

ASUW Student Senate Steering Committee  
04-03-2006  
Minutes

*Respectfully Submitted by Senate Membership Coordinator, Travis Grandy*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Alex Kim** called the meeting to order at 4:42PM

Alex Kim - present  
Erin Shields - present  
Travis McCoy - excused  
Travis Grandy - present  
Lee Dunbar - present  
Hala Dillsi - present  
Jon Lee - present  
Derek Hazen - present  
Sam Al-Khoury - present  
Cailin Magruder - present  
Shawn Fisher - present  
Jerome McCuin - present  
Alvin Chen –proxy Shawn  
Rene Singleton – not present

II. Approval of the Agenda

*The motion was made to approve the agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

III. Chair's Report

**Alex Kim** welcomed everyone back. He said that the decision regarding the motion to proceed to announcements stands. He also created a section on the forum to fair trade coffee. It is temporary until they can find their own web-hosting.

**Jon Lee** asked if that was allowed.

**Alex Kim** said it was okay and that it was like using a mailbox.

**Lee Dunbar** said it was fine too, and it's not a significant use of resources.

**Jon Lee** expressed concern over this becoming a pattern.

**Alex Kim** said it was fine because we passed a resolution in their support.

**Jon Lee** asked to continue this conversation in general discussion.

**Alex Kim** said that the Senate Executive Board will be meeting this week to talk about goals and asked to people to bring their ideas to improve Senate.

#### IV. Officers' Reports

**Erin Shields** said Senate has some forums lined up such as IRV, one for the Regents. Also, the EAC will be having a candidate info session and they will be meeting right before senate in HUB 310 at 4:30. She'll also be sending out the events calendar for ASUW. Also, we will be doing a transition from Senate 101 to ASUW 101 to help students learn about opportunities in ASUW.

The BOD discussed ballot measures such as restructuring the Legislative steering committee and allowing the Senate rep on the board make motions and attend executive session.

She noted that the Marriage equality rally is tomorrow from 11-2 and the job fair is coming up.

**Travis McCoy** was not present.

**Travis Grandy** said that the new committee appointments are cool people.

#### V. Legislative Referral

##### **R-12-31 Green Textbooks**

**Lee Dunbar** spoke about the resolution and how it will ask the administration to pursue greener textbooks as well as the necessary of new additions and bundling of textbooks. He said that the University of California has done something similar.

**Alex Kim** said it was a good resolution because of the concerns students have about textbook costs.

**Derek Hazen** moved to refer the legislation to Academic Affairs. There was no second.

**Jon Lee** moved to refer to General Affairs. There was no second.

**Jon Lee** wondered if this was a campus issue or a policy issue.

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to refer to Faculty and Administrative Affairs. Second. Objection. Division was called. The vote was tied.

**Alex Kim** voted no. *The motion failed.*

**Jerome McCuin** thought it was interesting that Jon objected considering he's the "FAA guy"

**Jon Lee** said that Bryan Pearce is seeking student opinion on numerous changes that will take place. He feels the scope is more of a general issue.

**Shawn Fisher** asked what committee considered the other resolution about textbooks this session.

**Lee Dunbar** moved to refer to general affairs. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

*R-12-31 was referred to General Affairs*

### **OA-12-5 An Act to Honor the US Military in Iraq**

**Alex Kim** said that since membership changed the type of resolution it needed to be referred back to Steering. He asked if it changed the senate by-laws.

**Travis McCoy** said it called for a select committee, thus it didn't change the by-laws.

**Erin Shields** concurred.

**Travis Grandy** explained what the legislation does.

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to refer to Membership. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Sam Al-Khoury** wanted it to go back to committee.

**Travis Grandy** said Membership had already considered it.

**Erin Shields** said Membership has already given their report

**Alex Kim** said it is appropriate for steering to consider this again because it has immediate consequences.

**Derek Hazen** asked if the legislation could have two different recommendations.

**Erin Shields** said that it would be fine if that were to happen.

**Jon Lee** asked if anyone wanted to refer it to steering

**Alex Kim** said that wouldn't be necessary.

**Sam Al-Khoury** withdrew his motion.

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to refer to the floor. *Second. No Objection*

#### VI. Consideration of Organic Acts.

##### **OA-12-1 The Comprehensive Records Act**

**Alex Kim** said that Andrew Everett has made amendments to the act and those changes are reflected. The act is about keeping an audio record of senate proceedings.

**Erin Shields** asked whether if we keep an audio record it has to be made public automatically.

**Rene Singleton** said that someone needs to research open public meetings act and find out what we need to do.

**Shawn Fisher** moved to table for one week. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked if we can table it at this point.

**Alex Kim** said we are refining the act and are coming up with pros and cons.

**Erin Shields** said that it was in violation of the rules to table the act.

**Erin Shields** moved to amend the agenda to put OA-12-1 after approval of the minutes on the agenda. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

##### **OA-12-3 Roll Call Voting**

**Alex Kim** said that Steering didn't have a chance to give it proper consideration because we didn't follow procedure. He noted it was the second stage of consideration for the OA.

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked if roll call was privileged motion.

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to amend to have the act reflect the rule before the change in the *whereas* clause

*"Whereas the bylaws currently read..."*

*Seconded. Passed without objection.*

**Erin Shields** said that the Senate rules say roll call is a privileged motion.

**Alex Kim** said that the Senate rules supersede Sturgis.

**Derek Hazen** asked what number quorum is.

**Travis Grandy** said it's around fifty and that the roll call percentage is ten percent of the people in the room.

**Alex Kim** asked to move on to pros and cons.

Pros: Prevents roll call to purposefully delay proceedings...to make it less dilatory.

Reduces the intimidation factor by abusing roll call and influencing the vote.

30 percent is still less than Sturgis and protects the minority.

Requires more coalition building to reach the threshold.

CONS:

Tripling the required threshold. Less accountability from constituents. More difficult to keep people accountable because the motion would be more difficult to make.

Not a frequently used motion. We've only had one this year and that was required.

It's a difficult motion to make to begin with.

May lead to vote trading or voting blocks.

Lessens minority protection in voting.

***Sam Al-Khoury*** moved to close debate. *Second. Passed without objection.*

#### **OA-12-4 An Act to Create a New Privileged Motion**

**Lee Dunbar** asked what the origin was of this motion.

**Alex Kim** said that Steering Committee made this motion so that people could still get a chance to make their announcements at the end of the meeting.

**Shawn Fisher** asked if it was necessary to have the chair adjourn the meeting in the new language.

**Alex Kim** said that Karl and Jon disagree with our interpretation of the rules. This will simply institutionalize the motion.

**Erin Shields** said that to change the agenda it requires 2/3rds but adjournment in only a simple majority. She would rather have the announcements protected and to ensure time for them.

**Rene Singleton** said that we used to start the meeting with announcements and that there are other ways to make announcements.

**Alex Gwozda** said that it needs to be clearer because Sturgis says that adjournment is a privileged motion.

**Alex Gwozda** entertained an amendment:  
“In the event that a motion is made to proceed to announcements, it shall be treated as a privileged motion requiring majority for passage after which a period of announcements will immediately begin”...and then continued with the current language.

**Shawn Fisher** made the motion. *Seconded. Objection.*

**Erin Shields** said that she was confused about how this fixes the problem because it still changes the meeting structure.

**Alex Kim** said that he thought it was clearer and that this really creates a new time for announcements to take place right before adjournment.

**Sam Al-Khoury** said that since the goal is to move away from changing the agenda then we should change the name of the motion.

**Erin Shields** said that since this will be a privileged motion she interprets it as not a change to the agenda.

**Jerome McCuin** said that Erin wanted the same protection as the motion to adjourn.

**Alex Kim** said the intention is to adjourn.

**Lee Dunbar** said that this motion says we will adjourn and that announcements will take place. He doesn't feel that announcements are losing out by calling it that.

**Erin Shields** said she just didn't want it to be a motion that would move to the announcements part of the agenda.

**Alex Kim** said the intent is to adjourn with time for announcements.

**Sam Al-Khoury** asked why this decision required the announcements to be at the end of the agenda.

**Rene Singleton** said that was Steering's prerogative. She said it was trying to preserve announcements before we adjourn.

**Erin Shields** reminded everyone that we're still discussing a motion.

**Lee Dunbar** amended to have it say "a motion to adjourn with announcements"... Seconded. Passed without objection.

**Hala Dillsi** read the updated language.

**Lee Dunbar** asked if "postponed" was correct.

**Alex Kim** said it was.

*The original amendment passed.*

**Travis Grandy** moved to place it after approval of minutes. Seconded. No Objection.

#### VII. Committee Appointments.

The appointments were approved without objection.

#### VIII. Approval of the Senate Agenda.

**Jon Lee** moved to add Old Business and place 3, 4, 5 under old business. Second. Objection. He said it would like to see old business come first.

**Alex Kim** said that it's important to have things on first readings so that people can take it back to their constituents. He said it followed the procedure in Sturgis.

**Jon Lee** withdrew his motion. He moved to put R-12-26 first under new business. Second. Objection.

*The motion failed.*

**Sam Al-Khoury** moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.

*There were no minutes to consider.*

*The motion was made to adjourn. There was no objection.*

*The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.*