



Associated Students of the University of Washington

Senate Floor Minutes | Senate Session XXXI

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CALL TO ORDER

5:02 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Erick Jacobsen reads the following statement: The ASUW Student Senate acknowledges the Indigenous peoples of this land, and the land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot nations, and the Duwamish peoples, whose land our university currently occupies. It is our role and responsibility as guests to understand how our impact entangles the caretakers.

APPROVAL OF SENATE AGENDA

Ishaani Purang moves to take R-31-26 off the table.

Erick Jacobsen: This is the condemnation of the College of Art and Sciences and Dean Harris. Can we get that up on the screen, please?

Wesley Andrus: I thought this was tabled last time.

Erick Jacobsen: It was.

Wesley Andrus: I thought it was indefinite.

Erick Jacobsen: You can make a motion to undo that. Otherwise, if it's tabled for a set of time, that once that time passes, it gets back on the agenda, but if it's tabled indefinitely, you need a motion.

Jenna Miller seconds

Aiden Reeder objects

Ishaani Purang: I made this motion after discussing with the authors of the bill if there was a way to try and veto override this first or a way to go through with the bill and try and push that forward so I'm going through with the authors intentions.

Aiden Reeder: I'm curious as to what truly are the author's intentions because we did take this off because we couldn't adjust this correct by, because it was veto override. Sorry, it would have to have a veto override, is that we didn't really make any adjustments to it. We just have to vote on it again. So, because I believe the reason that we could make adjustments, and there's now outdated information and whatnot, that's why we took it off the table in the first place, so I'm a little uncertain

as to nothing has changed, at least from what I've seen, so I just would like to see if that could be answered, perhaps.

Erick Jacobsen: We are now in a period of open debate on whether or not to add R-31-26 resolution condemning the College of Arts and Sciences and Dean Harris to the agenda. This is a veto override, which means that we would need a three fourth majority to pass it, and we cannot amend it. Are there any questions, comments, or motions?

Dylan Bianchi: Yeah, I'd like to concur with Aiden. Because we can't name the substantial changes that are necessary for this bill to get it passed, we should just move on from it. If the sponsors are going to rework it privately and submit a new bill, that may be the best route forward.

Dylan Bianchi moves to previous question

Naomi Law seconds

Approved by raised hand vote.

Erick Jacobsen: With that the motion passes and we will vote on the original motion to add R-31-26 back to the agenda.

Motion fails R-31-26 remains tabled indefinitely

Pierce Wallbaum moves to table R-31-31 until the first week of winter quarter.

Dylan Bianchi seconds

Naomi Law objects

Pierce Wallbaum: I'm moving to table this bill because I'm speaking on behalf of the author of this bill who is unable to attend Senate meetings this quarter. And the bill might have a lot of language that needs to be explained.

Naomi Law rescinds objections

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other objections to this motion?

Approved by raised hand vote

Erick Jacobsen: Do I hear any other motions? I'll go to Pierce.

Pierce Wallbaum moves to table R-31-25 for one week

Jayden Kim seconds

Aiden Reeder objects

Pierce Wallbaum: This bill was written with last year's Hall Council, and I know that some members are still working to be in Senate, and we would like more time to go over this before it's presented again to the court.

Erick Jacobsen: To add to this, there were there was a discrepancy where some of the sponsors had a copy of the bill that was not available to leadership or the public. And so there is some discrepancies in that amendments that were made. I'll go to the objector.

Aiden Reeder: I just wanted clarification as to why people were doing things.

Aiden Reeder rescinds objection

Approved by raised hand vote. R-31-25 tabled for one week.

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve the agenda

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valeria Perez Leyva: Hello everyone, my name is Valeria Perez Leyva and I serve as this year's Director of Diversity Efforts for the ASUW Board of Directors.

Pavandeep Josan: My name is Pavandeep Josan and I serve as the Vice President of Faculty and Inclusion at the Graduate Student Senate.

Valeria Perez Leyva: Today, we're here to talk to you a little bit about the Diversity Leadership Conference. It's a conference that's hosted by the ECC annually, and this year is actually about to be their 13th annual conference. And specifically this year, we think that this. Conference should be platformed by ASUW because as you guys know, diversity is being attacked on a federal level and we really wanted the central focus of this conference to be about student issues and what issues people are facing. So first let me talk to you about about what the conference is about and then we can talk to you about how you guys can get involved. But basically, it's a three and a half day event that basically helps students strengthen the leadership skills, enhance cultural awareness, um, engage in activism and social justice dialogue. And anyone that goes to UW can attend, including faculty, alumni, and even community members. And during this conference, you basically participate in workshops, and these workshops are meant to educate you and also guide you into how you can advocate after the conference. So some of the past topics from these workshops include leading with authenticity, healing through art, vanishing bias and unpacking imposter syndrome. And then some of the focus areas also include leadership, mental health, cultural justice and career readiness. At the end of the conference, there's like a big networking dinner to where you can network with workshop leaders as well as like conference hosts as well. And we think it's just a very good opportunity for our student leaders such as you guys to host these workshops and also participate so we can all be educated on what's going on federally within diversity, but Pavan will tell you a little bit more about how you guys can get involved and how you guys can participate in these workshop.

Pavandeep Josan: So Valeria's kind of explained what the Diversity Leadership Conference is and I just want to say kind of this is where we need you. So we really want to get student voices and the ECC as well. It's really interesting getting student voices involved in like setting up what workshops would they like to see, what works up should the ECC go out to and community members to Commission based on what you say are your kind of key concerns with the state of DEI and DEI related issues right now. So you can see on the screen there are a couple of QR codes. So one of them is a QR code to register for the DLC. So if you're interested in attending either as just an attendee. Or as a kind of if you want to put a workshop together, it will be more involved as well in the planning process. You can fill in that interest form and that will go to the ECC for them to see.

But then also there's another QR code on there which links to a word cloud that Valeria and I'd ask you if you can. Now and also in the next seven days, because that's some of you are looking for, please fill in that word cloud, put in your kind of any DEI related issues that are concerning to you right now because that will give Valeria and I a very good kind of space to go to the ECC and say to them, this is what students want to see. There's a lot of kind of student communities really interested in. And that's how we can build kind of workshops that really represent what you all want to see. Yeah. Thanks everyone.

Reea Dureja: Hello, I'm Reea I'm the EEC outreach cochair.

Brandon Elliott: Hello, I'm Brandon I'm the Director of Legislative Affairs.

Reea Dureja: So we just wanted to talk more about the Elections Forum that Erick so kindly talked about. It's going to be on October 30th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM. We have Bruce Harrell and Katie Wilson confirmed. So we're going to ask some questions. There's all the time to network and you can also use the link and just to kind of get more involved in the elections in the area. There's also going to be catered food just so you can mingle and get more involved.

Brandon Elliott: And then we'll be also distributing some Secretary of State merchandise and onboarding pamphlets at this event as well and there will also be an opportunity to register voters. And then pending right now too. I have reached out to the King County Executive, King County Executive candidates and they're potentially going to send some surrogates to speak on behalf of candidates. So we'll see at that. We have the Mayor, Katie Wilson and Bruce Harell come.

Reea Dureja: And the spots are limited so if you RSVP soon, you have a better chance of getting in. Thank you so much.

Brandon Elliott: And then separately, I work in the Office of Government Relations, which is the lobbying part for student government. We do two main events throughout the year, our Legislative Reception that's coming up November 19th from 6:00 to 8:30. I highly encourage all of you guys to follow the Instagram of OGR because we will be publishing that event shortly. And then another thing is we are also charged with designing the lobbying priorities for the entirety of the student government. And that means that it first comes to me. I did a bunch of research over the summer ok legislators, stakeholders, and after that it goes to a committee that has its first meeting tomorrow. It's called the Legislative Steering Committee. It's comprised of 11 voting members of the Board of Directors, Senate just confirmed their representative, JCC, and then we'll be editing this document and then November 4th, we'll be here and you guys will get a chance to edit this document before it goes to the Board of Directors. And then attached here is a form I've been using to solicit more student input in the agenda to guide some more of our committee conversations. Before Leg Agenda hits Senate, I highly encourage each and every senator to scan this QR code and then rank some of the priorities of my research. You can suggest new priorities, but I also include the priorities for my research where you can give it a ranking of one to five for how important you think it is we lobby on, and that includes a cluster of things but by no means is that official student opinion it doesn't become that until you guys vote on it. So yeah, that's all. I'll definitely be back and there'll be plenty of opportunities for you guys to get involved with our office's efforts throughout the year, and we hope to see you.

Mei Mei Boghossian: Hi everyone my name is Mei Mei I'm the co-president of an RSO called Huskies for Liberty. We're an RSO promoting free speech, individual rights, civil discourse, values that are very similar to Senate. So if that interests you at all, consider joining the club. But what I'm

here for is to plug an event that we're hosting. I have a little flyer here. It's called Truth, Tolerance and the Crisis of Conversation with Peter Bogosian. It's we're hosting a guest speaker. It's going to be a free talk and Q&A. Anyone associated with UW is welcome. So if you're a student, staff or faculty member. The event is on October 30th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Hub. It's a Thursday, I think. Yeah, anyone's welcome. And also consider joining the club if that interests you at all. We meet on Thursdays in the HUB right after this. You can follow our Instagram Huskies for Liberty. Or follow me out the door. I gotta run there immediately after this meeting. Thanks guys.

Dylan Bianchi: Hi everyone, my name is Dylan. I'll note that Huskies for Housing currently has a clothing donation bin in the front of the ASUW office. It's right in front of the desk. You can see it from the door and in that bin you can donate clothing, hygienic products or menstrual products. All hygienic investor products we donate to the UW Food Pantry and clothing will either be donated to local homeless folks directly or we'll be using it as using it in a fundraiser for 10C3, which is a local organized encampment. So if you have clothes you're looking to get rid of or you just want to make a nice donation. Highly recommended, very accessible in the office. And if you're interested in advocacy and activism on housing and homelessness issues, you should look at the Huskies for Housing. We have a meeting tomorrow at, yes, 6:00 PM in Savery 155.

Jenna Miller: Hi everyone I'm Jenna I'm one of the codirectors for the Queer Student Commission and we currently have our intern application still out and ready. They have three days until they close so I will have a flier with a QR code that you can scan if you are interested. You can also go to our Instagram at ASUWQSC. We would love to have more applicants.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Erick Jacobsen: First up, we have our Student Technology Fee Committee. The question is the STF Committee handles and budgets about \$3 million per year in student fees. What experience do you have with finance management and what technological projects or programs would you advocate for funding? They meet every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 in Hub 303 and you would be compensated \$1000 per quarter proportional to your attendance. We will begin with the nomination period, but we will be having elections today. Are there any nominations? Any senator may nominate themselves or someone else.

Parker Holmes nominates himself

Abir Lal nominates himself

Julia Tanner: When you nominate yourself can you hold up your placard for approximately like 30 seconds?

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations? It's a two hour meeting for each week and you get \$1000 per quarter. Come on, come on, money. Are there any nominations? Seeing none, would the nominees please come forward? You will have 15 seconds to introduce yourself, 30 seconds to answer the question, and 15 seconds for a conclusion. I will get up a timer now. Let me start with Brian.

Brian Kim: Hello everyone, I'm Brian I have been the STF liaison for the past several years and I'm also a student veteran.

Jayden Kim: Hello, everyone. I'm Jayden and I'm a first year here at the University of Washington. And I just want to say that I feel like, yeah, I'm Jayden.

Kira McKey: Hello everyone. My name is Kira McKey. I am a junior who just transferred here from Bellevue College and I'm studying economics and environmental science.

Parker Holmes: Hi there. My name is Parker Holmes. I'm a second year studying geography.

Abir Lal: Hi everyone, I'm Abir. I'm a sophomore studying electrical and computer engineering and I hope you all vote for me.

Erick Jacobsen: Please stay up here. We will be going in reverse order for answering the question. You will have 30 seconds. Would you like me to repeat the question? Question is the STF committee handles and budgets about \$3 million per year in student fees. What experience do you have with finance management and what technological projects or programs would you like to advocate for funding? You have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Abir Lal: So my experience stems mostly from my role as an officer for the IEEE Chapter of UW. As officer, I help manage funds for the events that we host, which usually budgets extend to thousands or 10s of thousands of dollars. So I have experience with financial management. As an international student with ECE, I've also had experience with the Student Technology Fund with like clubs like Husky Flying Club. So yeah, that's where I would want to allocate funds.

Erick Jacobsen: That is time. Moving backwards to Parker, you have 30 seconds. Would you like me to repeat the question?

Parker Holmes: Yes.

Erick Jacobsen: Question is the STF committee handles and budgets are about \$3 million per year in student fees. What experience do you have with finance management and what technological projects or programs would you advocate for funding? You have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Parker Holmes: All right. I worked on a small cabinetry production company that had multiple millions of dollars in assets and machinery. I'm really interested in scaling that up to a student role and I'm actually running because multiple my constituents asked that we start trying to introduce the idea of building an advanced computing lab that's accessible to all students after hours with discrete GPUs for computer science things like geography.

Erick Jacobsen: That is time. Thank you. Moving on to Kira, would you like me to repeat the question?

Kira McKey: No, thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: You have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Kira McKey: I spent last year serving as a member of the Students and Activities Committee for Bellevue College, where I was in charge of reading through over \$10 million in fund requests and then creating and allocating a five and a half million dollar budget for the 25-26 fiscal year. As your student tech liaison, I would work hard to communicate clearly and make your tech dreams come true while prioritizing the maximization of impact for the STC Fund.

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to Jayden, would you like me to repeat the question? Question is the STF committee handles and budgets about \$3,000,000 per year in student fees. What experience do

you have with finance management and what technological projects or programs would you advocate for funding? You have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Jayden Kim: I have spent last year on on a project where I had to distribute funds and communicate with different groups of people on organizing the amounts of funds that they can use. I would as a STF liaison, I would advocate funding student research and opportunities that would benefit students. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you. Moving back to Brian, would you like me to repeat the question? You have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Brian Kim: I have extensive experience with financial management through my experience as a Senate liaison for STF in the years past. Once elected, I hope to continue funding research proposals and projects that are geared towards bettering student life. One example of this was a proposal brought to STF by a mixed graduate and undergraduate students who wanted to test lead concentration within the water fountains at a UW academic facility. By doing this, they were able to collect sufficient data to bring to academic officials about upgrading existing water fountains to ensure universal access to clean drinking water.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you, Brian. Please stay up here. You will have 15 seconds for closing remarks whenever you're ready.

Biran Kim: Some of the critical aspects of succeeding in this role is attention to detail and stellar time management, which is something I've become proudly proficient in thanks to both my other service and time in STF so I hope you vote for me.

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on back to Jayden. You have 15 seconds for closing remarks whenever you're ready.

Jayden Kim: Being STF liaison would help me make more impact for both the Senate and for my constituents and I hope you all would help me in that endeavor.

Erick Jacobsen: Alright you have 15 seconds for closing remarks whenever you're ready.

Kira McKey: A vote for me would be a vote for fiscal responsibility, productivity, action, and transparent dialogue. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your vote. I look forward to serving as your Student Tech liaison.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you, Kira. Moving on to Parker, you have 15 seconds for closing remarks whenever you're ready

Parker Holmes: I'm here specifically for the needs of people who came and talked to me about their project.

Erick Jacobsen: Alright Abir you have 15 seconds for closing remarks whenever you're ready.

Abir Lal: If you vote for me, you're voting for a candidate with experience managing funds and know-how of the technical aspects of the road.

Erick Jacobsen: Let's give a round of applause for our nominees. We're almost ready for the voting form please take a seat. The way we vote is through instant runoff voting, which basically means that you get to rank the candidates in order of preference. Once we have the link ready, you will be able to vote and then rank as many or as few candidates as you'd like. If there's no candidate with a

majority, the votes from the least voted candidate will be redistributed to the second choice and so on.

Joseph Riggio: Hi, sorry. If you go to the Linktree page, the ASUW Linktree page found in the agenda, it's in the voting and records meeting link. Go through that, go to the election one. It's gonna be a Husky link. It should work. Hopefully. Can someone raise their hand and tell me if they got it? Colin, thank you so much. OK, I'm not going crazy.

Drumroll commences.

Kira McKey elected STF liaison

Erick Jacobsen:

Moving on to the Joint Commissions Committee Liaison Nominations and Elections. The Joint Commissions Committee brings together ASUW's 9 diversity commissions and four advocacy programs. What does diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging mean to you? And how would you utilize your experiences to facilitate communication? Between the Senate and the JCC, meetings are Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 in Thompson 224, I believe. 234 Thank you, Jenna. Are there any nominations? I would recommend if we do not have any nominations because our current nominee Abby is unable to be here today. If someone would like to make a motion to suspend the rules and postpone elections for a week, you may but. Any nominations or motions?

Isac Pasco moves to suspend the rules and postpone election

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved by raised hand vote.

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the Students Sustainability Council nominations and elections. The Student Sustainability Council is an ASUW committee that meets on sustainability issues on campus. It is chaired by our Director of Campus Partnerships Audriana Scott. Are there any nominations? I'll go to Ishaan.

Ishaan Verma nominates himself

Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nomination period has closed. Would Levi, Spencer and Ishaan like to come up here? Is Levi here? OK unfortunately, Levi is not eligible to be a candidate, in which case. So we only have two candidates, Spencer and Shawn. You will have 15 seconds. You'll have 15 seconds for introductions, 30 seconds to answer the question, and 15 seconds for closing remarks. We'll begin with Spencer for introductions. Whenever you're ready.

Spencer Grubbs: Hi, I'm Spencer. I'm a second year poli sci and public policy student, and I I'm currently representing WashPIRG, which is a student activist group on campus that has multiple environmentally focused campaigns. And I went with them last February to to lead

Erick Jacobsen: that is your time. I'm so sorry. Moving on to Ishaan. You have 15 seconds for introductions whenever you're ready.

Ishaan Verma: Hi everyone. I'm a second year in environmental science and Poli Sci. It's my second year in Senate representing Institutional Climate Action. We're an RSO dedicated to precisely that. I've spoke at rallies, done a bunch of different things to help climate policy at UW.

Erick Jacobsen: Please stay up here. Would you like me to repeat the question? The question is what is 1 sustainability project or policy that you have seen on campus and what is one way it works well and one way in which it can be improved? You have 30 seconds whenever you're ready.

Ishaan Verma: Yeah, so for this I really wanted to focus on transportation. After the COVID pandemic, we introduced the UPASS system, which helped college students like get access to transportation and we dropped our like ride alone rate down to 13%, which is unheard of in colleges across the country. That being said after the COVID pandemic, we've been seeing that ride alone rate go back up. So I'd really love to see the University reach out to the Kings County Metro Council and then kind of expand bus rates and hours and things like that.

Erick Jacobsen: That is your time sorry Moving on to Spencer, you have 30 seconds. Would you like me to repeat the question?

Spencer Grubbs: No, thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Whenever you're ready.

Spencer Grubbs: OK, so the policy that I was focusing on is actually, there's an example of it in this room, the three kinds of trash cans. For me, I work for HFS as well. And so part of that responsibility is taking out the trash. And so I think it works very well at diverting a lot of waste from landfills into compost and recycling. But what it could do better is I feel like there could be better information available to the students about what exactly can go where. Because when I am taking out the trash, I often confuse myself about whether something is clean enough to go in recycling or whether more things could be going into the compost. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Oh, sorry. Please stay up here for closing remarks. You have 15 seconds whenever you're ready

Spencer Grubbs: thank you so much for listening to me I hope that you guys vote for me.

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to Ishaan you have 15 seconds for closing remarks whenever you're ready.

Ishaan Verma: Thanks y'all for listening. A vote for me is a vote for a little bit of experience in climate and sustainability. And I'm trying to work for a future for UW that's more sustainable and better for all of you.

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you both. Round of applause for our candidates. You may sit down. The voting form is now up. It is in the same place in Husky Link and it's linked on our Linktree. That was a really good question from Sam. These liaison positions are a year long commitment, unless or until someone resigns or if they graduate, in which case we will have to elect someone else. But for the most part that never happens, so it will be a yearlong commitment. Although the meetings for this committee do not start up until winter.

Drumroll commences.

Ishaan Verma elected Student Sustainability Council Liaison

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on now to the Judicial Committee liaison. This was not on the agenda last week, but it is important that we get a representative elected. So we decided to skip the one week of nominations and then one week of elections. So we are doing nominations and elections today. Meetings for the Judicial Committee are on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 in Hub 303. Our question is

what motivates you to join the Judicial Committee and how would your perspective contribute to maintaining accountability and integrity within the student government? Are there any nominations?

Tessa Raith nominates herself

Erick Jacobsen: Guess what? This is also paid, but only for a small amount of time. The Judicial Committee does hear election complaints at the end of the year when ASUW general elections happen. Dylan, do you want to speak on that?

Dylan Bianchi: It's 250 dollars paid at the end of spring quarter.

Erick Jacobsen: 250 dollars y'all. Do I hear any nominations?

Tessa Raith elected by acclamation.

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on, the next four are only nominations, so we will not be electing today. First up, we have the Personnel Committee. The ASUW Personnel Committee is responsible for overseeing job description changes, personnel policies, and ASUW employee hirings. What do you think makes a good ASUW employee and how would you pursue equitable hiring practices within ASUW? Again, this is only nominations. Nominations will be open again next week, and elections will occur next week. Are there any nominations? I'll go to Skylar.

Skylar Fridrikkson nominates herself

Erick Jacobsen: Meetings for this are on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 PM Owen, our Personnel Director, chairs this meeting. He did confirm this is on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. I apologize for not putting that in the agenda. Are there any other nominations? With that, the nomination period has closed and we're moving on again. We will have elections next week. The next one is the Huskies Health Student Advisory Board. The question is what disparities in student access to Huskies Health have you observed and what services do you think are missing? They meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Are there any nominations? If you're interested in health policy, health services, helping students on campus. This is a great in. Are there any nominations? If you ran in another election, you can run again. Even if you won, you can run again. Are there any nominations? You can nominate yourself or someone else if you think there is someone that you think could excel in this role.

Luke Allen nominates himself

Erick Jacobsen: All right, with that, the nominations period closes and we move on to the UPASS Student Advisory Board. UPASS Student Advisory Board governs the Student UPASS fee, which funds student access to public transportation. What budgetary management experience do you have and how will you prioritize increased access for commuter students in board meetings? Guys, this is also paid. Isn't that crazy? \$1000 a quarter. I'll go to Shreyan and then Aiden.

Shreyan Mitra nominates himself

Aiden Reeder nominates themselves

Kira McKey nominates **Ishaan Verma**

Ishaan Verma accepts

Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nominations period closes and we move on to the First Year Experience Student Advisory Council. The question is how will you consider the first year

experiences of yourself and your peers when advising on programming? This is not only open to freshmen, but it is open to freshmen. It is open to everyone, every senator. As always, are there any nominations?

Husna Chepkemboi nominates herself

Zain Asif nominates himself:

Mihika Lall nominates herself:

Erick Jacobsen: With that, the nominations period closes. Elections for these four will happen next week, as I said, and now we're moving on. There is no new business to summarize, so we will now meet for committee meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On campus affairs

Brief introduction and icebreaker

Off campus affairs

Brief introduction and icebreaker

General affairs

Brief introduction and icebreaker

Academic and administrative affairs

Brief introduction and icebreaker

Erick Jacobsen: We are moving on to our legislative workshop activity, which is Resolution Revolutions. You all have a piece of paper and a pen and I'm going to send a link in the team chat. And for those of you who are here in person, it is now in our. Link tree, but let me see if I can pull up a QR code as well. And then if there's anything on campus that you want to change, then go to this QR code or the link in the link tree or in the teams and submit your ideas. Just anything at all. Housing, Food Services. Academics. If there's a new class you want, if there's a form of grading that you don't want, if there's anything that you think should change facilities, the physical campus itself, prices in any way. Be creative.

Committees discuss and fill out form for legislation ideas.

Erick Jacobsen: All right, so I'm just going to go through some of the submissions, food and housing costs, more classes for debate, mandatory A I education course, more microwaves, or a website or map listing out all the publicly accessible microwaves on campus. More accessible microwaves for commuters. District market prices, I'm guessing lower them. Prices in district market again, probably lowering them. Changing filters in center table. The drinks sometimes blend together. Prepackaged food prices around campus. Food prices in the dining halls, district market

variety and price changes. Create more practice rooms for non music majors, including lime scooters or just easier transport in new pass. Bathrooms in dorms such as community ones or lobby ones should have toilet seat covers in the stalls. I would love to advocate for more transparency between HFS and residents as to the state of the building, such as when hot water is out or power is out. More two credit classes available for freshmen, Odegaard library hours, major admission policies and practices being more open and transparent. McMahon Hall is ugly campus class security with regards to the event of the Nazi on campus, the availability of availability of compost bags for the compost bins, communal umbrellas. Lack of transparency about classes when trying to register district market prices similar to grocery stores in the area. 4.0 being no greater than 95% for the minimum improvements to Hancy Hall, reduction in student fees and improvement of the Labor Studies Department. That's three. That's great. Better dining options and sanitation for those with dietary restrictions and allergies. HFS form registration, food prices in the markets. Signature senators should require at least 10 signatures to become a senator. That would be an organic act, and you are all welcome to submit that if you'd like. But be warned, the past two years people tried to submit legislation on that, and it has failed. Campus food availability and quality Protection for faculty and majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The UW Math Department has a policy to grade every class on a curve. This encourages competitiveness and hinders collaboration. Dorm lighting increased awareness surrounding significant political decision and sustainability on campus. Replace water filters in most dorm rooms in public areas. Husky Night Ride Changing locations that are not UW designated areas such as trail side. More tube credit course options, clear signage for wheelchair entrances, more initiatives for building community, black stripes on UW stairs, diverse menu rotations at Global in the dining halls and more variety in the food. Hall Foods Dining Hall Foods. OK, so I see a lot here having to do with HFS. A lot of the same, especially with prices. Naomi, where are you? Naomi Law is right over here. She is the RCSA Director of Government Affairs. Her job is basically to take the lead on assisting people with HFS. HFS related legislation. If those of you who submitted that would want to get in touch with her, feel free to go up to her after the meeting or something and I will also CC her. I will hopefully e-mail all of you who submitted to let you know how you can actually go about making these changes and I'll CC her for all the HFS ones. Now how this is going to work is now we have 4 resolution ideas that are each on these four papers. And you're gonna have a set amount of time and you four committees are gonna discuss what the WHEREAS clauses could be. As a reminder, WHEREAS clauses are basically what's happening right now. What is the state of this issue? Why is a change necessary? And usually statistics and sources to cite. You don't need to find those sources necessarily, but you can write down say like cite information on the current prices, for example with the district market prices and stuff like that. So what I want you all to do for the next. Few minutes is to write down ideas on what you could talk about in a resolution. What is the current state of this issue? What are the WHEREAS clauses and your committee chairs will be able to help you as well. Let's break into groups and work on those resolutions. And then after we do that, we're going to rotate the resolutions.

Erick: Jacobsen: Alrighty, we're gonna close it down now. Thank you all so much for your participation in Resolution Revolutions. We will try to do this again, and if you have a lot of ideas, feel free to again e-mail me. If the committee chairs could collect the papers and bring them up front, please, that would be amazing. If you submitted an idea, I'll get back to you. If your idea was one of the ones that was worked on, I'll include all of the suggestions from all four committees.

Erick Jacobsen: R-31-25 is tabled, so we're moving to R-31-30 A resolution calling on UW administrators to protect the rights of immigrant and trans students on campus by establishing a firewall for freedom. The sponsor is Anna Crow with co-sponsor Peyton Sax, who was last year's ASUW Director of Programming, this year's Director of Communications. Neither of them are here, to my knowledge. So I will be presenting the bill on their behalf, but I was not involved in the drafting of this legislation, so I may not be able to answer some questions. So keep that in mind.

Erick Jacobsen reads [R-31-30 A Resolution Calling on UW Administrators to Protect the Rights of Immigrant and Trans Students on Campus](#)

Erick Jacobsen: Again, this resolution was submitted last year by Anna Crow and Peyton Sax, neither of whom are able to be here today. We do have committee edits from the Off Campus Affairs Committee. The first one is amending the name of the resolution to say by establishing a firewall for freedom and the second is a new WHEREAS clause at the beginning, whereas the American Civil Liberties Union has proposed a firewall for freedom that they outline to be a declaration of support for students, faculty and staff who are under attack by the Trump administration for exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly. With all this in mind, are there any questions or comments related to the committee edits?

Abigail Appleyard: Anywhere it says President Cauce, can we change that to say President Jones?

Julia Tanner moves to approve committee edits

Abigail Appleyard seconds

Approved by unanimous consent

Isaac Pasco: I think this is good and we should do it

Husna Chepkemboi: Well, I agree with everything that's there obviously, we have to remember that there's two political parties. So while you can participate in your own political party, you have to remember there's another political party that's always going to oppose you. So just keep that in mind, because exercising your First Amendment rights and criticizing the government will also mean there's going to be people who are protecting the government and whatever they're doing that will enrage you and enrage everyone, obviously, but just remember, there's going to be those people, and this rule also protects them.

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other questions, comments or amendments?

Kira McKey I'm not sure if this is a question or an amendment, but I move to also cite the Title IX, I don't know Title IX, which is about segregation on the basis of sex.

Erick Jacobsen: Do you have a place where you'd want to cite it?

Kira McKey: in the 'THAT' clause after title VII was mentioned.

Erick Jacobsen: Do you want to draft a potential WHEREAS clause for what that might look like and send it to Joseph?

Public Comment: I guess it would just be like a comment of slight concern like while I absolutely agree with the bill and I think everything is correct should be in place, we have noticed that previous universities who have put legislation like this into place have already come under attack even more

from the Administration. I mean, is that something we should be worried about since we already have so many cuts in research and overall funding?

Dylan Bianchi: I'd like to validate the previous comment I think it's a really valid concern. I think it's also important to note that to remember that a lot of this funding is probably going to get cut one way or another from the current administration that they have shown a tendency to progressively cut more and more funding from research from universities that they've seen as ideological opponents. Also that the administration often has a short attention span. Last year we had a very noticeable or very notable instance of a pro-Palestinian protest when there was a building occupation and for like 48 hours we were public enemy #1. And then a very similar thing happened to Columbia, and the administration turned their attention to Columbia, and UW didn't end up suffering any super direct consequences from that. To my knowledge, I could be wrong about that. That said, I do want to note that attracting more attention is a valid concern.

Erick Jacobsen: Kira are you still working on that draft? Ok I will go to Mei Mei and then Isac and then Abigail.

Mei Mei Boghossian: point of inquiry are we going to have an attendance vote?

Joseph Riggio: So how this will work is right. I asked that I'm going to object when we adjourn, by the way, just because I'm going to activate the Senate voting form. If we don't get around to voting on this resolution, it'll just be a vote that says you were present here and I'll try and be as quick as possible.

Isac Pasco: I think that the concerns about getting targeted are valid, but I also think that if more universities do things like this, then it sort of spreads the problem out. And I think that like sort of for solidarity we should do it.

Kira McKey moves to add a WHEREAS CLAUSE that says, "whereas Title IX of the federal Civil Rights law passed in 1962, prohibits the University of Washington as a federally funded institution from his discriminating against students on the basis of sex"

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Spencer Grubbs: should there be a comma after University of Washington before as

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah sure we can add that comma. Are there any objections?

Approved by raised hand vote

Abigail Appleyard: It still says Naomi Snow is the ASUW president and then also, Title IX passed in 1972 I guess.

Liam Knochen: I think that the place that the University of Washington placed in its place that in current rhetoric from the federal administration is set by this point. I don't think we put ourselves at any larger, any greater risk of targeting from the current administration by passing this bill.

Wesley Andrus: This is grammatical. It says from discriminating from instead of from discriminating against.

ADJOURNMENT

Dylan Bianchi moves to adjourn

Aiden Reeder seconds

Isac Pasco objects

Dylan Bianchi: It is past 7:00. We will have time next Senate session to work on this bill, and I don't think we are like really close to passing it and I would like to go home.

Isac Pasco: rescinds

Joseph Riggio objects

Dylan Bianchi yields

Joseph Riggio: OK, I just activated the attendance form, so you should be able to go on the link tree and activate or go through it that way. It's just you shouldn't. There should be a barrier. It should be your UW account. Yeah, I'll just parse through people. Only people who are active senators, please vote for attendance, by the way, to make my life easier on the back end.

Approved by raised hand vote

Adjourned 7:07 PM

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