, Academic Affairs Chair  
Jon Lee, Senate Membership Coordinator  
Mike Leichner, Campus Affairs Chair  
Joel Murray, Faculty and Administrative Affairs Chair  
Garrett Parks, Director of F.A.A. Affairs  
Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor  
Karl Smith, Senate Vice-Chair  
Zach Tobin, Senate Chair

Chair's Report

Chair **Zach Tobin** reported that the Senate would be going to HUB 310 for the first meeting of Winter Quarter, Gowen 301 in the second week, and then HUB 108 in the third week. Senate will then decide on the site for future meetings.

Officers' Reports

Vice-Chair **Karl Smith** gave no report.

Secretary **Alex Kim** said that he's amended the minutes per the request of the Steering committee last week.

***Alex moved to amend the agenda to allow for consideration of the Steering minutes from December 3. Seconded.  
Passed without objection.***

**Steve Kushnir** said he thought we should condense the discussion rather than simply delete names. He expressed concern that a reader could figure out the identity of the deleted name.

**Mike Leichner** said that after he read it, he didn't see anything that might be offensive.

**David Morgan** said that we shouldn't be amending our minutes.

**Karl** said this is where you would bring it up if you felt you were misrepresented.

**Alex** said it didn't matter at this point whether the names were in there because it was no longer offensive at all.

**Steve** thinks the member in question knows that it's him/her. He doesn't think we should have struck his/her name; rather, we should have diminished the record of comments.

**Mike** asked if Alex had changed Hala Dillsi's statement as she requested. **Alex** replied that he disagreed with Hala and therefore had not.

**Kelsey** said that the minutes themselves do not misrepresent the discussion. She believes the changes that were made were done in the spirit of the motion made.

**Alex** said he didn't actually make many changes.

***Nick** moved to approve the steering minutes of December 3. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Membership Coordinator **Jon Lee** reported that he needed attendance sheets from all chairs.

\*\* DAVID MORGAN took over as the Secretary \*\*

## **New Business**

### a. OA-11-4

Karl: Move to amend grammatical. Approved.

Jon: Moves to pass out of committee "unfavorably"

We've never had a discussion period for liaisons. For the most part, Q&A is enough. There are some positions that may need discussion, but that can be decided at the discretion of Steering and the Chair to choose this. It shouldn't be required.

Steve: Doesn't mean that we shouldn't have it. Chair never uses his discretion, so we never have a discussion period. This just means we have the mandatory possibility to have discussion time.

Kelsey: We do allow discussion for the Execs, and if there was an important liaison position that was coming up, the discretion of the Chair and Steering could be used. The Senate could move to suspend the rules and have a discussion period. It will be even longer and tedious if we add a discussion period on to the end of every liaison position.

Nick: I think discussion should occur with the candidates in the room.

Jon: I've made the motion to have discussion before, and they've passed when there is enough demand.

Steve: It's not fair to freshman senators, those running and voting, to not have the information from the discussion period. This OA would officially create the OPTION to have discussion, not actually mandate discussion.

**\*\*Motion failed.\*\***

Nick: Moves to place this on the floor with no recommendation.

**\*\* Motion passes: Moved to the floor with no recommendation\*\***

b. OA-11-5

Nick: I don't see any reason why we should not say the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of our meetings. We should pay tribute to the country that gives us the freedom to assemble.

Joel: Move to send this to the floor with no recommendation.

This is going to be a controversial issue. It should probably be sent with no recommendation.

Karl: I think it should have an unfavorable recommendation.

Kelsey: I don't think it is for us to determine whether this is favorable or unfavorable.

Nick: I'd like to have a favorable recommendation, but let's just send it like this.

**\*\* Motion passes. Sent to the floor with no recommendation. \*\***

### **Legislative Referral**

Zach: Campus or General Affairs?

Karl: This is a recommendation to change ASUW Elections to use Instant Run-Off Voting. R-9-41 shows support for instant run-off voting in all ASUW elections.

David: Moves to place into Campus Affairs committee.

**\*\* Motion passes \*\***

### **Approval of the Agenda**

v. is OA-11-4

vi. is OA-11-5

Mike: Motion to table LD-11-2 until after the next LSC meeting.

LSC didn't know that they were supposed to provide a recommendation.

**\*\* Conversation on the rule and whether or not we can table the LD \*\***

Karl: I think we should go ahead and refer this to the floor "shall refer it to the floor after one week's time"

Zach: I specifically told our LSC liaison, the process in which we go through a LD. I clearly explained the process to her.

Kelsey: It was not clearly mentioned in the LSC meeting. I would strongly suggest not sending it to the floor. I think it's important to follow the rules, but I think we already didn't follow the rule about informing LSC about the recommendation.

Zach: I know that we cannot give ourselves powers that we don't have. The rules clearly state that this should go to the floor.

Nick: I feel like the practical thing to do is not refer it to the floor, we're just constrained by the rule.

Garrett: We're in a position where we can remedy a problem. We have a chance to make things better in the end and fix the problem at hand.

Steve: Since nothing says we can't suspend the rules, I think that we can.

It was moved to close debate. Seconded.

Zach ruled at this point that it was out of the committee's power to suspend the rules for the Senate.

Karl: Move to appeal the decision of the chair.

\*\* Motion passes \*\*

\*\* Motion to table LD-11-2 until after the next LSC meeting PASSES WITH 2/3 \*\*

Joel: Moves to approve the agenda as amended.

\*\* Motion passes \*\*

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Scott Ladner is listed as VC of Academic but he is VC of Campus

Tina: Moves to approve the minutes as amended.

\*\* Motion passes \*\*

### **Committee Appointments**

David: Moves to approve the appointments.

\*\* Motion approved \*\*

### **Discussion Items**

Karl: I'm going to look at clearing up some of these rules.

### **Adjournment**

Karl: Moved to adjourn. Kelsey seconded.

Adjourned at 3:00pm.