



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Exec Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2019 | HUB 303

Members Present

GPSS President: Giuliana Conti
GPSS Secretary: Amy Gabriel
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs: Sydney Pearce
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Kelsey Hood
GPSS Treasurer: Robby Perkins-Hood
GPSS Executive Senator: Zhiyun Ma
GPSS Executive Senator: Jackie Wong
GPSS Executive Senator: Jacob Ziegler
GPSS Executive Senator: Michael Diamond
GPSS Executive Senator: Chris Boylan
ASUW Director of Internal Policy and the Liaison: Casey Duff

1. Call to Order **5:32 PM**

2. Approval of the Agenda **5:32 PM**

Robby Perkins-High: Motions to move Special Allocations to be the first item on the agenda.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

Michael Diamond: Motions to add a five-minute conversation on Summer Officer Policy before the Senate Meeting Agenda.

Jacob Ziegler: Seconds.

Amy Gabriel: Motions to add STF Presentation after Special Allocations.

Robby Perkins-High: Seconds.

Zhiyun Ma: Motions to approve the agenda as amended.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

3. Special Allocations

5:34 PM

Lizzy Canarie: President of Chemistry Graduate Student Club. Social and networking event for primarily Chemistry grad students. To get people out of labs and co-mingling across departments from STEM related fields. Need funding for space rental. Already have funding for everything else. Have done event last 2-3 years, it has been a great success.

Amy Gabriel: Is the facilities cost for the entire bowling area?

Lizzy Canarie: Yes.

Chris Boylan: Have you received GPSS funding in the past?

Lizzy Canarie: Yes.

Zhiyun Ma: Looks like GPSS is the only source of funding that you have consulted.

Lizzy Canarie: The Department of Chemistry would be the only other potential funding source, but that budget is limited and would require the department to cut back on the spring BBQ if they spent on the bowling event.

Robby Perkins-High: If GPSS could not fund your request in full, what would your contingency plan be?

Lizzy Canarie: First, would try to rent a smaller part of bowling alley and if that was not an option, would have to pull from departmental funding for the spring BBQ.

Robby Perkins-High: Are all of the lanes used with 80 people attending?

Lizzy Canarie: In previous years the majority of the lanes were used.

Jacob Ziegler: Yes, most of them get used. The department size is about 240.

Robby Perkins-High: Explains the process. Normally provide comments and then make a motion for a funding level. Notes that GPSS has about \$6,500 remaining in the fund and 12 pending applications. Should not fund anything over \$500, so would be in realm of reason to approve this.

Jacob Ziegler: Notes that he is recusing himself from voting.

Amy Gabriel: Are you accepting more applications in Spring?

Robby Perkins-High: Yes, applications are still open. ASUW has closed theirs and is out of money, so GPSS is the last funding source. Could spend endowment distributions if we want to fund more.

Jackie Wong: Are most applications for around \$500?

Robby Perkins-High: The max fund is \$750 and most applications are funded between \$500-\$600. Most applications are for undergraduate and graduate student events. Have only heard about 5 or fewer that are purely grad student based.

Jackie Wong: Do the other applications cover more students than this one?

Robby Perkins-High: In general, the grad student only events are around this size.

Zhiyun Ma: Says likes this event because completely for grad students. And likes efforts to bring in both STEM and Chemistry people.

Robby Perkins-High: Motions to fund at \$456, the cost of the HUB facility.

Amy Gabriel: Seconds.

Vote: Majority in favor. 3 abstentions.

4. Approval of the Minutes

5:40 PM

Giuliana Conti and **Sydney Pearce** join the meeting.

Kelsey Hood: Motions to approve the minutes.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

5. STF

5:41PM

Brian O'Rourke: Provides a quick financial report. Doing well on approving above revenue for this year. Projected \$900,000 in allocations for Winter. Have only allocated \$560,000 since postponed a vote on a proposal for over \$500,000 until the second week of spring quarter because needed more time for fact finding. All of the university snow closures resulted in a lot of cancelled

meetings. In Spring, expecting a massive draw of proposals. Expecting to allocate a little over \$2 million. Even if do not approve the \$500,000 proposal, still expect to go over revenue by \$500,000 to \$600,000, so making progress in spending down the surplus. Reminds that most the money goes to projects that see direct student use. Very low administrative costs this year. Questions?

6. Senate Meeting Overview

5:43 PM

Giuliana Conti: Any comments? None

7. Olympia Update

5:44 PM

Kelsey Hood: Says that she is back from Olympia. All of the bills GPSS is supporting have been moving forward fairly easily. Chamber of Origin cut off was today, so all bills that originate in the Senate now need to be in the House and vice versa. The only one concerned may not pass is the creation of a behavioral health innovation and integration program at UW Med. The campus administrative lobbyists are working on it. Everything else looks pretty good.

Amy Gabriel: How did the Comprehensive Sex Education bill do after yesterday?

Kelsey Hood: Next step is executive session to get out of committee and into rules. Do not know yet if chair will be amenable to it. The chair is thinking about sending it back to OSPI, but trying to schedule a meeting to tell her it is not a good idea.

Robby Perkins-High: Kelsey Hood won an award for being the liaison of the year.

Giuliana Conti: That's two years in a row for GPSS!

Kelsey Hood: And we're going to SAGE over spring break.

Amy Gabriel: Kelsey Hood did a great job testifying yesterday.

8. Poll Everywhere Data

5:46 PM

Giuliana Conti: Says she has put together an informal collection of graphs with data that can be presented. Wants to go through some of it and then has a list of questions that would like to go over and figure out how to convert for use in Poll Everywhere. Hoping to think of alternative ways to ask questions. Would like to get creative, so moving forward can get useful data.

How do you communicate with your constituents?

Most Senators talk in person and then forward announcements through e-mail. Was happy to see the smallest response was no communication at all. But think it would be helpful to see if there are commonalities in Senators who do not communicate with their constituents, so can reach out and ask what would change this.

How would you prefer to receive officer reports?

Most responded through e-mail. Knows have been doing brief reports at the end and have not been sending them out via e-mail. So would like to work with Amy Gabriel to come up with template to do a quarter report.

Michael Diamond: Notes that after Senators responded to this question, they further clarified that they wanted brevity and wanted 1-minute officer reports in the meeting were fine.

Giuliana Conti: Liked the idea of a short synopsis in the meeting with a more detailed e-mail. So a template with a list of Committees sit on, could just update them and let them see that we are attending meetings. For transparency, so can understand volume of meetings we sit in. Want them to see how hard we work and how many people we meet with. So finding a way to make it more transparent.

How familiar are you with the legislative process of our state?

Moderately.

Amy Gabriel: Has a question about the answers, since had 40 people participating, but only got 25 responses.

Giuliana Conti: Not everyone answers. Sometimes people just don't respond to certain questions.

What have you enjoyed most about being a Senator?

The responses are in a word cloud, so some way to code this would be helpful.

Do you know of UW students who experience food insecurity?

More than half of the senators know students who have and the rest mostly do not think they know anyone.

Would you support raising or creating new taxes?

Most would support both.

Questions left to be coded since the responses are in word clouds: What are your top priorities as a Senator this year? Why did you become a GPSS senator? What are issues you've heard around campus concerning graduate students? What types of taxes would you support?

Michael Diamond: How important is it that these results stay within Exec. Could Kelsey Hood go through the responses with LAB?

Giuliana Conti: Responses are associated with Senators names, so does not know whether they are comfortable sharing with LAB. But could share the information without names.

Sydney Pearce: Maybe next time could let them know how the data would be used.

Giuliana Conti: Could use PollEverywhere to ask them what they are comfortable with.

Amy Gabriel: Says that has plans to analyze the Composition Survey over Spring Break. But the first meeting of Spring Quarter is a Senate Meeting, so does Exec want to go over results before Senate or would people be okay with it going straight to Senate?

Robby Perkins-High: Notes has the budget the first meeting back from Spring Break, so cautions against anything else substantive.

Amy Gabriel: Ok, will look at it during the first Exec Meeting on the 10th and then present it to Senate at second meeting.

9. Summer Officer Hours

5:57 PM

Michael Diamond: Says that if Senate passes a budget in which they decide to fund summer salaries at the same rate as the academic year, what do we do with an Officer who does not want to work? Should set policy before the Election and should come from this body. Let's share ideas now and maybe try to pass next meeting.

Sydney Pearce: Maybe Officers can share what the minimum number of summer hours could be for their position. There is no way someone in the VP Internal position could not work over the summer.

Robby Perkins-High: Thinks will depend on the budget. Senate could vote for none. Would advocate for a maximum number of hours, but if people petition to work less, should allow it. And work out an approval policy because don't want to preclude if have another job.

Rene Singleton: Notes that because of the way hours are set, set up a procedure where if someone does not work, they are aware they do not get paid.

Robby Perkins-High: Yes, that would be part of my proposal.

Giuliana Conti: Says has been making lists of the necessary meetings, readings (including review of Bylaws/memos/resolutions) and the meeting schedule for incoming student regent (which highlights what they have to do to onboard). Also in the process of creating an example of the President position that could be mimicked in other roles, to help demonstrate the realistic

commitment over the summer to prepare for the Fall, so can be included in budget conversation. Seems like need to create structure for summer in transition documents.

Michael Diamond: Would like to set a minimum number of hours, then allow a waiver up to the minimum with the assumption that everyone works full hours. The minimum would be for all Officer positions, not different for each.

Sydney Pearce: VP Internal has to do hiring.

Kelsey Hood: VP External has to do legislative preparation.

Robby Perkins-High: It's different for each officer. Would favor a policy with a minimum number of hours per week.

Amy Gabriel: Notes that it is currently in the Elections guide how much work is expected. Could have candidates state the number of hours they can work when running and Senators can decide whether that's ok when voting.

Kelsey Hood: Wonders if should say a certain point in the year when an Officer needs to be full time, like VP Internal in August to schedule interviews. So whatever is best for each position.

Robby Perkins-High: Responds that if we make a policy like that, it would favor people who have the financial means to not know whether they have summer work.

Giuliana Conti: Notes that she has heard conversation about moving up the timeline, so maybe use whatever this conversation turns into to inform the Elections Committee the following year.

Michael Diamond: Says wants to push back against putting it on the Elections Committee's plate. The committee should not be setting policy, just implementing the Bylaws.

Robby Perkins-High: Could also go to Senate for this during the budget meeting.

Rene Singleton: Suggests sharing the different models with Senate. Potential candidates might be in the room and can give feedback.

Chris Boylan: As it is right now, you don't actually have to work this summer?

Robby Perkins-High: Responds as it was written, officers should work during the summer, but it is up to the discretion of previous officer. So there is no official policy.

Sydney Pearce: Notes have found in past years those who did not work over summer had a harder time catching up in the school year. So it was a good thing to work during the summer.

Giuliana Conti: Michael Diamond – anything else you need?

Michael Diamond: Will aim to have a proposal for the next Exec meeting to send to the Senate, but will wait to hear back from F & B, so can have it for the budget meeting.

10. April 3rd Senate Meeting Agenda

6:07 PM

Sydney Pearce: Says had the Executive Assistant for transportation services reach out. Asked to present at the next two Senate Meetings. Sydney asked them to condense their presentation, but they said they need the full time. The first presentation is about changes to the WAC regarding scooters, ADA parking, and new technology for parking. The other is about changing parking rates all across campus. Want to get student feedback on it. Do we feel like two presentations is a good use of our time. Thoughts?

Giuliana Conti: Even when we proposed only one presentation, they were requiring 45 minutes. They do not understand why cannot do that much.

Spencer Lively: Was at the transportation committee meeting when they did this and 30 mins would be enough. A lot of the WAC changes students don't really care about. They want to get into minutia about why they are increasing parking rates. ASUW is giving them 15 mins per presentation, so 30 mins total.

Sydney Pearce: Did that include time for questions?

Spencer Lively: No.

Sydney Pearce: Because that is close to what they offered us.

Jackie Wong: Suggests can have them do a preliminary presentation and can extend time for Q & A if people want.

Sydney Pearce: Tried to do that as well. They need a confirmed times because its after hours and need staff to know the hours.

Robby Perkins-High: Notes that haven't given more than 20 mins to any group this year, so do not know why this would warrant more time. The budget needs to be passed by the second Senate meeting. So think the emphasis should be on trying to pass the budget.

Sydney Pearce: Could we do the shorter presentation?

Robby Perkins-High: Responds that 15 mins could be okay, but it depends how long you want Senate to go.

Giuliana Conti: Suggests an alternative. They do the presentation, then Senators ask questions and the presenters write their responses back. If they are looking for feedback, that's different than time for questions.

Amy Gabriel: Says that another group contacted her about the ally accessibility tool and they want 15-20 minutes. Has to do with resolution that Brittany passed last year regarding accessibility on campus for students with disabilities.

Sydney Pearce: Is their presentation time sensitive? There are some time sensitive things with transportation for when the WAC will be amended. Understands this is a lot of transportation presentations. Transportation services has been great about wanting student involvement and feedback.

Zhiyun Ma: Advocates for 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for Q & A. No more than that given people's capacity and how we have been allocating in presentation time. Would like to use that time constraint to have them consider what information needs to be shared and to sharpen their presentation, so they just provide us with the information that we need.

Jackie Wong: Suggests one other option. If they require that much time, could invite them to present to Exec for the second presentation and then Exec could relay the important information.

Sydney Pearce: Thinks they are looking for a more representative sample.

Michael Diamond: Says the April 17th meeting might be a better option. On April 3rd have the budget and on May 1st have Elections. Would be open to giving them 30 minutes on the 17th as long as it is used for feedback rather than talking at the Senators.

Spencer Lively: Adds they need it before the Board of Regents meeting. They are up for changes until it is approved by the Board of Regents.

Sydney Pearce: Notes they would like to get feedback before April 19th, so that is a quick turnaround from April 17th. They wanted to present it at the last Senate meeting.

Jackie Wong: If they really value the feedback, a two-day turnaround is not enough.

Robby Perkins-High: Notes that for SAF, every entity has submitted a budget, so if take 30-45 minutes for this group and do not pass the budget, it sets GPSS behind on the budget.

Jacob Ziegler: Asks so only need feedback on the WAC? So let's do the shorter one on April 3rd and the longer one on Apr 17th.

Giuliana Conti: Notes that they do not have to go before the budget.

Rene Singleton: Suggests if they have to give their people a clear time, Exec can schedule the presentation after budget. The budget is one of the biggest things that you do every year.

Giuliana Conti: Notes that normally put guests at the beginning, and we want to, but this budget is our priority because everything is contingent on it.

Sydney Pearce: Suggests make agenda and if have time left, give them 15 mins.

Kelsey Hood: Requests a complete Session Recap, DOH recap. Got feedback that Senators would like the recap to be more involved. Also all of our bills passed chamber of origin cut off, so everything is still alive. Will need 10 mins for DOH and 5 for session recap.

Robby Perkins-High: Requests an item for FY20 budget. Needs 1 hour. In Exec and F & B talked about it for 4-5 hours. People might be debating line items.

Michael Diamond: Last year the Senate passed the budget during the election meeting.

Robby Perkins-High: Notes that the budget was also unchanged from the previous year.

Giuliana Conti: Asks about the joint resolution on student health insurance.

Spencer Lively: Says that Jeremy and Abbie met offline and worked out all of the issues.

Kelsey Hood: Suggests leaving it off right now. It can wait because not going to happen this session.

Matt McKeown: Requests time for events.

Sydney Pearce: Should we remove exec reports since we have two big things happening?

Giuliana Conti: We have another resolution to do for Kelly Edwards. A celebration and thank you resolution.

Amy Gabriel: We'll have the first draft of the mandatory bystander training resolution.

Michael Diamond: Are there break points in the budget, to break it up?

Robby Perkins-High: Notes would like input on how to structure. Could pass it as a whole, or go by section of lines. Could go through first 3-4 sections and then vote on that.

Rene Singleton: Suggests separating the conversation based on policies.

Michael Diamond: Asks if could do a President's poll in between different sections.

Robby Perkins-High: Could do that.

Giuliana Conti: Should we put the budget as the first item? Because meeting is currently at 127 minutes.

Kelsey Hood: Suggests putting it first because it needs to get done.

Michael Diamond: Also if anyone can postpone any items for the next meeting that would be helpful.

Casey Duff: Notes could table the bystander resolution for two weeks.

Giuliana Conti: Don't have to do the president's poll.

Jacob Ziegler: What are action items?

Giuliana Conti: The resolution for Kelly Edwards.

Jacob Ziegler: Anything that requires quorum should put right after the budget.

Jackie Wong: Do we need 10 mins for the Kelly Edwards resolution?

Giuliana Conti: No.

Matt McKeown: Says can also do events in 3 minutes.

Amy Gabriel: Notes that mandatory bystander training will need 10 minutes.

Robby Perkins-High: If 60 minutes have passed and the budget has not been passed yet, should we try to extend time to pass it?

Jackie Wong: Could they approve part of it?

Robby Perkins-High: Needs anything that goes to SAF to be approved, so can steer away from how we spend reserves.

Jacob Ziegler: But reserves will factor in anyway.

Robby Perkins-High: Yes, but don't need them to agree on transferring to endowment or 10-year plan.

Giuliana Conti: What are thoughts about a presenter?

Sydney Pearce: Does not think it is realistic to have them come at 6:45pm.

Amy Gabriel: Can we re-visit the idea of them coming to exec?

Chris Boylan: What if they presented at exec and then Exec brainstormed poll everywhere questions to ask the Senate. Then Exec could bring the answers back to them.

Sydney Pearce: Says they really want to be at the Senate meeting because they really want input on important items like parking rates. What about 15 mins at the beginning?

Jackie Wong: What was the idea about tabling mandatory bystander training?

Amy Gabriel: ASUW is waiting for us to pass ours to send it to the administration.

Michael Diamond: Is it tied to our passing it?

Casey Duff: Replies that it is stand alone. One addresses grad students and the other one is undergrads.

Kelsey Hood: Notes that can also pull the DOH overview/recap to free up 10 mins for the presentation.

Sydney Pearce: Will also ask them to send along any information and documents beforehand.

Michael Diamond: When we bring it up for first reading are we also going to move it to second reading at the same time?

Amy Gabriel: The Senators have already seen it and there has not been a lot of feedback, so there is a chance they could pass it.

Sydney Pearce: They have requested 20 mins for the first with Q & A built in. Will tell them 20 minutes for each. Do people also approve of a second 20 min presentation at the Apr 17th meeting?

Robby Perkins-High: Would be hesitant to commit to another guest speaker spot to them since only have three meetings.

Sydney Pearce: Notes U-Pass should also present, which would be more transportation.

Giuliana Conti: Says need to balance what is in best interest of Senators versus the interests of a campus partner who needs information and feedback.

Jackie Wong: Mentions that the Dean of the Dental School has also expressed interest in presenting.

Jacob Ziegler: Notes that the one they really need to present is the WAC, which we are giving them. The other one we could theoretically have in Exec and bring it to the Senators.

Sydney Pearce: Proposed moving ahead with 20 minutes at the April 3rd meeting and then would love to have them come to an Exec meeting and present. Then could bring Poll Everywhere questions or could do a presentation on it.

Robby Perkins-High: Motions to approve the agenda.

Casey Duff: Seconds.

Michael Diamond: For the next agenda, wants to talk with Elections committee and have another elections forum.

11. Adjournment

6:44 PM

Michael Diamond: Motions to Adjourn.

Casey Duff: Seconds.
