

Senate Senate Minutes
January 19, 2007
3:30 PM – HUB 204n

Respectively submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Hala called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

Hala Dillsi – present
Mikhail Smirnov – present
Charles Cadwallader – present, late
Alex Gwozda - present
Sam Al-Khoury – present, late
Erin Shields – absent, excused
Rene Singleton – present
Cullen White – absent
Jessica Kang - present
Jono Hanks – present
Stephanie Adler – present, late
Melissa Aar – present
Selma Dillsi – present
Jon Solomon – present, late

II. Approval of the Agenda

Mikhail said he would like to talk about **Trevor Klein** and **Bon Kelly** visiting from the Daily.

Trevor introduced himself. He said they would like to clear up anything and open discussion about getting Senate's stories in the Daily.

Hala entertained a motion to make discussion with **Trevor** and **Bon Kelly** right after the approval of agenda.

Mikhail moved. *Melissa* seconded. *Without objection.*

Melissa moved to approve. *Selma* seconded. *Without objection.*

III. Discussion with Trevor Klein and Bon Kelly of the Daily

Trevor said they're here by request, and heard Senate officers had many questions they would like answered.

Mikhail said two weeks ago **Trevor** should talk with Senate before Senate. He said probably the week after next week they would probably come talk.

Selma said we now have a representative of the Daily to Senate

Trevor said in the past many editors didn't have an idea how ASUW or Senate works, but **Sam** has made great efforts to make contact with us, and **Hala** did last year, and now they're making progress.

Hala introduced who is in the Senate meeting and described its purpose in referring legislation and placing new senators in committees for the next meeting.

Each person present introduced themselves briefly.

Hala asked how often there will be a reporter at Senate.

Trevor said every Tuesday, he expects.

Hala asked how they can contact reporters beforehand.

Trevor said the two people include **Sarah Jeglum** as well as **Kass Bessert**. Probably the best way is to call or stop by in person, since the email accounts have many issues with spam. He said we can call and say that we are sending something by email. He said about 4pm on Sunday through Thursday editors stop in frequently.

Hala said many issues came up last quarter that were very important, like the legislation on the Pacific Street interchange, Husky Promise, and Legislative Agenda. She said senators felt that the Daily did not do enough to help inform students at large. She noted that there is new Daily leadership this quarter, and asked what he thought.

Trevor said it's not true that the Daily is uninterested in reporting about the ASUW and Senate. He said it's up to our editors to decide what is newsworthy. He assured Senate that any impression of that is unintentional. He said every editor gets selected on a quarterly basis. He said sometimes it takes a transition period at the beginnings of quarters, and they are making efforts to train new editors in the last week of each quarter.

Hala asked the topic of their public forum in Senate.

Trevor said their goal is to let everyone know how they can do things and contact editors. He said he wants to let senators at least know how they can best communicate

with the Daily, for instance certainly not just via email. He said he wanted to take questions.

Hala asked how long they were expecting it would take.

Trevor said he did not imagine he would speak much more than 5 minutes, but then he would take questions and answer what people actually need to know.

Sam asked Steering if it would be helpful if **Trevor** explained the structure of the Daily.

Jono said that would be helpful to do on the whole floor.

Hala said making a greater emphasis on how the Daily makes selections for stories would be very helpful. She asked them to focus on the decision-making process.

Trevor asked if it's alright to bring other editors with him.

Hala encouraged him to, but to consider the time available.

Trevor said they would be helpful for answering questions.

Hala asked for further questions from Steering. **Hala** thanked **Trevor** and **Bon** for coming.

Trevor encouraged people to give them a call or come by Communications 132.

Hala said they will publicize to their constituent communities.

IV. Chair's Report

Hala said they need to contact everyone about the student conduct code issue. She asked what we think are punishable offenses, and if those should be specifically stated. She asked about public drunkenness, theft, and other situations. **Cullen** has suggested the possibility of leaving it vague, to decide for later.

Rod Palmquist asked about the specificity in the resolution.

Hala said yes, they are considering what should go in the resolution. She said none of the more severe infractions are explicit.

Hala asked if there should be an extension, and how far that should be, e.g. 15-21st St, 45th-Ravenna.

Hala said **Bryce** and **Cullen** will be meeting the following day with **Ed Murray**. She said numbers and facts may go over our heads, but asked what we should think about, and we should ask constituencies.

Hala said we probably will not have time to get to organic acts. She said probably for both organic acts and the conduct codes resolutions will each be presented in a side-by-side model.

Hala said Senate doesn't know how the constitutional amendment resolutions are actually affecting ASUW. She said coming up in the Board of Directors meeting is a bill concerning constitutional amendments.

Hala said some believe that whatever amendment that is presented to Senate should go to the board for final approval or veto afterward. She said she will send out emails this weekend, and wants us to be prepared that judicial will likely be coming at a final definition this Friday 12:30-1:30 in the board room.

Sam said on Thursday he doesn't know about the bill, but he encouraged us to go there themselves to hear every side. He said 4:30 on Thursday they will meet, in the room next door, and that way we will all have perspective.

Hala said it goes directly to judicial after the board.

Hala said the board has been looking at ASUW goals, and they want Senate and other constituencies to look at them. She said Jon Evans presents it before the board.

Rod asked about controversy over how the goals were formulated.

Jon Evans said they were for the most part formed from feedback from employees and some volunteers. He said all but one is in some way mentioned in the preamble of the constitution.

Hala said she has heard similar things as **Rod**.

Sam asked for popcorn.

Mikhail said the Daily is planned for a forum on the 30th.

Mikhail said he heard back from **Sheila Lange** and **Ed Taylor**, and they should probably come sometime in the second half of February, and there should be at least one if not both of them. He asked for specific ideas.

Mikhail said the organic acts will probably go as they are to Senate. He said the Board of Directors bill will make it to the Board hopefully next Thursday, and they will define

the process after Senate passage going to the ballot. He said he doesn't know the exact process of the bill that will be proposed.

Mikhail said last quarter we talked about. He said our Attorney General **Rob McKenna's** office said he could come speak with us. He said the first Tuesday at spring break, which is not ideal, but unless there is a huge problem

Rene said the city initiative about the viaduct will be coming up.

Mikhail said they could also talk about the conduct code.

Hala said she wants to make clear where Senate stands with organic acts. She said the stance that Senate will take now is that to get something on the ballot is 3/4th of Senate vote with judicial looking at it. She said the disagreement is over the board involvement. She said she wants us to be on the same page for what we're advocating for, and she does not want it to be Board versus Senate. She said whatever is going to be written for the board, if there's something about board approval or veto that would be unconstitutional according to Senate stance she would like to take.

Mikhail said there is no Senate opinion on this, and most senators do not know about the constitutional amendment issues. He said it has already been made very personal between Board and Senate, and he said the idea that we all have to advocate as a whole Senate is not correct.

Mikhail said constitutionality will be decided by Judicial on Friday.

Mikhail said there have been talks about what is constitutional, and what exactly that passed amendment said. He said he does not want people to have an idea either way right now, and we do not know if it is constitutional or not. He said many people think Senate has a standing opinion.

Hala said that addresses a lot that she said. She said the stance as the charge of the chair is what ASUW students passed last year on the ballot, and she said though there has not been a resolution in Senate, she believes student opinion is just as good as Senate opinion, since Senate represents students. She said that is how she is interpreting the guidelines as her role of Senate chair. She encouraged people to talk with her afterwards.

Charles moved to close debate. *Seconded. Without objection.*

V. Officer's reports

Alex said he's good.

Mikhail had no further report.

Charles said he got about 8 responses to the new senator orientation survey and about 12 emails discussing casually how steering handles organic acts.

VI. Legislative Referrals

R-13-14: A Resolution in Support of the UWPD Taser Policy

Ehsan Aleaziz, the sponsor, said the resolution is in response to a November incident in UCLA. He said this supports the UW department's taser policy that does not allow a similar situation to happen.

Rod asked what constituency he represented.

Ehsan said RHSA.

Charles said he's concerned about specifically naming UCLA.

Ehsan said the intent was to establish its precedence, and the incidence that prompted the resolution.

Chris Paredes asked if Seattle police can come onto campus.

Rod asked if **Ehsan** knows how UCLA responded.

Ehsan said their policy is that non-lethal force can be used against passive resisters. He said UWPD does not allow use of tasers against passive resisters.

Ehsan said a former judge was investigating it, and the results have not come out yet.

Selma replied to **Charles** about putting UCLA. She said she thinks it's good because we are both universities and we have similar police departments, so it is good for comparison reasons.

Rene asked if Senate could see the tape of what happened.

Ehsan asked Steering what they would want.

Charles said a footnote could be a reference to the video.

Stephanie apologized for being late. She said we do not know why the forceful response has happened, since there has not yet been a completed investigation.

Ehsan said their library staff gets to decide who is to be ID'd, whereas the UW is supposed to check any individual. He said the police grabbed him on his way out.

Charles said the title could be changed to commending the UWPD policy, since we are comparing the two.

Jessica asked if other schools have policies like the UCLA.

Ehsan said he was not familiar with others.

Jon said he saw the title, and was confused that it did not mention UW until the fourth whereas policy. He said the first two whereas policies can be confusing since they oppose a taser policy at the UCLA.

Ehsan asked if he would like UW mentions higher up in the whereas clauses.

Sam moved to send to campus affairs. *Seconded.*

Selma said she agreed the last that clause should be first.

Ehsan said she said the first that clause is first for the intent to establish ASUW's opinion on the use of tasers generally, as describing why we support that.

Rod said he liked the way the whereas clauses are worded. **Rod** asked what the UWPD can use.

Ehsan said the UWPD is instructed to do all measures before use of force.

Jono asked about putting UCLA specifically in the that clause.

Ehsan said he was framing the UCLA incident as a reason why it was relevant at all.

Hala said Rene mentioned showing the video, and **Hala** said that should be up to Senate to decide.

Jon said showing the video would not be entirely appropriate, but he likes the idea of a footnote.

Jono said he agrees, and it could be linked in the forum with a warning.

Melissa said she understands that only if facts are cited then a reference should be used.

Doug said it could be included in the resolution if it's included as a reason for a that clause.

Rod said it would make the meeting more interesting.

Ehsan asked if it's possible to put up on the board.

Charles said he changed his mind and that it's not the greatest idea for it to be linked on the resolution, since they tend to last a long time.

Hala thanked Senate for discussion.

Motion to send to campus affairs is without objection.

R-13-14 referred to campus affairs.

R-13-15: A Resolution in Support of Equality Day 2007

Doug said **Jessica McPherson** asked him to write this, and it's very similar to Lobby Day but more focused on equality issues.

Jon asked what Equality Day is exactly.

Doug said there are workshops and then they go to legislature and lobby issues of equality.

Jon suggested a whereas clause that Senate already supports Lobby Day as well.

Charles encouraged UW to give a day off for equality day.

Mikhail said if whereas Lobby Day is added into this, that would be better than a whole other resolution.

Selma moved to place in general affairs. *Seconded. Melissa objected.*

Selma said it's for general affairs because it addresses topics like marriage equality.

Melissa said the legislative directive would fit better in general affairs.

Hala said there could be multiple legislations in a committee.

Sam moved to close debate. Seconded. Without objection.

R-13-5 referred to general affairs.

LD-13-2: A Legislative Directive in support of Full Free-Press Right for Student Publications

Chris Paredes, sponsor, said he saw this issue this morning. He said in Washington state there is no policy regarding full free-press rights. He summarized the whereas clauses.

Stephanie asked why it's not extended to college publications.

Chris said sometimes administration has sometimes told student press and radio what they can and cannot say.

Rod said the case law is somewhat ambiguous on the issue.

Mikhail said the Illinois legislation related to high school publications, and restricted publishing something graphic or disruptive. He said that only applies to newspapers funded by the school.

Jon asked if this is a recent legislation.

Mikhail said it's from the early 1990's.

Chris said recently it was being considered in state legislature to extend to college universities and colleges.

Jono said his school newspaper of which he was an editor took it to court, and it's going to the federal system, and he would like FAA to have it.

Jon asked what the third whereas clause means.

Chris said if they publish something not necessarily representing the university, they should still be able to publish.

Charles said it's not argued as much on the college level, but on the high school level. He said the argument in high schools is that funding leads to a kind of executive right.

Ehsan said he was an editor of his high school, and many administrators try to do prior review, and it's a violation to require this. He asked the title of the state legislation.

Chris said the Daily mentioned it, House Bill 1307.

Rod asked about the Hazelwood decision, and most courts have rejected extension of high school policy to universities.

Charles said he was an editor for his high school paper, and they informally dictated what papers wrote. He said he is sure there is some degree of pressure in the college level.

Melissa asked if adding it into the legislative agenda would be advocating for radio and high schools as well.

Chris said he was thinking college publications, but the others would also fall under it.

Hala said maybe **Trevor** could speak on it at his public forum.

Sam moved to refer to FAA. *Charles seconded. Selma objected.*

Selma said she understands the passion for the issue, but is not sure it falls best under FAA. She said she also opposes referring legislation just because a committee doesn't have any. She said to consider senators' preferences for being in committees.

Mikhail said we don't have just the chair of the committee, but people in the committee, and they want to work with things related to that. He said this related more to campus or general affairs where senators of the committee as a whole are more interested.

Jono said this is all about how administration interacts with students, in telling students how to do their publications.

Melissa said the committees are not highly specialized in this student Senate, and we should send it to a committee that doesn't have anything else on its plate. She said she doesn't think it belongs in FAA.

Stephanie said it could go to any committee. She said it could go in academic, but it's also relevant to Jon.

Jessica said it would be nice to have legislation, however, she supports **Selma** in going to general affairs because it doesn't seem very academic. She said the title reveals that it's not faculty and students, but more legislation-oriented.

Selma said we can write legislation having to do with academics if they need legislation. She wants to fail the motion to FAA and put it somewhere else, either general or campus.

Melissa said it could also belong really well on off-campus. She said she has to the two liaisons to LSC on her committee.

Rod said the legislative agenda is out of their hands at this point. He said he's cynical that the committee

Mikhail moved to go to vote. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Doug reminded us of the possibility of referring to the floor.

Chris said it's somewhat time sensitive, and it's coming up for public forum in state legislature next Friday, so that's the deadline for our lobbyist speaking on it.

Hala called division.

Motion fails.

Selma moved to refer to campus affairs. *Mikhail seconded. Stephanie objected.*

Selma said she has explained herself.

Stephanie said they have a lot of legislation now, and it could go to any.

Melissa said since it's time-sensitive.

Hala asked **Chris** if he wants it to go through this Tuesday.

Charles said he would like a committee to see it, hopefully through second readings to give a report.

Sam moved to close debate. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Jono moved to put it directly to the floor.

Jessica said it would be very rushed either way.

Charles said last year in his experience committees go through it very quickly.

Mikhail said in committees many times they did not have first and second readings separately last year. He said passing it the first day of viewing was not seen as an anomaly.

Jono said off-campus would fit best.

Sam moved to refer to General. *Mikhail seconded. Jessica objected.*

Sam said we'll go through each committee and vote.

Jessica said **Selma** has legislation already, and **Melissa** has LSC people.

Charles moved to close debate.

Melissa moved to send it academic affairs. *Seconded. Without objection.*

VII. Student Conduct Code Resolutions Debate Structure for Senate

Hala said we currently have R-13-8 read on first readings already. She said it would be beneficial to have both considered at the same time during second readings.

Jono asked if they can have two projectors.

Alex said he does not know.

Hala said the difficulty is getting the second projector.

Mikhail offered his computer, and said we can have another screen.

Doug said MS Word can do it on a single screen.

Mikhail said one could be referenced while doing another, as long as both have been on first readings. He said one, then the other, and make it clear that we can reference either during discussions, and it's the framework we are used to. If a senator asks we can present them side-by-side.

Hala said it's not a new process, and it has been done before in her freshman year. She said both sponsors with two microphones could be up. She said there could be two lines. **Doug** asked if they could move to second readings on R-13-9.

Melissa said she would like to see first readings on R-13-9 first, and is not sure we should have them side-by-side. She said it was confusing enough to split the debate about voting members for the board of directors. She said they would support either one or the other probably, and these opinions could come up on debate of individual resolutions.

Hala explained with a diagram two lines for alternating simultaneous debate.

Jon Evans said it's an anomaly to have opposing legislation, and he thinks what will happen if there are both up at the same time, then amendments can get very complicated. He said to do away with a minute with the notion of legislation, and we want to know how Senate feels about the conduct code, so we should speak about the issue rather than specific legislation. He acknowledged that it would be difficult for the parliamentarian. He said once we see some direction, we vote discuss that bill first.

Hala said the particular language is very important, but thanked Jon for the idea.

Jon said many people will shut down after an hour.

Alex said we should keep it simple and do it in order of submission, one at a time.

Mikhail said the R-13-9 opposes any extension, so if we pass that we know we want no extension at all. He said if we do not pass R-13-9, we know we should consider R-13-8 for specifics. He said it makes a lot of sense in that order. He said it could be beneficial to have an open discussion time, and then go through legislation.

Charles said he has to leave now, and he will send out emails about general discussion.

Jono asked if a motion to amend the agenda would be in order now.

Hala said she would accept it because of its relevance.

Jono moved to insert a section under old business about and including the Student Conduct Code resolutions, adding a first item a. being General Discussion for 20 minutes.

Mikhail seconded. Melissa objected.

Melissa said 20 minutes may not be necessary.

Melissa said general discussion will happen anyway under R-13-9.

Rod said he's not sure he has heard anything he agrees with. He said simplicity is to be striven for. **Rod** asked if we could have a vote on whether to consider one or the other, but that would not be very democratic.

Hala said we would have to vote one down.

Mikhail said Senate can table indefinitely.

Mikhail said one after the other is side-by-side

Melissa moved to close debate on adding general discussion as C. a. under Student Conduct Code Discussion. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Motion passes: there will be a discussion period about the conduct code, followed by each resolution individually (as normal) as indicated by the agenda.

VIII. Approval of Agenda for 01-23

Mikhail moved that Student conduct Code discussion be moved above Old Business.
Seconded. Melissa objected.

Mikhail said R-13-7 and R-13-10 are not time-sensitive. He said 20-30 minutes would be spent on them, but that time is better spent on conduct code, allowing **Cullen** to discuss conduct code the next day.

Melissa said old business will take no more than 10 minutes, so it's not needed to push them back.

Jono moved to close debate. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Division 3-3-1. Hala called keeping old business as it is.

Mikhail moved to put both organic acts under a new D. , and push Request for Information down accordingly. *Seconded. Hala objected.*

Jono proposed calling it Constitutional Amendment Process Organic Acts.

Mikhail said Senate tabled organic acts for one week, so they should be on this week.

Hala suggested having it on an extended online agenda.

Melissa said it's technically our agenda so it should be on there.

Jon moved to close debate. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Doug entertained motion to approve agenda.

Mikhail moved to strike a. general discussion. *Not seconded.*

Jono asked if that would be dilatory.

Hala said that would be dilatory.

Jono moved to approve the agenda. *Melissa seconded. Without objection.*

IX. Senate Committee Appointments

Derek Khorsand – General affairs

Lokela Minami - FAA

Ariane Barr – AA

Selma asked if new senator information is online.

Hala said she should come to **Hala** for the information right away.

Jono moved to approve committee appointments. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Hala said **Ani Mari Cauce**, a vice-provost, would like to come.

Jon moved to table general discussion until next week. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Selma moved to approve all minutes as amended. *Seconded. Without objection.*

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:52 PM.