Call to order 7:00pm
  - Present: Senators Busson, Chong, Gan, Griffin, Marsters, McPherran, Showalter, Stoddard, Vallance, Winston, Young, Dean of Students Representative Palmquist Cady, Faculty Representative Morris
  - Excused: Senator Leitzman, Vice-President Fagaragan, President Maney
  - Unexcused:
  - Tardy:

Approval of Minutes
  - Yay: 9
  - Nay: 1
  - Abstentions: 1

Open Forum
  - Senator Chong requests a point of personal privilege

“I begin with remarks meant to broadly address the nature of the allegations brought up against my actions as the Sophomore Senator of the Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound. In short, I had a conversation with Mr. Pogar about his candidacy and his plans for his potential administration. In this conversation we talked about voting blocs in the electorate in the 2015 ASUPS Spring General Elections. I am fully aware that, as a Senator of the ASUPS, I am unable to, nor would I, publicly endorse any candidate for any elected office. I am, however, still afforded a vote of confidence for the candidate of my choice in this election. I merely want to make an informed decision. In more detail, these allegations point to an exaggeration of my actions. I resent these accusations wholeheartedly. They have caused substantial and transcendent personal, academic and residential consequences for me as a student of the University of Puget Sound.

My integrity should not be in question. My actions, which have spoken far louder than my words ever could, suggest the grave disappointment with the accusations raised against me. My actions have been to sponsor Senate business that sent disaster relief funds and a letter of solidarity to the victims of the 2013 Snohomish County/Oso Mudslide, a wholehearted endorsement and support of Mr. Reeser’s work in preventing sexual assault on our campus, supporting the funding of clubs that advocate for social justice, the sponsoring of senate projects that saw what one faculty member called a “profoundly rare event” where students could openly critique our campus’ policy on sexual assault, and the installation of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant single and potential multi user gender neutral
restrooms. My record and my actions have been unequivocally un-self interested but for the benefit and thriving of my constituents, friends and classmates.

Apparently, activism and passion are regretfully being misconstrued as corruption and manipulation by someone whom I once trusted. In trying to better my constituent’s collegiate experience, I sought to expand the discourse of their governing body—ASUPS. It is these constituents whose collegiate experience I sought to utilize the privilege of public service to better. This would be achieved by the expansion of the involvement of the ASUPS Senate in wider campus affairs, such as the ongoing committee conversations at the administrative level to prevent the spread of sexual assault and to give my constituents the ability to speak up and let their voices be heard in as meaningful of a way possible in order to make the most educated decision I could make. I took this to mean that my prerogative as a Senator meant that I had a better chance than most to achieve an educated opinion on how to best faithfully represent my constituents to the ASUPS Senate.

I apologise for the impacts that my actions have had on the authority, credibility and legitimacy of the ASUPS Senate and that, if allowed another chance to represent the students of this university, I will learn from the opportunity to humbly grow as a student, a leader and a representative.

I can only express my profound sadness and surprise that attempting to add more voices to Senate discourse could be mangled to be corrupt. I will not change my stance that expressing interest in expanding senate discourse would aid and deepen my Senate colleagues’ understanding of the broader impacts of the policies we consider.

I want to end this statement with an assessment of the impacts that Mr. Reeser’s comments have made on me personally. I want to acknowledge the deep duress that I have experienced as a result of the reaction to Mr. Reeser’s statement from my classmates, friends and colleagues. ASUPS is my passion, my ‘one thing’ on this campus and my colleagues my second family. To be torn from that and publicly emaciated has been nothing but painful and hard to live. I will do what is necessary to defend my record, my integrity, and my side of the story.

I would hope that my colleagues and constituents accept my heartfelt apology. I accept and acknowledge that I have things to learn about this job and this role as a senator and I appreciate Former Sen. Reeser’s guidance. And so, here we are.”

- CJ spoke about his reservations about proposal to move debate into informal senate instead of formal. The proposal would be against basic principles of deliberative democracy that ASUPS follows, which is currently upheld through our committee structure. CJ doesn’t want senate to have closed set meetings with a rubber stamp; debate should remain in formal senate and in the minutes for all to see.

- Senator Winston requests a point of personal privilege
  - Senator Winston spoke about CHWS being extremely underfunded and understaffed, something he noticed from personal experience with the long lines of students requiring care with only four employees in their tiny office. He brought up his concerns about the values of focuses of our
university to not address and improves CHWS while planning the new Athletic Facility expansion.

- A girl spoke strongly about wanting the two-year living on campus policy to be abolished. Our student body did not get to make this decision and the university’s reasoning for requiring this without the necessary accessibility and openness about student’s personal issues is not supportive. Our student body is less radical and conversation was not initiated about this policy for the students to share input on.

- Executive Reports
  - President Report
    - No report
  - Vice-President Report
    - No report
  - Faculty Representative Report
    - No report
  - Dean of Students Representative Report
    - Dean of Students Representative encourages students to nominate their fellow student leaders for the University Leadership Awards up until March 18th. There are specific awards that are given away by ResLife, Greek Life, and the University. In April, these folks would be recognized. On March 5 Perspectives Applications are due, while Passages interviews are currently underway.

- Staff Senate Representative Report
  - No report

- Senate Reports
  - Chair Report
    - Staff Senate Representative Phillips is looking for a replacement while she is on maternity leave
    - Wine Night is in Oppenheimer Cafe, March 6. The limited seating tickets for Wine Night will be available soon!
    - Finance: $8,481.86 Capital: $149,614.51
    - Tentatively Senate photo-taking is on March 5.
  - Club Liaison Director Report
    - Club Event Updates: Habitat for humanity is having a build day this Saturday; Yoga Club’s Master Class will be on March 24 in the Tahoma Room at 4pm which is open to anyone and everyone.
    - Diversity Advisory Council is working on their 5-year plan, and will be having open conversation on campus for club leaders and all students on Mar 6, 4-5pm in the Tahoma Room, March 9 12-1pm in Rotunda. They are sending out a campus climate survey via email for all students to voice opinions.
    - There is a free app for Campus Quad starting March 23 to be utilized as a tool to stay updated on events and activities on campus.
  - Club Sports Liaison Director Report
    - No report
Committee Reports

- Media Board: Spent most of the time discussing Wetlands becoming an ASUPS Media, with the vote being postponed to continue to discuss logistics. The Trail website is down while the servers are being transferred; a Trail subscription fundraiser for parents and alumni is in the works. A monitor for Tamanawas has died completely, Elements is willing to lend support.
- Elections: There is a formal candidates meeting tonight at 9pm, campaigning can begin tomorrow or once their signatures are in. There are three complaints about applications, two for presidential candidates, and one for a senator position.
- President’s Council: Horrible Bosses 2 is being played in Rausch for Campus Film this week
- Union Board: The Code Amendment about ADA Gender Neutral Bathrooms that has been sent to APPA and ICC has been accepted for internal review and a decision will be made no later than the end of this academic year.
- Student Concerns: Another Cookies for Concerns tabling from 11-2 is happening tomorrow.

Unfinished Business

New Business

15-016: Approval of Finance Allocation to Panhellenic and IFC

- The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $1,000.00 to fund attendance to AFLV Conference.
- Outgoing & incoming finance director for IFC and Panhellenic have come to present. In April, the new Panhellenic and IFC executive boards will be going to a conference of all West Coast Panhellenic and IFC boards come to listen to speakers about Greek Life issues. There are so many opportunities of attending meetings and workshops for multiple officers to attend at the conference to bring back ideas and goals for our Greek Life and campus. Going to the conference allows all the officers to personally learn how to identify and address Greek life and broader campus issues to bring back and educate our campus what they learned there. The AFLV Conference allows the ability to grow and fully contribute as a board and individual positions to support and address collegiate concerns. Their budget is tight and to have enough money for all programming they are requesting money to pay for registration fees.
- They are increasing Greek Life dues by $3 so that this expense will be covered for the next school year. AFLV is the largest expense while they have spent some of their budget on Orientation events and SWAT. They have received $400 in support from Dean Segawa to attend this conference. They have money budgeted in other areas that would be taken from in order to send this executive council to the conference. Senate expressed concerns about inquiring for “cushion” funds and suggested asking for programming event funding for the entire community instead.
At last year’s conference, diversity was talked about and the councils have been trying to improve our Greek Life approach and supporting diversity after some of the claims against Greek Life were made last year. All the exec boards of each Greek House are being asked to attend a diversity conference equivalent to Green Dot to increase knowledge and exposure of these issues and continue this process of changing the Greek culture slowly over time. Greek Life is bringing in a diversity speaker that all members of campus could attend.

AMENDMENT: The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $250.00 to fund attendance to AFLV Conference.

- Vote:
  - Yay: 5
  - Nay: 7
  - Abstentions: 1
  - Amendment is not passed

**15-017: Approval of Finance Allocation to Music Education Club**

- The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $280.00 to fund attendance to CWMEA Conference
- Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association is their official title. It is a small club, asking individuals to come in and give lectures on music education, working with autistic individuals, teaching chorales and more. They have many more workshops this year. Spokane Conference in February, each individual had to pay approximately $55 for registration fees. They are asking for funds to pay for the rooming accommodation for the 18 members who attended the highest participation.

AMENDMENT: **15-017: Approval of Finance Allocation to Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association**

- Vote:
  - Yay: 13
  - Nay: 0
  - Abstentions: 0

- Vote:
  - Yay: 12
  - Nay: 1
  - Abstentions: 0

**Announcements**

- There will be a lot of discussion about what Senate is doing, please be aware and be available to talk to
- Streetcar Named Desire opens next weekend for two weeks
- Orchestra Concert tomorrow night at Schneebeck, free.
- Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday, go with Senator Griffin
Rosin in the Air’s second full bluegrass album came out, Professor Denise Glover is in this band

- Senator Gan requests a point of personal privilege
- Senator Winston requests a point of personal privilege
- Adjournment 08:13PM