Senate Meeting
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## Approval of Agenda

**GPSS Senate Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 28th, 2012**  
**5:30pm in HUB 145**

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Call to Order
Adam Sherman (GPSS President): Call to order at 5:31 pm.

Approval of Agenda
Adam: We sent this agenda out. Any amendments? Motion to approve?
Chris (Philosophy): Motion to approve.
Seyda Ipek (Physics): Seconds.

Approval of Minutes From 10/17/12
Adam: Motion to approve?
Mike (Epidemiology): Moves.
Chris (Philosophy): Seconds.

Temperature Reading
Vera Giampietro (GPSS Treasurer): We would like some announcements to come at the beginning of the meeting. Is there anything going on in your department, stuff you would like to share after the meeting? This could be a time to connect you with people from other departments. Does anyone want to announce events, issues? If you are interested in saying anything just raise your hand. We’ve started comment cards that during the meeting you can write down. Anything you would like to share?
Trond Nilsen (Industrial Systems Engineering): Next Tuesday there is the Higher Education Summit. We’ve been working on it for the last couple months. Three panels. We would love for you guys to come. Refreshments will be provided. It will be in this building, in the north pre-function room.
Vera: Anybody else?

Previously on GPSS
Adam: Would like to remind you of things we did last time. We talked about the GPSS priorities. We also had an introduction to the Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS). We will continue that conversation today with student college councils. We need you to step up and get engaged. We also talked about needing an additional executive senator. We will make a call today for interested senators. We also talked about fee-based programs and growth of those at UW. 41% of all incoming grad students were in fee-based programs. We had a good discussion on fee-based programs recently. We presented the budget. We ran down the different expenses we had. Any questions?
New to Senate Meetings!

**TEMPERATURE READING** by Vera

5 Minutes

**What:**
- Upcoming events
- Departmental / College issues, concerns, celebrations

**Why:**
- Learn about each others’ departments
- Learn each others’ names
- Share concerns, develop interdepartmental coalitions

**How:**
- State your name
- Provide your email address, if you want to follow up

**Comment Cards:**
- Pick them up when you sign in
- Leave them with us when you go
- Tell us about some issues you’d like the senate to discuss
- Provide feedback on the meeting
Previously on GPSS....

Executive Senator Vacancy
Resolution supporting UAW
Introduction of the State Legislative Agenda
Student College Council Breakout Session
Guest Speaker

Rep. Gerry Pollett

Update on higher education in the legislature.

- Represents 46th District (north Seattle)
- Teaches at UW School of Public Health
- Executive Director, Heart of America Northwest
- Sits on Higher Education, Education Appropriations and Oversight, and Environment committees
Executive Senator Elections

What does an executive senator do?

- Assist in setting Senate meeting agendas
- Work with officers and other executive senators to address issues and concerns identified by the Senate
- Acts on behalf of the Senate between meetings
Committee conclusions:

1. The GPSS travel grants program had become increasingly cumbersome due to growing numbers of applications stemming from tightening UW budgets, complicated application processes and inconsistencies in application assessments.

2. Full consideration of the program’s significance and the potential impacts of its termination was not taken when it was eliminated last spring.

3. The awarding of travel grants to qualified students, who otherwise lack needed funding, is a valued service that is consistent with the mission of the GPSS and may facilitate positive reception/support of the GPSS among students & administrators.

4. There continues to be a need for travel grant funding among GPSS constituents in a diverse array of departments/programs.

5. Many of the problems identified with the former travel grants program could be mitigated by the enactment of carefully reconsidered administrative guidelines, application procedures and assessment standards in the future.
Committee plans for the future:

1. The TGPRC will continue its work next term and will continue researching alternative funding sources in order to further assess the relative value of GPSS grants and the viability of a restored program.
2. In order to more fully consider the possible reinstatement of a travel grants program, the TGPRC has decided to conceptualize a hypothetical new travel grants program with appropriate guidelines, procedures and standards.
3. The TGPRC will ask the Finance & Budget Committee to tentatively plan to accommodate a renewed program at levels consistent with last year ($21,000) for next year.
4. A final report to the full Senate shall be made at the conclusion of the Winter 2013 term (including final recommendation, and if appropriate, a new program framework for the consideration/ adoption of GPSS).
5. The TGPRC invites new volunteers who might like to join the committee for next term and welcomes Senate input.

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State Legislative Agenda

What it is:
• Statement by the Senate of its legislative priorities.
• Guides VP in legislative advocacy.
• Internal document

Process:
• Drafted by VP and State Legislative Committee
• Must be approved by Senate.
State Legislative Agenda

Major Changes from last year:
• Bigger focus on new revenue
• Includes revenue options like capital gains tax
• Calls for reasonable & predictable tuition
  • Notification for programs moving to fee-based
State Legislative Agenda

2013 State Legislative Agenda

The University of Washington’s Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), which represents more than 10,500 graduate and professional students at the UW Seattle campus, urges the Washington Legislature to restore higher education funding in the 2013 session. We believe new revenue is needed to accomplish this. An investment in a quality graduate education system is an investment in jobs and innovation for our state.

GPSS 2013 Priorities:

1.) State Funding. GPSS supports:
   - Returning higher education funding to 2008 levels.
   - New revenue that creates dedicated funding streams for higher education. Revenue options that should be considered include but are not limited to the creation of a state capital gains tax and closing of unnecessary tax exemptions.
   - Funding for Teaching Assistants to support educational instruction.
   - Funding programs that will reduce the time it takes to complete advanced degrees.

2.) Reasonable and Predictable Tuition. GPSS supports:
   - Policies supporting reasonable and predictable tuition rates, which is crucial for student retention and degree completion.
   - Requirements that all proposed tuition increases be presented to students in a transparent manner for input. Proposals to move programs from state-supported to fee-based should have additional notification and student involvement requirements.

3.) Financial Aid. GPSS supports:
   Restoration and expansion of financial aid programs that have been cut or eliminated in recent years, including the Washington State Work Study Program, the Child Care Matching Grant, Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship and Loan Repayment, Health Professions Scholarship, and Graduate Fellowship Trust Account.

4.) Student Voice in University Decisions. GPSS supports:
   Direct student involvement in University policies to ensure students are fairly represented in decisions that affect them.
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Additional GPSS Position Statements

Academic Excellence. GPSS supports:
- The recruitment and retention of diverse world-class faculty and globally competitive students.
- Comprehensive efforts to recruit, retain, and support underrepresented students, faculty, and staff in graduate and professional programs.
- Maintaining the quality of instruction and research by providing academic student employees with competitive compensation.

Student Wellness. GPSS supports:
Policies that increase the general health, safety, and well-being of the University community.

Transportation. GPSS supports:
Policies that improve affordable and accessible transportation options for UW students. Maintaining convenient transit service to the University is a priority.

Sustainability. GPSS supports:
Efforts to increase environmental stewardship and sustainability on campus.

Voting Accessibility. GPSS supports:
Increased student voting accessibility, including ballot drop boxes on or near college campuses.
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