Senate Meeting

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5:30pm in Jackson 75

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Approval of Minutes

Senate Meeting Minutes
Oct. 9, 2013
HUB 332

Call to Action:

Chris Lizotte (President): Call this meeting to order at 5:36 pm. First order of business, we have a guest with us today that is not on the agenda so I will entertain a motion to add 10 minutes after introductions for Julianne Behar from the Washington Student Association to give a presentation.

Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): Moves

Duru Altug (Near Eastern Languages and Civilization): Second


Approval of Minutes:

Chris L: Now, I will entertain a motion to approve minutes from last senate meeting, which was in May 22nd. Those of you who are senators hopefully received this and of course poured over in quite detail.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): Motion

Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): Second

Chris L: Any objections? Extensions? Excellent, thank you.

Introductions:

Chris L: By the way, for those of you who are new, our returning senators are demonstrating excellent form for stating their name and department for the minutes when you raise your hand to say something or second. Now we are going to introduce ourselves, the officers as well as our executive committee. So I guess I’ll start. My name is Chris Lizotte. I am your president for the 20132014 school year. I’m from the department of geography where I’m a 5th year PhD
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Student Tech Fee Presentation

Overview

- Technology used:
  - In a manner beneficial to all students; and,
  - To supplement the technology needs of students; and,
  - To enhance the resources of the University of Washington.
- This goal is accomplished through the levying of a $41/quarter fee on students.
- Technology is chosen through application process and Committee decisions.
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Student Tech Fee Presentation

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Anticipated Administrative Expenses:

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**Student Tech Fee Presentation**

**Schedule:**

- **October 25:** distribute 2013-2014 request for proposals to the University
- **December 15:** deadline for proposal authors to submit their proposals (this date may change slightly)
- **Early January:** committee begins hearing proposals
- **April:** committee finishes hearing proposals
- **May:** proposal decisions finalized, chair nominations are made, Committee begins drafting RFP for the next year
- **May 9:** 2013 regular proposal and 2014 fast track budgets set to close
- **July 1:** Fund 2014 proposals
Student Tech Fee Presentation

Decrease in Computer Lab Funding:

- Computer Labs – 16%
- Before – 22%

- Committee goal to move towards centralized computing labs
Student Tech Fee Presentation

Increase in Mobile Computing:

- Remote Computing – 16%
- Before -14%

- Collaborative and Portable – 30%
- Before - 29%

- Movement towards Centralized Labs
Student Tech Fee Presentation

Increase in Future Tech:
- Frontier Technology – 12%
- Before: 10%
- Machinery and Research – 20%
- Before: 15%

- Keeping the University of Washington forward-thinking
Decrease in Software:

- Software – 6%
- Before - 10%

- Addition of Key Server Software reduces costs
- Software budget generally small
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Metric Weights:

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Key Server Software:

- Adobe Creative Suite 6 Master Collection
- atlas.ti
- BTV Pro
- Google Sketchup Pro Network
- MPlus
- Stata
- Stella
- PC-ORD
- Cinema 4D
- GAUSS
- GAUSS
- KeyShot 3D Pro
- SPSS
Student Tech Fee Presentation

Finding on Consumables – Charging:

1. Departments may charge students for consumables up to the price of the consumable. The proposal author must disclose the intention to levy this fee in the proposal.

2. Departments may not charge students for access.

3. Departments may charge non-students for consumables or access. There are no restrictions on these funds.
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Which map is most “accurate”? This one?
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How about this one?

Each box represents one electoral vote in the 2004 election.
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To Caucus, or Not to Caucus?

Almost all fee based programs. There is no plan. Is this a good thing? How do we plan on seeing transfer student growth? Fee based programs? If you look at growth, it's all in fee for graduate education. As far as the increase in tax for international students university in graduate education. It must be embedded and embraced across campus. I want to establish a strategic plan interdisciplinary research. The last thing is strategic planning. In fact, there is need for strategic planning across the campus. Growth in these programs. Expansion may be appropriate in certain areas. My whole career has been focused on recruiting minority students to the school. There are lots of donors out there who would want to support this. For the interdisciplinary programs we face international competition for fellowship in sciences. I'm exploring the feasibility of Art grants. We partner with things like the arts foundation. It supports graduate fellowship. We need to make sure top minority students don't go somewhere else because of resources. Raising tuition must be a consideration. How much is reasonable and unreasonable. Diversity of grad students depends upon our ability to raise tuition. How do we improve efficiencies? We are all worried about rising cost of tuition. From an admin perspective it is double edged sword. We get revenue from tuition. It's a burden for students who can't afford higher tuition. One goal I have is diversity of grad students. I am committed to diversity. How do we improve efficiencies? We are all worried about rising cost of tuition. From an admin perspective it is double edged sword. We get revenue from tuition. It's a burden for students who can't afford higher tuition. One goal I have is minority recruitment. I am committed to diversity.
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Presentation of Transit Resolutions

Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) King County Metro Resolution 1.01.

Wednesday, October 23, 2013
Submitted by: GPSS Officers, GPSS Executive Committee, GPSS Senate, others

Title: An appeal to Governor Jay Inslee to call a special legislative session in November of 2013 and a call to the Washington State Legislature to pass a transportation package that includes the option for the local funding of transit.
Presentation of Transit Resolutions

Article 1.1

WHEREAS: Representatives of the Washington State Legislature assert that they are committed to ensuring access to education for students; and

WHEREAS: Transportation is essential for the public’s access to education; and

WHEREAS: Transit provides social and environmental benefits to the common good, including access to education and employment from low-income areas, as well as decreasing emissions and congestion; and

WHEREAS: The GPSS views transit as a vital service to the University of Washington’s research and teaching missions, University of Washington’s core value of environmental sustainability, the economic prosperity of the surrounding region, and the common good; and
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## Presentation of Transit Resolutions

### Article 1.2

WHEREAS: The current level of transit service is already underserving the region’s demand by approximately 10%, already stifling educational opportunities for University of Washington students; and

WHEREAS: The King County Metro faces a 17% budget cut beginning in September 2014, with a $75 million shortfall, 600,000 hours of service cut, and up to 65 routes deleted; and

WHEREAS: King County Metro’s transit service is an economic priority to the state; with over 115 million rides per year, 55% of which are rides to and from school and work; and

WHEREAS: Transit provides benefits to the common good; saving King County Metro riders $365 million annually in time and fuel savings, while taking approximately 175,000 cars out of traffic congestion per day; and

WHEREAS: The cuts facing King County Metro will add approximately 25,000 cars to traffic congestion every day, inhibiting the fluidity of the state’s economy; and

WHEREAS: King County Metro has done its part by increasing fares by 80% since 2008; and already exhausting efficiency measures, including reducing labor costs, reducing capital investments, and reducing operating reserves used for emergency situations; and
Presentation of Transit Resolutions

Article 1.3

WHEREAS: University of Washington students depend on King County Metro for over 5.6 million rides per academic year; and

WHEREAS: 89% of UW students utilize their U-PASS to commute to work and school; and
WHEREAS: Many routes serving the University District area, including the 48, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 271, and 372 -- are at risk of having reduced service; and

WHEREAS: The University of Washington has contributed to the mission of creating sustainable, long term support of transit, by approving a universal U-PASS, a collective agreement to support affordable transit in the Puget Sound region; and
Presentation of Transit Resolutions

Article 1.4

WHEREAS: It is unlikely that legislators will reach a deal on transportation before King County Metro cuts will go into effect, if they do not act in a special session; and

WHEREAS: Public transportation in King County affects constituents from every legislative district in Washington State.
Presentation of Transit Resolutions

Article 1.5

And THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Graduate and Professional Student Senate formally recommend to the Governor and the Washington State Legislature:

THAT: A special legislative session is called in November of 2013 to approve a transportation package for Washington State; and

THAT: An option for the local funding for transit be included in the approved transportation package; and

THAT: State legislators take into consideration the impact that would be felt in the Puget Sound region if King County Metro proceeds with the budget cuts, and the ripple effect it would have on the economic health of Washington State; and

THAT: State legislators take into consideration the contradictory message they would be sending their constituents if they don’t find a sustainable solution to fund public transit, which is an imperative component of increasing access to higher education, which many state politicians have made the assertion that they are committed to; and

THAT: A copy of this resolution is sent to the offices of Governor Jay Inslee; House Transportation Committee Chair Judy Clibborn, and Vice Chairs, Jake Fey, Marko Liias, and Luis Moscoso; Senate Transportation Co-Chairs Curtis King and Tracey Eide; King County Executive Dow Constantine; King County Council, others.
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