



Associated Students of the University of Washington

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CALL TO ORDER

5:05 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

Kavi Pasupathi moves to approve

Wesley Andrus seconds

Joseph Riggio objects

Kavi Pasupathi yields:

Joseph Riggio: We need to add Student Regent Selection Committee nominations to the agenda.

Erick Jacobsen: With that, we are now in a period of debate.

Jayden Kim: Question for leadership. Why is committee meetings after old business?

Erick Jacobsen: That was something that was decided by leadership so that there wouldn't be like some sort of rush to get through committee meetings and we could get through old business effectively. Does anyone in steering want to speak further on that?

Abigail Appleyard: We also just don't have any business in committee meetings right now so they're not like, you know, aside from bonding with our wonderful committee members, they're not super pertinent for the functioning of Senate. And then also having them like this gives us a little bit more time to kind of wrap up legislation instead of having the five minute back and forth of do we extend time? Should we not? So we're trying to minimize that a bit too.

Erick Jacobsen: We are still in a period of debate.

Kavi Pasupathi rescinds motion

Joseph Riggio moves to suspend the rules and add the student regent selection committee under nominations and elections.

Corbyn Morisette seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Julia Tanner moves to add LD-32-2 under the general affairs committee.

Erick Jacobsen: Let's pull this up shall we so people know what they're voting for. This is sponsored by Dylan Bianchi, who is not the ASUW Director of Legislative Affairs, who is an OGR intern, and it's on the screen now.

Collin Saywers seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Joseph Riggio: Before I make this motion I'll give a little bit of a comment. There's going to be some rework and whatnot through the constitutional amendment and stuff so I don't really have an estimated date and I want to make sure y'all we don't rush the nominations and election processes.

Joseph Riggio moves to suspend the rules and table Select Committee Chair elections for a week.

Gavin Cruz seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Kavi Pasupathi moves to approve the agenda.

Ava Wahl seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erick Jacobsen: Alrighty. With that, we're moving on to the announcements and public comment period. If you would like to make an announcement, could be related to an RSO or anything really, you can please line up at the microphone here. It's working this time.

Reea Dureja: Hi guys, my name is Reea, I'm the EAC co-chair for elections. So we have a few events coming up so I just want to give it a shout out. We have our EAC and JCC event coming up. You see all the entities here. We're going to have a fun time, we're going to have arts and crafts, we will also have some food. But the biggest thing is that if you are super and attend, you may be entered to win one of those merch items. We have really cool stuff designed by Dubs Art Club. So if you please RSVP and come, that'll be great and learn how to run for ASUW BOD elections. So yeah, thank you.

Teddie Schmitt: I'm back for week two of promoting the Sustainability Credit Forum. If you're interested in learning how the proposed sustainability credit would impact you, if you have any questions or you just want to support it, please come tomorrow. It is from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Oak Denny.

Gavin Cruz: Hey y'all my name is Gavin. I'm an ASUW senator and also work with OGR for their Huskies on the Hill. But right now I'm just trying to start a new RSO called Kappa Omega Alpha. It's a public policy fraternity, but also we accept government, pre-law, even business majors who are interested. One thing to note is that this is an entirely new chapter, so if you're interested in becoming an officer, there is no competitive applications. Just fill out our interest form that I have here and you guys can check them out right here. And we're also just trying to get this RSO started so if you're interested, maybe want to help support, you don't have to be a public policy major or minor to join. Again, this is a great opportunity. And thank you guys so much.

Jenna Miller: Hi y'all I wanted to tell you that the ASUW Queer Student Commission and Gender Equity Commission are putting on Queer Prom next Friday, January 30th. It'll be from 5:00 to 8:00 in the Hub Lyceum. Daughters of Venus are going to show up and play, so that's super awesome. And also a DJ from Rainy Dawg Radio. So I hope to see you all there. I will have posters around the hub soon.

Erick Jacobsen: Is there an RSVP form?

Jenna Miller: No there is not.

Erick Jacobsen: You just show up?

Jenna Miller: You just show up.

Erick Jacobsen: And I currently have up some QR codes for signing in pro if you'd like. OGR is down in Olympia right now working on a lot of bills. SB 5906 is the SAFE Act submitted by Senator Hanson, and that prevents ICE from entering college campuses without a court order. And then there's the Senate Joint Memorial 8014. A community member suggested or recommended that we put that up there. But there's this is also what the future legislative directive is going to add.

Elias Feleke: Hello everyone. Thank you Speaker and thank you Senators. I want to be clear for the record. The unanimous decision of the ASUW Seattle Board of Directors reflected in Board Bill 6.01 was correct and well reasoned and was in response to ASUWT's Ray Watkins defaming ASUW in the November regents report. I encourage senators to read ASUWT's regents report and 6.01 bill in full. It accurately lays out the facts, the timeline and the communications at issue. It does not speculate or exaggerate. The board reviewed in the record carefully, acted unanimously in that process matters, and for those reasons I oppose Joint Resolution 32-2 shall it ever reach your Senate floor. JR 32-2 misrepresents intent and conduct and relies on selective framing. I urge this body to pause and reconsider this resolution both to protect your own institution and to avoid unnecessary legal exposure. As written, it assigns blame, names, individuals and implies misconduct without meaningful process or evidence. And that concern is not unique to me. I am currently litigating against ASUWT, including Ray Watkins, among others, about my own removal at Pierce County Superior Court because basic procedural protections were not followed. Members of the board have also been subsequently resigning or fired early in January unilaterally, such as the Director of Legislative Affairs, Ben Brown. When governing bodies move forward without due process, the consequences are real, lasting and costly for everyone involved. This resolution reads less like a good faith effort to improve governance and more like a public judgment reached too quickly and without adequate fairness. That approach weakens trust and it invites further conflict. And for those reasons, I urge you to reject this resolution and recommit to accuracy, process and constructive engagement. Thank you all.

Joseph Riggio: Everybody knows what time it is now. So y'all, I know I'm a broken record at this point, and I sound like a broken record too but fill out the student health fee survey. If you have already. Thank you. Tell five friends too. That'll make a huge impact. Also, if you want to help out with lecture announcements or just promoting the survey in general and getting student feedback, come talk to me after Senate and we can make something work. For those of you who are already in the Health Fee Planning Committee, we do got to figure out a date for this week. So I will get back to you on that. But yeah, if you have any questions about the Student Health Fee, happy to answer them. Thank you.

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other announcements?

FORUMS

Nandana Jaideep: [ASUW President's Forum](#)

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Erick Jacobsen: With that, we'll move on to nominations and elections. Our first item on nominations and elections is University District Business Improvement Area Liaison. The UDBIA is a joint initiative of the City of Seattle and University District Partnership that organizes funding for maintenance and improvement of the U District as directed by our community. As liaison, you would represent students interests in the U District and work with the ASUW President and the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, reporting to the Vice Speaker as a liaison and to those others as the liaison. Specifically, the term would last for two years. So if you're interested in this, maybe

consider if you're willing to commit two years. Meetings are unknown as of yet, but I believe they may be able to accommodate. I will go to Aiden, but are there any nominations?

Aiden Reeder: Just asking for clarification, on the term for the last, two years from this winter quarter or two years from like academic, what is meant by two years?

Erick Jacobsen: I'm going to take this to Dylan because he knows more.

Dylan Bianchi: Yeah. So for both this position and the next one, the goal would be to have someone stay through the rest of this academic year and the next academic year. This isn't like a hard requirement of these organizations, but it was something that they requested in order for us to send a rep because they want to see someone who's going to have the time to like learn how these organizations work and spend more time with them. The UDBIA meets I believe four times a year and CUCAC meets six times a year. So obviously there's not that many meetings to like get a handle for things.

Erick Jacobsen: No one is interested in improving the U district? I'll go to Kathleen.

Kathleen Esnaurizar nominates herself.

Justin Amaral nominates himself

Erick Jacobsen: Are there any other nominations? With that, the nominations period is closed for this week. Moving on to the next one, the City University Community Advisory Committee liaison. I know that's a mouthful. CUCAC serves as a liaison between community members and the university. Keeping stakeholders informed of campus development plans and soliciting community input. The Senate liaison would provide an undergraduate perspective and work with the ASUW President and Deputy DOLA reporting to the Vice Speaker as well. This term would also last for two years and as Dylan said, they meet six a year. Are there any nominations?

Blair Yeh nominates **Husna Chepkemboi**

Husna Chepkemboi accepts

Ishaan Verma nominates himself

Julia Tanner point of information, if you've nominated yourself for a previous position, can you nominate yourself for another position?

Erick Jacobsen: Why yes you can Julia. And in fact, if you're already a liaison, you can also run for this. So there's no restrictions as long as you're a senator. So if you want a liaison position and you're not very picky, you can go here. But I think this one's pretty cool as well, honestly.

Husna Chepkemboi: Point of information, how many times a year or a month do they meet?

Erick Jacobsen: 6 times a year. Are there any nominations? With that, the nominations period is closed for today. The Select Committee chair elections were tabled, so we'll move on to the Student Regent Selection Committee. The Student Regent Selection Committee is tasked with searching and selecting the next UW Student regent. As a voting member of the Board of Regents, the Student Regent has sweeping administrative and financial power over UW equal to a member of another Regent and it is crucial to select a candidate who is qualified and aligned with ASUW. Our question is what criteria would you take into account when reviewing applications to select the next UW Student Regent? To be clear, you're not nominating yourself to be the student regent; you're just nominating yourself to help select them. So if you are interested in applying to be the student regent, you should probably not run for this. With that, are there any nominations?

Addison Wooster nominates herself

Jenna Miller nominates herself

Gavin Cruz: Point of information, how many are we supposed to have on this selection committee from Senate?

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah, we only have one Senate liaison on this I believe. We also have other liaisons I believe for from like board and whatnot. But if that's not true and I'm lying to you, I will check on that and we'll elect another one as well.

Kira McKey nominates herself.

Erick Jacobsen: With that, nominations is closed for today.

NEW BUSINESS

Erick Jacobsen: We will move on to summary of new business and our only new business is LD-32-2. Joint Memorial 8014 was submitted to the Washington State Senate with 13 sponsors to investigate the death of Aysenur Ezgi Eygi. Sorry if I pronounce that wrong. A UW alumnus killed by an Israeli sniper in the occupied West Bank of Palestine. The ASUW cannot testify in favor of this bill without the passage of a legislative directive, and you can read more about that. It's pretty short, but it's pretty straightforward. This is submitted by Dylan Bianchi on behalf of OGR.

OLD BUSINESS

Erick Jacobsen: And with that, we are moving on to old business because we flipped old business and committee meetings today and we have R-32-2, A Resolution to Participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange. And with that, I yield the chair to Joseph, our Vice Speaker

Erick Jacobsen yields chair to Joseph Riggio:

Joseph Riggio: Erick if you could do us a favor and if you could read the THAT clauses again in this bill, that would be most appreciated.

Erick Jacobsen reads R-32-2 THAT clauses.

Joseph Riggio: Questions, comments, motions?

Collin Saywers moves to approve

Husna Chepkemboi seconds

Adam Ford Objects

Collin Saywers: I feel like we've had like a month and a half on this bill. I feel like everyone's kind of made-up their mind. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't really see a point in continuing this appointment or inquiry.

Aiden Reeder point of parliamentary inquiry, we still have committee edits that

Joseph Riggio: Those aren't committee edits.

Aiden Reeder: So I would recommend that we do that first, but that's just not.

Joseph Riggio: OK. I'm ignoring the last part because that was not a parliamentary inquiry, but I'm going to go to the, who objected again? Adam.

Adam Ford: I think that we should consider and approve these amendments first, hence my objection.

Joseph Riggio: we are now in a period of debate. Questions, comments, motions.

Abigail Appleyard moves the previous question.

Aiden Reeder seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Joseph Riggio: We are now, I'm going to call objections again for the motion to approve. Are there any objections?

Matt Freire objects

Collin Saywers yields

Matt Freire: I'm personally opposed to this bill. I feel like the \$8 million budget deficit we would incur by passing this doesn't really have a plausible I guess compensation point. So I would say personally I would table this bill indefinitely.

Joseph Riggio: we are now in a period of debate

Dylan Bianchi: I'm going to urge Collin to please rescind your motion to approve so we can approve these edits and then move forward.

Aiden Reeder yields time to Collin Saywers.

Collin Saywers rescinds motion to approve.

Aiden Reeder: I wanted to echo a previous comment that I had made that I think the number of students that this would impact is large enough that it would be meaningful for a number of out-of-state students while it is not significant enough that it would be debilitating to the budget. I do want to make the point that I think we are not in the best economic state to make this decision and that perhaps not currently would this be the best idea. I also want to bring to mind that we're the Student Senate and this is not going to act, this is like likely not to actually happen for years. So economic states may change at that time and it would take multiple follow-ups of this idea to actually implement it. I don't know if it would be better to split the question on this, but I would want to move to approve the suggested edits from the sponsor as well as remove the two, the first two THAT clauses stating a timeline for the joining as I do agree, I don't think we're in the best economic state right now, but I think that this is important to eventually do.

Aiden Reeder: Moves to approve suggested edits and strike first two THAT clauses.

Aiden Reeder moves to strike the first two that clauses and approve suggested edits

Collin Saywers seconds

Objection

Aiden Reeder: I'm not opposed to, I guess, splitting the question on this and like splitting this into two votes.

Aiden Reeder rescinds motion

Aiden Reeder moves to approve suggested edits.

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Addison Wooster objects

Aiden Reeder yields

Addison Auer: this is nitpicky but on line 59 I just think the numbers would be more accurate if they were, if you didn't just take an average of Washington based universities and there was just a little more math done to come up with like a proportional number to the University of Washington. So that this like specific cost to the school that you have listed in line 63 is as accurate as possible. I just think that math, I am fine with all the other amendments, but I just think that could be more accurate.

Joseph Riggio: We are now in a period of debate.

Dylan Bianchi: I think that's a reasonable concern, but that said, I think for the sake of like parliamentary procedure, it's most efficient if we approve these edits and then that is made an amendment.

Dylan Bianchi moves the previous question .

Aiden Reeder seconds.

Approved by raised hand vote.

Suggested edits approved by raised hand vote.

Joseph Riggio: Questions, comments, motions?

Julia Tanner: OK, this is a comment from, I'm going to butcher this name, Mehek. I received this a few weeks ago, so I'm just going to read it out on their behalf. So I wanted to say that I support this bill. I'm an out-of-state student paying the full amount to attend UW. I did not have the opportunity to attend a school in state and that was because we had no programs that match what I was wanting to do. My only choice was to go out of state, which is the closest for me, and my program would have been DC and it's the same amount as out of state here at UW. I think Naomi had mentioned something about students knowing the costs associated with out of state, which is true however, someone like me didn't really have a choice to go out of state because I did not have the same opportunities there as I have here. My parents pay fully with the Parent Plus loans and we are digging ourselves into debt just for me to be able to attend school with an amazing program for

what I major in. This bill would definitely be able to provide us with that type of support especially given I have another brother attending college out of state as well.

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah with regards to Aiden's suggested motion, if we strike the first two that clauses that is striking the request to join WUE as well, not just striking the timeline. So if you'd like to do that, you can just strike the "by fall 2027 by the latest" or "By fall 2028 at the latest" or both. And with regards to the estimate of cost, I know an average isn't very helpful. Unfortunately there's no other way I could have calculated it because I have no information that's institution specific. So I don't know for example how many people in this program WSU takes or any other school that I've cited in the resolution as doing this, because unless they decide to post that information and I've looked, trust me, then I just, I can't go off of anything but the statewide data. So I use the statewide data to divide it equally, but. I do recognize that UW might have more applicants, but I don't think necessarily it'll have more people in the program than the average university, because ultimately one thing when considering the cost of this is that UW can decide how many people it lets into this program and how much money it therefore is not receiving. So they are completely within their rights to just say, OK, one person gets into this program and while I'd prefer for more than one person to get into this program, when it comes to the costs, we are not passing an \$8 million cut to UW's budget by any means. We are passing a recommendation to do something that if it's implemented similarly to other universities, it will likely have along the lines of an \$8 million cut in the budget. But that is completely up to UW how many people they let in to the program, how much money therefore it takes, and also so they like absorb those costs and so I would love to have better data. Unfortunately I cannot find better data. And a comment that I made last week was if you look at the other states, states which have like lower like smaller institutions, then their average is not that much like lower or higher than UW's. So I think the average for Washington state is probably a good generally estimate. And if it's not accurate, then it's up to UW to determine what the most accurate and best course of action is. And I have full faith that UW will not slash \$8 million in its budget for no reason, with no way of getting it back and no consideration of what services that might impact.

Recess called 6:13 pm

Reconvened 6:15

Joseph Riggio: That's fun. I understand why Erick likes that now. All right. We're going to move on now. Matt, you are next and then I'll call again for questions, comments, motions.

Matt Freire yields to Aiden Reeder

Aiden Reeder moves to strike "by 2027" and "by 2028"

Teddy Schmitt seconds

Spencer Grubbs objects

Aiden Reeder yields

Spencer Grubbs: I think in the end, this particular edit doesn't really matter considering the scope of what UW can actually accomplish by passing this resolution. So it isn't like a hard objection, I just don't think it matters.

Joseph Riggio we are in a period of debate. Questions, comments, motions.

Spencer Grubbs rescinds objection

Brennan Sandora objects

Aiden Reeder yields

Brennan Sandora: Just to clarify as someone unfamiliar with this type of process, is there anything in this wording, is there any mechanism to drive them to do this at any time if you don't set a timeline or is there, could they theoretically just say OK and just do nothing indefinitely?

Joseph Riggio: We are now in a period of debate.

Erick Jacobsen: I just want to answer that question. So basically the scope of what ASUW can do is limited. So if we said do it by fall 2027 and they don't, nothing's gonna happen. Like we're not gonna, like they can't be like, they're not breaking the law or anything. Like they can fully decide, oh, we're not gonna do this until 2037 and it wouldn't change much. It'd be more annoying if we said do this and they like didn't do it the way we said it, but they're within their rights to. I think with in terms of like ambiguity, that might help with GAVEL. If they're following up on this and it says do it by this time, then they're probably obligated to say do it by this time and if UW is just saying no, then they'd probably not be in as good of a position to pivot if that's what they need to do, so. I think that's the consideration here. I don't personally mind this amendment, but I agree that it doesn't really change anything, but that's just your answer.

Joseph Riggio: Questions, comments, motions.

Addison Wooster: I just wanted to comment on behalf of kind of GAVEL and how this works. I do recommend that we remove the timeline just because not that like admin doesn't have to stick to this, but just for the sake of like how these timelines work, it kind of takes a long time and especially something like this would take a lot of meetings and things like that. So I just would recommend, yeah, just approving this and then letting kind of GAVEL sort through it.

Isabel Green: Point of information, if ASUW doesn't have the authority to back this up and it doesn't matter whether we put a timeline on it, first of all, why are we voting on this in the first place if it's not within our actual jurisdiction. And second of all, how exactly would we be able to determine implementation or like any kind of a time frame? Because I agree with Aiden like I agree with this in principle, but financially this is a terrible time to be doing an \$8 million cut to the budget. Most of UW endowment is in land value, which has tanked over the past couple of years because of a lot of like currently we're losing money actively on a lot of legacy investments that have been, it's just like a point that I wanted to bring up. Historically, yes, we are an extremely rich university. Currently, a lot of that seems to be changing very rapidly between federal funding cuts and the downtown real estate market tanking. And so while I agree in theory, in practice an \$8 million budget cut that we don't have control over, I'm curious as to how exactly this is going to work out logistically.

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah. So I think that's an ontological question. Why are we all here if we can't really do anything? But I think the fact of the matter is ASUW doesn't have the authority to do any of the things that our resolutions are saying that we should do. What we do have the authority to do is to organize and advocate. And that's why we're here and that's why I'm putting forth this bill. We can't make anything happen outside of ASUW. We can basically, the only thing that we can make happen is initiatives that we directly fund at events that we directly host. In terms of policy, we can't do anything except. Advocate to administrators, bring them all these facts, all of these testimonies and votes, et cetera, and say students need this for this, this, this and this reason. And historically that's been successful in a lot of initiatives and so I think, I also don't want us to be too attached to that idea of an \$8 million cut. It doesn't have to be an \$8 million cut. It can be whatever the UW wants it to be. And while whatever the UW wants it to be is sort of not always in line with what we're specifically we want to happen. In this case, it does allow for flexibility in terms of how we advocate and in how we compromise, and we may not be able to get 335 people into the WUE program because that \$8 million budget cut is too high and the UW doesn't know how to make that up. But we may be able to do, I don't know, a \$4 million cut that they can find a way to make up for in other ways and then get, I don't know, what's half of 335 like 160 something. I don't know. But the point is that's just an estimate and I only brought it cause I was asked to specifically bring a fiscal note and it's just really difficult to do an accurate fiscal note on this. So that was just like an average and a maybe. But again, it's fully up to UW how they do this. It is up to us what we want to advocate for and how and having this baseline to shift and pivot from and compromise from is, I think, in

our, in the best interests of the students that this bill could help. And even though we cannot make UW do anything, we can certainly try.

Joseph Riggio: I want to remind everybody that we are still in a period of debate for the motion to strike the timeline. So just throwing that out there again.

Brennan Sandora rescinds objection

Motion to strike timeline approved by raised hand vote.

Cecilia Hellman: I just wanted to ask about the whereas clause from lines 98-101 where it says I assume it means that there is a cap on how much they can raise in-state tuition based on the average worker's wage. And so I was wondering if we've reached that yet for the in-state tuition and if we have not reached that yet would the school be able to raise that to, like, make up for the WUE? If they haven't reached it yet, how would they make up for the budget deficit or the budget that would come from the WUE?

Erick Jacobsen: That's a good question, I'm not familiar specifically what tuition raises have been done. But my intuition is that they raised it as much as they can because I look at my financial statement and it is high and if even if they haven't and they do because of this. I feel like they would anyway. There's significant cuts in the budget that are coming down from the federal government. The governor has proposed a 3% cut in UW's budget again this year. There were cuts from within the state last year. I think they are probably raising tuitions as much as they can to make up anyway, but even if they didn't, I don't know if necessarily raising tuition to this cap would completely offset it. It might. I haven't looked at the numbers on that, but when it comes to it, the intention of this clause is to allay concerns that UW will go above and beyond raising tuition in order to accommodate for this. I don't think that's going to happen. I think if they do it, they're going to find some other way to offset the costs and that's something that'll be up to the committee, which I hope students will serve on, which is one of the THAT clauses is for that. So I guess we'll see.

Abigail Appleyard: This is kind of just a general comment to kind of address like what we're all talking about and this idea of like how many people and how much is it gonna cost. Like if we pass this, it's so much better to pass it with this grand vision of we're letting in 300 students than say, oh, we only want to let one student in because then we're gonna, it's a lot easier for them to just be like, no, but we can work down. And you know, even if we only let in three people, that's three people's lives who are changed by being able to go to this amazing university who might not otherwise be able to attend. And that is like, can have an incredible effect on their economic status in the future, the contributions that they could bring to the state, like that is an important aspect to consider. I would not be worried about whether or not UW is going to spend the money, because if they don't want to, they won't. I just think if it's not, if they don't think it's gonna happen right now, it just won't happen and we just will have to, you know, move on for a couple of years. I think it's so much better to have this intention that this is what students would like to see to help support out-of-state students and kind of pass us by and say no, we're cool with everyone paying like 60K a year to you know cost of attendance to come here, especially when you could be helping even just a couple of people.

Ishaan Verma: I'd just like to echo that statement. I feel like it's not really on us to kind of put limits on ourselves like the ASUW leadership or like people with more power than us will work this down and we. Shouldn't really, like, shoot ourselves in the foot trying to, like, I don't know, play nice in a way

Husna Chepkemboi: Another thing I'd like to add is that this is like the current statistics of this year or like past years, but statistics does change and it's going to take a long time to pass this bill and for it to be active. So like we don't have to focus on the current economical state because it will change and it might change and it will be up to the Board of Directors and whoever's going to pass

this bill forward and implement it for them to actually make that decision. So every time we keep repeating that it's 8 billion, it's 8 million and the statistics, it will change eventually.

Spencer Grubbs: I think I agree for a lot of the statements that have already been made and I think that, like all things considered, this is a very reasonable bill to pass. And I think we're at the point. Where there's not really anybody else's minds going to be changed. So I don't know how much will be gained from just endlessly commenting on the bill.

Spencer Grubbs moves to approve R-32-2

Husna Chepkemboi seconds

Avery Kirscht objects

Spencer Grubbs: This is like, I think there's not really like, I think it's now the point to just either vote for it or vote against it.

Avery Kirscht: We are at our base an advocacy group. We, as it's been pointed out tonight, don't have power to institute the things that we pass. That said, we do have a responsibility to be cognizant of the impact of the things that we pass or the potential impact thereof. We, as an undergraduate Student Senate for the Seattle campus, represent roughly 40,000 people. If we conform simply to the state average of 335 in WUE, that would mean that the bill tonight would only benefit 0.008% of the population that we represent. I am not against the principle of making school here more affordable. That is absolutely a thing that we should do, I'm simply asking that we take more time to consider different options that might have a greater impact on the student body that we all claim to represent.

Avery Kirscht rescinds objection

Tessa Raith objects

Spencer Grubbs yields

Tessa Raith: This is not so much an argument for or against, but a clarifying comment because this has come up multiple times. And I wanted to point out that there are statutory limits on how much UW and public institutions in Washington can raise tuition. They are statutory, statutorily precluded from raising it beyond. The rate of inflation. So as it is raised every year, they cannot raise it beyond that. So that's not a lever they can pull according to Washington law. So that's just a general comment if it that influences anyone's thought process.

Joseph Riggio: I appreciate y'all holding me accountable in the way of parli pro. Anywho we are in a period of debate, questions, comments, motions.

Pierce Wallbaum moves the previous question.

Collin Saywers seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Isaac Pasco objects

Spencer Grubbs yields

Erick Jacobsen: Point of parliamentary inquiry. When the previous question is moved, don't we go immediately into a vote on the previous question?

Joseph Riggio: No. So I do know that we have been doing that. I have learned that since, you should call for more objections and, Brendan, do you have an idea on that? OK, thank you. We're going to get clarification on that. It's just I know that when we did the adjournment, unless adjournment is different if there's multiple objections that we got through before, so I'm going off of that.

Brendan Sandora: Once a motion to a previous objection has passed then we go immediately to a vote on the previous motion.

Joseph Riggio: So thank you Erick for the parliamentary inquiry, that's my bad. So we're going to move to, we're going to now vote to approve R-32-2. Not taking any more objections.

Drumroll commences

Motion to approve R-32-2 approved 68-28-10

Joseph Riggio yields speakership to Erick Jacobsen

Dylan Bianchi moves to suspend the rules and put LD-32-2 in old business.

Detlef Gerbing seconds

Approved by raised hand vote

Erick Jacobsen: We will go directly into LD-32-2 which is a Legislative Directive Supporting Joint Memorial 8014. Dylan, would you like to come up here?

Dylan Bianchi: I'm gonna read this in full in a second, but I just want to preface this by saying this is somewhat urgent because we need to pass this legislative directive in order for our Director of Legislative Affairs, Brandon, who's currently in Olympia, to lobby for it whenever the Senate decides to have a hearing on it. And so we kind of need to pass it today or reject it as the case may be.

OK, as Erick said earlier, this is a bill that intends to, the original bill, like the Senate bill, the real one, not that we do. What we do is in real, sorry, would call on the federal. This is, I'm sorry, this is actually going to be very serious and dour. It would call on the federal government to investigate the killing of Aysenur Ezgi Eygi, who is a human rights activist, UW alum, Washingtonian, U.S. citizen who was murdered in the occupied West Bank of Palestine by the Israeli government. To my knowledge, the only investigation into this killing that has ever occurred was an internal investigation by the IDF that did not produce public results, and the US government has not taken the same scrutiny to it that they would typically take to the foreign killing of A US citizen.

Dylan Bianchi reads [LD-32-2 A Legislative Directive Supporting Joint Memorial 8014.docx](#)

Aiden Reeder: I believe this is grammatical. On line two, it should read American citizen, not American citizens.

Aiden Reeder moves to approve

Teddie Schmitt seconds

Approved 82-1-16

Erick Jacobsen: Congratulations, Dylan and everyone, yeah. With that we're going to move into committee meetings. And before we do that, please note that if you're in committee meetings and it reaches 7, we have still not yet adjourned. We need to come back here so don't just leave right out of committee meetings, please.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On Campus Affairs

Ruby Santos became On-Campus Committee Vice Chair as the only candidate.

Off Campus Affairs

- Log rolling
- Anything food related iii
- Boba
- Games IIII
 - Cold case
 - Kahoot
 - Get to know you
- Movie night II
- Rock climbing
- Mario cart
- Friendship bracelets
- Mafia/werewolf

- Just dance
- Ranking White people phrases

General Affairs

- Pierce takes attendance in person, Sarah takes Teams attendance
- Brief beginning to meeting: does anyone have any ideas for bills
- No codified way to conduct debates or panels (ie: discretion of board/speaker to determine for a forum)-Liam Knochen
- Pierce adds-> not quite sure what the standard is, suggests going to Erick's office hours
- Liam responds-> talked to Erick, believes its determined during steering
- Pierce responds-> does not believe that it occurs in steering
- Liam continues-> to codify, needs a new document and heading
- Pierce again-> suggests going back to Erick
- New bill idea-> Isabelle Green ->issues for onboarding and getting into majors/classes, new solutions for A&O over the summer for onboarding, if you are having high schoolers who have never chosen classes before choose for the first time, not really setting them up for success (ideas: adding a module to A&O part 1 to help, make it a designated webinar for A&O part 2)
- Pierce adds-> last year there was a financial advisory added, senate can do something, talk to Erick! Talk to student affairs

Academic and Administrative Affairs

ADJOURNMENT

Spencer Grubbs moves to adjourn

Liam Knochen seconds

Approved by raised hand vote.

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