

## ASUW Judicial Committee

Friday: March 14, 2008

Husky Union Building, 1:30 p.m.

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*ASUW Director of Operations Bowser Barnum-Reece called the March 14, 2008 meeting of the ASUW Judicial Committee to order at 1:31pm*

### ROLL CALL:

#### **Present:**

Rob Barnum-Reece (Bowser)  
Ehsan Aleaziz (Waluigi)  
Alexandra Baumann (Princess Peach)

Mario Carbonell (Mario, late, unexcused)  
Samantha Grone (Princess Daisy)

#### **Absent:**

Andrew Shubin (Yoshi, resigned)

Tyler Dockins (unexcused)  
Rene Singleton (Boo, excused)

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Bowser** entertained a motion to approve. **Princess Peach** moved as such. **Waluigi** seconded.  
*The Committee approved the agenda without objection*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Princess Peach** moved to approve. **Waluigi** seconded.  
*The Committee approved the minutes without objection.*

**Bowser** asked Stacy to email out the time/date of meetings for spring quarter. **Bowser** said that Christina Coop would be the advisor next quarter.

### CHAIR'S REPORT:

**Bowser** said that everyone had 2 weeks to get their homework done. He asked if most of it was boring stuff. **Princess Peach** said she had the budget. [*Mario entered the meeting*] **Princess Peach** asked why the HUB Ballroom said "1550" by it every time. **Bowser** said that was the room capacity. He said these would all change with the remodel. **Princess Daisy** said she did not have homework assigned since she was not at the meeting. **Mario** said his homework went well. **Bowser** asked if there were any things concerning them. **Mario** asked for application deadlines, if living affiliation meant Greek or dorm. **Bowser** said yes. **Mario** said that section 7 where it talked about the Special Appropriations Committee, it said they would approve anything not exceeding over \$750. **Bowser** said that meant they could make immediate decisions on \$750 or less. **Mario** said that was all the concerns he had. **Bowser** told Waluigi to tell Sam that he owed him a quarter since he pronounced his name wrong. **Waluigi** said that Sam made it unclear what he wanted him to do. **Bowser** said that Sam just wanted him to know the information and he would send him more later on. **Waluigi** said that Articles 10-15 set up the commissions and entities as well as OGR and the Judicial Committee. He said that there was nothing that peaked his interest since most of it was things they looked at before making the EPP. **Bowser** said that someone would need to do Article 16, which was a special project. **Princess Peach** volunteered. **Bowser** said that Princess Daisy would investigate the best way to increase the amount of students on the Student Regent Selection Committee in Article 16 to incorporate for all students on campus. He said there was Greek representation, ASUW, GPSS, Tacoma, Bothell, Board, IFC/Panhellenic, and RHSA. He said they wanted to increase representation of the committee. **Waluigi** said the Senate bill for this would be voted on next Tuesday. **Bowser** said that the bill would take off IFC/Panhellenic and RHSA and they wanted commuters to have a voice on the committee as well. He said he did not want to annotate the glossary. He said that they had just annotated the entire constitution and bylaws in one quarter.

## SENATE LIAISON REPORT:

**Waluigi** said they discussed that bill that was mentioned earlier. He said they discussed a bill about expanding bus service and commending the UW library.

## ADVISOR'S REPORT:

**Boo** said good luck on finals. She hoped everyone would have a good time during break. She said that when everyone came back they would be in a different psychology since all the elections and filing would be coming up. She said that they would have an orientation for that. She said that they would either have not very many people or lots of tickets running. She said if things were sent to the committee while the election phase was going on, the committee had the ability to defer everything until the end of the election process. She said that would mean there would be some sort of a marathon session with food and coffee.

**Waluigi** clarified that they were not allowed to tell people who they were supporting. **Boo** said that was correct. She said that it was safe to just stay away from the ASUW office. **Bowser** said that he had done an intentional job of not inviting guests to Judicial Meetings and not putting Judicial in the forefront of his work. He said that for the most part, the committee members were fairly anonymous. He said that he did not want these names published in the Daily and they should seem like the faceless cloaked hooded judges that come out and issue a judgment and never appear again. He said that it was fair. He told Boo that meetings next quarter would be Wednesdays at 3:30pm. **Waluigi** asked if there would be a different room for elections stuff. **Bowser** said that was normally held downstairs in one of the big 100 level rooms. He said that Waluigi should still go to Senate but he should not ask questions during the Senate forum. He said that he would not be outspoken during the election cycle at all. He said that committee members should not go to candidate forums or the ASUW office. He said to avoid the HUB unless they were getting food or going to a meeting. He said to not wear t-shirts or buttons supporting anyone. **Waluigi** asked if they could still vote. **Bowser** said they could still vote and they could still tell people to vote, but they could not say who they should vote for.

## OLD BUSINESS:

None.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Sameer** asked for interpretation on two sections of the constitution regarding Senate Vice Chair's ability to be present during Executive Session. He said that it was Article VI Section A. He said that it said that the Senate Vice Chair did not have a vote. He said that it was explained the exact same way for the Finance & Budget Director and the Personnel Director. He said page 10 of the bylaws said that they were allowed to attend Executive Session of the Board of Directors. He said there was also another section that said they could not be a member of the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Finance & Budget Director, Personnel Director). **Waluigi** asked where that was referenced. **Sameer** said it was referenced somewhere and he was used to looking it up online. He said that they were talking about whether or not the person had to be invited into Executive Session. He said there was no reference anywhere to invitation but there was that reference of not being part of the Executive Committee but being allowed to go to Executive Session. He said the question was whether or not the Senate Vice Chair had to be invited to Executive Session.

**Bowser** said that Article I Section 7 Part A on page 10, there were two aspects. He said he did not think they were going to issue a judgment. **Sameer** said that it did not need to be today. **Bowser** said that Mario and Waluigi should look into and do a brain-mapping thought experience about this or try to get in contact with former committee chairs Karl Smith, Laura Baird, or Sheridan Grey to do research to see opinions on that. He asked for one of them to go through Sturgis and see if there was anything on Executive Session in that. **Boo** said that this had to do with the history of Senate representation being on the committee. She said at one point Senate did not have a seat on the Board. She said at one point the chair of the Senate was Vice President of association. She said that they changed that. She said that there was a Policies & Procedures manual that came down from the attorney general's office for everyone when they all switched Executive Sessions. She said they tried to figure out who should be in an Executive Session. She said they grandfathered in the Finance & Budget Director. She said they then tried to figure out about the Senate representative. She said they had a hard time figuring out whether or not the Senate representative should

be a part of Executive Sessions. She said that she believed that it was somewhere else that they may have referenced to inviting the Senate representative into Executive Session. She said that some people had not had pBowserlems with this in the past but they should look into the Policies & Procedures and other places in the bylaws, maybe even in the back. She said it was not a reference that was obvious. **Sameer** said that it was in the Student Senate bylaws that the Vice Chair of the Senate was ex-officio on the Board of Directors. He said if the argument was that without vote, then the Personnel Director and Finance & Budget Director would not be there. He said if the argument was that they were not elected, the Personnel Director and Finance & Budget Director would not be there and Senate Vice Chair would be. He said that under page 3 of the constitution the Vice Chair was a non-voting member of the Board. He said that it was not usually an issue and it was only an issue when they did not invite the Vice Chair in. He said he brought it up because they should figure out whether or not they required an invitation. **Waluigi** asked when the last Executive Session was. **Sameer** said last night. He said they had them pretty often. **Bowser** said Judicial would recommend a course of action to the Board of Directors. **Sameer** said that there was rationale behind the content or if it around the text. He said he had not found anything on the intent of why anything was done the way it was done except to have someone present. **Boo** said that the constitution had been modified so many times. She said it had something to do with the transitional phase maybe 5 or 6 years ago. **Bowser** said that he would get Sameer the sheet of info about submitting specific question. He asked Mario and Waluigi to look into this, especially in Sturgis. He said that he would bring the Policies & Procedures guide to the first meeting of spring quarter. **Sameer** asked what the order of governance was. **Boo** said RCWs and WACs were state rules and regulations but because the association was founded in 1906, they may have some traditions there that preceded WACs so by virtue of tradition there was something they dealt with without WACs. She said they advised them to look back in history before referring to the WAC. **Bowser** said under Policies & Procedures, Personnel and Judicial bylaws. He said RCW trumps constitution trumps bylaws. He said Senate bylaws split off from that point. **Sameer** said there was nothing in the bylaws about Executive Session. **Bowser** said they would do research and hopefully have a judgment by the first week of spring quarter. **Sameer** said there was no rush. He thanked the Judicial Committee for their time.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

### ADJOURNMENT:

**Bowser** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Waluigi** moved as such. **Princess Peach** seconded.  
*The March 14, 2008 meeting of the ASUW Judicial Committee adjourned at 2:00 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted By:

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