



Associated Students of the University of Washington

Senate Steering Minutes | Senate Session XXXII

Date

HUB 307

400 pm

ATTENDANCE

Erick Jacobsen (he/him), Speaker | P

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

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

Blair Yeh (she/her) On-Campus Committee Chair | P

Kavi Pasupathi (he/him), Proxy for 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 | E

Detlef Gerbing (he/him), *Committee on ASUW Restructuring Chair* P

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE STEERING AGENDA

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the approval of the agenda. Do I hear any motions?

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 5-0-1

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.

SPEAKER'S REPORT

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the speaker's report, sort of a pseudo board report, I guess, because that's most of what I have to report. Board approved the budget on Thursday which solves the deficit. And I believe almost every change that was proposed in the all staff was enacted with the exception of Rainy Dog Radio, and we also allocated \$60,000 from the general fund to the Special Appropriations Fund cause it had run out. We had already given out the \$90,000 to like a bunch of different RSOs, like dozens of RSOs. And so because we had a bunch of money in the general fund, we moved some of that to the special preparations fund. And the special preparations fund is slightly increased for next year as well, even with the deficit solved. So that's what happened last meeting. We also gave \$10,000 to EMS. They are seeking to move on to SAF funding, but while they're sort of in a transitional state, they wanted ASUW support. And then we talked about like a fee that the first year experience people are trying to do or raise for like orientation and stuff. On the legislation side, I've met with a couple of people. We have three pieces of legislation today, including one resolution. So we're now on 4 resolutions. Thank you, AISC. And hopefully we see more before the end of the year because it's this is our 20th week of instruction and we've only seen 4 resolutions, but we have also seen a record number of legislative directors, so that's cool too. Moving on to the Vice Speaker's report.

VICE SPEAKER'S REPORT

Joseph Riggio: So I'm going to clarify this tomorrow but just remind your committee members that quorum vote is not the attendance vote. The reason for that is because hypothetically, if someone does the quorum vote and we call the meeting to order, yay, meeting happens. That doesn't stop a senator from leaving the meeting and claiming that they attended the meeting, which defeats the point. We take attendance seriously because they represent a constituency. This is especially true if they're protected or designated seats but even signature seats as well. We apply the same rule to all seat types. So remind them of the proxy policy. Remind them that they can always reach out to me and communicate with me ahead of time. We reserve committee chairs as emergency proxies. We do have a limited amount because only one senator can be a proxy for someone, or senators can only have one proxy at a time. That includes everyone here. So we try and be sparing with that. Also just to give an update, I just sent out the calendar invite for the February 25th Liaison Committee meeting. This will be the first of hopefully a few more monthly committee meetings. I just sent out an agenda and whatnot. This is going to be an opportunity for liaison committee members to sit down and talk about what the various committees have been up to as well as collaboration opportunities and possible resolution drafting. So hopefully some good can come from that. Remind your, if you have, if you know committee members who are also liaisons, send them a friendly reminder that that's happening. I do have a couple people excused. GAVEL is kicking ass as normal and that's all I have.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Julia Tanner: I have only one thing. Please fill out the When2Meet I sent out in the steering chat today preferably. Probably after the meeting. We need our focus here, but that's basically all I have. I will be sending a reel out on Instagram in the next like day or two. But yeah, that's all.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Brendan Chang: I decided that your lovely fun word of the week is serendipity. The delightful experience of finding something good without looking for it. Y'all are doing great.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the approval of the minutes.

Recess 4:06 pm

Reconvened 4:10 pm

Kavi Pasupathi moves to approve

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 4-0-1

PROPOSALS

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on to the first proposal, [R-32-04 A Resolution in Support of a Pro-Student and Pro-Indigenous Smudging Policy at the University of Washington](#) Do you both wanna read it?

Lane Ryan reads R-32-4 Whereas clauses

Allison McClaughry reads R-32-4 That clauses

Erick Jacobsen: Thank you. And is this the most up to date cause I don't see anything in Appendix B. I'm not sure if it updated. While we're working on that, does anyone have any questions for the sponsors?

Julia Tanner: Starting off, thank you for writing this, this is really well done. I had a question about lines 48, the second to last whereas clause talking about the policies, where are these policies or standards found?

Lane Ryan: These are found through the ECC policy for smudging and then also through the university housing HFS policy for smudging as well.

Brendan Chang: It's more specifically an overarching Washington Administrative School code non-smoking policy that the university has to follow. So for any changes, it would have to be the state legislature to change the Washington Administrative code. I do believe there is like some kind of potential exception in certain ways, but I'd have to look up the code specifically, but that's where exactly it lives per se. Yeah, I think that's what most of the like pretty much any of that the like, which I believe the code specifically said no smoking inside like of any kind from any source in buildings basically is where it is. Have you, I do know Portland University has like a smudging like an exception like I believe in residence halls. I don't know if that's also something that potentially could like I don't know. I believe like they could file to have an exception.

Allison McClaughry: We looked through that at the beginning and I think like if this was put into practice and like once the actual policy is being formulated, I think that's like definitely like the number one community on the list to. Almost like borrow their framework for.

Brendan Chang: But anyways that you know hopefully that helps for the context about where the policy lives.

Erick Jacobsen: And you should be able to make suggest edits to add sources if you'd like. And those are like we interpret those as grammatical so we can just approve those without a vote.

Pierce Wallbaum: I guess at the risk of sounding ignorant I've never heard of smudging, and I don't see anywhere in the whereas clauses unless I just skipped over it that where you guys really define or say what it is. I was just wondering if you'd be willing to add a whereas clause, kind of just giving an example or a definition of what it is for senators to understand what exactly it is or why exactly it's not allowed in the dorms or anything.

Allison McClaughry: We were kind of thinking one of our interns, she made like a little slideshow about what it is, cause like we definitely came into this understanding that of what like our normal is and like what we know is like obviously not everyone knows which is like obviously fine whatever. But what I'm trying to say is maybe during like forums could we give like a little slideshow like 5 minute brief thing about like what it is?

Lane Ryan: Because lines 45-51 outline like the very basic like the bare bones of it.

Allison McClaughry: But it'd be really, I think it's important for everyone who's like voting and understanding this to have the full context. And so if we could go like a little bit more in depth.

Erick Jacobsen: I believe we can link that as an appendix and we'll take that as grammatical as well because it won't change the meaning of the bill.

Allison McClaughry: OK, so if we put something together, can we do that? Should we do that during like the general comments or forum?

Erick Jacobsen: It really depends on how long it is. If it's more than two minutes, then it'd have to be in the forums. But if it's like 1 slide and two minutes, then that's easy to do. Just general announcements.

Alisson McClaughry: if it is a forum, is there a deadline that we need to let you know by?

Joseph Riggio: You would just tell me the dates and availability that work.

Erick Jacobsen: The intent is to do it tomorrow for the bill to prepare.

Alisson McClaughry: I think we could do it under 2 minutes and we can just make like a little infographic and then that can also be shared with all senators. So if they want to like read it back at their tables too.

Erick Jacobsen: OK, yeah, that works. Any other questions or comments? Are there any questions, comments or motions?

Julia Tanner: I was going to ask if the sponsors had a preference for what committee they should go in as on campus already has something.

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve into on-campus affairs

Kavi Pasupathi seconds

Approved 5-0-1

Erick Jacobsen: Our next bill is OA-32-3 Organic Acts, as I'm sure you all know, go into steering as if it's a committee so we can make amendments to OA-32-2 and this is An Organic Act to Reorganize Membership of the Select ASUW Restructuring Committee. Joseph do you want to read through the bill?

Joseph Riggio reads [OA-32-03 An Organic Act to Reorganize Membership of the Select ASUW Restructuring Committee](#)

Erick Jacobsen: Cool, is Leila not a senator?

Joseph Riggio: So we clarified with Brendan in the office so that's the Judicial committee. The only thing that I will recommend that we do that I might have time to do on the floor if we don't have time to do it now is replace names with position titles, just so that way in the future if there are resignations, anybody who fills those positions can be in the committee automatically and I don't have to do this again.

Julia Tanner: why am I not in the list?

Erick Jacobsen: I believe you indicated that you wanted to be removed?

Julia Tanner: Until I realized an OA had to be drafted.

Julia Tanner moves to add herself to the committee's membership

Kavi Pasupathi seconds

Approved 5-0-1

Brendan Chang: I think it's possible that you can write a that clause If anyone resigned in this just appoint, something like that. I don't know how you would word that, but I think it's possible.

Erick Jacobsen: Yeah maybe something along the lines of allowing resignations?

Joseph Riggio: Well we have, Julia has the power to move committee membership, and I don't know if that extends, because temporarily they would be in the restructuring committee. And if Julia has the power to move people around committees, I don't know. I would have to double check to whether that's extended to select committees too. But automatically I think we might be able to do

that. However, I would support a that clause that maybe just ensures that we can do that. Yeah, I feel like that might be best.

Kavi Pasupathi: Is Detlef still chair of this committee or could he resign as well?

Joseph Riggio: That doesn't need to change and the reason why is because we elect the body, the Senate body elected the chair through the procedure that we follow for standing committee chairs. The Select Committee Chair procedure is just referencing the standing committee chair. So they wouldn't be listed as a member officially which means they wouldn't. And I think they they're authorized to vote in a case of a tie based on the the committee or the last organic act. Let me double check that, but that should be fine. That should be able to or shouldn't need to be added.

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

Dylan Bianchi: What is the process – Can we just grammatically change these people's names to like their position or does Joseph just want to do that on the floor?

Joseph Riggio: I can put a little bit more thought into it and just make sure, I can do it on the floor instead. Because it's not a grammatical change, cause that fundamentally changes how the membership works. Because right now it's very it's calling out a senator as like their senator role they just happened to be liaisons and that was the point of the last bill. But I yield to Brendan.

Brendan Chang: If you wanted to make it broad I think like a potential way you can phrase it is like say like that. The quorum is defined as this number, however, and that resignations would change. I don't know. There's like a way to work it. I just like, I think that's a potential way to make it generic without having to do the whole position changing. I'm gonna workshop this now.

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

Julia Tanner moves to approve

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 5-0-1

Erick Jacobsen: Moving on our next bill is LD-32-4. Since I am the sponsor of this, I yield the chair to Joseph.

Erick Jacobsen yields speakership to **Joseph Riggio**

Joseph Riggio: Erick since you already sponsored this bill, would you mind, It's a short bill. Why don't you read it out in full.

Erick Jacobsen reads [LD-32-04 A Legislative Directive to Support Paid Leave for University Employees in Immigration Procedures](#)

Joseph Riggio: Would the prime sponsor like to provide any additional context?

Erick Jacobsen: Sure! Specifically paid leave for faculty and staff in UW facing immigration procedures, that was included in the joint resolution that I wrote with Aiden last year, which is one of many bills that me and another group of ASUW people are keeping an eye on as we attempt to enact partially through GAVEL, partially through the Board of Directors and other means student resolutions. So this is one of the like many that has been on my radar. And then I noticed that this bill existed and I reached out to Brandon and he said that he would lobby in favor of it if an LD was

passed. And he suggested that we thank Representative Salahuddin in a that clause as well. And so I sponsored this bill to support the GAVEL work and Board of Directors work and OGR work in enacting some of our past legislation so that Brandon can lobby on this bill and hopefully it can pass and we can protect public employees like UW employees from losing their job or losing money due to being detained or in immigration related proceedings.

Joseph Riggio: All right, I'm going to open up the floor to questions, comments or motions.

Pierce Wallbaum: Oh, I was going to say thank you for writing this, but could we maybe, I don't know if it's just like grammatical, but at least just like the bill summary and the co-sponsored by part if that could be cleaned up before passing.

Dylan Bianchi moves to approve into off campus affairs

Kavi Pasupathi seconds

Approved 5-0-1

Joseph Riggio yields speakership to Erick Jacobsen

APPROVAL OF SENATE FLOOR AGENDA

Erick Jacobsen: So we are now going into the floor agenda. Let me just reflect this over into the Off Campus Affairs. OK, now it's reflected and we do have Josh Gana for 30 minutes. I think what is he presenting on the HFS rates proposal? We do have the presentation. 30 minutes is what we said. Yeah. So let me open in PowerPoint and then link that and refresh the page to continue. 30 minutes for this and again we are talking about the approval of the floor agenda right now. Are there any questions or comments currently or motions?

Dylan Bianchi: this is a general question because I'm spacing on the procedure for constitutional limits. But what is the future of SB32-2 look like? Is it any different than typical

Erick Jacobsen: So currently we're just in the discussion phase. Judicial, I believe, can still do a recommendation which would involve, I think they can recommend we change the question wording. Brendan can speak more on that, cause I don't know as much.

Brendan Chang: Oh, Christina Coop and I like had like an hour, like it was a whole thing. It's just there's like a lot of vagueness in the amendment parts as a whole. And so what we can in terms of judicial, judicial doesn't even have to do anything cause technically, according to how we interpret it, what we agreed upon and everything in it says is all Senate needs to do is just send them the language. I think do whatever they want. Judicial can, hold on, let me look. I have to look it back up. Judicial can do something in terms of this. They can do something. Yeah, they're like technically the only thing that they can do is this is related to the section is just they can, if they choose to make a recommendation for a revision or alteration of the proposal. So not even related to the question. The only thing that Board can do is they can amend the question with the and by with the consent of the judicial committee – they can just change the question. The other thing that they can do is up to two times refer the amendment, basically like once it passes Senate, that's just it. It just becomes, and board can choose to reject it up to two times within 14 school days after the passage. But and then Senate would have to repass it. But after the third repassage, if it does, if after two rejections, it

just becomes it. But Senate can kind of just proceed forward without any input and it doesn't need to pass any other body.

Erick Jacobsen: And currently because there was no new bill submitted, they're just in discussion on the bill that we tabled indefinitely so that they can propose potential amendments and then if those are incorporated into the resubmission, then that would like cut down the amount of time it needs to be in committee, but that's where we're at currently. I'm also gonna see if I can meet with Detlef before Senate to discuss further sort of where they're at and what they wanna do. But because I know some of them were interested in helping Joseph develop some of it, so I want to make sure they also have time to think about how they feel about all the different changes. But that's where we're at right now.

Dylan Bianchi: Just so I'm understanding Joseph will resubmit something to the committee. Does that go through, do we approve it in steering first? So I'm presuming next week you will put something in steering?

Joseph Riggio: Very likely.

Dylan Bianchi: Then Senate has to vote to approve it. The board has to vote to approve it.

Brendan Chang: No, not that last part.

Dylan Bianchi: Not the last part. So board. So where does board? Is board involved at all?

Brendan Chang: The only thing that the Board of Directors may do is exercise their referral power twice for any single quarter within 14 school days after passage.

Dylan Bianchi: So they can ask us to reconsider it.

Brendan Chang: They it basically kind of they basically just cancel it out and it goes back to Senate. It's like, OK, it's not like an actual passage of a resolution per se they don't do it. They just basically say, oh, look at it again.

Dylan Bianchi: We can either choose to do nothing or choose to be like give this another shot, then we can go to that little dance three times?

Brendan Chang: two times. They can do it twice. They they have to do it within 14 school days however which is technically two weeks and two days if you wanna count exactly because and also the last day anything could pass beyond the this current election has to be done by March 20th.

Erick Jacobsen: And Brendan do I submit a bill if board wants to refer it, do they have to submit a bill?

Brendan Chang: I think someone would have to. It doesn't say exactly how they would do it to be honest. I imagine it would be a board bill. I think anyone on board can do it to refer. It's like it's specific on what it is, refer the amendment back to the student senate with recommendations for the amendment and such a referral have shall have the effect of terminating the order. So basically I think it is like a board bill. I imagine it would have to be something like a board bill order where they'd have to be like no? I don't know that this is like what exactly it looks like. It's not specified. I don't know if that means it's just a vote at a meeting, but at the end of the day, like it would be up to Nandana's job to refer like if it happens, her job would be that to notify you as the body of Senate, obviously you're at that meeting, but like it would have to be a record notification and then that's when we would take it back to the Senate. If that does happen with whatever format or the way it is

Dylan Bianchi: And then how does judicial come into all of this?

Erick Jacobsen: They can look over it if they want to, basically. They have the option to look over it, but they will neither reject it nor do we need their approval.

Dylan Bianchi: So they're just like an advisory body to make it work better?

Brendan Chang :They can choose to just do nothing.

Dylan Bianchi: And they are actively looking? OK. I think I understand.

Julia Tanner: Do we need to put summary of new business?

Erick Jacobsen: Oh, you're so right. I always forget that. Wow. Technically we do three things. Thank you, Julia.

Kavi Pasupathi moves to approve

Dylan Bianchi seconds

Approved 5-0-1

DISCUSSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Erick Jacobsen: Announcements and public comment. If anyone would like to make any announcement or if any member of the public would like to speak, we have one today here. No. OK, they do not care. Now is the time. Any announcements?

ADJOURNMENT

Dylan Bianchi moves to adjourn

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 4-2-0

4:48 pm

Minutes Prepared by Jothsna Sundar
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