



Associated Students of the University of Washington Senate Floor Minutes | Session XXVII

Date: March 9, 2021

Location: Zoom conference

Called to Order: 5:02pm

APPROVAL OF THE SENATE AGENDA

Lee Kane moves to approve

Second

No objections

Approved [56-0-1]

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Lukas Illa 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 Mucklesboot 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Kane says that last week they created a survey for constituents for pressing issues for next year's Senate session. Please share with constituents and take the survey yourself

Madison Truitt says that AISC is having their fourth pow wow trail event on March 11th

SPEAKER'S REPORT

Lukas Illa says that there is a winter quarter reflection, please fill it out! Senate's STF grant proposals got approved! Senate now has funds for cart captioning and for finishing the new website. Lucas, the STF Senate liaison can talk about what STF is doing

Lucas Wang says that he wasn't there to watch Senate's presentation and deliberations because it's a conflict of interest. Senate leadership did a great job with the proposals and he compliments all those involved.

Lukas Illa thanks Lucas for serving on that committee; he's so excited they were accepted!

VICE SPEAKER'S REPORT

Mustapha Samateh says that he's finalizing forums for spring quarter; they'll have an ASUW elections forum, A Senate election forum, UW Transport and UPASS, President Cauce, and Provost Richards. Leadership is updating rules and bylaws and an OA will be submitted to Steering tomorrow to recommend changes that will make Senate more accessible and the rules more understandable; there will be a twin OA for the Bylaws. One big change will be the change from Robert's Rules to Sturgis. This will come to the body next quarter.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Avery Perreault reminds everyone to follow Senate socials. There will be lots of election info. Quorum is 52 today. Today is UW spirit week! Committees without legislation will nominate and elect most spirited and they'll get a shoutout on Instagram. Good luck on finals everyone!

BOARD REPORT

Mustapha Samateh says that the dietician bill passed through Board as well as the recommendations for the ASUW jobs campaign. Personnel approved requests to give the Membership Coordinator summer hours and to give compensation to committee chairs. Board reviewed the ASUW Budget for 2021-2022. Board is expected to approve the budget this thursday.

FORUMS

Oversight Chair, Andrew Hay

Andrew Hay says that there is a vacancy for the student regent selection committee, which will be elected in spring. SAF worked on a Covid-19 relief fund this quarter as well as funding for Senate committee chairs. The Finance and Budget committee looked at budgeting for the Office of International Student Advocacy and the Office of Inclusive Design. They voted on budget recommendations for FY22. The Student Technology fee approved 19 out of 25 funding proposals; they gave out \$1.2 million. Both of Senate's proposals were approved. The First year experience committee is collecting data in the UW undergraduate connections survey. They also worked on workshops through ASP; they were recorded and are posted online. The Environmental Stewardship Committee has nothing to report this quarter. The Judicial Committee rejected SB-27-1, saying that it was in the committee's best interest to keep the current procedures in place. The UPASS advisory board appointed Nathan Mock chair, and they suspended the fare for spring quarter (there is an opt-in option). The HUB Board of Representatives says the HUB will be opening for events and meetings; the bike shop is opening and Husky Seed Fund applications are due March 30th. They worked on research for student mental health spaces. The Student Safety Advisory Board looked at the safety of marginalized students, had a UWPD forum, looked at legislative support of BSU, as well as Greek Row Covid updates, Student Safety Week, a new website, and a Greek Row blue light system. JCC had debates on identity revision for UW paperwork, in particular the MENA addition, safety for BIPOC students. Apply for JCC jobs! They discussed the expansion of the diversity credits (namely making it a 2 course requirement). The Personnel Committee finalized job changes, introduced hiring committees and training, and received PCR training for personnel change requests. The Office of Inclusive Design task force has nothing to report. The International Student Task Force researched and discussed working on the ISTF report. They're waiting for action from F&B.

Committee on Resolution Follow-up Chair, Anson Huang

Anson Huang says that CRFU is responsible for following up with stakeholders and sponsors to expand the impact of resolutions; they are relatively new. Their main objective is to work with senators to make sure that legislation has the most impact in the community. When a bill passes it goes to Board; if they pass it CRFU works with the sponsors on follow-up. He recommends contacting the people in the forwarding clause before presenting the resolution to the Senate and staying in contact along the way, utilizing the knowledge and reach of senate leaders, raising awareness about the issue before and after it is passed (i.e. the Daily, petitions). CRFU has their own legislation database with individual follow-up forms. He gives an update on R-27-2 on off-campus housing for UW students; CRFU analyzed two housing search solutions, Dawghouses and Rent College Pads.

Naomi Zamarripa says that R-26-10 on fossil fuels is still being followed up on. It was passed by Board as well as the student Senates at Tacoma and Bothell. The Board of Regents will be discussing this later this week. The sponsor also brought it to the faculty council. R-27-5 which censured Cathy McMorris Rogers got no response from the representative or news outlets mentioned in the forwarding clause.

Michael Saunders gives an update on R-27-7 on the COVID measures in the Greek life community; they looked at responses from the VP of Students Life, IFC, and Panhellenic. The university has launched an investigation into the acts displayed on Greek Row. Panhellenic and IFC are taking actions to assess the root problems.

ELECTIONS

Transfer Student Working Group

Clara Coyote says that this is a one time, 10 week working group focusing on transfer student issues. Transfer students get to ask questions of experts and discuss issues and then formulate a list of demands and guidelines by the end of the group to lead the institution forward on transfer student issues over the next few years. She encourages anyone who isn't elected to apply and they can almost guarantee them a spot. The time has not been selected

Lukas Illa opens nominations

Lucas Wang nominates Ishan Coutinho and Eva Hudak

Ishan Coutinho accepts

Eva Hudak respectfully declines

Lukas Illa closes nominations. He asks the candidates to introduce themselves with name and pronouns

Brenda Obonyo she/her

Makenzie Deshler she/her

Ishan Coutinho they/them

Lukas Illa asks candidates the following question: What about the transfer student experience at UW should be improved? He lets the candidate introduce themselves with pronouns

Brenda Obonyo says that the one thing she thinks should be improved is the residency application for non-resident or DACA students. As someone who transferred, she's almost had to quit school because of the process and how difficult it was.

Mackenzie Deshler says that it's become increasingly difficult for transfer students to navigate major admissions, finding a place to live, and being included in student life.

Ishan Coutinho says that they think one of the major issues is securing accommodations for disabilities and getting into the housing system since you don't start with a high priority.

Lukas Illa opens the vote

Lukas Illa announces that Brenda Obonyo is the transfer student working group representative for Senate

NEW BUSINESS

R-27-10 Resolution to Implement a Joint Judicial Jury between Students and Faculty

Michael Saunders gives a content warning for sexual assault, discrimination, and racial injustices. He reads the resolution.

Lukas Illa says that this is a deeply personal issue to a lot of folks and he appreciates the fact that Michael felt comfortable bringing this to Senate and was willing to put emotional labor into it.

Michael Saunders says that he wrote this bill because he keeps hearing so many issues on campus about accountability for staff and faculty on campus and he wants a way for faculty and students to work together on these issues so it's not so much like a war. He hopes it facilitates discussions between students and faculty and allows them to address these issues together.

Nathan Mitchell asks which committee the sponsor thinks this would be served by

Michael Saunders says he has no preference, he thinks each committee will be able to address it well

Essac Mazengia asks if the sponsor knows of any similar programs at other universities that has a student council to try faculty

Michael Saunders says there are no other universities of UW's size that have this program. This is a great way to hold UW to the standard of being an innovative university

Lucas Wang asks the sponsor if the bill is implying something should be done about the examples of faculty misconduct that it gives

Michael Saunders says they're just examples of how the university reacted to different complaints and how their response failed. It's just meant to illustrate the current system is failing

Alex Davidson asks if John Vinson was UW police chief and then promoted to Associate VP for student life

Michael Saunders says yes, after accusations came in they gave him an administrative position and removed him as police chief

Lukas Illa says they've hit the timestamp for committee meetings but they will pick this back up next quarter. He encourages everyone to reread the bill before the next meeting next quarter.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On-Campus

Timothy Billing opens discussion on R-27-7

Lee Kane, the sponsor, says they have done extensive research on the THAT clauses

Ishan Coutinho asks if the sponsors have considered the fact that sometimes disability tests are at times when international student cannot respond

Lee Kane says they haven't looked into that much

Lukas Illa asks if the sponsors have looked into considering any specific plan in how to support staff that is not full time in creating all asynchronous classes

Lee Kane responds that they could edit a THAT clause so it pertains to not just tenured professors. There is a huge lack in the training instructors get!

Lucas Wang suggests adding a THAT clause saying that they want to keep students updated on the progress of this piece of legislation

Lee Kane says that this is so time sensitive and that this is a good idea for a WHEREAS or THAT clause they want to keep pressure on the legislation

Ishan Coutinho moves to add "WHEREAS Test, Exams, and Evaluations are administered at times such that international students often take these exams in the middle of the night." to Section 3

Second

No objections

The motion passes

Lucas Wang moves to add "THAT the bodies and entities involved in the planning, implementation, and execution of this legislation periodically present and broadcast the current plans, progress, and action items clearly to the student population and all of its stakeholders in an accessible manner" after the last THAT clause before the forwarding clause

The committee votes to send the legislation favorably to the Senate body for second readings

Off-Campus

AAA

General Affairs

Oversight

CRFU

OLD BUSINESS

Ishan Coutinho moves to suspend the rules with the intention to put R-27-9 at the top of Old Business

Second

Eva Hudak objects

Ishan Coutinho says that the legislation in questions has demands to be implemented at the start of spring quarter, and this is the last meeting of the quarter

Eva Hudak says that the legislation to end divestment in prison labor was in committee for a long time. She thinks there will be some debate, and she'd really like to get it passed out today

Ishan Coutinho moves the previous questions

Second

The motion to suspend the rules fails [21-17-10]

R-27-6 Resolution to End the UW's Investments in Prison Labor and the Prison Industrial Complex

Eva Hudak, the sponsor, reads the THAT clauses. She says that morally this is wrong, people should be paid a living wage for the work they're doing. Being incarcerated does not make someone less of a person and they should not be treated as such

Nathan Mock says that this passed out of AAA favorably 6-1. The majority believes this is a pressing issue and it will go a long way to addressing ethical concerns. The one dissenting vote expressed concern about unexplored financial ramifications.

Nathan Mock moves to add "WHEREAS the University of Washington's investment in the prison industrial complex has been an issue for the ASUW since 2017"

Second

No objections; the motion passes

Nathan Mock moves to strike “WHEREAS According to his LinkedIn profile, Bryan White was the Managing Director of BlackRock starting in 2007 and a Board Member of the University of Washington Investment Management Company starting in 2009 (23) and he did not depart BlackRock until 2016 (24) resulting in a five-year overlap in his work at BlackRock and on the UWINCO Board;” and and replace it with “WHEREAS, Bryan White was the Managing Director of BlackRock starting in 2007 and a Board Member of the University of Washington Investment Management Company starting since its founding in 2015 (23) and he did not depart BlackRock until 2016 (24); and”

Second

Alex Davidson objects with the intention of a friendly amendment; he would suggest including specific language of “resulting in a one year conflict of interest”

Nathan Mock takes it as friendly

Alex Davidson rescinds his objection

No further objections; the motion passes

Nathan Mock moves to add “WHEREAS, numerous departments within the UW use Correctional Industries products”

Second

No objections; the motion passes

Nathan Mock moves to amend the second THAT clause to add “by the end of 2022”

Second

Ishan Coutinho objects

Nathan Mock says AAA believed it was important to include a deadline

Ishan Coutinho says that it would be better to have a sooner deadline, such as the end of this calendar year

Alex Davidson asks the sponsor of the amendment if the intention was FY22, the calendar year, or the academic year

Nathan Mock says calendar year

Alex Davidson suggests a friendly amendment to make it say the calendar year of 2022

Ishan Coutinho makes a friendly amendment to make it “the end of the 2021-2022 academic year”

Nathan Mock defers to the sponsor of the bill

Eva Hudak takes it as friendly

Nathan Mock takes it as friendly

Ishan Coutinho rescinds his objection

No further objections; the motion passes

Nathan Mock moves to strike the third THAT clause and replace it with “That, the University of Washington will amend its supplier code of conduct to explicitly list incarcerated workers as employees and until that time, the University of Washington will not contract with Correctional Industries or any similar company; and”

Second

No objections; the motion passes

Nathan Mock moves to add “THAT, the University of Washington run educational efforts to inform students if and when they are investing in correctional labor”

Second

No objections; the motion passes

Andrew Hay moves to pass the bill

Second

Lucas Wang objects; he has an amendment

Andrew Hay rescinds his motion

Lucas Wang says he has an amendment for the clause that begins “THAT the University of Washington run educational efforts...”

Lukas Illa rules it as dilatory; it's already been covered since the body just considered this amendment

Ishan Coutinho moves to overrule the dilatory ruling

Second

Lukas Illa notes the vote does not meet quorum, so they cannot vote

ADJOURNMENT

Recessed

Meeting recessed at 7:06pm

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