1. Call to Order

Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) motioned to approve the agenda.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Elizabeth Scarborough (Philosophy) motioned to approve the minutes.

Lee Beaudoen (Museology) seconded.

Motion passed.

4. Constitutional Amendment

Karen Capuder (Native American Students) said she had read the constitution and a few things stuck out, Article III section C in particular. She said that clause two seemed to assume that in the case of at least Native Graduate students they would have to experience almost a doubling of enrollment in a two year period in order to not be
underrepresented. She said that that would be what it takes for the Native students to be numerically no longer underrepresented. She said that aside from the Pacific Islanders, Native students were the smallest underrepresented group at UW. She presented a chart to the Senate that showed the doctoral recipients in the years 1998-2004. She said that the Native American numbers had fallen substantially. She read Clause three as it stood. She said after discussion with the Judicial Committee they had come up with a new language for the clause: the Senate seat for underrepresented graduate and professional minority groups must be removed at a fall quarter Senate meeting only with \( \frac{3}{4} \) or above vote of the Senate present or by proxy supporting the removal by the seat.

Yutaka Jono said the judicial committee passed this to the floor but they said that \( \frac{3}{4} \) threshold could be discussed. He said there were six current underrepresented group Senator Seats, one due to resignation.

Karen Capuder (Native American Students) made a motion to amend the constitution.

Noah Benson (GBLTS) seconded.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) asked if the underrepresented term had a statistical number.

Karen Capuder (Native American Students) said she was initially curious as to what kind of stats would be used. Census numbers would be one way but they would have to be adjusted, so she said she was uncomfortable putting in a set number.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) asked if she had some sort of statistical number.

Karen Capuder (Native American Students) said no but OMA had a particular list of underrepresented students. She said she wanted to keep it as broad as possible.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) said the annual audit was done by section and asked if the audit still needed to be done.

Yutaka Jono said it was the only part that mentioned the annual review of the Senate seats. He said it was part of his job to review the seats annually. He said the seats were last approved two years ago. He said Native Americans would be the first to be discussed in fall ’08.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) asked if the review was saying only if they still qualified as an underrepresented group. He then asked what the review was.

Yutaka Jono said it was in the Constitution for the Secretary to review and then go over the seats.
**Scott Mackenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) said by default they would lose their status and the voter review would have to be changed. He said by veto they must change their status in order to be reviewed. He thought the threshold should be lowered to compensate. He recommended a majority plus one but also go down to 2/3rds.

**Yutaka Jono** said he personally was okay with 2/3 but he would be cautious about the majority plus one because it could be abused.

**Theresa Barker** (Industrial Engineering) motioned to change the threshold to 2/3rds.

**Wesley Brenner** (Law) seconded.

**Karen Capuder** (Native American Students) said that if adequate evidence was given, she would be open to amending but she wanted to get back to discussing the 2/3rds threshold.

**Anna Batie** (Sociology) said she did not think they were removing senate seats with the new bylaws.

**Dave Brown** said to keep the comments on the 2/3rds issue.

**Yutaka Jono** moved to close the debate.

Majority supported.

A division was called.

16 people were in favor of the motion.

10 were apposed to the motion

24 abstained.

**Dave Brown** said the motion failed and the threshold would stay at 3/4ths

**Andy Morabito** (Electrical Engineering) asked if there were any other thresholds that were that high.

**Yutaka Jono** said no.

**Andy Morabito** (Electrical Engineering) said he thought it was odd to have this threshold higher than any other one.

**Karen Capuder** (Native American Students) said it was a protection that underrepresented students needed.
Amy Underkofer (Jackson School) said she had a problem with the whole clause because she did not understand why their seats would be taken away if they were trying to represent themselves. She said she thought if a seat had been empty for a certain amount of time then a vote should be taken to get rid of it.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said it was the same standard for departmental seats.

Krislyn McWilliams said she felt like she would like to see a motion to eliminate the cap altogether and just go with two years of a non filled seat.

Yutaka Jono moved to amend clause three ‘if underrepresented Senate seat remains vacant for two years.’

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) said he wondered if the original intent of renewing the seat was to make sure the underrepresented people are not underrepresented.

Noah Benson (GLBTS) asked if there was any reason why a minority group would not be underrepresented within the next few years. He said he thought this was just an attempt to marginalize a little more.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said it was the owner’s responsibility to have to go through it altogether.

Russel Hugo (Linguistics) asked if it was a good use of time to review these seats, he then asked if there is no problem why time was being spent on the issue.

Kara Main (Microbiology) seconded that.

Scott Mackenzie (Neurobiology and Behavior) said the language may be too difficult.

Krislyn McWilliams said she would like to close the debate.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

One apposed to close the debate

Two abstained. Motion passed.

All in favor of Yutaka Jono’s motion: a seat may be removed by a 3/4 vote of the Senate” be changed to “a seat may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the Senate if underrepresented Senate seat remains vacant for two years”.

Five opposed.
Nine abstained.

Amendment passed.

Lesley Jantarasami (Forest Resources) said she thought that the new language said the only way an underrepresented minority group’s seat could be removed was by not attending. She asked if it was only attending that would get them to lose their seat. Final

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said as a point of information that there was no actual removal process in academic Senate seats.

Lesley Jantarasami (Forest Resources) asked if there was a way for a seat to be reopened.

Yutaka Jono said yes.

Eric Gleave (Sociology) asked for more than two to be defined.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said in effect of any other removal processes for senators are also removable processes that apply to other areas.

Yutaka agreed.

Dave Brown said that this clause could be read as the only way for a removal could be for all other types of senate seats.

Yutaka Jono moved to add after the current clause three ‘in addition to other removable processes applicable to senate seats.’

Dave Brown asked that ‘or by existing removal processes’ be accepted as a friendly amendment.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

Dave Brown entertained a vote.

One abstained. Motion passed.

Yutaka Jono moved to close the debate.

Krislyn McWilliams seconded. No objections, motion passed.

Karen Capuder (Native American Students) motioned to approve the amended Constitutional amendment. Motion was seconded by many.
Ono apposed.

Three abstained.

Motion passed.

5. Director of Transportation Josh Kavanagh

Josh Kavanagh said that recycling and solid waste was also a part of transportation.

Kara Main (Microbiology) asked if there was a plan to make composting a regular thing instead of just having the departments take the initiative for it.

Josh Kavanagh said it was not a plan yet but it was a goal. He said a new recycling model had been introduced at the UW tower. He said there would be no more desk side trashcans but recycling cans instead. He said this would be maintained by office personnel instead of janitors. They are looking to see if they can use that same method for composting as well.

Anna Batie (Sociology) said in regards to the UPass fees increasing next year, that maybe more buses could be provided on certain routes.

Josh Kavanagh said they would do their best to take that into account. He said GPSS could look to the leadership of ASUW because they called for specific improvements and because of the powerful language he said he thought it would be good for negotiations.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) wanted some more background on why the UW has an ongoing fee service instead of a contract with the metro system.

Josh Kavanagh said that in the past revenue was being lost so they had to re-evaluate the contract idea. He said it was not an exact ride for ride fee and that there was a year lag. He said next year the estimations would come from the actuals of this year. He would love to go back to the contract, but he did not think the metro would want to.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) asked if we had a strong bargaining space with them.

Brain Lee (Urban Design and Planning) said that the UW was the second largest riding area, he said that maybe the UW could be talked to about changing their peak class times instead of the peak times of the buses.

Molly Whiddon (Pathobiology) asked if the ASUW document was directed towards medical students.

Josh Kavanagh said he did not hold out a lot of hope for metro improvements. He discussions about opening a transit hub for School of Medicine, Harbor View, and other major entities. He said it looked like it had a lot of promise.
Brain Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) asked why fees for transportation were being encouraged when we were trying to encourage public transportation.

Josh Kavanagh said it was part of the deal made at the time with students. They thought it was going to be good for everyone but it was recognized that it may not be beneficial to all students; he said it was an issue that may need to be looked at.

Brain Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) asked how that conversation could be started.

Josh Kavanagh said to talk to people on the GPSS committee that sit in on the meetings.

Anna Batie (Sociology) asked if there were any plans to extend the night right services/

Josh Kavanagh said there were no plans to extend it but they were looking at maybe including west campus as a point of origin. They were looking for funding for that. He said the night ride was funded out of UPass dollars but it had been brought up that it was more of a safety program now instead of a UPass program.

Lesley Jantarasami (Forest Resources) asked how active the department was in regards to climate change.

Josh Kavanagh said that President Emmert had made a bold move when he signed the president climate amendment. He took responsibility for scope three emissions which meant he was personally responsible for all of the UW commutes. Commitment said they were going to bring that down to zero. Josh said that this goal was actively trying to be obtained.

6. Representation Bylaws Amendment

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said the committee had broken down each school or college and had tried to come up with the right language to fix the problem. He said schools with delineated departments would get two representatives. They set up a system that could affirmatively decide that programs get representation or their department could get representation.

He said the process needed to be established. They decided that general principles would be set up and then delegate the authority to the secretary to establish the process to make a decision and then allow for an appeal process in judicial. He went over the guideline principles.

Dave Brown entertained a motion to approve everything.

Kara Main (Microbiology) moved to approve.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) said according to the amendment, it would have to be one or all of the programs. The guidelines dictate that the Secretary would construct
a process of what level an academic area would be represented at, school, department or program. But within each level there has to be an agreement.

Anna Batie (Sociology) said the addition would take place next fall.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) asked who would petition to stay.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said if there was double representation the Secretary would identify the problematic areas as they developed and then force it to consistent with these bylaws.

Yutaka Jono said he was worried that years down they would not know the structure of the new Bylaws. A map of the structure would have to be created.

Kara Main (Microbiology) said there was an outline online.

Anna Batie (Sociology) said there were a lot of people who were not represented currently. She said this gave them room to be represented.

Jake Faleschini (Law) asked how many people will be affected by the process.

Dave Iseminger said the exact number was unknown. It was something that each department and program would have to figure out.

Yutaka Jono moved to amend the motion so that it would become effective in the Fall of 2008.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

All were in favor of the amendment.

Motion passed.

Brian Lee (Urban Design and Planning) said he was in a weird program where they were housed in a graduate school. He wanted to know what happened to interdisciplinary programs.

Kara Main (Microbiology) asked what he meant by interdisciplinary because concurrent students do not get special status.

Brain Lee (Urban Planning and Design) said in his program his degree says urban planning but his department is housed with a different title.

Kara Main (Microbiology) asked if he had an Urban Planning and Design GPA.

Brain Lee (Urban Planning and Design) said yes.
Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said it had been written to cover those instances.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said it went through the Judicial Committee and they approved it.

Kara Main (Microbiology) said medical school programs that did not have a home had now been given an opportunity to be represented.

Dave Brown entertained to call the question if all were in favor of the amendment.

Kara Main (Microbiology) so moved, Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

The motion passed.

7. Programming

Krislyn McWilliams said the WASHPIRG representatives were there to talk about funding.

They gave background of the event and what exactly it was they were going to need funding for.

Krislyn McWilliams said the Senate had to decide whether or not they wanted to use programming dollars for the event.

One of the representatives said they were asking for $1,000 in funding.

Karen Capuder (Native American Students) asked if there were adequate special allocations funds.

Krislyn McWilliams said they were not spent but they were budgeted around $28-29 thousand.

Yutaka Jono moved to fund the event for $1,000.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

Three abstained.

The motion passed.

Krislyn McWilliams said band night at Fin McCools was taking place soon. She said the Social was May 14th.
8. Elections Committee Update.

Emily Spahn (Civil and Environmental Engineering) said applications were due Monday April 28th.

9. Announcements

Yutaka Jono said that ASUW elections would affect GPSS. He went over the people running for office in the ASUW elections.

Timothy Mensing (ASUW Liaison) said Pangaea day was coming up on May 10th. He showed a video preview of the event.

10. Adjournment

Emily Spahn (Civil and Environmental Engineering) motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded.

Meeting adjourned 6:06pm