Senate Meeting
April 23, 2014
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GPSS Senate Meeting
Wednesday April 23rd, 2014 5:30pm in HUB 145

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Call to Order & Approval of Agenda:

Chris Lizotte (President): While we’re waiting for the ever-diligent HUB Services facilities folks to get our presentation up, I’ll call this meeting to order at 5:34pm. Pretending the agenda is up there, and if I seem a little spacey, I just came off the plane from Washington DC and came right here. Fortunately I have the agenda in front of me so I’ll entertain a motion to remove a small item from the end of the agenda, which is the SAGE recap, SAGE being Student Advocates for Graduate Education with peer institutions who we were lobbying with in Washington DC. I won’t do that right now. I’ll entertain a motion to replace that brief schpeel I was going to give with an even briefer schpeel by Kyle Murphy from Transportation Choices which is advocating on behalf of the the ballot measure to fund Metro.

Seyda Ipek (Physics): So moved.

Chris L: My thing was toward the end. I’m going to propose, since it’s very short, to right after the administrative things.

Alex Bolton (Law): Second.

Approval of Minutes:

Chris L: Any objections? I will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Douglass Taber (Evans School of Public Affairs): So moved.


Chris L: Any objections? Looks like we’re jury-rigging a thing here. So thank you. Now, Kyle Murphy.

Proposition 1 Presentation by Kyle Murphy

Kyle Murphy (Transportation Choices): Thank you guys having me on the agenda. My name’s Kyle, a recent grad here and I’m from Transportation Choices. I do outreach on Proposition 1. Who here has heard of Proposition 1? Awesome Who already has voted for it? Okay, most of you but not all of you. If you haven’t voted already, please vote on it. Read it carefully and think of the implications and look at the funding measure. Some information to keep in mind, if Prop 1 fails, 20 routes serving UW will be eliminated. That’s about half. 15 more will be reduced.
GPSS Spotlight

The UW/PeaceHealth Affiliation: Let’s get proactive about patient care, resident training, and UWMC’s reputation as a provider of high quality evidence-based medicine

Supported by:
• American Civil Liberties Union – UW Chapter
• Health Equity Circle
• Law Students For Reproductive Justice
• Med Students For Choice
• National Lawyers Guild – UW Chapter
• QMed
• Students of Public Health Engaged in Reproductive Rights Efforts
• UW Residents Reproductive Health Interest Group
Affiliation Details

- “Strategic affiliation” between UWMC and PeaceHealth

- Original letter of intent signed May 2013; updated agreement in September 2014 and currently in final negotiations

- This affiliation is different than other Catholic-Secular affiliations
  - Presumably, care will not be affected at UWMC
  - No formal merger of financial or operational processes
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Disturbing News

- “Under PeaceHealth and UW Medicine's new venture, the residency program...will serve as a model as officials seek to expand the program primarily in Northwest Washington and Southwest Alaska.”
  – The Columbian, May 23, 2013
- “…We follow the ethical and religious directives for Catholic health care services that include social, pastoral and spiritual responsibility, the dignity of the patient relationship, and how we care for the living and the dying.”
  – PeaceHealth Vancouver Family Medicine/OB job posting 2/27/14

From the Agreement Signed in September 2013:

- “The Parties agree to explore opportunities for joint outreach and co-branding, subject to each Party’s approval.”
- “7.8 Insurance and indemnification. Each Party...agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the other harmless from and against losses, claims and damages...”
- “…each Party, where possible, shall add the other Party as a named insured on any insurance policy providing coverage...”
Why should we care?

- Nearly half of WA hospitals are religiously affiliated and required to follow ERDs which limit care on the basis of religious doctrine

- UW medical residents may receive limited training at PeaceHealth, without a choice to fill gaps elsewhere

- Affiliation legitimizes lack of evidence-based care under ERDs

- Poor internal and external communication

- Separation of church and state
A Call for Clarity: Student Letter to UW

• “We implore UW/UWMC to make explicit its commitment to reproductive, end-of-life, and LGBT healthcare by formally stating in all UWMC-PeaceHealth agreements, policies, and communications that:

• Neither UWMC nor its physicians, residents, fellows, or students are required or expected to follow the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care.”
This Matters to GPSS’ Constituents

We ask GPSS to support our call for clarity by signing the letter and possibly responding through a resolution to UWMC.

- 8 RSOs (>1200 graduate students) support this letter
- Planned outreach to over 50 RSOs with positive feedback thus far.
- UW medical residents/fellows are organizing similar letter campaign.
- Letter will be sent to: UWMC leadership with a copy to elected officials including Governor Inslee and Senators Murray and Cantwell, The Seattle Times, and The Stranger.
For more information:

- [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2636458/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2636458/)
- *Crosscut*: Why is Washington Paying Catholic Hospitals To Take Away Care?
- *Seattle Times*: Hospitals’ Proposed Affiliations with Catholic Systems Opposed
- *The Stranger*: Faith Healers
- *The Columbian*: ACLU Says Faith-Based Hospitals Jeopardize Reproductive, End-of-Life Care
- *New York Times*: Hospital Mergers Reset Abortion Access Battle
- *ProPublica*: Catholic Hospitals Grow and With Them Questions of Care
- *Mother Jones*: Do Bishops Control Your Health Care?
- *Mother Jones*: Catholic Hospitals Don’t Do Much for the Poor
- *Seattle Times*: Is Catholic Church Taking Over Health Care in Washington?
- *Seattle Times*: It’s Time to Reexamine the Role of Faith in Health Care Delivery
- *How Catholic Health Care Compromises Women’s Health*
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“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”
As your GPSS Treasurer I vow to work diligently to ensure GPSS’s financial practices are efficient, effective, and follow GAAP accounting principles.

My Goals for 2014-2015 year

- Create a communication network between current and past GPSS officers to ensure projects and goals from the previous year are completed.

- Provide assistance to committees to ensure they are successful both financially and functionally.

- Manage GPSS finances in a professional and accountable manner.

- Maintain my role as a representative by offering extended office hours and expanding GPSS’s presence on campus and at events.

- Execute all responsibilities of Treasurer while facilitating collaboration and innovation.

Relevant Experience

Work Experience
Over 7 years of work experience in an office setting

Education
Studied Political Science at UC Davis, and Inequality at University of Geneva
Selected to participate in a humanitarian aide trip in Costa Rica

Extracurricular
Elected as Evans Student Organizations Representative
Active in Federal Legislative Steering, Finance & Budget, Travel Grants, State Legislative Steering, and Science & Policy Steering Committees
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**Connect**  GPSS, graduate students, departments, and campus organizations
• Develop relationships with program advisors to promote robust GPSS representation
• Facilitate interdepartmental connections and information sharing
• Initiate mentorship among senators to improve community, ownership, and confidence

**Collaborate** with senators and partners to build GPSS relevancy and functionality
• Commit to providing accessible, usable information
• Initiate the creation of an information and event sharing space for senator use
• Strengthen relations with ASUW and other organizations to distinguish graduate interests

**Communicate** effectively, both internally and externally
• Commit to accessibility and responsiveness to questions and concerns
• Produce clear communications and information for senators and students
• Enhance new senator training to facilitate participation and ownership

**Promote Diversity** within GPSS and across campus
• Collaborate with senators to set priorities for diversity issues
• Promote diversity forums and other Diversity Committee events
• Advocate for diversity initiatives through partnerships and events
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Soh Yeun Kim for Secretary
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