I. **Call to Order**
Meeting called to order at 9:15 am

II. **Roll Call**
Chairman Senator Eddie Schwieterman, Astronomy
GPSS Treasurer Vera Giampietro, Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning
Senator Evan Firth, Oceanography
Senator Alexandra Kaufman, Health Sciences
Senator Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering

*Guests*
*Max and Meric for Earth Day*
*Lin Gao for Evans World*
*Maria for First Nations*

III. **Approval of the Agenda**
Approval of the Agenda passed unanimously.

IV. **Approval of the Minutes**
Committee approved minutes from 2/22/2013 unanimously.

V. **Consideration of Special Allocations**

*Earth Day*
Max and Meric came to present for Earth Day. Earth Club is a student organization working on stewardship, fellowship, and education for sustainability. Every year they celebrate Earth Day and sustainability. They encourage new ideas for sustainability. This program has been running for 40 years, and is a tradition they hope to continue. This year, much of the planning responsibility has been given to the students who are donating a lot of personal time to this. After Earth Day, they hope to run Earth Week, reaching out to over 14 different groups with different goals and having a Dawg Days event for social networking about the environment.

Chairman Schwieterman asked if the event is in danger of not happening without funding. Max said they heavily rely on funding. Meric described that some of the organizations have been deciding on the range of activities to provide depending on the funding that is available. There has been a slight increase in the expenses from last year. Treasurer Giampietro asked if they met with ASUW, to which Max responded no.

Senator Bateson asked what films will be shown. Max said they were working with student groups who are less organized, and they haven't decided on them yet. In regards to the expense sheet Senator Bateson confirmed there is an expected film license fee. Treasurer Giampietro asked how many people came to this last year, and Meric said that Husky Fest would be at the same time, as well as the KESP concert so they expect the attendance to increase, though they weren't sure on numbers. They don't have a firm count because of the openness of red square.

Chairman Schwieterman inquired what other sponsorships they have worked on. Max told him of ASUW and the Campus Sustainability Fund, but that the CSF funds are mostly meant...
for student projects. There is also corporate sponsorship, but they are trying to avoid that option because last year it did not successfully relay the message of the event. Senator Bateson asked further about the miscellaneous costs they were expecting, because, although described on the application as minimal, they add up. Max explained it was mostly for unplanned circumstances with Earth Week. There are several ideas floating around, for example, a student art project. They hope to save anything that is not spent for next year. He wished to keep his group accountable for where the money is spent. Chairman Schwieterman asked why they had not requested funding from GPSS and ASUW last year, to which Max responded they were out of money, and the event was mostly run by the administration. Treasurer Giampietro asked if GPSS funds a portion of this and there is no funding from ASUW, would they then go to a corporate sponsor. Max said they would have to. Chairman Schwieterman asked if they would go to Campus Sustainability first or the Corporate fund first. Meric answered that they would first go to ASUW, then Campus Sustainability, and after that corporate. Chairman Schwieterman explained that typically GPSS funds at the graduate student percentage, which would be about $1000. Senator Bateson asked why one tent is cheaper than the other. Max said that one is a stage tent, and that it’s a different size than the others.

Senator Kaufman asked how many graduate students are in the Earth Day club. Max said none right now, but they planned to reach out to Evans Green, the graduate student group, for their participation.

**Alex moved to fund Earth Day at $1000.**  
**Senator Firth seconded the motion.**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Schwieterman stipulated that they have to put the GPSS logo on their advertising. Max agreed.

There was a brief discussion before the next presentation. Treasurer Giampietro confirmed that as of right now, ASUW and the Wells Fargo Fund are out of money. GPSS is the last option for many groups. For strategy, Chairman Schwieterman suggested a strategy of putting a cap on funding events based on graduate student attendance. Senator Bateson added that any sort of campus wide event with 1/3 of a graduate student attendance is something that should get consideration for funding.

**Evans World**  
Before the presentation Chairman Schwieterman noted that Evans World decreased their request from $1400 to $700. Lin confirmed this.

Lin Gao presented for Evans World. She described the event as a first time panel that Evans World is hosting. It is aimed promoting the relationship between China and the United states. She expressed that the partnership between these two countries is extremely important, as they are both world leaders. This panel is a chance to discuss this topic, and open it to students.

Treasurer Giampietro asked how many students are in the Evans World club. Lin said there were 400 on the mailing list, but many had graduated. The Treasurer asked if the club holds meetings, and if the club is involved in planning efforts for this event. Lin said that she is in charge of preparing this panel, along with the help of the Dean, and a partner. The club is not providing planning help. Chairman Schwieterman asked how many guests they have confirmed. Lin said that as of now, 50 have RSVP’d on Facebook. She has also confirmed community leaders, and is starting to send out flyers, so in all she anticipates 80-100. Senator Bateson asked about the maximum room occupancy, to which Lin answered about 100.
Senator Bateson asked how much funding from co-sponsors had been confirmed. Lin said that one sponsor had confirmed $350 but only for materials. Senator Bateson observed that the total anticipated co-sponsorship added up to more than $1300. Lin clarified that the request was being made for items left over after the co-sponsorship contribution. Treasurer Giampietro asked about the costs of the honorarium. Lin explained they want to have a professional gift with pictures, shirts, and/or videos. Christina Coop recognized that GPSS is not allowed to pay faculty or anyone in UW Administration, including college deans. The Treasurer further asked if anyone else was involved in putting on this event. Lin said she has a second year graduate student, also from China, and a committee of about ten working on the conference.

Senator Bateson asked where else she might seek funding. Lin said that she would contribute personal funds if needed. The senator observed that this is a fairly small event. Lin explained that because they want to make this an annual event, this year they will start small, work to have high attendance and turnout, and hire a professional photographer or videographer who will document the event for sharing and promoting online. Chairman Schwieterman asked if they have thought about working with other organizations in China, and Lin said that is the next step.

**Senator Firth moved to fund Evans World at $706.**
**Senator Kaufman seconded the motion.**
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Schwieterman reminded Lin to put the GPSS logo on advertisements, and to send pictures from the event

**First Nations**
Maria came to present for First Nations. She described First Nations as the largest native undergraduate student group on campus, and that annually they put on the spring powwow. This will be its 42nd year. The Spring Powwow is a three-day celebration of dancing, drumming, native artists selling work, food etc. This particular powwow is a competition powwow, so prizes are given to the singers and dancers.

Chairman Schwieterman asked if the singers and dancers are from the northwest region. Maria explained that they will come from all over the country, including Arizona, Canada, and Montana. The Chairman then asked about the volunteer security expenses. Maria said that the volunteers need shirts, radios for communication, and food. Chairman Schwieterman asked if safety is typically a problem, to which Maria said no. Christina Coop furthered the explanation in saying that this group typically provided their own security with outside community members, who have since retired, so the students are taking over this role, reflecting their philosophy of self-security in the community. The Chairman further noted that the facility rental is expensive.

Treasurer Giampietro observed that First Nations has confirmed $4000 in funding, and are requesting $3000 from ASUW Monday. Maria confirmed this, and added additional funding comes from venue fees paid by vendors. She also said that they had submitted requests to the local Native casinos, approximately 10 of them – pretty much any tribe that has a charity fund. Treasurer Giampietro asked if they typically get funding from them. Maria said yes, and that generally OMA&D helps with the facility rental. It was also established that they had not received funding from ASUW at that time.

Senator Kaufman asked how many people attend the event. Maria said in the past there have been approximately 1000 people at any given time. This year they are planning to invite the Queen of the Nation of Tonga, as a guest of honor, along with another distinguished guest, which together could increase attendance. Treasurer Giampietro asked if they make money
from concessions, raffles, and vendors renting the spots, and if this money goes to paying the start up for concessions. Maria confirmed this, and said that they have about $6000 left over from last year. Chairman Schwieterman suggested that this meant they had some leeway, and Maria said yes, provided that OMA&D provides funding, which has not been confirmed at this time. Christina Coop emphasized that if OMA&D does not provide funding for First Nations, it would likely start a political problem, and so this funding would almost assuredly be provided. Maria added her desire to include graduate programs. For example, the School of Dentistry came out to donate time by playing with children, coloring with them, etc. Chairman Schwieterman asked if graduate students were involved in this event. Maria said they are usually busy but they come and participate during the powwow.

**Senator Bateson moved to fund First Nations at $1050.**
**Senator Kaufman seconded the motion.**
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Maria confirmed that they will put the GPSS logo on their posters and banners.

### VI. Discussion of Budgeting Funds for the Future
Chairman Schwieterman believes the committee should put a cap on undergraduate student funding applications. For example, if there is less than a 20% graduate student attendance, then the committee doesn’t fund the event, or that they could be funded up to $100. Senator Firth wished to leave some money on the side for more graduate student oriented events. Senator Bateson noted that thus far, on average, GPSS has spent $675 per RSO, which leaves enough funding for about 7 more RSOs at the same rate. Chairman Schwieterman suggested that if the fund starts running out rather quickly, that the committee inform applicants that there is not much money left, and that we save it for graduate students. He also proposed a transfer of Departmental Allocations to Special Allocations, but that it should be earmarked for graduate student events. Senator Firth noted that last year F&B transferred $1800 from Departmental to Special Allocations, and reiterated wanting a stipulation that the committee will not fund higher than the graduate student attendance. Senator Firth asked if the transfer could be done right away. Chairman Schwieterman was unsure and asked if the Executive Committee was needed to approve this. Treasurer Giampietro said that the bylaws state that the Executive committee only needs to be notified. Chairman Schwieterman said the Executive committee could overturn the decision with a 2/3 vote.

### VII. Announcements
Discussion of the budget tabled to next week.

### VIII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.