

Minutes
February 7, 2006
5:00PM – HUB 310

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Travis McCoy

I. Committee Meetings (20 minutes)

Committees met for 20 minutes prior to beginning the general Senate meeting.

II. Call to Order

Alex Kim called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Andrew Everett moved to place R-12-18 at the top of Old Business. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

Division was called. The motion passed.

Shawn Fisher moved to place R-12-10 at the top of Old Business.

Alex Kim ruled the motion dilatory.

Travis McCoy moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Passed without objection.

IV. Public Forum with Lincoln Johnson

Erin Shields introduced **Lincoln Johnson**, Director of Student Activities and Union Facilities.

Lincoln Johnson said the HUB was originally designed for a student body of 21,000 and that he hopes to design a master plan for the HUB.

He said his primary responsibility at UW has been management of the HUB, as well as working with ASUW and RSO's.

He noted South Campus Center is the secondary student facility on campus.

He noted the current plan is to bring in an architectural firm and plan out the best use of space and brainstorm possibilities for long-term use of the HUB.

He said he was interested in growing the HUB and that he was hopeful that work on the HUB could start in 3-5 years.

Lincoln Johnson guessed the project cost would cost \$200,000-\$250,000, but that such an estimate is only a rough guess. He noted that money would pay only for the appraisal of the HUB, not any actual construction or renovation.

He said the money could come from the Student Activities Fee in part.

He said he is extremely excited about the possibilities of expansion and improvement of the HUB.

Andrew Everett asked if the issue was that the majority of students are commuters or if the limiting factor was a space issue.

Lincoln Johnson said that space is currently a very limiting factor. He said he didn't see the commuter issue as being problematic as the HUB acts as a Commuter Union Building in addition to serving students living on-campus.

Steve Valm asked how the renovation estimate compared to other renovations at UW.

Lincoln Johnson clarified that the \$250,000 would only cover proposal costs.

Alvin Chen asked how the architects and consultants will know what to allocate space for.

Lincoln Johnson said the consultants would talk to student groups and arrive at a general idea of how to best use the space available.

Maria Vanushkina asked about the expansion of large public spaces.

Lincoln Johnson said that lounge space is at a premium and could be made more available, but that he didn't want to allocate additional money to the Husky Den facilities as they had recently been renovated.

Jenny Serpa asked which students' opinions will be targeted.

Lincoln Johnson said he thought it was important to get opinions from students who don't go to the HUB as well as the opinions of those who do.

Alex Kim asked what student senators could do to help the process.

Lincoln Johnson said they would be approaching the Student Activities Fee committee in April and May and that, following those meetings, Senate would be more involved.

V. Committee Reports

Faculty and Administrative Affairs – The committee discussed R-12-21 and will continue doing so next week.

Academic Affairs – The committee considered R-12-7 and will do so next week.

Publicity and Outreach -Jerome McCuin said Lobby Day was a great event and that publicizing Lobby Day next year would be an important step. He said the committee is working on video publicizing the event and asked for senators' pictures taken during the day.

Membership -Travis Grandy said the committee is working on the senator auction for Valentine's Day.

Campus Affairs – The committee brainstormed possible new legislation

Off Campus Affairs- The committee discussed pedestrian safety and parking with **Peter Dewey**.

General Affairs – The committee passed R-12-20 with a favorable recommendation.

VI. Chair's Report

Alex Kim thanked all the senators who attended Lobby Day. He noted that Senate won the yearly competition for Lobby Day attendance.

He said Steering Committee discussed the problem of announcements at the end of meetings.

He noted that Senate is a critical place for organizations to advertise their events.

He said Steering decided that senators should not move to adjourn, but instead move to proceed to announcements.

Alex Lark asked if he thought announcements would lose their impact at the end of the meeting.

Alex Kim noted that the issue was discussed in Steering, and said that announcements at the beginning of each meeting are more ASUW oriented and thus other events were more suited to being announced at the end of meetings.

He encouraged students to stay for the announcements each meeting and take the information back to their constituents.

Alex Kim welcomed a representative from the United States Student Association.

Jennifer Pei said the USSA was created in 1957 to represent students on a national level. She said students determine the organization's agenda each year.

She noted that \$12.7 billion were going to be cut from national scholarship funds this year.

She encouraged students to get involved with USSA and contact her with any questions.

VII. ASUW Presidential Privilege

Jon Lee said **Lee Dunbar** apologized for not being available but was in a meeting with **Will Rasmussen**, Student Regent.

VIII. Board of Directors Report

Hala Dillsi said ASUW is hiring for a web-developer position next quarter. She said applications are due by February 17th and can be found at jobs.asuw.org.

Jon Lee said the Board would be considering instant runoff voting this week and encouraged senators to talk to **Karl Smith** about the issue if they had any questions.

Tyler Dockins said Lobby Day went well and noted that the conduct code bill did not pass out of committee.

He said the Gay Civil Rights bill was signed by the governor this week.

He said the textbook bill in the House and Senate are proceeding well.

He noted that the online voter registration is very controversial and is still being considered.

IX. Graduate and Professional Student Senate Report

Sean Kellogg noted that President Emmert would be addressing GPSS this month.¹

X. Orders of the Day

A. New Business

There was no new business to consider.

B. Old Business

¹ Statement added by Senate Steering 02/13/2006

R-12-18 A Resolution to Calling for a Tribute for Col. Gregory “Pappy” Boyington, USMC

Andrew Everett, sponsor of the legislation, summarized the resolution.

He said he wasn't interested in a large statue, but rather something on a small scale.

Jill Edwards *moved to table the resolution until next meeting. Seconded. Objection.*

Jill Edwards said other legislation needed to be considered as other resolutions have been on the docket longer.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he didn't see the issue as controversial and that because Senate had voted it to the top of the agenda it should be considered immediately.

The motion failed.

Travis McCoy asked how the construction of the memorial would be funded.

Andrew Everett said he had drawn up funding proposals for the UWAA, several UW departments, and other private sources of funding.

Jono Hanks¹ asked why **Andrew Everett** was interested in honoring this particular alumnus.

Andrew Everett said he had read about Colonel Boyington and thought his achievements warranted recognition.

Tyler Dockins asked why the monument shouldn't commemorate all the alumni who fought in the war.

Andrew Everett noted that several statues around campus already serve such a purpose and that Colonel Boyington had many of the qualities the University of Washington hoped to produce in its students.

Jill Edwards questioned whether it was appropriate to honor a person who killed other people.²

She said she didn't believe a member of the Marine Corps was an example of the sort of person UW wanted to produce.

¹ Name added by Senate Steering 02/13/2006

² Statement added by Senate Steering 02/13/2006

Ashley Miller commented that many monuments at UW¹ commemorate rich white men.

Karl Smith amended the first 'whereas' clause to strike the section "he was credited with destroying 26 enemy aircraft, tying the record for most aircraft destroyed by a pilot in American Uniform for which he was" and leaving the reference to the Navy Cross. Seconded. Objection.

He said the resolution should commend Colonel Boyington's service, not his killing of others.

Andrew Everett said a destroyed aircraft was not necessarily indicative that a pilot had died. He said the statistic on aircraft downed explained Colonel Boyington's achievements and why his performance was noteworthy.

Deidre Lockman said she was in favor of the resolution and approved of **Karl Smith's** amendment.

Sam Al-Khoury moved to close debate on the amendment. Seconded. Passed without objection.

The amendment passed.

Erin Shields asked what the process is for erecting a memorial on campus.

Andrew Everett said it was a process he would push through personally. He said it would go to the university administration, then to the Capital Projects Committee for placement consideration, and back to the administration for a final discussion on the monument.

Niki Iglesias moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

Shawn Fisher moved to amend the second 'that' clause and strike the deadline of 11 January 2008.

He said he was against the resolution, but that if it did pass, he wanted the statue to be of a high quality and said the project shouldn't be rushed.

¹ Previously read "...many monuments at UW already commemorate..." "already" removed by Senate Steering 02/17/2006

Mikhail Smirnoff noted the resolution didn't require the statue to be finished, but merely have the process started by that time.

Melissa Aar said she was against the amendment because of the significance of the date.

Shawn Fisher moved to close debate. Seconded. Passed without objection.

Debate was closed. The amendment failed.

A Senator said he feared Senate was rubber stamping a project that it didn't know enough about. He noted that Senate didn't have any specification for the statue's appearance or details on its placement.

Jon Lee said he didn't want to see a campus inundated with memorials. He said he feared this would open the invitation to multiple other memorials, which would water down their importance.¹

Andrew Everett said he envisioned a monument similar to the Lincoln Brigade outside of the HUB. He said he respected the history of the UW institution and the people it has produced and that the UW owes it to students to honor those from the past.

Deidre Lockman moved to strike the quote from President Roosevelt. Seconded. Objection.

She said the resolution focused more heavily on the negative aspects of war and should instead focus on more positive aspects such as the awarding of the Medal of Honor.

Travis Grandy moved to amend the amendment to restore "whose citation was signed by pres. Franklin D Roosevelt in March 1944". Seconded. Passed without objection.

Shawn Fisher said he thought the quote was unnecessary and reflected badly on the resolution.

Alex Kerchner said the issue was clear cut and that it didn't make any sense to commend Colonel Boyington for his Medal of Honor, and yet remove the reason it was awarded.

Mikhail Smirnoff said it was important to note what the Colonel actually achieved. He said it didn't make sense to not acknowledge why he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

¹ "which would water down their importance" added by Senate Steering 02/17/2006

Jon Evans moved to close debate on the amendment. Seconded. Objection.

The motion passed. Debate was closed on the amendment.

The amendment failed.

Mikhail Smirnoff said he supported the resolution. He said the resolution does not support a final product, but that it only supports the concept of the monument. He said he understood the sentiment of not wanting to reward those who fought in the war, but that he thought those who fought in WWII were heroes and that it was a much different war than the controversial war in Iraq.

Evan Roberts moved to close debate. Seconded. Objection.

The motion failed.

Division was called. The motion passed.

Debate was closed on the resolution.

Division was called on the resolution. The vote was tied 45-45-10¹

Alex Kim noted that in the case of a tie, the Senate Chair cast the tie-breaking vote.

Alex Kim voted nay. The resolution failed.

Zachary Tobin called for a roll call vote.

Alex Kim called the motion out of order as the results of the vote had already been announced.

R-12-10 A Resolution in Support of Virtual Campus Community

Karl Smith moved to amend the resolution to delete the final 'that' clause and add 'that' clauses to read "That the ASUW supports the creation and management of the MyCampusNet website by Edward Marsh and THAT the ASUW will contribute to the promotion of such a website, and THAT once the website is determined by Edward Marsh to be completed and firmly finished, the ASUW should take full control of the website and its maintenance." Seconded. Passed without objection.

¹ Final vote tally added by Senate Steering 02/13/2006

Kareem Cervantes asked for clarification on who will be involved in the creation of the website.

Ed Marsh said specifics would be determined at a later date.

Erin Shields asked how Ed Marsh envisioned ASUW supporting the website.

Alex Kim asked what ASUW's commitments would be during the development phase, whether the Board of Directors would have ultimate say over the website, and how it proceeds over time.

Ed Marsh said he would not be a paid employee of ASUW and that the Board of Directors would not have direct control over the website, and that no ASUW financial requirements would be established.

Tyler Dockins moved to close debate. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

The resolution passed.

Magnus Gordon moved to proceed to announcements. *Seconded. Passed without objection.*

XI. Announcements

Magnus Gordon encouraged senators and their constituents to come to the HUB crawl for go-cart racing and a poetry slam on February the 16th.

Hala Dillsi noted that GBLTC is having auditions for the drag show this week.

Selma Dillsi said APS is having its annual Human Rights Film Fest on February 15th-19th.

Jill Edwards noted that Honors Croquet League is holding a match this Saturday.

Ashley Miller said this Thursday during noon passing periods groups would be playing The Privilege Game in front of the HUB.

It was noted that tickets for the Vagina Monologues are currently available in the HUB ticket office.

Jon Lee said Innocence Project Northwest is having a screening at the Burke Museum regarding the death penalty.

Karl Smith noted the ACLU is having a meeting in Kane Hall this Saturday.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03PM