

Senate Steering Minutes
April 24, 2007
7:30 PM - HUB 204N

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:27 PM.

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

Melissa moved to make General Discussion before adjournment. *Seconded. Without objection.*

III. Chair's report

Hala said this was one of the best public forums that Senate had, because it was so well organized. She thanked steering members for staying until 10 PM to plan it.

Hala said we had an officer's meeting and would be touching base with Jon for the last day's celebrations.

***Sam** arrived.*

Hala explained the Senate awards. She said a paper ballot will let senators give award titles.

Hala said she wants all the things ready to go by May 15th.

IV. Officers' Reports

Mikhail said they had an informal Board meeting last week. He said they are very close to having a design from the Medal of Honor Taskforce.

Jon asked why the BOD changed to this meeting format.

Mikhail said they had really long meetings that were exhausting, with an average of 4 hours at one point. He said it made sense to split it into talking about things every other week, and actually making decisions every other week.

Mikhail said there might be board bills coming back from Judicial amending job descriptions.

Sam asked **Mikhail** about the board bill to create a taskforce on the constitutional amendment process.

Hala said that should be under general discussion.

Mikhail said **Jon Evans** proposed a board bill . He said SAF will not fund first-time programs, and ASUW will have to fund that itself. He said he is not sure how ASUW can do it. He said Jon Evans' proposed discretionary fund will give the BOD \$4-5000 to give to first-year volunteer groups seeking to be permanent entities.

Hala asked about the feeling of the BOD on that.

Mikhail said there could be a ballot question on the creation of that fund, and that should go over well. He said a ballot question would create an entity.

Hala asked the feeling of the BOD on the board bill.

Mikhail said everyone seems on board with it, other than requiring a ballot question.

Yutaka said he is pretty OK with the ballot question.

Mikhail said it may not be talked about until after elections.

Charles said all committee chairs should have all their placards. He said he doesn't committee appointments today. He said he is pretty much done with the certificate of tenure designs.

V. Legislative Referrals

Selma moved to refer to R-13-28 to General Affairs. *Seconded. Objection.*

Jono said campus affairs doesn't have legislation.

Motion fails.

Selma moved to refer to campus affairs. *Seconded. Without objection.*

VI. Approval of Agenda for 05-01-2007

Hala said R-13-26 should be on there.

Jessica McPherson said that despite what cosponsors have said, they actually do not have a decision on the legislation in committee.

Hala said it's a mistake that not all legislation has time limits; it should just be in there.

Hala said she rejected a request for 30 minutes from **Bryce McKibbens**, and gave him 15 minutes.

A member moved to add a 15 minute time limit to Bryce's forum. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Jon moved to approve the agenda. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Charles asked if Membership looks at R-13-25 again a 3rd week.

Hala asked about discussion.

Charles said they didn't have enough time today to make amendments.

Charles moved to give membership another week on R-13-25. *Seconded. Without objection.*

A member moved to give R-13-24 a third week. *Seconded. Without objection.*

VII. Committee Appointments

None.

VIII. General Discussion

Sam said it was mentioned last week that legislation was submitted about a taskforce on the constitutional amendment process. He said right now there are no specific numbers on membership. He said it was brought up that Senate should handle their own appointments.

Yutaka asked how binding this Senate bill is.

Sam said it is not binding in any way, and whatever passes is just a recommendation.

Stephanie recommended having a couple judicial members who don't sit on the board to be on the taskforce.

Mikhail said it goes to Judicial afterwards.

Stephanie said it would be good to have someone involved in that process.

Jon said there should be a good mix of new and experienced people on the taskforce.

Charles said even the Judicial members can be nonvoting liaisons, so board members can have a sense of what Judicial might say.

Jono said there should be language clarifying that each group decides what representatives they want.

Mikhail said he thinks the Judicial liaison idea is great, so someone in Judicial can know what is going on. He asked if Senate officers should be explicitly defined. He said he likes to move away from Senate versus Board, and asked for ideas. He asked how we can get others involved, to have more voices, not just two opposite groups. He suggested there could be at-large members, or the governance committee could be involved.

Jon said changes in the constitution affect others too.

Jono said it should be a joint process on who they want in the committee. He said it should not specify Senate officers; Senate should decide that.

Yutaka said he recommends the other body not be GPSS, since it should not be involved. **Mikhail** agreed that it should be within ASUW.

Hala said they could involve the Student Advisory Board, and other related groups could have a say.

Stephanie said **Jon's** point about commissions is valid. He said there could be 1-2 people elected from other ASUW director positions. She said there should be at least one Senate officer specifically.

Charles said we should definitely not assign an officer another job.

Hala said she is sensing that it should be left open to Senate to decide.

Jon and **Alex** said they agreed.

IX. Approval of Minutes

Melissa moved to approve minutes. *Seconded. Without objection.*

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:08 PM.