

ASUW Student Senate Steering Committee
04-24-2006
Minutes

Respectfully Submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 4:38PM

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

Travis McCoy moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.

III. Chair's Report

Alex Kim said he replied to all of those who had emailed him regarding the Boyington issue and reported the outcome of the legislation that was passed. He noted that the response had been overwhelmingly positive.

He noted that the process of creating questions for the ASUW Elections Forums was strictly private and said it was mandatory that anyone involved in the elections remove themselves from the process.

IV. Officers' Reports

Travis McCoy said he had nothing new to report.

Travis Grandy said the student regent forum was next week and encouraged students to attend.

He said the band The Senate had agreed to perform for \$150 on May 30th, and that he would pursue that offer.

V. Legislative Referral

OA-12-8 An Act Creating the ASUW Power Struggle 2006

Travis Grandy explained it was an updated version of the legislation passed last year.

***Derek Hazen** moved to refer the legislation to membership committee.*

Seconded. Passed without objection.

VI. Approval of Committee Appointments

***Lee Dunbar** moved to approve Committee Appointments. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

VII. Approval of the Senate Agenda

Alex Kim noted that the agenda's format had been changed to fit the format discussed last week in which unfinished business was anything that had not been dealt with in the previous week.

***Travis Grandy** moved to make New Business item B under Orders of the Day. Seconded. Passed without objection.*

***Lee Dunbar** moved to approve .Seconded. Passed without objection.*

VIII. General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Secretary's Note: At this time, Travis Grandy took over minutes taking while Travis McCoy chaired the meeting to draft questions for the Election Forum.

Travis McCoy explained the procedure to the committee. One question per position would be drafted with remaining time allotted for Q&A.

Those in attendance:

Travis McCoy

Travis Grandy

Shawn Fisher

Derek Hazen

Alvin Chen

Jon Lee

Alex Gwozda
Brianna King
Lee Dunbar
Holly Jones

Travis McCoy asked how long candidates should have to make opening speeches. He noted the times allotted in previous years.

Jon Lee said he felt the times were a bit short

Rene Singleton asked how many candidates are running

Travis McCoy said 19 candidates are running for positions. He said it made more sense to have more time allotted to the president than the other positions.

Jon Lee said he wanted more time for questions if time was cut from personal statements.

Travis McCoy said he expected the entire forum to take an hour and a half.

Lee Dunbar said he thought a minute was enough time for openings statements.

Travis McCoy noted that it was a forum and not a platform to make their speeches.

Jon Lee said he wanted 60, 50, 40 seconds respectively for

Derek Hazen said he'd like to see a minute for the president and 45 seconds for all other candidates. So moved. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Travis McCoy said it would take about 15 to 20 minutes with all the candidates.

Jon Lee said he'd like to see 30 second responses for all candidates

Travis McCoy noted the current 60, 45, 30 breakdown for responses.

Lee Dunbar said he thought 30 seconds was appropriate for responses.

Alvin Chen said he thought the president should have more time to respond to questions.

Travis McCoy said candidates could be given a minute and encouraged to budget their time appropriately

Alvin Chen noted that if people were given a minute they would just keep talking and use up their time.

The committee agreed to 60, 45, 30 responses for the respective positions.

Travis McCoy moved on to total time for Q&A. He used 4 per candidate for president, 3 minutes per vice-presidential candidate, and 3 minutes for all other positions minutes as a basis.

Jon Lee asked if we could aim for an overall time that we could spend on the forum instead of just budgeting time in this manner. He would rather look at it holistically. He would like to see an hour and a half.

Travis McCoy didn't think it would run any shorter than an hour and a half, and would likely take longer.

Jon Lee thought we could get started at 5:20 at the earliest so really the forum would use up the whole meeting. He noted Senate had an hour and 40 minutes to use up.

Travis McCoy said he thought it would take about 25 minutes to talk about the ballot measures.

Jon Lee wanted five minutes each for ballot measures. He wanted 60 minutes total for Q&A with the candidates.

Travis McCoy reminded everyone of the current proposal: 16 minutes for president, 12 minutes for VP, 3 for other all other directors.

Jon Lee wanted to cut down the time from president and vp and reallocate them to other places. He said he wanted 12, 8, 4 per other positions. Seconded. No objection. Passed.

Travis McCoy noted that each person didn't have this time allotted for their answers, just total for the position.

He noted that the ballot measures would have pros and cons presented along with time for Q&A.

Jon Lee said that the first three have been presented to Senate previously and don't necessarily need as much time.

Lee Dunbar said that the LSC one needed more time.

Travis McCoy suggested a minute per side and a minute for questions for each side. No objections. Passed.

Questions From the Dias

Travis McCoy asked that the committee all break into groups and come up with questions. He said that he had the questions from last year if anyone wanted to use them as a reference.

Travis McCoy asked that the questions be as pointed as possible and solicit a specific response from candidates.

President

How do you see Senate's resolutions as they relate to your job as the official representative of ASUW, especially when there are issues that Senate has not yet formulated an opinion on?

Vice President

What problems do you see in recruiting volunteers for ASUW and how will you resolve these issues?

Community Relations

How can your position improve ASUW's relationship with outside student organizations that aren't directly affiliated with student government such as RHSA, Panhellenic, or NPHC?

Diversity Efforts

How do you think students of underrepresented communities should be advocated for at UW?

FAA

What is the relationship between faculty, administration, and students in the shared governance at UW?

Operations

Given the reorganization of OGR, how would you plan to involve students in the drafting of next year's legislative agenda?

Organizational Relations

How can ASUW effectively provide services to students while being financially viable through enterprises such as Experimental College, Rainy Dawg, the Bike Shop, and SHA?

Programming

Everyone talks about large scale events, but how do you plan to serve the most students while meeting their varied interests?

Travis McCoy reminded the committee to keep the questions and format discussed in the meeting confidential for 24 hours.

Travis Grandy moved to approve the minutes. Seconded. No Objection.

IX. Adjournment

The motion was made to adjourn. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm