

Senate Steering Minutes
Date: October 30th, 2006
3:30 PM – HUB 204N

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Alex Gwozda

Chair's report

Hala said they would proceed, as **Mikhail** gets the agendas printed.

Hala said she said liaisons have a form to fill out and send back to **Hala**, and that these can be put on the Senate website. She said previously they have had agendas of the other meetings sent back, but that wasn't very helpful.

Mikhail said an opportunity came up to have one of the City of Seattle Councilmembers speak at Senate about the 520 bridge proposal.

Rene said she has heard he may speak a long time.

Hannah suggested giving him 15 minutes so he wouldn't go over half an hour.

Mikhail said **Erin** has a resolution also concerning 520, and Jon [Evans] was happy to postpone his presentation.

Alex said the online forum now requires UW NetID to view.

Charles said he has 19 committee referrals to go through tonight. He said he is working with **Josh** to have the membership updating organized better. He said probably it will not get updated for at least a quarter.

Approval of Steering Agenda

Hala invited motions to amend the Steering agenda.

Jono moved to add discussion of the ASUW Senate online forum under General Discussion

Erin entertained to add discussion of Committee Chairs under General Discussion.

Charles moved so. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Jono moved to approve the agenda. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Roll Call

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

Erin passed around a sheet of which Faculty or administration committees are requesting student members, for suggestions on what groups or email lists the information should be sent to.

Selma said she has to leave at about 4:15 and would like committee chair role discussion earlier.

Hala said they can move committee chair discussion sooner.

Jessica asked when we usually go until.

Hala said we try to keep it under an hour, but sometimes it goes until 5.

Jessica said she has work at 5.

Jono said he's in class until 4 or 4:30, depending how long his class goes.

Melissa said she is missing class now as well. She said **John Naughton**, the vice chair, could fill in for her.

Hala asked if anyone has class at 2:30

Steering members discussed more details of when people are available.

Hala said we have had steering on Friday before.

Hala asked people to send her a visual schedule including work, to help arrange for the most accommodation as possible. She said to please to bring them in at Senate.

Legislative Referrals

R-13-4

Hala said this time is for reading the legislation, and we can ask general questions, but our main job is to refer it to one of the committees.

Jono asked where government legislation is referred to for those things sent to Olympia.

Hala said there's not a specific committee for that.

Erin moved to send R-13-4 to FAA.

Erin said a That clause includes Washington Admin Codes and mentions of policies.

Rene said they are the codes that deal with alcohol, so regents have to look at it.

Jono said it's about what should happen on campus and therefore should go to campus affairs.

Jon Solomon asked what FAA stands for.

Jono said Faculty and Administrative Affairs.

Motion to send to FAA fails.

Jono moves to refer to Campus affairs. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Hala moved to do committee introductions and discussion at this point.

Committee Introductions

Jono said he's the chair for FAA and he's a poly sci major, junior.

Jon said he's the chair for Publicity and Outreach, and will probably major in communications.

Jessica said she's a sophomore and the chair for Academic Affairs, and wants to study English and Psychology.

Charles said he's a junior and a Journalism major.

Rene said she was Journalism and Political Science.

Melissa said she's a Junior in Communications and Comparative Literature, the chair of Off Campus Affairs.

Selma said she is studying Near Asian languages, is a sophomore, and is the chair for General Affairs Committee.

Stephanie said she's a Junior in Environmental Science and International Studies, and the chair for Campus Affairs.

Erin said she is on the Board of Directors as Director of FAAA.

Mikhail said he is a sophomore and studies International Studies and Economics.

Hala said she is Political Science and Near East Studies.

Legislative Referrals

R-13-5

Erin said it's lengthy. She said it's out of a Faculty Senate meeting, and she has the legislation they passed. She said last year we passed legislation against the arboretum onramp. She said we know a lot more about those specific impacts now. She said there was a draft environmental impact statement created. She reviewed THAT causes. She said they looked at the place with the greatest negative impact on the University community. She said she is excited to see what the speaker will say tomorrow, and she had invited other Faculty Council people.

Mikhail moved to put R-13-4 on the floor for 1st readings.

Jono asked what time the cutoff is in the day.

Erin said it just says Oct 31st.

Charles asked where the submission is for comments.

Erin said it's online, the Department of Transportation.

Hala said during this time people can ask questions. **Hala** said if Steering said it should go through committee first, and she said normally only emergencies justify 1st readings directly.

Jon said he is not sure how many people in Senate will know enough to feel they can make a position about it.

Hala said that could be an objection.

Jon agreed that he would raise it as an objection.

Mikhail said our by-laws said Steering can refer legislation to the floor. **Mikhail** said he sees no problem, because they get to ask questions. we can see if senators feel comfortable making a decision, they can move to 2nd readings. He said it's pretty thorough and well thought-out. He said it is time-sensitive.

Jono said it's already been through a process of winnowing as a nearly identical resolution in Faculty Senate.

Rene said we may want to pull up the related resolution from last year or give hard copies.

Jono asked if we can have those hard copies in committee.

Hala said that is a great idea.

Melissa asked **Erin** if it's similar to the one **Will Rasmussen** brought forward last year.

Erin said yes, and it is expanded especially with the draft environmental impact statement.

Melissa said the GPSS passed two resolutions as well about the issue. She said we may want to include that as well.

Charles said we should find out if it can really be done...

Mikhail said as far as he can tell as long as it's postmarked or submitted anytime on October 31st.

Charles entertained that it will be submitted.

Erin said yes, it will be forwarded as already stated in the THAT clause.

The motion to pass R-13-5 to floor passes, with informal agreement that copies be given to committees.

Erin said for legislative referrals normally the sponsor comes and talks to the committee.

Hala said we can move to start committee chair discussion.

Jono moved.

Selma said she can wait a bit if done now.

Hala said every Tuesday committee meetings are from 4:30-5pm, or maybe to 4:50 or 4:55 so they can be back up to HUB 310 by 5pm. She said **Charles** will have the lavender folder for you with placards, and it's important to take attendance. **Hala** said there must be a signed proxy form in order to fill in for another person. She said from now on a placard is necessary. **Hala** said they can have elections for vice chair next week if they don't already have one. The vice chair records amendments to legislation, but the chair is responsible for bringing amendments to Mikhail. **Hala** said also the amendments should go to Alex as well as Mikhail for everyone to see. **Hala** said the most important thing you can do in committee is answer questions, and you can invite

people like board members or the sponsor to talk more. Usually legislation is two weeks in committee.

Selma exits.

Hala said if there is no legislation in their committees, please bring up ideas for legislation and go over other current legislation. **Hala** suggested doing a brainstorming session. Another idea is to bring old legislation that went through their committee. **Hala** said often committee chairs may be called upon for extra help in Senate. **Hala** said she wanted minutes during committee meetings for anything significant, particularly motions. **Hala** said we'll figure out a binder system.

Stephanie said she is not sure of all motions, and is concerned she does not know what she can or cannot do in committee.

Hala said it's flexible in committees. She recommended to ask for motions. Seconds are required. She said if there's an objection, ask the person why.

Stephanie said she wasn't sure how to phrase the committee's recommendation.

Hala said for instance if R-13-5 goes to committee, then grammar must be motioned to fix. She said then there needs to be a vote for recommendation – favorable, unfavorable, or without recommendation.

Mikhail said the committee can table it, but not fail, and that tabled legislation remains forever.

Mikhail confirmed there is then a motion to refer to Senate favorably, unfavorably, or without recommendation.

Hala said there can be a majority and minority opinion prepared statements brought to the floor. **Hala** encouraged them to bring a copy for Alex.

Charles said legislation can only remain for 2 weeks, but can ask for 2 more weeks from steering. Without recommendation either favorable or unfavorable, it is considered tabled.

Mikhail said he'll try to make copies on those details from the by-laws.

Jessica asked if we can vote recommendations on the other legislations on the floor.

Hala said no, but encouraged writing down of amendments that may be brought up later.

Legislative Referrals

OA-13-3

Mikhail explained the OA procedure; the first week Steering moves to put it to Steering next week, or to table or fail. **Mikhail** said Steering cannot make a recommendation, instead there are Pro's and Con's that the Chair presents.

Alex asked for the terminology of the motion.

Mikhail said the phrase is "shall vote to further consider" the legislation.

Jono asked if an OA is allowed to address other organic acts.

Mikhail said it is appropriate.

Hala said she is not sure.

Mikhail said he knows of nothing against it.

Rene said it's just a whereas clause.

Melissa asked what a senate bill and senate order do.

Mikhail said Senate Orders are rare, to create and disband committees. He said the Senate Bill is a way to submit a Board of Directors bill. He said proposed Constitutional Amendments are included under that category.

Hala asked for SO clarification.

Mikhail said Senate has the power with an SO to create and disband committees.

Rene asked **Mikhail** to have the OA copy that is being referred to, and by-law info about OA procedure.

Charles added that Judicial reference should be printed as well.

Hala agreed.

Mikhail moved to table OA-13-2.

Charles asked for how long.

Mikhail said it tables indefinitely; he said that is the default by Sturgis if "table" is said..

Mikhail's motion not seconded.

Erin said an OA was referred to Judicial last week, and she entertained a motion to send this OA to judicial to get additional information.

Jono moved to refer to Judicial. *Seconded.*

Mikhail asked if this will be considered further next week.

Hala said yes.

Objection.

Jono said the judicial information is helpful, and allows time to talk with **Rod**.

Mikhail said he and **Laura Baird** considered it. He said Judicial only corrected grammar and made sure it goes with the constitution. He said making it a SO allows it to be passed in one meeting.

Hala asked if **Mikhail** could talk about why it should be passed or not rather than the content.

Mikhail said it is a worse version of R-13-2.

Hala asked if Judicial can rule on something.

Cullen said Judicial can give a recommendation.

Mikhail said **Laura** said she was very uncomfortable telling Senate how its bylaws and rules should be amended.

Rene said it would be nice for Steering to become more informed and consider it further, and it is not time-sensitive since elections are in May.

Erin said Judicial can make sure all the citations are accurate. She said Constitutional amendments go before all students. She said Judicial can help with further clarification, and to add that Judicial is explicitly requested to mention merits of each type of legislation.

Mikhail said SO's are a procedural motion that only go to Senate for one day. He said Senate OA's go through Steering, which then refers the OA to itself, and then Senate gets a 1st reading. Then 2nd readings include generation of Pro's and Con's. Mikhail said Judicial was uncomfortable making any recommendations. Mikhail said whether it fits with the Constitution or not, it is a bad resolution, so he would not bother judicial with it.

Charles said he partially agrees. He said we are talking about OA-13-3. He said SO's are abrupt. But he said OA's should only affect Senate and its bylaws. Charles asked if Senate should create a new legislative category.

Hala asked how much we want to do in Steering versus with other ASUW directors and senators. She asked if we want to close it off today or explore options.

Erin moved to close debate. *Seconded. Objection. Passed.*

Motion to refer to judicial passes.

Hala said all the info will be given to committee chairs -- the copy of the OA referred to, the by-laws, and the judicial recommendations.

Charles moved to ask Judicial to make a recommendation. *Seconded. Objection.*

Charles said Judicial shouldn't be uncomfortable, as we are uncomfortable ourselves, and we can hear their opinion. He said we don't have to go with their recommendation.

Mikhail said it is ridiculous to ask Judicial about recommendation to Senate by-laws and rules, because Senate needs to stay independent of the rest of the association. **Mikhail** said Judicial refers to Board of Directors, and Senate has its own by-laws and own rules. He said it was great that Judicial fixed errors.

Rene said Senate is not totally independent. **Rene** said for instance that if Judicial recommends to add a THAT clause, we can consider it. She said that Judicial recommendations go to the board eventually anyway. She wants everyone to see all the information, and not just go by interpretations based on limited knowledge.

Jon said he does not fully understand what is going on with this. He said he would appreciate time to look it over.

Alex asked if we're still on the motion on whether or not Judicial should make a recommendation.

Melissa said there is no Judicial committee for Senate.

Mikhail said we're asking Judicial to say whether or not it's beneficial to us. He said the chair of Judicial was uncomfortable and did not consider it Judicial's place.

Cullen asked about precedent.

Mikhail said **Laura** said it was the first time ever.

Rene said she thought it's only new for this year.

Hala said it is within our ability as elected officers to consider it wholly ourselves. She says she does not think judicial needs to influence us, as Senate independently decides the final decision. She said Senate can communicate with ASUW.

Jono moved to close debate. *Second. No objection.*

Motion to get recommendation from judicial passes.

Hala asked when judicial meets.

Jon said Friday at 1:30.

Rene said it is in the board room.

Erin said we have a Senate liaison to judicial.

Hala said that is Travis Grandy.

Jono moved to table for two weeks pending Judicial's recommendation.

Mikhail said rules say steering may neither table nor fail an OA that has not been motioned for reconsideration.

Charles said the motion to refer to Judicial was unclear.

Hala agreed.

Mikhail said the first meeting there had to be a vote to consider again.

Charles asked if can indeed table in the first reading.

Mikhail read aloud the relevant rules.

Jono asked if that meant it were possible to suspend rules and table for further consider later.

Hala said yes.

Jono entertains suspending rules and tabling OA-13-2 for one week pending returning of R-13-3 from judicial.

Melissa moved to suspend rules and table OA-13-2 for one week pending returning of R-13-3 from judicial.

Jono said they need to be considered in conjunction. **Jono** said looking at them independently does not make sense.

Charles said if we do this then next week would be second readings for both, and that we would have to make Pro's and Con's of both.

Mikhail said we would have to make them go to the floor.

Hala confirmed.

Motion to suspend rules and table for one week pending response of judicial passed.

Committee Appointments

Charles said AA has 14. Campus has 12. FAA has 12. General has 11. Membership has 8. Off Campus has 8. Publicity and Outreach has 12.

Jono asked if there were still 19 appointments left.

Charles said yes, and he broke them down by constituency.

Charles began listing off recommendations:
Andrew van Winkle –RHSA at large - off campus
Jon Stevens, commuter 13 – of campus
Sameer Kanal – commuter 14 – off campus

Jono asked how this whole process is done.

Charles said he did it by rankings and numbers of committees.

Charles said he's not trying to make constituency a big factor.

Hala asked if all recommendations can be read through and then voted on later.

Jono asked **Charles** what we're doing right now.

Charles said every time he gets an application, they rank the committees they'd like to be on. He said then he inputs info minus committees requested, then he looks at the numbers in each committee, and tries to satisfy people as much as possible. **Charles** said now we are approving assignment of committees.

Melissa asked if they can be read off by committees.

Charles agreed.

Academic affairs (1)
Tri Le - IFC 19 - Kappa Alpha Order

Campus affairs (3)
Corey Allen - IFC 18 Phi Kappa Tau
Suryn Longbottom - Chi Sigma Alpha

Sabrina Fields - MEChA

FAA (4)

Michelle Chan(?) - Commuter 17

Ashley Tiedeman - Commuter 19

Reece Johnston - Libertarians at UW

Laura Nicol - Young Democrats

Gen Affairs (5)

Inigo Esteban - Commuter 15

Dan Garland - IFC 17 Phi Kappa Tau

Selma Dillsi - Amnesty international

Rod Palmquist - Ruckus Student Action Network

Andrew Omahen – UW Catholic Community Center

Membership (0)

Off campus (5)

Andrew van Winkle - RHSA At-Large

John Stevens - Commuter 13

Sameer Kanal - Commuter 14

Jon Naughton - Commuter 16

Amy Pac - Korean Student Association

Publicity and Outreach (1)

Genani Sivaloganathan – SASA

Jono asked if we're to move the appointments now.

Hala said yes, Steering approves all appointments.

Cullen moved to have all appointed. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Charles read off updated committee totals:

AA has 15

Campus has 15

FaA has 16

Gen Affairs has 16

Membership has 8

Off campus has 13

Publicity and Outreach has 13

Approval of Senate Agenda

Hala entertained a motion to add 4:30 start time for committee meetings.

Melissa moved. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Jono moved to add 15 min for forum, 15 min for Q & A.

Hala said she would like to see a shorter time.

Charles moved to allot 20 minutes total for public forum for **Conlin**.

Seconded.

Erin said we can send him copy of legislation we'll be considering.

No objection.

Motion to allot 20 minutes total for public forum passes.

Melissa moved to change **Conlin's** name to full his title and correct the name's spelling.

Seconded. Passed without objection.

Jono moved to remove C under old business. *Second. No objection.*

Erin asked about R-13-5.

Hala said there should be New Business added.

Charles said New should come after Old business. He said he would like to see R-13-5 on the forefront since it is more time-sensitive.

Melissa moved to have New Business as B, and change old business to C. *Seconded.*

Passed without objection.

Charles clarified R-13-2 was on first readings this week since it was tabled, and should go under new business.

Charles moved to place R-13-5 under New Business and R-13-2 to b) under New Business. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Erin asked **Cullen** about time-sensitivity of Husky Promise.

Cullen said LSC meets 7pm on Tuesdays, so Husky Promise may need to be up first.

Erin said R-13-5 may be a lengthy discussion.

Erin said it may be moved to second readings, and prevent getting to R-13-2.

Jon moved to switch B and C under Order of the Day to have old business before new business. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Melissa asked about GPSS report.

Jono moved to add item IX, GPSS report, before Orders of the Day. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Erin moved to approve the agenda. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

Hala said she will clean it up and send it out to Senate tonight.

General Discussion

Forum Discussion

Charles said he talked with **Alex Kim** and **Travis McCoy**, asking if it should be just for Senators or people with UW NetID. They decided to give transparency. **Charles** said he liked it open. He said he liked outside checks and influence since we are a community, not an ivory tower. He said he does realize the necessity for password protection, and in fact proposed it. He said perhaps you should not need a UW Net ID to read it.

Jono said he agrees with **Charles** that there should be a UW NetID needed to post, but to be able to view without. He said he worked in Undergraduate Affairs and Deans received letters about Senate, so they care what we do. **Jono** said people should be able to go read what we're saying.

Stephanie said she agrees that it's important that people can see what we're doing. She said they can make senators aware that others are watching and can be criticizing.

Jon said he doesn't know exactly what is being referenced by Stephanie.

Jono explained the history of Boyington.

Rene asked research if it's possible to view without UW NetID. She said to contact the SAO office computer expert, Steve Railsback.

Charles said if we can have it open, he would like that.

Melissa asked what happens to graduated students.

Charles said they cannot access the forum without a UW NetID, but forum accounts are still active.

Melissa argued against the comment that outside posters did not give good feedback – for instance comments by military men were essential to Bryce's resolution development.

Hala asked for more suggestions.

Erin asked committee chairs to ask committees what they think, and tell them what happened last year.

Charles asked if we can have regular proxy chairs.

Hala said they will look that up.

Jono asked about the fullness of the 2nd lounge.

Melissa said there could easily be another committee in 310.

Stephanie said there weren't enough chairs, for instance.

Melissa said last year three committees met in 2nd floor lobby as well.

Hala said campus affairs would be moved to 1st floors, and would include that in the email.

Approval of Minutes

Erin moved to approve Senate minutes as amended. *Seconded. No objection.*

Hala moved to approve Steering minutes as amended. *Seconded. No objection.*

Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:04.