



Associated Students of the University of Washington

Senate Steering Minutes | Senate Session XXXII

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HUB 307

4:00 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

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

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

Collin Saywers (he/him), Proxy for Academic & Administrative Affairs Committee Chair
| P

TBD (she/her), GPSS Director of University Affairs | E

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

Detlef Gerbing (he/him) *Select Committee on ASUW Restructuring* | E

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE STEERING AGENDA

Erick Jacobsen yields to Ashwin Anand

Ashwin Anand: Hey everybody, y'all probably saw me online last week, last week. Great to see all your faces as of. 15 minutes ago or so, I have resigned as the Director of Internal Policy due to personal commitments. So, you know. do what you may on the Senate order, but effectively, like, I'll be guaranteeing a transition for my successor. There'll be a smooth transition for all of my responsibilities and duties but just wanted to make that note here for future discussions.

Erick Jacobsen: And I will be working with Board to figure out what happens next with the Director of Internal Policy position. We've already had a couple conversations about it, but I'll keep you all updated. When it comes to the Senate order, we cannot recall someone who does not hold the position so before we approve the agenda, it would likely be prudent to strike that item from the agenda.

Brendan Chang: That's not exactly how that works. Unfortunately, with how your bylaws are stated there, because it just doesn't, like, there's several ways it could happen. The fastest, and I guess, simplistic way would be if the sponsor decides to just withdraw, then it just goes away. Or it's like there can be like a unanimous, like, not you know, a motion, but like you can make a motion to just due to the position being vacant and the person not holding the position, like make like a call, like make a motion to override the advancing charge to become dismissed, and then dismiss all the other charges, and then it just also just goes away. But I would say that they're probably going too often. if you want this bill to go away.

Erick Jacobsen: In that case then we wouldn't want to remove it from the agenda, we would want to have that discussion once we get to that agenda item?

Brendan Chang: I would say yes.

Erick Jacobsen: Okay. In that case, never mind what I said. But we are in the approval of the agenda, are there any motions?

Pierce Wallbaum moves to approve the agenda

Abigail Appleyard 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.

SENATE ORDER

Erick: Jacobsen: Moving on to Senate Order 32-1 a Senate order for a special election for the recall of the Director of Internal Policy. As aforementioned, Ashwin has resigned.

There is no Director of Internal Policy. There can be a motion made to dismiss all charges including charge 2, which was already advanced. Would that, Brendan, have to be a motion to reconsider?

Brendan Chang: Yeah, it would basically, it's like, it's like a multi-step process, if that's what you wish to do. If someone who voted to approve the charge is the only person, but I think most of you voted yes, and one person abstained. So anyone who voted yes on that, and it passed, because it's the majority, can make the motion for reconsideration, and then you can dismiss that charge. Motion for reconsideration based on the position being vacated by the person in question. And then that needs two-thirds of the voting majority to pass, and if that passes, then it is open for reconsideration. Then you can proceed to dismiss that charge, and then also in the same motion, dismiss all charges for the same reason.

Joseph Riggio: Point of Parliamentary inquiry to Brendan. You said that if we choose to do so, what are all of our options here so we have all our cards on the table as to what our options are for this bill with that information?

Brendan Chang: There's nothing saying that you can't just proceed forward with all of it as well. But at the end of the day, you still have to approve this week. including if you decide to proceed forward with any charges and having a hearing, you must have that scheduled as well.

Erick Jacobsen: But the bill would have no effect if it passed Senate?

Brendan Chang: If it passed in Senate, there would be no one to recall. So the minute it passed in the Senate, there would be nothing that could happen.

Erick Jacobsen: With that in mind, are there any questions, comments, or motions?

Abigial Appleyard moves to reconsider SB-32-01 Section 2 Charge 1 originally listed Charge 2

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 3-0-2

Advancement vacated

Erick Jacobsen: This advancement has been vacated and we are now back into discussion on charge 2. At this point, we may continue discussion on charge 2 and motions can be made on charge 2 or on charges 2 through 5.

Julia Tanner: Seeing as how Ashwin resigned, I'm going to move to dismiss charges 2 through 5.

Julia Tanner moves to dismiss charges 2-5

Abigail Appleyard seconds

Joseph Riggio objects

Julia Tanner yields

Joseph Riggio: I was going to yield to Teddie as the Prime sponsor. Since we have all of our options now, I just want to make sure that that's also something that's considered.

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

Julia Tanner rescinds motion.

Teddie Schmitt: I think that because you decided to resign for personal reasons, that the best thing to do would be to dismiss the charges. I do think that there is importance in if you decide not to, that it goes through Senate so that people are informed about this, so that people don't repeat any issues. At the end of the day, it is up to you guys on steering.

Erick Jacobsen: And we will in the clerk report inform the Senate on the proceedings of steering.

Pierce Wallbaum: Thank you for that. I just think for the sake of time, we have a lot to do in Senate this quarter, and given that it wouldn't really achieve anything, I move to dismiss charges 2 through 5.

Pierce Wallbaum moves to dismiss charges 2-5

Julia Tanner seconds

Approved 5-0-1

SPEAKER'S REPORT

Erick Jacobsen: Hey gang, I didn't get to do this last week, but I forgot last quarter to have our like end of quarter check-ins so if all the committee chairs would like to check in with me, you have to, so too bad. So, I would love to talk to you all about sort of things that have been going well, things that have been going not so well, things I can do to support you, that sort of thing, just like an open opportunity to talk about everything. So if y'all chairs could please reach out to me about that, that would be really amazing because I do want y'all to speak. Apart from that, I'm not sure I have much to report, so we will move on to the Vice Speaker's report.

VICE SPEAKER'S REPORT

Joseph Riggio: Hey y'all, GAVEL applications are open. If any of y'all want to apply but more importantly, if you have committee members who are also interested, if some of y'all in the room are interested in joining, GAVEL applications close April 7th at 11:59 p.m. This is the last opportunity for session 32 to join GAVEL. In GAVEL, we cover a range of topics from student health to immigration, international student rights, human rights issues, just generally anything that is the ASUW official student opinion are things that we can advocate for and do policy implementation on. And if you're curious, raise your hand if you are part of GAVEL. Okay, great. So if you have any questions about what GAVEL does, you can either come to me or you can talk to Collin, Teddie, the interns, or also Corbyn, who is also a member. So please reach out if you have any questions. But yeah, the other thing relevant to my job, Senate attendance notices have been sent out. So double check your committee members, see if they received a notice or not. There was a little bit more than typical, but it is the first meeting of the quarter. So please just make sure people are filling out the attendance votes. It's usually tied with the legislation vote. I believe it was for the first resolution that we passed out of Senate last week, so please make sure your committee members are voting for it.

Abigail Appleyard: Was there an attendance vote last week?

Joseph Riggio: Yes it was tied to the food pantry resolution. And then finally, we have our Vice President of Student Life forum tomorrow. Prepare for any questions you might have highly recommend going on the Student Life website and just looking at some of the units they oversee. They oversee a lot of different units, including health units. ASUW and GPSS are also under there as well. You can ask questions about our relationship with student life, what student life does, and the context of different things. Senate leadership prepared 2 questions. One is relevant to budgeting, the other and like

wellness services, and the other is targeting undocumented or international students, and how student life will support those students. So be mindful of those questions, but there will be a chance for moderated audience questions, just like our last forums with the President and Provost so it should look and function pretty similarly. It'll be a shorter, Denzil Suite does have to leave at 45 this time at 5:45 so it'll only be a 30-minute forum, which is why we have less questions from leadership so we can prioritize more questions from senators in the short time that we have. That's all I have.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Julia Tanner: Alright so, I literally just sent out the newsletter before this meeting. So please view it. If you didn't get it, let me know because that's a problem too and in the newsletter, there's the end of quarter survey linked. So please view the newsletter if only just to fill out that end of quarter survey and also encourage your committee members to do so as well. I'll also be posting the end of quarter survey on my leadership report so anyone who decides to not look at their email, which is totally fine, should be able to fill it out then. And then also make sure you and your committee members have you registered on the website? I'm considering whether or not to do like a list of people who haven't registered to put in my leadership report, but I'll decide that tomorrow. So if you don't want that for your committee members, because all of you were on the route to getting there, make sure that they they do that before tomorrow's meeting. And then that is basically all I have. I guess one more thing is I will be updating the Senate, like there's like a senator roster on the website. So I'll be officially updating that and posting it somewhere that people can see it because I'm pretty sure through that you can see how many constituents you have for all the questions about like how many constituents do I have. So thank you again for your patience with me as we all figure this out and yeah, have a great week, everyone.

Erick Jacobsen: And if you don't have anything in committee I highly recommend and would very strongly prefer if you can spend some committee time with your members filling out the survey. We got a lot of responses last time, which was amazing, and I want to repeat that.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Brendan Chang: Hello, happy spring.

Alan Galvez: that was adding

Brendan Chang: Anyways, I hope this would feel a little fitting with springtime, but it's the word cotton, but it's the verb version of cotton, not how it commonly, is used basically to begin to understand something or to catch on. For instance, it took a while but they're finally starting to cotton on. But anyways, that'd be fun. But yeah, you all are doing great. Elections are coming up so remember that, and you know, it's still springtime, and there's a lot fun here, it's your last quarter, so please just remember to enjoy the time that you have here, it becomes nice out the cherry blossoms and everything for you. Self-care.

Alan Galvez: Self-care.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Erick Jacobsen: We will move on now to the approval of the minutes. We do have two weeks worth of minutes here so I think it may be prudent to like do like two different like recesses, one for like the first set and one for the second set.

Recess 4:17 pm

Reconvened 4:27 pm

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Reconvened 4:37 pm

Erick Jacobsen: Considering the lively and jovial conversation, I assume that we've all read the minutes we were supposed to.

Pierce Wallbaum moves to approve all the minutes.

Abigial Appleyard seconds

Approved 5-0-1

PROPOSALS

Erick Jacobsen: We'll move on to our first and only proposal, OA-32-05, an organic act to add Francisco Dojenia to the ASUW Senate Restructuring Select Committee. Joseph would you like to read this out?

Joseph Riggio reads [OA-32-05 An Organic Act to Add Francisco Dojenia to the ASUW Senate Restructuring Select Committee](#)

Julia Tanner: The only thing I'll say is that Francisco is a fully activated senator as well so I don't know if we would be open to like adding that or if it matters to like the whereas clause starting on lines 9 to 12, but just more context.

Erick Jacobsen: Considering you do need to be a senator to be a voting member of a committee I can believe that maybe I should clarify, I will clarify again, it's been a while since you got an OA. We can amend OAs directly in steering, as this is the committee that it goes to, and then it goes straight to old business.

Abigail Appleyard: I was just wondering why Frisco is in Senate now he's a graduate student.

Erick Jacobsen: ASUW is undergraduate and graduate. So, any undergraduate and graduate student can become a senator, write legislation, vote, run for office. GPSS is sort of our baby, where a while ago people were like, "wouldn't it be great if the graduate people had more autonomy, and they have more autonomy?" For all legal intents and purposes, ASUW is the only association. So we do represent undergrads and graduates.

Julia Tanner moves to amend line 10 to read "is now a graduate student and an active senator"

Collin Saywers seconds

Approved 4-0-1

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

Pierce Wallbaum moves to approve

Collin Saywers seconds

Approved 4-0-1

APPROVAL OF SENATE FLOOR AGENDA

Erick Jacobsen: And before I forget, I'm also going to put it in summary of new business. That is the bane of my existence. Keep forgetting. Hopefully, we'll have more legislation next week, but it's been nice to get through some of our backlog. Now we will go into the discussion items. Our first one is an executive session for Senator of the Month. So if you are not a member of this committee or a proxy, yeah. Oh, I'm so sorry. Never mind. I'm used to us automatically going. We will move to the approval of the floor agenda. I've added in the OA. We have the Denzil Suite forum. We can specify 30 minutes. And can you link the slides, Joseph?

Pierce Wallbaum: Can you change the time to say 5 to 730?

Erick Jacobsen: Yes, and we will announce that we will hopefully go until 730 or that's the aim. This is likely something that's going to happen a lot of the weeks in spring, maybe not all of them, but the extra time is really very much necessary in order to get through all the things we have. Next week, our Senate meeting is entirely made up of 1 forum. We cannot get to any business. And then we will start having Senate leadership elections in starting the 28th, and that will take up a lot of time. So we need to be able to have the time to go through legislation as well, and our forums. Are there any questions, comments, or motions on the agenda?

Pierce Wallbaum moves to approve

Julia Tanner seconds

Approved 4-0-1

DISCUSSION

Erick Jacobsen: Now we are in executive session.

Executive session convened 4:44 pm

Reconvened 4:59 pm

Erick Jacobsen: We're back and better than ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Erick Jacobsen: We are moving on to the announcements and public comment period. Are there any announcements or would any member? There are no members. Any announcements?

Julia Tanner: I'm writing a legislation with a friend also in Senate about animal testing on UW. So if you know anyone who has been involved with any of the labs on campus or anything like that, or if you yourself are in, reach out to me, that would be awesome. I've already talked to a few people in Senate that I know are involved in that kind of stuff. But yeah.

Joseph Riggio: On April 13th, Housing and Food Services is doing a resident advisor student leader training on what to do with international and undocumented advocacy and how student leaders can get involved. Unfortunately, OGR can no longer attend. I'm trying to get people from our Office of International Student Advocacy to come as well.

If you know people who are in the advocacy space, for international students and also undocumented students, send me their information. I can connect them with my supervisor, who is coordinating the training. They would just be speaking on different resources that are offered on campus, what advocacy issues that they're involved in, and how student leaders can be involved as well.

Abigail Appleyard: have you talked to CIRCLE?

Joseph Riggio: Not yet. I'll reach out and see if it's aligned with what Housing and Food Services is going for with that. I didn't just because they also prioritize graduate students too, and I wasn't sure exactly. But yes, that's a good point. I'll reach out.

Erick Jacobsen: I have an announcement on behalf of QSC. On April 15th, they have the drag show at 5, the doors open at 4:30. They have 10 drag queens. Irene the Alien is their headliner. And we should also support QSC.

Pierce Wallbaum: Where?

Erick Jacobsen: HUB Lyceum.

Julia Tanner: I went last year. It was amazing, and I unfortunately can't. But show up, it's incredible.

Jothsna Sundar: This is something I've been meaning to say for a while, to committee chairs, vice chairs. If your vice chair is absent, let me know. I can come take minutes for them. It's been a little bit interesting recently with like not having a ton of business or like vice chairs shuffling around a little bit so, I feel like this is the best way to handle that. Thanks.

Erick Jacobsen: Any other announcements? Well then are there any motions?

ADJOURNMENT

Abigail Appleyard moves to adjourn

Pierce Wallbaum seconds

Approved 4-2-0

5:02 pm

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