



# ASUWT MINUTES

**April 15th, 2009 - 12:30 P.M. - CP 206C**

An ASUWT meeting was held on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 12:35 p.m. in Room CP 206C at the University of Washington, Tacoma. Jean Paul, the Student Regent for the University of Washington was there for Public Forum. He was there to talk to ASUWT about budget concerns and to answer any questions they had regarding the budget. Senator Melissa Audett asked about what major changes have been made regarding the budget since his last e-mail to the student body. Jean Paul said that he had heard that the building fee would be used to pay for things like facilities for all three campuses. He mentioned that all regents were currently calling state politicians. Senator Mitch Pomeroy mentioned that there is an e-mail that will be sent via the Prez-line addressing a petition for budget increases.

Jean Paul clarified that the authority being asked for in Olympia is a cap of up to 14% on tuition increases. Senator Pomeroy added that this would give the board of regent's authority to increase the budget up to 14%, if needed. Senator Melissa Audett asked why he supported such authority. Regent Jean Paul argued that this type of authority would actually give some stability to tuition increases as at the moment the legislature can control how much tuition could be increased. He added that this would be the first time that students would be paying for most of their education. He said that the university's funding has changed dramatically. He also said that the university is moving towards the likes of the University of Virginia and the University of Michigan. He stressed that it is "very frightening" as the demographics of the university will change dramatically. He added that the institution is headed towards being for the few and wealthy.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Cruz Credle at 1:07 p.m. The minutes from April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 were approved unanimously. There was no old business to address. Bill # 040-F08 was presented by President Tommy Bauer regarding 'Elections Hearing Committee Appointments.' Senator Randy Brown moved to strike the word 'Ashel' and replace it with 'Asbell.' Senator Audett moved to make a vote. Senator Brown seconded the motion. Bill #040-F08 passed unanimously.

During his Executive Report, President Bauer talked about what he was doing regarding the budget increases, including sending a letter to President Obama, the OGR office, and to the campus. He also said that he is part of the Regent Selection Committee and the Student Health Services Committee. He added that he hopes to work with his successor after he has been elected. Finally, he encouraged everyone to push as hard as they could during the last weeks of their term.

In his Executive Report, Vice-President Credle talked about the progress of the Constitution and By-Laws. He said that they are awaiting AG review. He added that he wants to be more accessible to the board. He encouraged senators to keep recruiting committee members regardless of the fact that it is close to the end of the year. He mentioned that this Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 a few senators and himself would be in Bothell for the Tri-campus meeting. He also asked ASUWT if there was something that ASUWT would like to have mentioned during his meeting with the Chancellor, Assistant Chancellor of Student Affairs, and the ASUWT President. He also said that Tommy, Jim Blair, and himself were in the process of hiring a Legislative Representative and an Office Manager.

For the Legislative Affairs Committee Report, Senator Mitch Pomeroy mentioned that he is trying to get a LAC meeting going. Senator Rai Nauman Mumtaz from the SCEC mentioned that everything they need for the approval of the Satellite Feed Project was done. He added that \$6,600 is needed to pay a student worker per year for the project. He concluded that the SCEC will be having a meeting on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Senator Melissa Audett from the Public Relations Committee mentioned that the deadline for the graduation student speaker has been extended. She also mentioned that Advisor Bo Bae and the committee are working on ordering ASUWT promotional materials. For the STFC Committee Senator Dan Arroyo mentioned that the final interview meeting will be held this Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He added that next Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the committee would be voting on the proposals. He said that on May 8<sup>th</sup>, he'd be sending the letters for approval/denial for the STFC proposals.

Senator Melissa Audett moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Randy Brown seconded the motion. Vice-President Credle adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.