BECOME A GPSS OFFICER!

Thank you for your interest in a GPSS Officer position. Serving fellow students is a significant responsibility, and working to represent the needs and demands of graduate and professional programs at the University of Washington is an extremely rewarding endeavor.

The GPSS Officers provide a critical link connecting students, administrators, faculty, the community, the state legislature, Congress, and national associations such as SAGE. Officers are accountable for running the Senate, which includes tasks such as: managing a budget of over $300,000; ensuring GPSS representation on over 88 University committees; and, most importantly, holding regular meetings of the Senate, a forum for graduate and professional students to air their concerns and give direction to the Officers.

To ensure that all Officers have the capacity to complete these responsibilities, each position is compensated for working 19.5 hours a week for the entire year, starting in June. Officers earn a wage equivalent to the salary of a TA or RA, and get graduate appointment health insurance, plus their tuition is paid by the GPSS. Due to the significant obligations of the positions, Officers may not concurrently hold a TA/RA appointment.

ABOUT GPSS

The GPSS, comprising approximately 175 registered Senators from a vast array of programs, is an advocacy organization dedicated to improving graduate and professional student life at the University of Washington. The Senate works to maintain academic freedom for graduate and professional students, improve the quality of graduate instruction, develop and strengthen the University's diversity programs, maintain graduate and professional student representation through appointments to University committees, and ensure that quality student services are maintained at the UW. GPSS Officers set the organization’s goals and implement Senate directives, communicate goals and actions to the University and students, and report on progress toward achieving these directives.

THE ELECTIONS PACKET

This packet is prepared by the Elections Committee and serves to assist you in developing your campaign. Running for an Officer position of the GPSS is designed to be as efficient as possible and requires very little of the candidates’ time or money. Most candidates limit their campaigns to the candidate materials posted on the GPSS website and a speech at the Elections Meeting, although candidates are free to do more.

The GPSS Elections Committee is charged with creating, implementing, and monitoring the elections procedures to ensure that this process is fair for all participants. These GPSS Elections Rules are derived from the GPSS Constitution and Bylaws. If any material in this packet conflicts with the GPSS Constitution or Bylaws, the Constitution and Bylaws prevail.
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§ 1.1: ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Elections Committee plans and orchestrates the annual GPSS Officer Elections. The Elections Committee consists of the following current Senators:

  Committee Chair: Luis Fernando Centurion (Information Management) – luisfc@uw.edu
  Committee: Elliot Koontz (QERM) - koontz.elliot@gmail.com  Meixi Ng (College of Education) – meixi@uw.edu
  Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy – Executive Senator) - eschwiet@uw.edu
  Sanjay Srivatsan (Medicine) - sanjays@uw.edu

The purpose of the Elections Committee is to ensure a fair process for all participants. Please, submit all questions or concerns about the elections process to the Elections Committee Chair. Please, do not contact the GPSS Office regarding elections procedures; you will be referred to the Elections Committee.

§ 1.2: INDEPENDENT WITNESSES

To ensure complete fairness for all candidates participating in the elections process, the GPSS enlists independent witnesses. For the 2015 GPSS Elections, the independent witnesses will be:

  • Rene Singleton, SAUF
  • Phil Hunt, SAUF
  • Christina Coop, SAUF

Challenges to the impartiality of the witnesses must be submitted in writing to the Judicial Committee at least 48 hours before the Elections Meeting. To contact the Judicial Committee, communicate with GPSS Secretary, Natalie Gordon, at gpsssec@uw.edu.

§ 2.1: GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

  • Read the entire Elections Packet, paying particular attention to the GPSS Elections Rules.
  • Familiarize yourself with the GPSS website (www.gpss.washington.edu), past minutes, and the GPSS Constitution and Bylaws. All of these materials are available in the GPSS website under the documents section or at the GPSS Office (HUB 314).
  • Attend at least three GPSS meetings during the 2014-2015 academic year. Upcoming qualifying meetings are as follows:

    - Senate Meetings: February 25, March 11, April 8; 5:30 p.m., HUB 145.
- Executive Committee: February 18, March 4, March 18; 6:30 p.m.; April 1, April 15; 5:30 p.m., HUB 303.
- Finance and Budget Committee: Twice per month to once a week depending on workload, 1:30 p.m., Fridays, HUB 314; contact gpstres@uw.edu.
- Judicial Committee: Scheduled as needed; contact gpsssec@uw.edu.
- State & Federal Legislative Steering Committees: Scheduled as needed; contact gpssvp@gpss.edu.
  
  • Talk with the current Officers about the position you are interested in. The current Officers are:
    - President: Alice Popejoy; gpsspres@uw.edu
    - Vice President: Alex Bolton; gpssvp@uw.edu
    - Treasurer: Douglass Taber; gpstres@uw.edu
    - Secretary: Natalie Gordon; gpsssec@uw.edu

§ 2.2: **KEY DATES & DEADLINES**

**Monday, April 13, 2015; 5:00 p.m.**

The last day to file your nomination and have your materials published on the GPSS website. Candidates must declare which office they are running for at this time and certify that they meet the qualifications to run. Late nominations are accepted up to and including the day of the election, but materials will not be posted to the website if received later than this day.

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**

Officer candidate information posted to GPSS website and emailed to Senators.

**Monday, April 20, 2015; 5:30 p.m.**

Challenges to the impartiality of the independent witnesses must be filed before this time.

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015; 5:30 p.m. – HUB 145**

GPSS 2015-2016 Officer Elections. All candidates must attend this meeting. Candidates will be allotted a time slot in which to speak. There will be from 3 to 5 minutes available for each candidate, depending on the number of candidates. You will be informed of the exact length approximately one week prior to the Elections Meeting.

**Friday, April 24, 2015; 5:30 p.m.**

Challenges to the Elections must occur within 48 hours of the Elections Meeting. All challenges must be in writing and submitted to the Elections Committee Chair. Complaints will initially be adjudicated by the Elections Committee, and if necessary by the Judicial Committee as per the GPSS Bylaws (V.G.4.o).

§ 3.1: **DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

The GPSS Bylaws, Article V, Section B, outline the general duties of all Officers. All the Officers are responsible for setting GPSS goals and implementing specific actions based on the directives of the GPSS and the Executive Committee. Officers communicate these directives, goals and actions to the graduate and professional student body, University administrators, University faculty, and the community at large. Officers make reports to the Executive Committee and the Senate on progress made toward achieving these directives. A year-end summary report is presented to the Senate. Officers meet with each other on a weekly basis to keep current on the status of GPSS projects. All Officers are paid to work 19.5 hours per week with a minimum of 10 hours in the office (4 hours for
the President) between the standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The remaining hours may be spent attending meetings and holding appointments outside of the office. The office-hours requirement does not apply to the Vice President during the months in which the State Legislature is in session. Officers may not hold any other Graduate Student Service Appointment, hereinafter referred to as a GSSA, while in office. The GPSS Officers serve a 12-month term, which begins June 22, 2015 and continues until the end of the 2016 spring quarter. While being available to work during the summer is strongly recommended, exceptions have been granted (see Officers for details). It is strongly encouraged that newly elected Officers be available the week before they officially begin to meet with the existing Officers and ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities. There is no limit on the number of terms a registered graduate or professional student may serve. All GPSS Officers attend an orientation by the GPSS advisors, held during the first month of their term.

Additionally, the GPSS Bylaws outline the specific duties of each Officer. Here is a snapshot of these responsibilities:

§3.2: PRESIDENT

- **Overview/Role within the Organization:** The GPSS President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), in both internal and external affairs. The President’s role is to serve as the key spokesperson of the organization and representative of the graduate and professional student body, representing GPSS at the highest level of administration in individual meetings, committees and Boards at the University of Washington, Seattle. Both internally and externally, the President maintains final authority on issues until they can be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee or the GPSS. When immediate action is necessary, the President solicits assistance from the other officers; particularly those whose purview pertains most closely to the issue at hand. As a guiding principle, the President shall maintain good relationships with members of the UW Administration, leadership of the local union under which Academic Student Employees (ASEs) are contracted with the university (UAW 4121), and other internal and external entities with the express purpose of representing all graduate and professional students at the University of Washington, and so long as those external ties do not conflict with the President’s ability to carry out directives by the GPSS in the form of Senate resolutions.

- **Staff:** Special Assistant to the President, University Affairs Director

- **Internal Committees:** Executive Committee (Chair), Committee on the Graduate Student Experience (Chair), All other GPSS committees except for Judicial (ex-officio, non-voting)

- **University Committees/Affiliations:** Board of Regents (ex-officio), UWAA Board of Trustees (Trustee), Faculty Senate (voting member), Faculty Senate Executive Committee (ex-officio), Faculty Senate Council on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB, ex-officio), Graduate School Executive Staff (GSES), Provost’s Advisory Council for Students (PACS), Student Technology Fee Committee (STF, ex-officio), Services and Activity Fee Committee (SAF, ex-officio), U-Pass Advisory Board, and any other campus entity that requests or whose bylaws specify direct involvement of the GPSS President or designee, at the President’s discretion

- **External Affiliations:** Washington Student Association (WSA) Board of Directors (non-voting), Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE, voting member), and any other external entities whose efforts align with the advocacy initiatives of the GPSS in collaboration with the Vice President of External Affairs
Responsibilities: Speaks at UW Convocation and the UW Commencement Ceremony, develops the vision for Husky Sunrise and Sunset in collaboration with the Vice President of Internal Affairs, participates in internal GPSS events and programming when appropriate, coordinates and conducts regular meetings with other officers individually and all together.

§ 3.3: VICE PRESIDENT (Internal Affairs)

Overview/Role within the Organization: The primary role of the Vice President of Internal Affairs is to serve as the deputy to the President on internal affairs, attending meetings on behalf of the President in their absence, and assuming the duties of the President in the event that the President vacates office. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall manage the internal operations of the GPSS, including but not limited to: oversight of all GPSS programs, summits and events; advancement efforts of the GPSS in the form of outreach to alumni and other development initiatives; coordination and oversight of all staff hiring, training, and promotions; coordination of transition meetings between all incumbent and newly elected officers; scheduling and conducting regular staff meetings. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall be responsible for appointing graduate and professional students to all GPSS Executive Liaison positions on University committees, councils, and commissions through the official application and interview process outlined in the GPSS Bylaws. When no Executive Liaison has been appointed to fill a particular position, the Vice President shall be responsible for attending as a representative of GPSS or designating a proxy. Several of the university commissions, committees, and councils have a natural fit with certain GPSS officers and the University Affairs Director (UAD, under the supervision of the President); these are listed specifically under each officer’s position description. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall work with GPSS officers to ensure that these positions are filled; either by the officers themselves or by a staff designee. As a guiding principle, the Vice President of Internal Affairs should support the President by responding to their requests for filling in as an Executive Officer and GPSS representative on campus, while maintaining authority on matters pertaining to personnel and programs within the GPSS office.

Staff: Director of Programs, Development Director

Internal Committees: Executive Committee, Committee on the Graduate Student Experience, Community Outreach and Events (Chair), Science & Policy Committee (Chair), Diversity Committee (ex-officio)

University Committees/Affiliations: Graduate School Core Programs Student Advisory Board, Graduate School Council, UW Office of Ceremonies, UW Career Center, UW Counseling Center, Office of the Ombud, The HUB Board of Representatives, ASUW Off-Campus Housing Affairs Advisory Committee (or designee), International Student Advisory Committee (or designee), Sponsorship Advisory Committee (or designee), Task Force for Bias/Discrimination Reporting and Response (or designee)

Responsibilities: Coordinates student feedback surveys and focus group conversations for all Graduate School program reviews (with the Graduate School), produces the GPSS report on student feedback as an addition to the review committee’s site visit report to the Graduate School Council, represents the GPSS on the Graduate School Council; conducts and/or provides oversight of GPSS Executive Liaison interviews, appointments & summits; maintains oversight of planning and implementation of all GPSS events and summits
§ 3.4: VICE PRESIDENT (External Affairs)

- **Overview/Role within the Organization:** The Vice President of External Affairs serves as the deputy to the President on external affairs and as the primary representative of GPSS to the state and federal governments. The role of the Vice President of External Affairs is to advocate for graduate and professional students to the local, state and federal governments, and shall make every effort to obtain official positions from the GPSS and/or the Executive Committee on issues being considered by other groups. If no official opinion can be reached, the Vice President shall consult with the President and either use discretion in putting forth an opinion, or abstain from commenting until a position can be obtained. The issues taken up by the GPSS shall be clearly outlined in an annual legislative agenda to be developed by the Federal and State Legislative Steering Committees and approved by the GPSS each Fall quarter; this will serve as the principle guiding document for advocacy work of the Vice President. As the primary legislative advocate for graduate and professional students, the Vice President of External Affairs shall register with the state of Washington as a lobbyist for higher education during the legislative session. Additionally, the Vice President of External Affairs will work with both internal and external partners on issues in their purview, including representing GPSS on relevant university commissions, committees, and councils.

- **Staff:** Policy Analyst

- **Internal Committees:** Executive Committee, Federal Legislative Steering Committee (FLSC, Chair), State Legislative Steering Committee (SLSC, Chair), Science & Policy Committee

- **University Committees/Affiliations:** ASUW Office of Government Relations, ASUW Legislative Steering Committee, Faculty Senate Legislative Representative, UW Office of External Affairs (City, State, and Federal), University Transportation Committee (UTC), UW Impact, and any other entities or individuals whose work pertains to the external affairs of the GPSS

- **External Affiliations:** Washington Student Association (WSA) Board of Directors (voting member), Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE, non-voting member), Washington Student Lobby (WSL), Elected and Administrative Officials of the State of Washington, Elected and Administrative Officials of the United States Government, National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS), National Science Policy Group (NSPG), Washington State University (WSU) Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), and any other entities whose efforts align with the advocacy initiatives of the GPSS

- **Responsibilities:** Develops timeline, focus and vision for the Higher Education and Science & Policy Summits in collaboration with the Vice President of Internal Affairs, supports and collaborates with the President on external issues and advocacy efforts, maintains a notable presence in Olympia during the legislative session at least 3 days per week (conducting and attending hearings and meetings with legislators, providing testimony when necessary and appropriate), reports to and seeks input from the GPSS on legislative issues

§ 3.5: TREASURER

- **Overview/Role within the Organization:** The primary role of the Treasurer is to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for the organization and administer all aspects of the GPSS budget. The Treasurer shall oversee all GPSS expenditures and keep accurate financial records of spending for all officers and committees, working with the Student Activities Office (SAO) to ensure that the GPSS records match what is reported in the administrative budget. At the first meeting of the academic year, the Treasurer will present the current budget of the GPSS; quarterly, they shall report on the GPSS’ financial status to the Senate and Executive Committee. As a general guiding principle, all monetary transactions of the GPSS should be handled, tracked and monitored through the Treasurer and they shall be prepared to respond to any internal or external inquiries regarding the organization’s financial status by maintaining accurate records at all times.
- **Staff**: Budget Specialist

- **Internal Committees**: Executive Committee, Finance and Budget Committee (Chair), Travel Grants (Chair), Community Outreach and Events

- **University Committees/Affiliates**: Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAF, voting member); Student Technology Fee (STF, voting member); Financial Aid Advisory Committee

- **Responsibilities**: Administers all funding and transfer requests as described in the GPSS Bylaws; ensures that a professional audit of the GPSS budget is conducted each biennium and that audit information is available to senators upon request; assists Senators and other graduate students in their application for special, departmental and travel funds; drafts all officers' proposed budgets for each pending fiscal year and facilitates their approval; manages the endowment of the GPSS by ensuring that the organization receives dividends from the initial endowment investment and works with the Director of Development (under the supervision of the Vice President of Internal Affairs) to streamline and grow the endowment; pursue potential avenues for projects that may enhance the sustainability of the GPSS budget

§3.5: **SECRETARY**

- **Overview/Role within the Organization**: The primary role of the Secretary is to interface between GPSS and Senators, students and departments with regard to representation in the Senate. The Secretary is the Parliamentarian of the GPSS and manages internal and external communications from the GPSS office. These forms of communication include but are not limited to: sending updates and announcements from GPSS on events, activities, resolutions, agendas, etc. to Senators and Executive Liaisons; developing publications for internal and external audiences from the GPSS; maintaining the GPSS website and Wiki with regards to all official documents as well as events and other relevant information. The Secretary shall maintain all official records and documents associated with GPSS operations in compliance with the policy on archiving; these documents include but may not be limited to: the GPSS Constitution and Bylaws, accurate meeting minutes and agendas, accurate records of resolutions and main motions. As the Parliamentarian of the Senate, the Secretary shall ensure that GPSS meetings are run in accordance with procedure set forth in the most recent edition of Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure by Alice Sturgis and perform other tasks as necessary to fulfill the duties of Secretary as set forth in this publication.

- **Staff**: Officer Manager, Director of Communications, Information Specialist

- **Internal Committees**: Executive Committee, Diversity Committee (Chair), Community Outreach and Events, Judicial Committee (ex-officio)

- **University Committees/Affiliates**: ASUW Board of Directors (voting member), Office of Minority Affairs Student Advisory Board (OMAD SAB), GO-MAP Student Advisory Board (GSAB), Board of Student Publications (or designee), Committee on Student Records (or designee), Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee (or designee), Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award (or designee)

- **Responsibilities**: Ensures the proper functioning of any GPSS ad hoc committees including resolutions, agendas and minutes; oversees the recruitment and application for a GPSS Senate seat; maintains current GPSS membership and mailing lists through a Senator registration process that collects at a minimum their name, department and email address; distributes announcements and information to Senators and to Executive Liaisons; represents GPSS on the ASUW Board of Directors and coordinates with the GPSS Executive Liaisons to the ASUW Senate to ensure that GPSS is well informed of issues taken up in ASUW.
§ 4.1: GPSS ELECTIONS RULES FOR 2015-2016 OFFICER CANDIDATES

The GPSS Elections are governed by the GPSS Bylaws. Elections regulations are covered in Article V, Section G. A brief summary of these regulations is provided here for your convenience. In the event of any conflict between the rules as published here, and the rules published in the Bylaws, those published in the Bylaws take precedence.

§ 4.2: TIME & PLACE

GPSS Officer Elections will be held April 22, 2015 at 5:30p.m., HUB 145.

§ 4.3: ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDACY

- A candidate need not be a Senator, cannot be a member of the Elections Committee, and must:
- Be a full-time graduate or professional student (the Vice President is allowed to take a reduced course load during Winter Quarter).
- Be enrolled as a graduate or professional student at the time of the election.
- Intend to retain their status as a graduate or professional student and be on campus through the 2015-16 academic year (Fall, Winter, & Spring quarters).
- Have attended at least three (3) GPSS Senate or standing committee meetings prior to the Elections Meeting during the 2014-2015 academic year. These include Senate, Executive Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, Judicial Committee, or Government Relations Committee Meetings. Refer to section 2.1 of this document for a list of remaining meeting dates and times.
- Be able to work for GPSS 19.5 hours per week during the 2015-2016 academic year, including 10 hours per week in the office (4 for President) between the standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Be available to attend Senate meetings and other required meetings. Senate meetings are generally four times a quarter on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. throughout the school year.

Incoming students in a one-year graduate or professional program are also eligible to run for office, but they must provide either proof of registration or proof of enrollment in the upcoming Summer or Fall term to the Elections Committee Chair.

§ 4.4: FILING FOR CANDIDACY

A candidate may announce their intention to run for a GPSS Officer position at any time, up to and including the day of the Elections Meeting, through self-nominations from the floor or write-in votes. Candidates are encouraged to communicate their intentions to seek office to the Elections Committee as early as possible. Candidates are urged to provide the Elections Committee Chair with the following materials:

- Resume (1 page)
- Statement of objectives (1-2 pages)
- The Officer Candidate Nomination Form contained in this packet including:
  - A statement that includes any academic, employment, or personal responsibilities that might prevent the candidate from fulfilling their responsibilities as an Officer.
  - Affirmative statement that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined above.

Materials are to be emailed to the Elections Committee Chair. If the materials are received by April 10, 2015 at 5 p.m., the Chair of the Elections Committee will notify each candidate of the receipt of his or her materials and distribute each candidate's resume and statement of objectives to the full Senate body via email and posting to the GPSS website on April 13, 2015.
§ 4.5: THE BALLOT AND REQUIRED VOTES

The Elections Committee will prepare a paper ballot with the Officer positions, the names of those who have announced their candidacy, and room for write-in votes. The ballot will allow for ranking of the candidates so that an instant run-off can be made until the person with a simple majority of the GPSS Senators who vote in person or by absentee ballot has been reached. Exact details of this process are given in the Bylaws (V.G.4.m).

§4.6: ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Senators who have registered with the GPSS Secretary by April 10, 2015 will be allowed to vote in the Officer Elections. Voters include those voting by absentee ballot or in person at the Elections Meeting.

§4.7: ABSENTEE VOTE

Senators who are unable to attend the Elections Meeting may cast their vote through an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be emailed as an attachment to the Elections Committee Chair (luisfc@uw.edu) anytime between April 13, 2015 (when they are emailed to the Senators) and April 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Alternatively, paper ballots will be available in the GPSS office, HUB 314, beginning April 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

The Elections Committee will keep the identity of each voter confidential; it will only be used to verify that the voter was an eligible voter. Note that in the event of a tie and a subsequent revote pursuant to Article V, Section G, Clause 4, Section m(5) of the Bylaws, absentee ballots are not counted.

No proxies are allowed at the Elections Meeting.

§ 4.8: THE ELECTIONS MEETING

The Elections Meeting shall convene April 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., HUB 145. The Elections Committee Chair will announce each position and the candidates who have shared their intentions to run for that position. Candidates will be given the floor in alphabetical order according to Officer position. Each candidate will be given a set and equal time to give their campaign speech and equal time to hear and answer questions.

Once all candidates for each position have been given an opportunity to speak, the Elections Committee Chair will allow floor nominations for any of the positions again. If there is a nomination, that person will give a speech. Nominated candidates will have to submit the same required materials under Section 4.4 of this document. After all speeches are done, Senators will be asked to cast their votes. Only Senators are allowed to vote, and, as such, only Senators will be given a ballot. Senators must rank their preferences for candidates. The Elections Committee will distribute and collect the ballots.

Once the Elections Committee has collected the ballots, they will immediately count the votes. The Officers are elected by a simple majority of the GPSS Senators who vote in person or by absentee ballot. In the event that no candidate for a particular office receives the required majority vote in a race with three or more candidates, Instant Run-Off Vote Counting procedures will be used, as outlined in the Bylaws (V.L.G.4.m). In the event of a tie, re-balloting shall occur with the remaining senate body until the tie is broken.
§ 4.9: ELECTIONS RESULTS

Once the Elections Committee has counted all votes and verified the winner, they will announce the results in person at the Elections Meeting, via e-mail to all Senators, and on the GPSS website.

§ 4.10: ELECTIONS CHALLENGES

Any challenge of the elections procedures or results must be received by the Elections Committee Chair in writing within 48 hours of the adjournment of the Elections Meeting. Challenges are to be emailed to the Chair for consideration by the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee will respond to the complaint within 1 week and release a decision to all involved parties as well as the Senate. Further challenges to the elections process must be addressed to the GPSS Judicial Committee within 48 hours following the Elections Committee's decision.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN A GPSS OFFICER POSITION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FAIR AND ORGANIZED ELECTIONS AND WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.
OFFICER CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM 2015-2016

This form is to be completed by the candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee Chair, CHAIR (luisfe@uw.edu) by April 10, 2015 5:00 pm in order for candidate information to be posted to the GPSS website and distributed via email to senators. Senators wishing to nominate themselves from the floor must also provide this information at time of nomination.

1. Full Name:
2. Graduate or professional program of study:
3. Are you currently a registered student? Yes  No
4. Do you expect to continue to be a graduate or professional student during the 2015-2016 academic year (Fall, Winter & Spring quarters)? Yes  No
5. My expected date of graduation is:
6. I am running for the following position:
7. I have attended at least three (3) GPSS Senate or standing committee meetings prior to the Elections Meeting during the 2014-2015 academic year. These include Senate, Executive Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, Judicial Committee, or Legislative Steering Committee. Three meetings I have attended are:

8. I am able to work for GPSS 19.5 hours per week during the 2014-2015 academic year, including 10 hours per week in the office (4 for President) between the standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Yes  No
9. If ‘No’ to question 8, please explain:

Affirmative Statements

I, ______________________, do not have any responsibilities (be them academic, employment, or personal) that might prevent me from fulfilling the responsibilities as a GPSS Officer.
I, ______________________, affirmatively declare that I meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the GPSS Election Guide. The requirements as stipulated are:
☐ Cannot be a member of the Elections Committee
☐ Be a full-time graduate or professional student (the Vice President is allowed to take a reduced course load during Winter Quarter)
☐ Be enrolled as a graduate or professional student at the time of the election
☐ Intend to retain their status as a graduate or professional student and be on campus through the 2015-2016 academic year (Fall, Winter, & Spring quarters)
☐ Have attended at least three (3) GPSS Senate or standing committee meetings prior to the Elections Meeting during the 2014-2015 academic year
☐ Be able to work for GPSS 19.5 hours per week during the 2015-2016 academic year, including 10 hours per week in the office between the standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
☐ Be available to attend the Senate meetings and other required meetings