



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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4:02 PM

ATTENDANCE

Erick Jacobsen (he/him), Speaker | P

Joseph Riggio (he/him), Vice Speaker | P

Julia Tanner (she/her), Public Relations Officer | P

Tanya Bhandari (she/her) On-Campus Committee Chair | A

Abigail Appleyard (she/her), Off-Campus Committee Chair | P

Pierce Wallbaum (he/him), General Affairs Committee Chair | P

Dylan Bianchi (he/him), Academic & Administrative Affairs Committee Chair | P

Maitri Karia (she/her), GPSS Director of University Affairs | P

Nandana Jaideep (she/her), ASUW President | A

Ashwin Anand (he/him), Director of Internal Policy | A

Kate Lawson (she/her), Director of University Affairs | A

Jothsna Sundar (she/her), Senate Clerk | P

Brendan Chang (he/him), SAO Advisor | P

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 THE STEERING AGENDA

Julia Tanner moves to approve agenda

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 4-0-1

SPEAKER'S REPORT

Erick Jacobsen: We've had 2 weeks of Board since we last saw each other. In that time, we passed the election policies and procedures. We did pass the legislative agenda as well. That was unanimous. The EPP was unanimous as well, though there were some amendments made from what the EAC initially submitted. If you have questions about that, we could talk afterwards. And then also, my amendment to the personnel policy did pass, which basically formalized a lot of what's already been understood to be true in how the Senate interacts with the personnel policy and how we manage our personnel, which means that for committee chairs, codifying the fact that you are all only subject to the like, behavior and conduct side of things, and not to any other requirement or procedure, and then clarifying that us as officers of the Senate, or us three as officers in the Senate, and Jothsna as an employee of the Senate, are also unique to other ASUW employees in other ways. Part of that is also that we are not subject to the intern volunteer policy at all. So we can set our own standards for that in our own bylaws, however we'd like. And also part of that is that nothing in the personnel policy can be amended to apply to Senate without first going through Senate. So that's something that already exists in the Constitution as for the ASUW bylaws, nothing can change in the ASUW bylaws that governs us without us saying, okay. But now it's the same for the personnel policy. I'm also seeking on securing whatever extra funding we need to accommodate our rooms requests. we may be over the allocated budget, but I'm still working out the specifics. And then also a little side project I'm working on with Nandana and Hannah. Hannah is our bean basket manager, or head cashier, I think. We're working on food insecurity, especially in the wake of the SNAP benefits being suspended previously so we're working to make an agreement with the food pantry to hopefully have the food pantry technically operate a branch out of bean baskets so that bean basket employees can give out food pantry food, which could be funded through ASUW grants as well. If you're interested in that project, feel free to talk to me, but I'll stop yapping and we'll move on to the vice speakers report.

VICE SPEAKER'S REPORT

Joseph Riggio: Hi so the GAVEL internship is going to be extended. We realized that having it be due on a federal holiday was not a good idea. So a lot of people who expressed interest to me, I noticed, didn't apply. And I'm also going to make sure that, this is good subtext for like, yeah, with the personnel policy amendment yeah. But yeah, we're going to extend the g internship application to the 25th, 11:59 p.m. is when it will close. And, yeah, that's just in light of people being like, hey, I wanted to join the GAVEL committee, and I didn't know how I didn't have time to apply or didn't

know. And also, that internship now just because of the timeline, it'll probably start winter quarter so if committee members are interested, I encourage you to let them know that the opportunity is extended or the application is extended. So let them know. In terms of attendance, most of all, it's been pretty good. I had to send a preliminary notice like two weeks ago because a lot of people had to leave early last meeting before we took the vote on the legislative agenda. So a lot of people got marked as unexcused, even though they were there. So I gave people a chance to sort of prove that they were there before I sent out formal attendance notices. I had to deactivate a few senators, and I sent out notifications already. So if any of your senators, your committee members have questions about attendance, please direct them to me and I'll be happy to answer them. And yeah, also a reminder that a committees should be taking attendance too. So if one way that senators can prove that they were there is if we ever do committee meetings again, the attendance that you take can be used as proof is that they were there. So if they tell me, hey, my committee chair took my attendance or whatever, I'll probably be asking you if that's true. So that's all I have.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Julia Tanner: Cool, so we had our first bonding event this past week. I'm sorry for those who weren't able to make it, but it was a good event, and I do want to do a bonus event. I'll be setting up a little, another When2Meet. And it would just be a low key, outing or something that. But we can discuss that further. And then we also have the floor bonding event tomorrow after Senate. So very excited for that. That'll be great. Again, we'll be doing games and pizza. And then, what was that? I was going to say something else, but that's. Oh, and then my intern, I will be looking at the applications this week. I had four, which is a lot in my head, so, yeah. So, we'll be looking at those, and that's all I have for this week.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Brendan Chang: Hello, welcome back. The word of this week is brumal meaning relating to winter or wintery. For example the brumal wind swept through the streets reminding everyone that winter was on its way.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Erick Jacobsen:

Recess 4:11 pm

Reconvened 4:16 pm

Recess 4:16 pm

Reconvened 4:21 pm

Recess 4:21 pm

Reconvened 4:24

Julia Tanner: Not even in Brendan's living memory because he's so young.

Erick Jacobsen: I'm going to remind y'all that we are back in session and I'm looking for motions.

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve both sets of minutes

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 4-0-1

PROPOSALS

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to proposals.

Erick Jacobsen passes speakership to Joseph Riggio

Pierce Wallbaum: Point of information I don't have access

Joseph Riggio: I see we're repeating history and Pierce does not have access.

Abigail Appleyard: None of us has access.

Erick Jacobsen: Guys I'm untransparent and corrupt.

Pierce Wallbaum: This is very elitist.

Joseph Riggio: Does anyone not have access to the bill that should have access? Alright so joint resolution JR-32-1 which is a Joint Resolution for a Graduate and Undergraduate Student Regent. Erick Jacobsen who is a prime sponsor of this bill, would you like to read this bill, I think it's short enough for us to just read it.

Erick Jacobsen reads [JR-32-1 A Joint Resolution for a Graduate and Undergraduate Student Regent](#)

Joseph Riggio: Alright, thank you **Erick**, do you want to add anything to that or.

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah, sure. So this is something that sort of started in spring of last year. In the Washington Student Association General Assembly, there was a legislative proposal for all universities in Washington, all public universities to have an undergraduate and graduate student regent. ASUW among other campuses opposed that legislative priority on the grounds that not all campuses really need that. Like, for example, Western, which doesn't have that many graduate students, if any, I don't know the numbers. They don't need it, but UW does because UW is

uniquely situated with our graduate programs. We have our own graduate student government, which is the only other campus or college in the state that does that is WSU. No other university does that, so and we have a much higher number of graduate students. So we were sort of talking amongst the ASUW delegation and we were like, this would be a good policy to pursue within ASUW. So over the summer I met with Brandon and Brandon Elliott, our Director of Legislative Affairs and Ryan Wickland, the president of GPSS, to talk about how this might look like, I did my research catalogued every single student regent we've had. If you go to the second reference, that'll link you to the EAC Records spreadsheet. The spreadsheet tab that you'd be looking at, I constructed that fully from scratch, did a lot of research on that, put this together after talking to Brandon. Brandon said that it probably wouldn't be able to go to the state government before going through the admin. So he encouraged me to do a joint resolution before including it in the legislative agenda, so that's why it wasn't included there, but it could also be included as legislative directive afterwards depending on how things go.

Joseph Riggio: Opening up the floor to questions comments, motions.

Abigail Appleyard: I have a question about lines 26-28. It says, only 40% of student regions in the past four year have been undergrads, but if there's only one student regent per year aren't the options, 25, 50, 75, 100 percent?

Erick Jacobsen: That may be supposed to be past 10 years, that is. Are we considering grammatical? Because it does say that in line 19.

Joseph Riggio: In line 19 yeah we'll take it as grammatical. Other questions, comments, motions?

Abigail Appleyard: I have another one. Would the titles for this position be, you know, student regent and undergrad student regent, or graduate and undergrad? Because the way it's phrased right now sounds like the graduate is staying is just a student regent.

Erick Jacobsen: Ideally it'd be graduate student regent and undergraduate student regent. It doesn't matter necessarily if the undergraduate's the one that's added and the student regent one is the one that becomes the graduate or vice versa, but I just thought, because the current student regent is a graduate student, that that seat in an abstract sense, not necessarily the title, would be the graduate one, but title is, that can be something that maybe we add an amendment or just leave up to interpretation and implementation.

Joseph Riggio: Something that'll quickly point to that I mentioned to Ryan when this is presented a few weeks ago at the GPSS Senate meeting is that now while there is language that is a blanket statement that encompasses this by whatever legal action necessary. I do have the actual RCW that would have to change for this to occur, and I linked it in the steering chat for those who are curious. So RCW 28B.20.100 is the Regents Appointment Terms, Vacancies, Quorum section and in the first clause 1A, that's where they list the membership and that's where they define it as 11 members. So that number would have to change in state law. And so Brandon, I mean, did mention that it would probably be wise that we do a joint resolution first to get support behind this, so UW admin can see

that students want this. But the ultimate decision power does rest in the legislature to change this. I'll just add that. Any other questions, comments, motions?

Dylan Bianchi moves to refer JR-32-1 to On Campus Affairs

Abigail Appleyard seconds

Approved 4-0-1

Joseph Riggio: We are going to continue on with committee order 32-2 a committee order to appoint Josue I'm going to butcher his name Villalobos as Finance and Budget Liaison. Erick do you also want to read this?

Erick Jacobsen reads [CO-32-2 A Committee Order to Appoint Josue Villalobos as Finance and Budget Liaison](#)

Joseph Riggio: Alright thank you Erick so do you want to give context to this or?

Erick Jacobsen: I think the bill speaks for itself.

Joseph Riggio: Ok great. Any questions, comments, or motions?

Pierce Wallbaum: So with a committee order what exactly needs to be done with it? Does this need to go to a committee and then?

Joseph Riggio: So for a committee order it's going to work kind of like how we did our attendance policy its just steering. So, yeah, this is just a, it's a formalized way that we get to codify any appointees that we designate to positions and or to finance and budget liaison. Committee. This is one of our appointments that we're doing for it.

Julia Tanner moves to approve

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 4-0-1

Joseph Riggio: And we're moving on to the next committee order. Committee Order 32-3, a Committee Order to Appoint Kate Lawson and Shriya Sundar as Reviewing Officers in Student Conduct Proceedings. Do you also want to read this one Erick?

Erick Jacobsen reads [CO-32-3 A Committee Order to Appoint Kate Lawson and Shriya Sundar as Reviewing Officers in Student Conduct Proceedings](#)

Joseph Riggio: Alright I'll open up the floor so any questions comments or motions?

Abigial Appleyard moves to approve

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 4-0-1

Joseph Riggio transfers speakership to **Erick Jacobsen**

APPROVAL OF SENATE FLOOR AGENDA

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the approval of the floor agenda, we have four questions to put in, I believe two of which have already been decided. I just have yet to pull them. So while I work on that, does anyone have any ideas on the UW Rec student advisory board question? I'm looking at the WYC member.

Abigail Appleyard: Well I did that last year also that board met like one time and never again and that was why they restructured it so.

Julia Tanner: What does this board do?

Erick Jacobsen: So the idea is that UW Rec is just an ASUW department and ASUW, most departments have a student advisory board. UW Rec didn't, and then when the dock expansion happened and ASUW started advocating on that alongside the Washington Yacht Club, part of that, which was an initiative advanced by Aiden Reeder and Azaan Brown, our former Director of Campus Partnerships, two years ago, basically worked with UW Rec to implement this student advisory board. The idea being that initiatives that would be harmful to students would have student input or student opposition and there'd be a direct line. Since then, UW Rec hasn't done anything necessarily necessitating this, but it is just sort of like an oversight body to like keep in place just for the sake of maintaining the accountability to prevent further issues from happening. Abigail, did you want to add to that?

Abigail Appleyard: I was just going to say for a question because, like, there are a couple of entities that are, like, you know, there are red clubs and stuff. We could talk about, coordinating between rec clubs and like, making sure everyone's voice is heard. That sort of thing. **Erick Jacobsen:** How would you coordinate with recreation affiliated clubs to ensure the student centered policy, maybe? Any thoughts on that? I'm receiving no thoughts. Are we generally good with that then? I'm seeing a nod from Julia let the record so reflect. And a thumbs up from Joseph and a slow nod from Dylan. Moving on to the Administrative Review Board for AI conduct. This is not necessarily AI conduct. It's just mostly AI conduct, so I'm just going to change that to conduct review board. This is what we appointed the other two for. And the details you can find in the appendix of the third committee order, Committee Order 3. So if y'all would like to review that while I put the question for the Student Safety Advisory Board in, that would be swell.

Pierce Wallbaum: Just a question about the UW Rec Student Advisory Board, I'm just trying to how would you coordinate with recreation associated clubs to ensure students are represented like in what? Policy for what exactly.

Erick Jacobsen: We can change that to ensure that students are centered in all of UW Rec's initiatives and projects? Any ideas for a question for the Conduct Review Board? Like I said, it'll probably be mostly AI, but not exclusively AI.

Abigail Appleyard: We could ask about like experiences using AI and like I don't know if like when they think its appropriate and when they don't because I have had classes where it's like we do want you to use it because we want you to critique it. So like talking about when it's appropriate because for a conduct review board I feel like that's important.

Julia Tanner: It might also be a good idea to ask what the students who are going for this, what they're passionate about in accordance to the student conduct code. Because they will be dealing a lot with the student conduct code so they should probably like agree with its message or something like that. Like what makes you passionate about being in this position or how will or your plans to uphold and pay attention to the student contact code in this position but that's just like their job also.

Erick Jacobsen: If I may wager a guess into the hearts of mankind, I don't think anyone's necessarily passionate about the student conduct code. So I think that'd be difficult to incorporate. I like this question with AI because it's not unheard of to like focus on one aspect of a job for a question in an election, especially if that aspect is important. And what I heard from Kate is that within the office or the directory, one might say, of University of Affairs, she wanted to coordinate AI policy. This would include meeting with her and likely other interns and appointees to coordinate that. So I think getting an idea in the election of how they think what they think is fair when it comes to AI-based like punishments or what they think is okay in terms of AI use, I think that's a good insight into that, and that would give her a good jumping off point as well. Are there other thoughts? No other thoughts? Heads are all empty. I don't have meeting information for them, UW Rec or Students Safety Advisory Board. I can reach out to Audriana to see if we can get the last one in Is it the ladder if it's three? Whatever. We have the President Jones's forum. We'll go into more detail on that in a discussion item. Our new business is in there. Our committees are in there, old business, et cet. Is this looking good?

Pierce Wallbaum: Yeah I was going to say we still haven't given a summary of the committed bills yet under summary of new business. We didn't get to that last week so maybe summaries of those should still be given to give senators the opportunity to go to committees if they're interested in something or you know.

Erick Jacobsen: Yours has a summary, my resolution has a summary, and just the joint resolution doesn't have one. So, I can just draft that up on my own.

Pierce Wallbaum: Oh wait I meant like on the agenda.

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah, because they they're just linked on there, and then I'll just read the summary. Okay. That's in the bell. Okay. The way it worked in the past was that we just specifically told sponsors to write summaries, so that, and Andal just read them out, so I just linked them because of

summaries are likely to be in there and I'll just add mine into the joint resolution and then I'll just read from there. We don't have to put necessarily the text of the summary on the agenda. But the Joint Resolution was in On Campus right? So I will have to employ quantum superposition which I am fully capable of doing. Are there any other thoughts on the agenda? Are there any motions on the agenda?

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve the agenda

Abigail Appleyard seconds

Pierce Wallbaum objects

Dylan Bianchi yields

Pierce Wallbaum: I just want to clarify it still says 5:00-7:30 so Senate is being extended or no.

Erick Jacobsen: No that's grammatical so with that we're in a period of open debate.

Dylan Bianchi moves to previous question.

Pierce Wallbaum Seconds.

Approved 5-0-0

Agenda approved 3-0-1

DISCUSSION

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to discussion, we do have our presidential forum discussion item. Joseph, do you want to walk us through what it's going to look like?

Joseph Riggio: First, the president's going to give just an introduction, just an opening statement. It'll probably cover what he wants to do for this academic year and his future plans and whatnot and whatever the office of the president wants to say during that period. It'll be really short. And then we move on to a prepared questionnaire. Now I sent the questionnaire document in the steering chat. Did any of you were.. Raise your hand if you weren't able to look through it. Okay. So, we did submit it to the president's office. It's too late to change those questions. But I would encourage you to look through those because those are the topics that we as Senate leadership have kind of organized together and even though it's not a full encompassing list of questions, we hope that it covers topics that students care about in a broad enough sense. And still being direct in trying to ask those questions, even if the president might, you know, prepare a subpar answer. Sometimes that happens. We will ask the question regardless. And so we'll be up in front. I will be moderating, the third section is going to be our kind of moderated Q&A. I have a Microsoft form that we're just going to put a QR code up and people can submit questions. I'll be the one moderating those questions. And so if we don't get the something from the prepared questions, Senators will have and

you guys too, will have the option to fill out that form and have and present a question. You have the option of remaining anonymous when you propose this questions. You can also indicate that your name be read out loud, with the question too, if you want, but you can remain anonymous. And so that makes up the presidential form. It's 45 minutes long. He'll get there at 5:15 with us doing greetings and whatnot. All of you guys are welcome to come greet the president as well beforehand, so as an opportunity that Senate leadership wanted to provide to you guys, you have the opportunity to just, you know, shake the hand of the president and say, hi, nice to meet you. Unfortunately, that's kind of all that really is. But it's a cool opportunity nonetheless. So totally optional for you to participate, but your names are on the list of people he's expecting to greet. So he knows you're coming. And so.. After, so yeah, 45 minutes long, broken up into three sections, opening statement, prepared questions, and then the Q&A that's moderated. We'll have the question on the screen. We'll read the question out loud or Erick will. And then, yeah, any questions about how the structure of the presidential form will work?

Abigail Appleyard: Are we shaking before the forum?

Joseph Riggio: Before the forum whenever he gets there. He is expected to arrive maybe at 5:15 so a little bit before, maybe a little bit after.

Abigail Appleyard: Are we going to stand up from our seats and walk over there or are we all supposed to sit towards the front or logistically?

Joseph Riggio: It'll be we'll probably greet him like right outside and whatnot and walk through like with his staff, what's going to happen. So during that time, when you see us sort of leaving, that'll be the time where you can also exit and greet the president as well. before we get started with the actual forum. Any other questions.

Erick Jacobsen: If there are none then we will move on.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any announcements?

Joseph Riggio: I have two announcements, but first I'll make on behalf of Maitri. So, I'm just going to read from her team's message real quick. They are in another faculty meeting, so they have to stay on mute for this meeting, but they have two updates. Emma Spurlock, who is the UAW 4121 liaison to GPSS, would be supporting and writing a resolution to support SCIU 1119. So that's being worked on. Second is GPSS as yet to appoint liaisons for student conduct proceedings, so they're still working on it and we're still working on it too. So although they might, because they meet every other week, they might be a little bit behind but that's it from her. The only other thing from me is spread the word, the student health fee survey is out, it launched on November 12th. I will make a public announcement during Senate meeting as well and have a QR code up on display. But for those of you who want to write feedback in terms of whether or not what the student health fee is

priced at in terms of whether or not we have a student health fee to begin with, we want it's a three to five minute survey, it's really easy, quick to take. It has all the information that you need. There's a landing page, website with everything there. ASUW and GPSS have been working diligently with our health fee units and meeting with, I mean, I just came out of a meeting today with UAW and talking about a lot of their concerns, so a lot of different student groups are in on these conversations and we want to hear from you and if you know RSOs, if you know people who would also be affected by this student health fee, please have them fill out the survey. Thank you. That's all

Abigail Appleyard: Is it you need 10 percent undergraduate students or all students?

Joseph Riggio: 10 percent undergraduate and 10 percent graduate both need to be true.

Erick Jacobsen: Now is that across all three campuses?

Joseph Riggio: No. Only UW Seattle. So this is only a UW Seattle fee. This would not impact Tacoma, this would not impact Bothell it would only be a Seattle fee that would be implemented. Although I've heard Bothell is trying to do something similar. Tacoma is not

Erick Jacobsen: Tacoma is trying to do a lobbying fee though but that is different and therefore irrelevant. Are there any other announcements? Are there any motions?

ADJOURNMENT

Dylan Bianchi moves to adjourn

Julia Tanner seconds

Approved 3-2-0

5:00 pm
