

Senate Steering Minutes
Date: November 27th, 2006
3:30PM – HUB 204N

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 3:33 PM.

Hala Dillsi – present
Mikhail Smirnov – .present
Charles Cadwallader -.present
Alex Gwozda-. present
Sam Al-Khoury -. present
Erin Shields - present
Rene Singleton – . present
Cullen White –. present
Jessica Kang -. present
Jono Hanks – . present
Stephanie Adler – late (3:45)
Melissa Aar – absent
Selma Dillsi – present
Jon Solomon – present

II. Approval of Steering Agenda

Hala entertained to approve the agenda.

Moved. Seconded. Passed.

III. Chair's Report

Hala said that she wanted all students to tell each other that everyone is invited to the Legislative Agenda discussions. She said to encourage senators who only talk in committees to speak up on the floor as well. She said at about 4:50 committees should be wrapping up, so that Senate can start by 5:05 PM at the latest. She said there was a really good first readings discussion last week.

IV. Officer's Reports

Mikhail said again that he would serve as intermediary for legislative agenda amendments. Thursday's 8:30 AM for the Medal of Honor Taskforce.

Cullen said he submitted a resolution this morning, and he said **Eric Godfrey** will probably come in the winter.

Mikhail said he emailed **Ed Taylor** and **Sheila Lange**.

Hala asked if they can get at least **Eric Godfrey** confirmed by the end of the quarter.

Cullen said that would be no problem, and he just needs a date.

Alex said a couple of committee chairs should post on the online forum a brief introduction.

Jon Solomon said he tried but it said his forum account was invalid.

Alex said he'll look at that as soon as possible, and is catching up on the five sets of minutes that had been approved late.

Charles said to remind committee chairs to get proxies to **Charles** before the beginning of the meeting. He said he and **Mikhail** are having lists in advance of who they will accept as holding two placards. He said they can proxy as many times as they want to. **Charles** said the Membership committee is working on Senate 101 [New Senator Orientation], to break it down on a two-week period, 20-30 minutes each week. He said there would be mock legislation, since many would not have gone through the cake resolution. He said next quarter we'll have the Senate Handbook.

Jono asked about people joining in the second week.

Charles said that each week would be independent of the other. He said senators would still have to do both parts, but it doesn't matter in which order they are completed.

Sam asked about proxying as much as a person likes.

Charles said the by-laws are open to interpretation. He said proxies don't count as absences, so he will count it as excused with proxy.

Hala said only liaisons are supposed to be in Senate without proxy.

Charles said it was easier to have one form filled out for each week, even if they're all given to him at once.

Hala said she left out that it should be encouraged in committee to use the online forum. She also asked for people's schedules for next quarter, hopefully by this Friday. She said Monday she will set up the next quarter's Steering meeting. She said the first meeting would probably be the Friday coming back from winter break, January 5th.

V. Legislative Referral

R-13-8: A Resolution of the Student Conduct Code

Jono moved to refer to FAA. *Not seconded.*

Sam moved to refer to Campus Affairs. *Seconded. Stephanie objected.*

Stephanie said it could deal more directly with Off Campus Affairs. *Sam withdrew.*

Selma moved to refer to Off Campus Affairs. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Hala entertained a motion to add a new Section A under Orders of the Day to nominate an Off Campus Housing Affairs Reform Taskforce liaison.

Sam moved to remove time limit from Board of Directors report. *Seconded. Erin objected.*

Sam said last week the response was that there's a certain trust for elected officers. He said if it's felt that reports are wasting time or are too long, people should talk to them.

Erin asked if that holds true for GPSS as well.

Sam said rarely there is a consistent GPSS report.

Erin said it gives Senate a timed goal. She said Board of Director's report is a bit different from the president and chair reports. She said they could put the information up on the projector, or something to get them more engaged in those five minutes. She said for additional time they can move to extend the report.

Mikhail moved to close debate. *Not seconded.*

Sam said we don't need it on the overhead, but we can talk about that afterwards. He said it would be a hassle to go through parliamentary procedure to extend the time.

Hala said she put the limit on because of the Legislative Agenda. She said it should be something talked about before Senate so that we're all aware of expectations for the Board report.

Jon said if there should be discussion about what they will say, they will respect Senate's time.

Mikhail said the motion was brought up to limit chair's time, and the argument in Senate was that we should trust our elected chair. He said we should trust board members as well.

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

Motion passes.

Jon moved to strike time limit on GPSS report. *Seconded. Selma objected.*

Jon said it would be strange to have the one time limit on the agenda.

Selma withdrew her objection.

Charles objected. He said it would be great if **Melissa Aar** could give a regular report, but it's like an outsider coming in, like a public forum.

Erin said she thinks it doesn't send a good message to GPSS to only have theirs with a time limit. She encouraged Senate to get their GPSS liaison in.

Sam moved to close debate. Seconded. Without objection.

Motion passes to strike the GPSS time limit.

Jono moved to switch items B and C under New Business. *Seconded. Objection.*

Jono said the R-13-2 on second readings should be cleared.

Charles said if we get through Legislative Agenda, he would like to have 1st readings so that later they would always have second readings available. He said he liked to get New Business done first.

Erin asked why the LD was under Unfinished Business.

Hala said she organized it like that so Legislative Agenda would get started first. She said technically it could be classified as Old Business, which she would do if it were any other type of legislation.

Mikhail said in old agendas the Old Business was always before New Business, so that business gets resolved.

Hala said we have been doing it with Old Business first, whereas in Senate Rules the New Business is before Old. She said it's up to us to decide. She said she liked to see that there is always unfinished business to give Senate that flexibility.

Mikhail said the rules on organization of meetings say that it would be the order unless overridden by Steering, but last year Steering had that problem and decided that resolutions were not getting through Senate for over a quarter under that method.

Sam moved to close debate. Mikhail seconded.

Motion passes to switch B and C.

Charles moved to place LD-13-1 as letter 'a' under Old Business, striking Unfinished Business, and relettering accordingly. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Erin asked if it's normally a letter.

Hala said the rules said it's supposed to be a letter.

Doug moved to approve the agenda. *Stephanie seconded. Mikhail objected.*

Mikhail moved to strike Request for Information. *Objection.*

Stephanie moved to approve the agenda.

VI. Committee Chair Appointments

Selma said that **Kelsey Mussman** was told one committee, but it was different in the minutes.

Charles said they're focusing on people who are coming. **Charles** said she didn't show up.

Alexander Lark	to MEM
Claire "Nataly" Bankson	to FAA
Timothy Shigeta	to GAC
Nick Martinovic	to OCAC
Tim Hao Li	to CAC
Chanel Chen	to GAC

Charles moved to approve the committee appointments. *Seconded. Without objection.*

General Discussion

Stephanie asked if her vice chair needs to be her proxy.

Hala said yes, her vice chair should come.

Alex said he emailed Bryce for a Word copy of the 2007 Legislative Agenda Draft for the website.

Erin said the board was trying to figure out what to do to submit it as an official legislation.

Rene said with the new process the document should have both senate numbers and BoD numbers.

IX. Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed aloud significant changes to minutes.

Hala moved to approve Senate meeting minutes as amended. *Seconded. Without objection.*

Hala said Thursday they can usually get minutes from the Senate desk, to look at minutes before Steering.

Mikhail moved that Senate 101 have a footnote that says it refers to New Senate Orientation as described in by-laws. **Jono** *seconded.*

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:30 PM.