Senate Meeting
January 29, 2014
Call to Order

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GPSS Senate Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 29, 2014
5:30pm in HUB 145

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Approval of Minutes

Senate Meeting
January 15th, 2014
HUB 145

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

Chris Lizotte (President): I will now call this meeting to order at 5:34pm. We’re going to get some of the administrative stuff out of the way. I will entertain a motion to approve or amend the agenda.

Edward Schwieterman (Astronomy): I move to approve the agenda.

Duru Altug (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations): I second that.

Approval of Minutes:

Chris L: Any objections? I’ll now entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our two previous meetings that were sent out last week. The first one is our November 20th and the second is the special meeting on December 4th.

Edward: I move to approve both minutes.


Previously on GPSS and Presidential Priorities for Winter Quarter:

Chris L: Any objections? Alright, Previously on GPSS. This will be a short one. We approved our legislative agenda which we will hear more about with Chris later in the meeting. We also had, after the last senate meeting, a little bit of a mixer down in the games room. A few alumni showed up who were either home or free for the holidays and we had some awesome Rock Band among other diversions. Without further ado, I’m going to move forward with a brief description of, what I’m calling very narcissistically, Presidential Priorities for Winter Quarter. So this is just my time to give a little update on what I’m doing and what my staff and some of my committees are doing. First thing we’re working on is outreach to international students. It became clear to us last year when the international student fee was proposed by the administration that we had no good way of reaching out to international students and finding out what their needs and thoughts were about this proposed fee. The reason was we didn’t know how to find a centralized group of international graduates. For undergrads, it’s easier. There’s organizations like the Chinese Student Association and the Taiwanese Student Association and
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Presenting: Elizabeth Lindner
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Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Proposed Changes to the GPSS Bylaws (November 25, 2013)  
[Excerpts: Article IV, Section E, with amendments]

ARTICLE IV SENATE MEETINGS  
Section E: Introduction of Main Motions or Resolutions

Clause 1: This section shall not apply to special meetings. [See Article IV, Section D]

Clause 2: Main motions and resolutions shall be submitted to the Secretary at least two weeks in advance of the regular GPSS meeting at which they are to be considered.

Clause 3: The Secretary, with the consent of the person(s) submitting the main motion or resolution, may rewrite the document so as to include non-substantive stylistic changes. The Secretary shall ensure at a minimum that the resolution has been proofread, has a title, numbered lines, indicates its sponsor(s), and shall number the resolution. The Secretary shall adopt a format and numbering system to be used for all resolutions. The Secretary shall distribute copies of the motion or resolution to all Senators at least seven days prior to the regular meeting, by way of posting on a UW discussion board accessible to all senators. Senators may propose revisions to the resolution by posting replies to the initial discussion question, until 48 hours before the next Senate meeting. The resolution sponsor(s) may accept any friendly amendments and revise the resolution document before re-distributing it to the Senators with a document clearly showing changes at least 24 hours before the next Senate meeting. During meetings, substantive changes may be made by subsidiary motions of the Senate or may be accepted as friendly amendments (not requiring a vote) by agreement of all authors.

Clause 4: A main motion or resolution not conforming to Article IV, Section E, Clauses 2 and 3 of these Bylaws may be acted upon if a majority of the Senators vote to suspend said subsections in order to consider said main motion or resolution at the meeting.
Legislative Update

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“I think you should be more explicit here in Step Two.”
Travel Grants

Winter Quarter:

- **Fall Quarter amount funded:** $5,200
- **Fund balance:** $14,800
- Applications now available on website:
- **DEADLINE:** Friday, 2/14/2014 at 11:59 pm
- Award notification by 2/28/2014
Travel Grants

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How do I know if I qualify for the grant?**
  - You must be accepted as a presenter/speaker/panelist, etc...
  - You must be an active participant and not attending for the sake of attending.

- **What travel costs can I apply my grants toward?**
  - Airfare, lodging and conference registration.

- **Can a group apply as one for a conference?**
  - No. Applications are only for one person per conference.

- **How do I get my money?**
  - The funds are transferred to your department and you must work with the Budget Coordinator you listed on your application to access the funds.

- **My conference occurs before the application, can I still apply and get the funds after the fact?**
  - NO! GPSS does not fund retroactively.

- **How are applications judged?**
  - Through a rubric system determined by last years Ad Hoc Committee and refined by F&B and current Travel Grants Committee.
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