Meeting called to order at 5:40 by meeting chair Alice Popejoy

Approval of Agenda
Alice Popejoy (President): amended agenda to put Spotlight first, exec senate election second
Eddie Swiertekman (Astronomy): move to approve Will Scott: Second
Agenda for the meeting on June 3, 2015 approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes
Elloise Kim (English): so moved | Lauren Taylor (Biology) Seconded
Minutes approved without objection.

Spotlight- Dave Eaton Dean of teh Graduate School
Dave Eaton (Dean of Graduate School): thanks for the invitation. I've been at UW for 36 years and have a lot of familiarity with the college. I know how hard grad school can be- teach, home. school. I truly appreciate your time of serving. Its important that GPSS and the graduate school work closely together. A couple of example that I am really appreciative of GPSS. A recent presentation on the highlight of suicide prevention. Pointing out that graduate students are especially high risk, and we need more help. The persistence of GPSS to improve childcare to graduate students at the University. In fact just today, the issue was brought up to the chancellor. There were enthusiastic response, and they realize how t=important this is. Thanks to Alice- your tenacity and persistence is incredible. Husky sunrise and Husky Sunset events are both very successful/ I would take the opportunity to welcome the incoming president Alex Bolton. I look forward to working with Alex. A major initiative of a strategic plan to improve graduate student experiences. We have talked to many students, deans, faculty, to make sure that we are heading where we need to be. A number of things that come up include demand for interdisciplinary studies, global partnerships and interaction with international students and other university, innovation. Looking for opportunity to interact with other business. Imperative to expand the diversity of graduate students. Also a growing recognition of the vital professional development for graduate students. We need to be more attentive that we are providing this opportunity. This plan did not come out of the blue. It's been happening for a while. It will be available in its final format in a week or two. There are five basic priority: 1) graduate student experience. We will work with GPSS and alumni association to expand the grad guiding grad program. The needs is out there and we would like to see it expand. We are also interested in working with local trade associations and the alumni association to help grad students identify internship and career opportunities. 2) diversity inclusion. This include making sure disparity is eliminated, and making sure GO-MAP succeeds. 3) Innovation and excellence. Expand interdisciplinary programs and make sure they flourish. Such as the new molecular engineering PhD. 4) Advocacy and advancement. These resources don't come from tuition raises. The
advancement campaign is something that is critical in raising funds. Such as fellowship for students and programs that need additional support. 5) **administrative infrastructure.** We have a number of initiatives such as improving MyGrad program. We are also looking into improving the efficiency of our website. I look forward to working with all of you and we will have working groups that welcome the involvement of GPSS to ensure the participation of students and make sure student voices are heard. Thank you very much. I am happy to answer any question.

**Joseph Telegen (English):** question regarding grad guiding grad. Its currently suppose to be intradepartmental progra? Do you think that’s should be how it continue? Do you think there should be inter-departmental component?

**Dave Eaton (Dean of Graduate School):** they could effectively be implemented at department level. I think there are many circumstances where people can be better guided by someone who is from the other department. We can embrace both kind of opportunities and options.

**Evan Firth (Oceanography):** Do you have any other avenue you look to use aside from GO-MAP such as rainbow grad, or GPSS?

**Dave Eaton (Dean of Graduate School):** bring people from different diversity together to foster support and share resources and information. The number of initiative that GO-MAP has done has make them pretty successful in reach out and collecting resources. Any ideas that you all have that can help us do better job, we welcome it.

**Elloise Kim (English):** 20% grad students are international students. Do you have any additional services that can help improve the experience of international grad students.

**Dave Eaton (Dean of Graduate School):** We do we work with the ISS, and through the international student fee, but we are open to any suggestion on how we can improve experience for international grad students

**Kelly Edwards:** Graduate student assistant has been looking at the gapping the graduate student experience for international students. One of the thing is FIUTS has a board where students sit on it, and in recent year, there seems to be less participation from graduate students on that committee.. Getting you guys represented on those board would be very helpful.

**Executive Senator Election**

**Alice Popejoy (President):** As many of you know by reading our bylaws. we change our bylaws to have the election at the end of the year to actually do thing rather than in autumn. It’s not perfect, but we would like to test it out. Can we have current executive senators stand up. These folks are fantastic. Its an important committee that address important issues, and we use exec committee to get feedback right away. Its an very important part of GPSS. There’s two open
position, because Elloise Kim will be the secretary officer ext year. We are now taking
nomination.

Alex Bolton (VP): Brian Tracey (Accepted nomination)

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): Colin Bates (Accepted nomination)

Elloise Kim (English): Joseph Taligen (Accepted nomination)

Alice Popejoy (President): three nominees for the exec senator position. I will invite you to have
1 minute speech on why you want to be exec senator and why you will be the perfect person
for it

Brian Tracey (Marine Biology and Environmental Affairs): School of Marine and environmental
affairs. It occurs to me, we are going through some uncertain time. Change of policy, and it
occurs to me that we need leadership that is accepting to different voices. Most recently, I was
microaggression, and I think it's important to include diverse population and perspective on
whatever topics we choose. Aside from that I volunteer to create a security team so our campus
would be safe. So students can have the opportunity to experience free speech

Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): I have been part of this institution for a long time. I
have been very dedicated to it. I can't even remember the year that I started. Probably 2009 or
20010. This will be my last year at UW. I have been involved in a bunch of different committee. I
have been in two9 different restructure committees now. One thing that has always been a
struggle is a sense of institutional memory, so I would appreciate your vote.

Joseph Telegen (English): Some of the things I have done for GPSS is the past: this year I have
a stand on the judicial committee, and I was the liaison to the ASUW liaison. In addition I was an
active member of the senate. I believe it's important for us to increase grad presence in AUSW
senate as they have also been very involved on issues that may also affect grad students.

Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): I am not sure what the procedure is. But in light of three
excellence candidates, I would like to resign myself from the committee.

Alice Popejoy (President): I think procedurally, if we have three opening and three nominees,
we should still vote. I do want to give the nominees the opportunity to answer questions. I will
invite them on to the stage now.

Evan Firth (Oceanography): some exec senators have projects that they want to accomplish. I
know some of you speak about them and some of you didn't. If you can talk more about it that
would be great
Brian Tracey (Marine Biology and Environmental Affairs): focus on inclusion and act as hub of resources for student voice and perspectives. Address issue as it is happening.

Joseph Telegen (English): having space where resolution can be discussed and the overall priority of the senate can be brought out. Maybe of weekly coffee hours. Its up to the rest of us to step us in that department

Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): More involvement from all of you on committee. We have small number of very motivated people that are making huge progress. So just getting more people involved.

Brian Tracey (Marine Biology and Environmental Affairs): one of the things diversity committee is working on is working on a central portal so all resources or information can be sent there. And I think thats something that we can borrow.

Joseph Teligen (English): bringing together people that are interested in the same topics…..

Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): My experience is coffee hours or happy hours often seem to facilitate conversation that is organic.

Douglass Taber (Treasurer): If you have the superpower to fly or be invisible (All flies)

Alice Popejoy (President): Are you available in some form or the other to be in exec meeting over the summer (All yes) Okay so now, please fill out your ballots and we will collect them shortly. At the mean time, next on our agenda is president's address. I don't want to start out talking. But I want to hear from you. So talk to someone near you and talk about what you liked this year about GPSS and what you think can be improve for two minutes. And share your reflection with us.

President’s Address
Alice Popejoy (President): I will take a couple volunteer to talk about the things that you appreciated.

Brian Tracey (Marine Biology and Environmental Affairs): Spoke with kelly Edwards. Impressed with the overall structure.

Federico Fabbri (French & Italian Studies): Satisfy with ideas that we have worked on. I have been very impressed how the organization has communicated. And personally the restructuring of GPSS and bylaws, it is something that is very remarkable.

Alice Popejoy (President): Any improvement?
Hope Sisley (Earth & Space Sciences): It would be cool that if we can start a little bit earlier. I commute, and I have to leave every single meeting early, and it feel awkward.

Alice Popejoy (President): Earlier like 4:30 or just on-time?

Jason Young (Geography): It would be nice if you can have wine at every meeting.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): Something I look forward to is to have more dialogue at senate meeting. We have a lot of those at exec, and i think it would be great to have that at senate.

Alice Popejoy (President): We tried to do more of that this year. But Hopefully we will find the sweet spot next year and improve. This is our last meeting. It seems like yesterday that it was our first meeting. First meeting I asked you “ what is GPSS” I hope after your year here, you have a better sense of what GPSS is you. I said in the first meeting that you have to define what gpss to you. Because GPSS is you. I want you to thank you all for the hard work and participation. To me what GPSS loo9ks liek to me is YOU. And success. I think internally we have record number of participation. And record number of department representation. And record number of attendance and participation. And the retention of quality senators. Engagement and discussion has been amazing to see. This year you all passed 3 times resolutions than compare to last year. It’s all you guys. You covered really tough topics like student solidarity, unpaid practicum work, and open sources. You cover childcare. We stood in solidarity with veteran students, and suicide prevention. In terms of ad hoc committee, there's reconstruction committee. Ad-hoc committee on fee-based program,. And diversity committees has been leading the way on tough topic a=on micro aggression. And We had a science and policy summit. Some other external stuffs. we passed a union contract........ and had the first-ever Husky Sunrise and Sunset event. And we covered topics on fee-based programs tuition and student minimum wage..We've talked about microaggression. We went down to Olympia during lobby day. We have record breaking number of graduate student filling all the committees. All I can say is that I am so proud to see all this as the GPSS president. It's been absolute pleasure to work with all of you- senator, exec, officers, GPSS staffs. Sriharsha works behind the scene working on the website. We now have the mobile site. Cynthia created all the awesome posters. We have Angela who worked really hard on evens . Marlee: who worked on events and outreach. Patricia did an amazing job managing the program review. And Aaron does an amazing job representing gradstudnets over the committee. And finally Kristin keeping everything together. All accomplishments we have made are because of you. And it's all because of you that graduate students have much higher profile on campus

Officer Reports:
Alex Bolton (VP): along the line of what Alice was saying. Despite we don't have a budget, there's a lot to be proud. Both budget has improve UW funding and we will continue to work on protecting UW students at Spokane. Have a sponsor now for new state student loan program. We made a lot of progress on many issues. Also undergrad tuition freeze may also help…. lobby day we had way better turnout of grad students than we have ever had. So thank you.
Higher ed is a priority this year. That’s all thanks to officer that made it possible. Especially to Eddie, you are a huge asset to the committee. And also our staff who is my policy analyst Brian who did great work. One last thing- if you are staying, stay bold and make a huge difference. And if you are leaving, stay an advocate for higher education. Keep higher ed in the front of your brain. Thank you

Douglass Taber (Treasurer): our budget is passed by SAF. Thanks to everyone on the restructuring committee, Kersin, Angela, and Eli. Also big thanks to the travel grant committee. We have accomplished a lot this year and will have a bit more for travel grant and departmental grant next year. and I am excited to have Kersten and our treasurer next year

Natalie Gordon (Secretary): thank all of you. We passed 9 resolutions this year. Diversity committee funded 13 groups from all across campus. We put up 6 events. The judicial committee was also very active this year. And they were rockstar involving in all the very complicated bylaw revision. Also thank you for giving us awesome spotlight. Also shoutout to Sriharsha, who has worked so hard on the mobile site. And Cynthia who made all the amazing poster and minute editing. And just thank you so much for all your involvement. And I am excited to pass things down to Eloise.

Alice Popejoy (President): I want to give a special shoutout to our student advisory Rene and Christina Coop. And fro my update, many of you may have noticed. In my spare time i teach parkour, and my goal is to comfortable do a backflip at the last senate meeting, but given the current situation, that’s probably not a good idea.

Community Announcement:
Tiqren: UW Symphony has a concert on Friday
Branden Audet (International Studies): Thanks to Natalie.
Fernando: iSchool presentation from 6-9
Monica Cortes-Viharo (Drama): Do you know who the new student regent would be.
Alice Popejoy (President): Yes. Huge congratulations to our own Vanessa Kritzer.
Alice Popejoy (President): Official Results for our new exec senators: Brian Tracey, Joseph Telegen, and Colin Bateson.
Evan Firth (Oceanography): Huge thanks and round of applause to all officers.
Monica Cortes-Viharo (Drama): I told all of you that if you come to the meeting tonight, you will experience a first at GPSS. I welcome you to GPS’s first baby shower. I just wanna say that Alice is a true inspiration to me. She’s been doing all these and going to school without Caffeine!

GPSS Recognition Ceremony
Alice Popejoy (President): first up- awards for perfect attendance. For people who comes to every single meeting of GPSS. We have Eddie Sherman, Eloise, and Brian Tracey. This next award is kind of a funny one. Our record was a mess when we have they, there came a time when we didn’t have a record. We wanted to have a who has been around GPSS for the longest
so we have the award called older than the archive award: Ted Chen, Colin Bates, Will Scotts, and Eddie.

- Perfect Attendance: Eddie Shwieterman, Elloise Kim, and Brian Tracey.
- Older than the Archive: Ted Chen, Colin Bateson, Will Scott, and Eddie Schwieterman.
- Volunteer of the year awards: Eric.
- Fun Seeker awards for someone who attended the most GPSS social: Jonathan Nagata
- Proxies transition to full senator: Jaron Jackson, and Emilia Claude
- Most enthusiastic senator awards: (Alice: who do you guys think this is | Senate: Joseph Telegen) Joseph Telegen
- Awesome Liaison: Tiffany Woelfel (liaison to disability committee and Julia ( Liaison the University library committee)
- Rookie of the year award: Jennifer Kirk
- Excellence public speaking: Monica Cortes-Viharo
- Senate Leadership award (impeccable leadership in the senate): Brandon Ray
- Outstanding Committee leadership: Brian Tracey, Kelly Fleming
- Voice of Accountability: Justin Bare
- Community Connection award: Brian Tracey
- Awesome advocacy award: Vanessa Kritzer
- Senate Choice award: Brian Tracey. (Made record of most award winning senator of GPSS history)

Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer Elect): officers this year re awesome. They are finally on our plaque. Back to you Alice.

Alice Popejoy (President): One more order of business before we adjourn. Alex can you join me on stage. Every year the board of trustee of the bookstore gives the gable to the next leadership. And Alex you can adjourn this meeting. (Meeting Adjourn with giant gable)

Meeting Adjourn.
Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) Move to adjourn
Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): Second
Alex Bolton (VP): Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned.