

ASUW Student Senate Steering Committee
05-15-2006
Minutes

Respectfully Submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 4:36PM

Alex Kim - present
Erin Shields - present
Travis McCoy - present
Travis Grandy – proxy Travis McCoy
Lee Dunbar - no
Hala Dillsi – no
Jon Lee – present
Derek Hazen - present
Sam Al-Khoury – proxy Travis McCoy
Cailin Magruder – present
Shawn Fisher - present
Jerome McCuin - present
Alvin Chen – present
Rene Singleton – not present

II. Approval of the Agenda

Alvin Chen moved to add R-12-44 and removed R-12-41. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

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

III. Chair's Report

Alex Kim informed Steering that the next meeting was likely to be the last opportunity for Senate to consider legislation, as elections would take the following week, and the Senate social the week after would be the final meeting. He encouraged Steering to budget Senate's time accordingly.

IV. Officers' Reports

Erin Shields said she submitted a new set of resolutions for discussion in senate.

Travis McCoy noted that there were minutes going around for approval.

V. Legislative Referral

R-12-42 DARFUR

Jon Lee moved to refer R-12-42 to FAA. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The resolution was referred to FAA

R-12-43 A Resolution in Support of the Creation of a Financial Education Week

Travis McCoy moved to refer the legislation to Campus Affairs. Seconded. Passed without objection.

OA-12-10 An Act to Create a Final THAT Clause for Senate Resolutions

Travis McCoy moved to refer the legislation to steering. Seconded. Passed without objection.

R-12-44 A Resolution Applauding Student Regent Will Rassmussen

Shawn Fisher moved to refer to Publicity and Outreach Committee. Seconded. Passed without objection.

VI. Consideration of Organic Acts

OA-12-9 An Act to Establish New Senator Orientation

Erin Shields summarized the legislation.

Shawn Fisher said he didn't believe there was value to existing senators going through orientation multiple times.

Alvin Chen asked if it would add to the job responsibilities of membership coordinator.

Erin Shields said it was possible that it would.

Alex Gwozda entertained a motion to amend the OA to add "having ever attended" to the first 'that' clause.

Derek Hazen made the motion. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Alex Kim suggested a grandfather clause be added to the bill.

Alex Kim moved to insert a final ‘that’ clause reading “That the amended membership requirements described in the first clause of this act will take effect at the beginning of Session XIII of the Senate.” Seconded. Passed without objection.

Secretary’s Note: A discussion of the pros and cons of the legislation followed, and is attached as an appendix at the end of these minutes.

Shawn Fisher moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

OA-12-10 An Act to Create a Final THAT Clause for Senate Resolutions

Erin Shields summarized the legislation.

Jon Lee said that if it were mandatory for the Board to follow up on every piece of legislation that is passed, it might unduly consume the time of the Board if it’s a busy legislative year. He said he was concerned about the fact that if a Board member didn’t follow up on legislation it could be used against them inappropriately.

Alex Kim said he didn’t believe that should be a concern.

Alex Gwozda said perhaps multiple options for action should be included.

Jerome McCuin said the Board of Directors should be the ones assigning the resolutions to the Board members, not Senate.

Alex Kim said he thought it was a good step to take, and that committees would then have a role in making sure the assignment was made to the correct Board member.

Erin Shields said she thought it would help facilitate discussion between Senate and the Board.

Jerome McCuin moved to continue with consideration. Seconded. Passed without objection.

VII. Approval of Committee Appointments

There were no new committee appointments.

VIII. Approval of the Senate Agenda

Jerome McCuin moved to place OA-12-9 as the first item of new business. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Alex Kim noted that this week was likely to be the last meeting for legislative consideration.

Derek Hazen moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.

VIII. General Discussion

Alvin Chen said his committee is looking into drafting a proposal adding additional requirements for commuter senators. He asked if that should be incorporated into the bylaws.

Alex Kim said it would have to be added into the bylaws, though there was little precedent for such an act.

IX. Approval of the Minutes

Derek Hazen moved to approve the minutes. Seconded. Passed without objection.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.

OA-12-9

Pros

Puts everyone on the same page

Everyone is oriented into senate

Shortens time needed to learn about senate

Gives opportunities for Senate officers to interact with new senators.

Enhances a sense of community between new senators

Enhances overall legislative experience

Give senators an increased sense of ownership and accountability

Cons

Time consuming for senators

Makes it more difficult to become a member

Increases work load on all officers, particularly membership coordinator

Potential to give a bad first impression of Senate if the facilitator is unqualified

No precedent for the program = time consuming to develop at first