

Senate Steering Minutes
March 9th, 2007
3:30 PM - HUB 204N

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Hala Dillsi called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

Jon moved to limit debate on OA-13-11 to 25 minutes. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Doug moved to amend that to 15 minutes. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Time limit passes.

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

III. Chair's Report (2 min)

Hala said she has been working on compiling feedback forms, and didn't realize they would take this long. She said they would be done by the beginning of spring quarter, and people could see some before if they ask.

Hala said this weekend she and **Doug** worked on sending out letters for Equality Day and domestic partnership bills. She said officers have been meeting together and we will be working on our plan.

Hala said she will meet with **Dr. Cauce** next week to discuss a public forum. She asked for topics she might discuss. She said spring quarter will go by very quickly, because of public forums and elections and more.

IV. Officer Reports (2 min each)

Mikhail said congratulations to Jon Solomon for being volunteer of the month. He said **Maggie McLaughlin** was appointed the intern legislative coordinator for the next quarter. He said the Medal of Honor Taskforce got the books, at just under \$10,000 in donations now. He said they sent out all the letters to potential donors. He said they will have a 10 minute public forum by the second week of spring quarter. He explained that we will be very busy and encouraged us staying on topic in order to deal with legislation. He said time with **Ana Mari Cauce** is not yet confirmed.

Jono asked if there's time for **Bryce** to give a wrap-up of what he did in Olympia.

Mikhail said he wasn't sure.

Jon asked if **Dr. Cauce** and **Dr. Lange** will be coming the same day.

Mikhail said no.

Rene asked about the student union architects coming. She asked about April 10th.

Sam said the architects will be coming back again later, in May, which would be preferable.

Hala asked if we can move the EAC and Cullen's forums to be on different days.

Mikhail said April 24th is currently best for EAC. He said **Cullen** either does 5-10 minutes on April 24th or not at all, since 2 days later they will announce the T-shirt decision.

Jono said having all those guests there would be fine, and 5-10 minutes is not too much.

Hala asked if we can have committee meetings end at 4:50 PM, and the issue is that elections forums take the entire time. She said **Tali** asked if the forum can start at 4:30 PM.

Mikhail said that's a good idea, since committee meetings would not be able to send anything to the floor that day anyway. He said most committees don't have legislations, and if that's the same that Tuesday.

Erin said we should make the best reasonable guess right now, and there are a lot of unknowns now like the number of people running and legislation in committee. She said she thinks it's reasonable to have both the same day, even if **Cullen's** has to be in the Presidential Privilege.

Sam entered.

Jon moved to extend by three minutes. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Jon said it wouldn't matter to shorten committee meetings by 10 minutes. He entertained a motion to close debate around **Mikhail's** report.

Doug moved. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Alex said he had no report and asked for questions.

Charles asked for questions.

Sam asked about the Spring Quarter Power Struggle and making it happen.

Charles said membership would work on it.

V. General Discussion

Steering meeting times

Hala said we have many conflicts.

Steering discussed informally. The following includes only portions of discussion and an availability summary.

Rene said she would rather do Wednesday late than Monday or Friday.

Charles asked if it's realistic to have Senate minutes done for Wednesday.

Alex said he could get minutes done by a late Wednesday meeting, but he agrees with **Melissa** that he doesn't like that it's so soon and before the Board of Directors meeting.

Sam moved that we do Wednesday at 7pm. *Not seconded.*

Yutaka moved to do Monday 5:30pm. *Not seconded.*

Steering used the white-board to outline for clarity.

Who cannot make it at the following times:

Mon 5: **Stephanie, Jessica, Jon**

Mon 5:30: **Stephanie, Alex, Jessica**

Wed 5: **Yutaka, Melissa, Erin, Jessica, Jon, Charles**

Wed 7: **Yutaka, Melissa, Charles, Mikhail**

Wed 8: **Mikhail, Jessica, Yutaka**

Thu 7: **Yutaka, Sam, Erin, Mikhail, Rene, Cullen**

Fri 3:30: **Mikhail, Stephanie, Sam**

Tuesday post-Senate 7:30 or 8:00 : **Mikhail** (leaves at 8:30)

Yutaka moved to approve 10 minutes after Senate as the Senate Steering time.

Yutaka said it's great because everyone is there.

Melissa said we don't have time.

Erin said we can look at it as a pilot test.

Jon asked if we can move the time if we need to.

Mikhail said we can get the board room most of those times.

Yutaka's motion seconded. Without objection.

Motion to have Steering 10 minutes after Senate meetings passes.

Hala said she would reserve it for 7-10pm.

Rene said she was going to check right now with HUB reservations.

Discussion on Board Bill 1.05 / Senate Bill 13-1

Mikhail said the last chance for the BOD to approve constitutional amendments for the ballot is 20 whole days before elections process starts, not just voting, which means the second week back from spring break.

Mikhail said the Board of Directors amended the board bill.

Mikhail said in Senate we need to be sure to pass second readings by the second week back. He said they would not be able to make major amendments. He said if we pass it in one week, Judicial can look at it.

Hala asked what amendments were made.

Mikhail said there were many.

Erin said the amendments proposed at the Board are big amendments, coming at the last minute. She said she didn't want the rest of Senate discussion to be disregarded. She said the Judicial committee looked at it. The biggest issues are the role of Judicial and how to standardize the processes within the constitution. She said within Article 8 of the ASUW Constitution is the discussion of how referrals and vetoes happen for resolutions. She said Senate Bills are not always constitutional amendments, so the descriptions need to be explicit. She said she would appreciate reading over the different versions. She said at Judicial she was a little disappointed because they were a little overwhelmed, and they weren't sure if it was possible to consider it by the deadline. She said this whole process would start again with the next year's Board or Senate if not passed by the deadline this year.

Jon asked about the Senate renewing it next year.

Mikhail said it would need to be resubmitted and go through the process again with the new Judicial committee and Board of Directors and Senate.

Mikhail said we should probably introduce the board amendments in Senate.

Erin said that could be intense, and require a lot of education because they are major changes.

Mikhail said the worst thing to happen would be to have two drastically different versions on the last week before the deadline, and the board can no longer amend it.

Sam asked if it would be possible to have both versions up and an informal discussion, asking Senate their thoughts in general with no motions allowed.

Charles asked if it would be like an all-Senate committee meeting.

Shawn said a way to do it would be to refer it to General Affairs and get the changes amended that way.

Mikhail asked if General Affairs can do that in one committee meeting.

Shawn said they have extensive knowledge now.

Doug said it took a while to elicit responses from committee members. He said he supposes it's possible, but it might not be heavily discussed and it may go over people's heads.

Sam said if something is changed in committee, people in Senate may feel like they were not consulted.

Andrew Everett asked if Sturgis allowed for discussion times.

Mikhail said yes.

Mikhail said Sturgis does not allow Steering to take something off the floor and into a committee.

Erin said we want to create a process that works, and figure out what that process is, rather than focusing on technical details. She said it would help to create questions. She said she could amend the flow chart she made.

Jon said he supports the informal discussion idea. He said with the two groups of people well-versed in what is going on, and discuss around their knowledge, that could be a good discussion.

Sam said we could have two flowcharts up, and could amend the flowcharts. And then we can later translate that into language.

Doug said we don't want to have amendments made during the informal discussion.

Sam said that could be to help understand what we want by 'amending' the flowcharts.

Doug said it may be more efficient to make a pro's and con's list.

Mikhail said he and **Sam** and **Erin** should formulate recommendations on what to do.

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

VI. Legislative Referral: OA-13-11 (15 minutes)

Yutaka said numbers 2 and 4 contradict each other.

Jono moved to amend point 4 to read “Persons running for, or elected to a position as an ASUW Student Officer must forfeit their ASUW Senate position or remove themselves from the running, before running for a position on the ASUW Board of Directors.”

Seconded. Objection.

Jono said he doesn’t think it’s possible to bar someone for running for the board, but that we can require one of our own runners to forfeit running for Senate.

Andrew said 20 school days means the second Monday of April.

Rene said if a restriction is in one set of bylaws and not the other, there is a confusion.

Mikhail said this amendment is consistent with the current board bylaws.

Doug said if a person was elected to Senate, he would have to forfeit immediately instead of having the option of decline the Senate election.

Andrew said he would take it as a friendly change, because he wants it in place for next year.

Andrew explained how it has worked previously that people would forfeit Senate officer positions.

Yutaka said he is confused and re-clarified some above points.

Rene said she is confused.

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

Amendment passes.

Mikhail asked if it would affect leadership already this year.

Doug moved to add in the second that clause “, except persons running for a position on the ASUW Board of Directors” and striking the fourth point. *Seconded. Objection.*

Doug said he thinks it makes it more clear.

Erin said she thinks it’s trying to go through a chronological list with the order of That clauses.

Alex moved to extend time for OA-13-11 discussion by 10 minutes, including Pro's and Con's. *Seconded. Objection. Motion passes.*

Jon moved to close debate and vote on the amendment. *Seconded. Objection.*

Debate not closed.

Mikhail said what **Doug** is trying to do is great, except we might not know who is running, so we need to incorporate that people that have been elected that year can't run for the board of directors. He said he doesn't like the phrasing of the fourth one, but the second one doesn't include that.

Doug wished to amend his motion to revert it to its original form.

Hala called it out of order.

Jono moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection. Debate closed.*

Motion fails.

Jono moved to amend point 4 "...Senate Officer for the following term must ..."
Seconded. Without objection.

Erin moved to strike "running for, or" in point 4. *Seconded. Objection.*

Andrew said "term" might be subject to confusion.

Jon moved to amend the amendment to include "for the following session". *Seconded. Without objection.*

Yutaka moved to close debate on this amendment. *Seconded. Objection. Debate not closed.*

Mikhail moved to amend the amendment to strike "or remove themselves from the running" for consistency. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Yutaka moved to close debate on this amendment to the amendment and vote immediately. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Jon asked if it applies to appointed positions.

Hala said no.

Amendment passes, including this language: "Persons elected to a position as an ASUW student senate officer for the following session must forfeit their position before running for the ASUW Board of Directors."

Jono moved to do Pro's and Con's and extend time for 10 minutes. *Seconded. Objection.*

Erin said we don't have anything about when this will take effect.

Pro's

- May identify student leaders who have a level of dedication for student senate
- Allows for more time to train incoming officers

Con's

- Limits pool of talent available for senate officers
- May discourage qualified student leaders from running for a senate officer position or a BOD position
- It's very early in the quarter
- Bars non-senate members for running for Senate office positions
- May create multiple senate officer elections because leaders may forfeit their positions

VII. Agenda for 03-27-2007 (5 min)

Mikhail moved to strike committee meetings and move call to order at 4:30 PM. *Seconded. Objection.*

Mikhail said **Rob McKenna** is coming at 4:30 PM.

Hala said she forgot and it should already be 4:30PM and we told that to senators.

Motion passes.

Yutaka moved to put committee after **McKenna**. *Without second. Motion dies.*

Mikhail moved to not have committee meetings. *Seconded. Objection.*

Mikhail said we have a lot on the floor to get through. He said people will leave if they have committee meetings in the middle of the meeting.

Jon objected because committees are the only time he has to make sure everyone shows up. He entertained having a committee check-in time.

Mikhail said we could do that.

Hala asked about legislation in committees now.

Melissa and **Jessica** said they are not too concerned about it and they're not too urgent.

Doug said by limiting committee meetings we are not facilitating legislative process.

Jono moved to amend the motion and insert after public forum to distribute placards as point three, for 5 minutes. *Mikhail seconded. Without objection.*

Charles said we should facilitate legislation, and will happen better by having legislation go through the floor.

Yutaka said the weather bill needs to get done, and the GPSS is interested in having that through.

Rene said **McKenna** was an alumni, and many times alumni have gone long.

Hala said he has 30 minutes.

Rene cautioned us to be sensitive in how we end his time.

Erin moved to amend the motion to strike committee chair reports. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Doug moved to close debate on removing committee chairs, removing committee reports, and inserting distribution of placards.

Melissa moved to switch a and b under Old Business. *Seconded. Objection.*

Melissa said the Senate Bill should have more time and energy devoted to it, and the bill has been around longer.

Doug withdrew his objection.

Motion passes.

Jon moved to add 1st readings OA-13-10 an act creating the ASUW Power Struggle. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Jono moved to amend the time limit on SB-13-1 to 25 minutes. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Jon asked if it takes 2/3rd or majority to extend time limit.

Mikhail said he would rule that it requires 2/3rds.

Mikhail moved to add Nominations for Husky Tee <<<??>>>

Mikhail moved to add Nominations and Elections of chair and membership for the Select Committee on Senate Reform Taskforce.

Hala asked if she should make a question and send it out to non-running steering members. She said she would do that.

Shawn entertained to add the OA right after OA-13-7.

Mikhail moved to add first readings of OA-13-11 under Old business as third point after Oa-13-7 like **Shawn** asked. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Mikhail moved to add R-13-18 as the last Old Business point as second readings since it disappeared after 1st readings for a week. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Motion passes.

Erin asked if having a question is a requirement, and maybe we could save time by not having that.

Doug moved to have a time limit of 20 minutes on R-13-18. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Mikhail said we do not have to have a question from steering, but we need time for questions from the body.

Steering discussed details of elections procedure...

Jon moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Shawn said we wanted to make sure people who leave the room get votes.

Hala said we can do that.

Jon withdrew his motion.

Mikhail moved to have 10 min Q & A for chair, 20 min Q &A for membership, and 10 minutes discussion after they leave the room. *Seconded. Objection.*

Melissa asked if we are adding time limits on the other nominations and elections.

Mikhail moved to amend the motion to apply also to the student selections committee to be 2 min per candidate per candidate and 10 minutes everywhere for discussions and intro's. *Seconded. Objection.*

Yutaka proposed that discussion be limited to 3 minutes.

Erin moved to close debate on the amendment to the amendment. *Seconded. Without objection. Mikhail's amendment to the amendment passes.*

Yutaka moved to limit discussions to 5 minutes each. *Seconded. Objection.*

Yutaka said most senators will decide while hearing candidates speak.

Mikhail said if people have nothing to discuss, it can be done quickly and ended after a minute. He said the chairs of the committees are very important.

Yutaka asked if it's possible to extend.

Mikhail said yes, by a 2/3rds vote.

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

Yutaka's amendment to amendment passes.

Jono moved to limit endorsements to one minute. *Mikhail called it out of order.*

Mikhail said our rules say people get three minutes, and anyone can make that motion to suspend rules and limit individual speech time on the floor.

Melissa moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection.*

Jon moved to vote on the amendment. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Motion of elections procedure passes.

Jon moved to approve agenda as amended. *Seconded. Without objection.*

VIII. Senate Committee Appointments

Angea Stanley – Campus
Sabrina Bolieu – General
Ashley Ossmann – remaining in General

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

IX. Approval of the Minutes

Hala asked for feedback about keeping discussion on point.

Yutaka asked about enforcing a rule about people not speaking multiple times. He asked about not speaking more than once at all.

Hala said there's no way to close out a speaker's list.

Yutaka said someone could make a motion.

Charles said currently it's limited to twice per agenda item.

Hala said the sponsor can speak more than twice, or if we're alternating pro's and con's.

Andrew Everett said the chair has the discretion to stop a speaker.

Hala said cutting people off is not her favorite thing to do.

Jon said the current time limits add up to over 3 hours. He said we have to let Senate know this and prepare accordingly and try to be brief.

Shawn said the problem is hearing the same thing different times.

Jono said they could be cut off if they say they are reiterating someone else's point.

Hala said it's difficult up front to feel supported in doing that.

Jon said he had used a point of order to cut off **Mikhail**, and he is not sure if that was right.

Yutaka said **Sturgis** can allow a person to use point of order if they feel an officer is not addressing that.

Hala said the more responsibility people in the body can take, the better.

Yutaka said Faculty Senate doesn't talk much and it's quick that way.

IX. Approval of the Minutes

Alex moved to approve. *Seconded. Without objection.*

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:10 PM.