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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

Alex Bolton
# Approval of Agenda

**Alex Bolton**

## GPSS Senate Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 5:30 pm**

**HUB 334**

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2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Joseph Telecan (English) makes a motion to strike item 10, "A Resolution Urging the Adoption of More Effective and Inclusive Language Concerning Students with Disabilities in UW Emergency Evacuation Communications" from the agenda for it is not ready to be presented today.
Justin Bare (Computer Science & Engineering) seconds.
Justin Bare (Computer Science & Engineering) makes a motion to add 10 minutes for the faculty unionization.
Yameen Hamdani (Biology) seconds.
Alex Bolton (President) makes a motion to change item 9, "A Resolution Regarding the Use of Student Tuition for Capital Projects" from action item to information item for 10 minutes.
Ted Chen (Bioengineering) seconds.
Joseph Chan moves to approve the agenda as amended.
John Lurie (Astronomy) seconds.
Seeing no objections, the agenda is approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 5:39 pm
Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences) moves to approve the minutes.
Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) seconds.
Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved.

4. SPOTLIGHT: QERM 5:40 pm
Presenter Elliot Koontz, Elliot Koontz, Nick Kullman, and Kiva Oken
Quantitative Ecology & Resource Management (QERM) is an interdisciplinary program applying quantitative tools to ecological and natural resource management issues. Students in this program do both statistic data analysis and applied math modeling to study environmental
GPSS Spotlight: Office of the Ombud

Emma Williams
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ombuds@uw.edu
Office Hours: 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday
U Pass Advisory Committee Update

Monica Cortes Viharo
The Benefits of U-PASS

U-PASS takes you places:

• Unlimited rides on regional transit
  • Including buses, trains, and water taxis
• NightRide shuttle service
• Discounted and preferential carpool parking & free ride-matching
• Free vanpool parking & fare subsidy
• Discounts on carshare, bikeshare, and more
• Complimentary trip planning assistance through Commute Concierge
Transit is the most common way people get to campus.

CAMPUS COMMUTE MODE SPLIT REPORTED BY STUDENTS IN 2014 U-PASS SURVEY.

- 40% Transit
- 6% Bicycle
- 42% Car
- 7% Walking

- 7% Other
Students depend on U-PASS

- 94% of students in a recent campus-wide survey reported satisfaction with U-PASS

- 99.4% of surveyed students use U-PASS for transit, NightRide, carpool benefits, or discount memberships to merchants like Car2Go, Zipcar, and Pronto Cycle Share

- 81% of surveyed students agree with the statement that U-PASS makes it easier for them to attend school

- U-PASS provides fast, easy, and affordable student access to campus, jobs, internships, community engagement, and travel throughout the region
U-PASS Value

• $80 and $84: Cost of a 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 quarterly U-PASS, respectively

• $297: Cost of a Fall 2015 King County Metro one-zone peak pass for one quarter

• $567: Cost of a transit pass that covers all transit services included in U-PASS for one quarter

• The average student pays just 27% of retail transit costs, saving over $210 per quarter.
Increase in U-PASS Value

**Improved bus service**

- The City of Seattle recently added more than 55,000 service hours from King County Metro on routes that serve the UW
  - Improved on-time reliability, fewer over-crowded buses, and increased frequency
  - Service improvements were implemented in June and September 2015

- U District routes that benefited include:

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Increase in U-PASS Value

Link Light Rail

- The March 2016 opening of University Link Station will transform the way many students get to campus
- Light rail will be a faster option for many students, even those who currently have direct transit access

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The U-PASS Difference

With U-PASS
60.9 million vehicle miles (annually)

Without U-PASS
113.7 million vehicle miles (annually)

45,166 metric tons of CO2e (annually)
13,044 vehicle trips (daily)

58,118 metric tons of CO2e (annually)
23,657 vehicle trips (daily)

Figures reflect campus-wide population and total impact of student and faculty-staff U-PASS programs.
U-PASS History

1991 ~ 25 years ~ 2016
U-PASS History

• 1991
  • Strong student leadership contributes to the creation of U-PASS – a subsidized transportation pass to improve access to campus and reduce traffic and environmental impacts

• 2009-2010
  • Rapidly rising transit costs cause the U-PASS rate to increase from $49 to $99
  • A broad survey of students finds 79% support for a universal U-PASS to control spiraling costs

• 2010-2011
  • Both GPSS and ASUW Senates pass resolutions establishing the Universal U-PASS

• 2011-2012
  • The Universal Student U-PASS program begins with a commitment of a two-year guaranteed price
Why U-PASS?

>70,000 students, staff, faculty + visitors

<12,000 parking spaces
1991: U-PASS introduced

• Opt-out program
• Always in your pocket, always an option.
• In the year after U-PASS was introduced, Metro’s UW ridership increased by one-third.
2009: Financial Crisis

Student U-PASS Costs & Cost Recovery

User Fees Less CPT
2011: Universal Student U-PASS

- 79% of students supported a Universal model in a campus-wide survey
- Increased program participation 40%
- Lowered individual fees by 30%

- Students reaffirmed their support of the Universal funding model in 2015, approving a rate increase of 11% over the following two years.
2011: ORCA Technology Introduced

> Prior to ORCA
2011: ORCA Technology Introduced

> With ORCA
2014: Commute Concierge

King County Metro transit cuts affected thousands of our customers

Individualized commuter assistance designed to help those impacted

2,400 new employees a year
10,000+ new students a year
Thank you for your time!
Questions?
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Officer Reports

VP of Internal Affairs
VP of External Affairs
Treasurer
Secretary
President
Announcements
2016
BE A WORLD OF GOOD

Friday, Jan. 15  MLK Birthday Party and Kickoff
Monday, Jan. 18  MLK Day of Service
Tuesday, Jan. 19  Unconscious Bias Training
Wednesday, Jan. 20  Race and the Legacy of Dr. King: The Sequel
Thursday, Jan. 21  Langston Hughes Project Presents: 12 Moods for Jazz
Friday, Jan. 22  Black Lives Matter Teach-In

The time is always right to do what’s right.
Learn about our full suite of events on our website at mlkweek.uw.edu
Meeting Adjourn

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