I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:02 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Committee approved a slightly amended agenda changing phraseology in agenda to be more correct. Unanimously approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The Senators reviewed the minutes form the 11/19/2013 meeting. Sen. Michael moved to approve the minutes and Sen. Schwieterman seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

IV. Roll Call

Chairman Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering
GPSS Treasurer Genesis Gavino, Public Affairs
Senator Karen Michael, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Senator Carolyn Shores, Forestry
Senator Edie Schwieterman, Astronomy
Dan Teimouri, Budget Specialist

Guests
Dustin Schmidt – Philosophy
Jenny Taylor - Microbiology

V. Approval of the Minutes

Committee approved the minutes for the 10/29/2013 meeting unanimously.

VI. TSA Funding Application

Dustin discussed the kitchen area that the Philosophy department has. They are interested in making a more communal space. So they want to get a few chairs and a coffee table. Was initially going to be a couch, but they decided instead to go with chairs. Almost all grads were at the meeting and they came to a consensus.

They are also requesting that students chip in a few dollars also. They are also looking to find some more contemporary feminist philosopher portraits for graduation instead of the standard.
Sen. Shores asked question about Ikea shipping and whether there’s a cheaper way to get the stuff delivered. She mentioned that the Ikea order as suggested has ¼ of the cost for shipping. Dustin said he would bring it up and see if there’s anything else they can do.

Sen. Michael asked about the graduate student contributions again. Dustin explained that this was to cover the overage on the cost. Sen. Schwieterman moved to fund at $360.50 to help defray the $10 cost overage. Sen. Shores seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Chairman Bateson informed Dustin of the requirements of receiving GPSS funding.

VII. Microbiology Funding Application

Jenny Taylor from Micro Biology. The application is for their annual student retreat. Just graduate students, go to Friday harbor and stay at UW facility out there. Opportunity for the whole department to see each other since they are often spread out. They give “chalk talks” about how their research is going, and it’s a good opportunity for younger students to get mentorship. Has been going on for many years, and has been in planning since last year’s event.

Sen. Schwieterman asked whether the department is funding it or individual professors. Jenny answered that it is paid for by the department.

Sen. Michael as about the cost per student? Jenny answered that it was very minimal, about 30 students, this is only to defray the cost. Sen. Schwieterman moved to fund at the full amount, Sen. Shores seconded. Unanimously approved. Chairman Bateson informed Jenny of the requirements of receiving GPSS funding.

Since the Chinese Student Association and the Humanities in medicine RSO application could not attend this F & B meeting, their presentation and application determination will be postponed to the next F & B meeting.

VIII. Getting the word out

Treasurer Gavino discussed potentially running an ad campaign to generate interest in GPSS funding given the extra $10k we have this year. Chairman Bateson suggested sending an email over a graduate student listserv or RSO listserv in order to let them know that we have extra money.

IX. Adjourn

Sen. Schwieterman moved to adjourn, Chairman Bateson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.