GPSS Executive Committee Meeting  
January 23, 2013

Attendees
Adam Sherman, GPSS President
Kristen Hosey, GPSS Secretary
Larry Huang, Executive Senator
Evan Firth, Executive Senator
Vera Giampietro, GPSS Treasurer
Melanie Mayock, GPSS Vice-President
Rene Singleton, SAO
Michael Kutz, ASUW
Brian Moe, GPSS Organizing Director
Alice Popejoy, Senator – Public Health Genetics
Chris Lizotte, Executive Senator

1) Call to Order
Adam: Call meeting to order at 5:34pm.

2) Approval of Agenda
Chris: Moves to approve.
Kristen: Seconds.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes
Vera: moves.
Larry: seconds.

4) Committee Appointments
a. Social Committee
Vera: One appointee. Ellita Williams. PhD in Nursing. Interested in networking,
camaraderie etc.
Kristen: moves to approve.
Chris: seconds.

b. Elections Committee
Kristen: Josh from Law, Noralis from GWSS and Ellita, plus Duru. Moves to approve.
Melanie: seconds.
Adam: Will need to discuss at some point what help they will need.

5) Briefing on upcoming budget process
Vera: We have to submit a preliminary budget request from SAF by Feb 20th. Depending upon the way this plays out, we could potentially submit by the 27th. I can send an email laying out the entire process, has to go through Exec for review and feedback, then F&B, then the Senate, which has to vote to approve our budget for next year. The next step coming up is for each officer to write up ideas on what budget should look like. We’ll assemble those and distribute them. Officers planning budget retreat weekend after next, discuss changes to bylaws and other aspects.
Melanie: We will not be making any decisions at the retreat, as it would not be a public meeting. Strategizing is focus.
Chris: Just officers?
Vera: Extending invitation to Exec as well. Scheduling is ongoing.
Adam: Questions or comments about this process and ways to participate?

6) WSA-UW Chapter Reaffirmation
Adam: WSA is the Washington Student Association. Statewide coalition of student government, get together to work together, especially on legislative issue but also best practices, higher education.
(Brian Moe enters 5:40pm)
Brian: WSA serves students in a lot of ways. Adam can explain better as he used to be
We are in the process of a reauthorization campaign. This happens every 3-4 years depending on the money received. Money WSA gets every year funds events on campus, such as Lobby Day, the Higher Ed Summit, the Science and Policy Marijuana panel.

Adam: Can I cut you off real quick? Just to be clear, the money he is talking about comes from when you register for classes there are options to support WSA and WashPIRG. In order to do this, you have to go through this process every 3-4 years. We have to go through a process to maintain that spot, otherwise no way to collect signatures

Brian: We need 6,612 signatures. After collecting, we need to win with 50%+1 in ASUW elections, at which point ASUW BOD directs administration to set up or continue the process to fund WSA. There is a process for collecting signatures. We are working with WashPIRG, as they are structured similarly. WSA works on student issues, PIRG on similar issues. Combined we can double our resources, and lots of members overlap.

415 volunteer hours being scheduled. Phone-banking is being done to recruit folks from SLSC, Voter Registration. If we can get 415 hours scheduled and people show up, we will get the number of signatures, which is the only bump in the road.

Adam: Can you clarify that?

Brian: We have roughly 10 students committed. ASUW employees giving lots of hours.

Michael: Is it fair game for ASUW employees to table?

Chris: Is it a conflict of interest?

Michael: I know any ASUW employee is not allowed to chair. I hope they are not barred.

Kristen: I’m a board member, is that a problem?

Rene: The only restrictions I’m aware of are partisan political activity. This is student activity.

Melanie: Move to extend time by 5 minutes.

Chris: seconds.

Brian: It’s not a bump we can’t overcome. If we schedule 50 people for two hours, still
not quite there. Still have more to schedule even in better cases. Getting your constituents, the students you know, to come to Red Square and get 10-15 signatures an hour is key.

Melanie: A couple of things. If you read the email, GPSS was spending $4500 a year for dues to WSA. If this reauthorization fails, then we would have to pay again. Working with Brian to educate Senators about what WSA is and why it is valuable. People have to know what it is before they volunteer.

Michael: What’s the date you need signatures by?

Brian: Deadline is March 1st, goal is February 7th to get all signatures. If we miss goal, we have three weeks to make up difference.

Kristen: What are you asking for?

Brian: Both passing around petition at Senate, as well as asking for volunteers. Making it clear that WSA has a huge impact, and that they in many ways depend upon us. If everyone can commit time for just a couple of hours during the blitz, it will make things easier.

Kristen: Does ASUW also contribute to WSA?

Michael: I don’t know if we historically paid dues.

Rene: Historically, when WSA did not exist, ASUW and GPSS paid about $5,000 or $4,500 each in dues. Then the process that is in place now was put in place, to replace ASUW or GPSS dues.

Adam: The point of this here is to make sure we know what is going on, so we can provide feedback at Senate when you present. We want to be on same page before then.

Brian: The priority is to have Senate participation.

Melanie: The priority is involvement.

7) Innovation Fund

Vera: This year, SAF, our main funder, has established an ‘Innovation Fund’ for R&D, experimental projects they could apply for and get funding. Elise and Larry are on SAF.
Elise: The R&D fund is because the general fund of SAF is very large, so they are taking the interest of funding this project. Prefer not to fund staff, one-time. Example they use is turning Kane Hall into a theater. Not tech stuff, because STF does that. Application deadline is May 1st. No idea how many units will apply.
Adam: On this topic, it would be good if Exec could come up with some ideas to submit. I have a couple, one of which I’ll talk about later in the agenda. How to support graduate students in creative ways without creating long-term need?
Elise: Additionally, theoretically if your innovation is amazing and can be continued, it can be put into regular budget. You can do this, but not the best option. About $120,000 is available this year.
Michael: Talking to Joe, his intention is a way for units to experiment with new things. Sounds like he wants things to continue if it is good and works.
Chris: I was going to ask, how many awards will they make?
Elise: No set amount.
Vera: At one point, Joe was talking about using funds for yearly self or outside evaluation of unit, which could identify additional needs to be put in next year’s request.
Elise: I have not heard that.
Larry: Does it have to apply to all graduate students?
Adam: More convincing if it does.
Elise: Open discussions in SAF have not been conclusive on this topic.
Adam: I think we should put together 2-3 ideas we can pitch to them.

8) Presentation of Resolution on Uniform Exam Rescheduling Policy
Alice: Most universities have policies on their examinations that leave it to discretion of professor what activities are acceptable reasons to miss exam. Our current language includes unavoidable problems, in Appendix A, including illness. You can also see suggested changes. Other current reasons include death, observance religious obligations, and University sanctioned activities like Athletics. Ultimately, the language
leaves up to the discretion of the professor. Most of the time, anecdotally, people don’t have problems. That includes going to professional development meetings and professional conferences. Certain students have had difficulty having professors to be amenable about this, professors have their own policies that students must drop the class. There is a student in one program that was going to present at a panel, great for networking, career research. She had an exam that could not be rescheduled which means she has to present in open session with less attention. The resolution was drafted, is open to revision, and it urges University to include professional development in acceptable reasons. It also adds language about professors making accommodations to reschedule examinations. GPSS and Graduate School both support professional development. No in-depth research, but several Universities leave to professor discretion like our current model. No reason not to be first.

Adam: All policy has to be written first.

Chris: In my view, professional development is as important as religious observances and particularly athletic activities. To mention athletics and leave out professional development, which is key to career, is absurd.

Adam: In time of economic downturn where jobs are scarce, increasingly important to provide these opportunities.

Kristen: Plus professors often miss classes to go to conferences.

Michael: Good idea to put in policy. Have you thought about going to the Ombudsman? She is located in the HUB, Susan Neff, and she handles student grievances. Good for particular examples and would know how to implement wider policies.

Kristen: This might be a good thing for DRAC to look at. I might mention that at Senate to build DRAC involvement.

Melanie: Moving forward, what Faculty Council would this fall under?

Michael: Student Affairs.

Adam: Looks like we need to reach out to the ombudsman offices.

Melanie: Ombudsman does conflict resolution. Known as ombuds at other universities.

Adam: Also faculty committee that deals with this.
Chris: moves to extend by two minutes
Adam: No objections.

Chris: Would you like co-sponsors at this time, or workshop more?
Alice: I’d love to have cosponsor now.
Chris: I will.
Kristen: I will also.
Adam: Indicates co-sponsorship as well.
Adam: It’s not that I oppose athletics, I just think professional development should be supported in the same way.
Alice: Question, I should reach out to those people, should this happen before or after resolution? University compliance and implementation- how does this occur?
Adam: Personally, I wouldn’t go around with the resolution, I’d go around and talk about issue, find out from ombudsman if this is an issue in past, talk to faculty about impact of professional development. Get a general sense of opinion.

9) Resolution on Fee Based Programs
Melanie: As you know, some senators have drafted resolution on fee-based programs. Right now we want to get feedback. Adam and myself gave input to resolution written by Senators. We decided to make more changes, bring as information item at next meeting. Might come off as too narrow, lots of info on particular programs but doesn’t have wider impact on all graduate students and context of state support. Trying to make relevant for GPSS as body to make full decision on. Any more input or feedback?
Adam: I agree. Didn’t know what else to do with it.
Melanie: Two years ago, Evans School, I-School merger. Senate felt it was too specific to vote upon. This might not pass if people don’t have opportunity to talk about and get educated beforehand.
Adam: In case of UAW resolution, talked about beforehand but language was not
present until meeting where it was voted. I didn’t sponsor that resolution, it doesn’t look good when officers don’t sign on. Glad to see moving forward on.

10) Strategic Plan Update
Adam: I want you to be excited, but this is disappointing. Despite talking to Paul Jenny, Lincoln Johnson, Rene and other folks that have been around a long time, did not know until now that money in reserve fund is public and cannot be put in an endowment. A roadblock, but does not end effort. Need to think seriously about immediate fundraising, creative methods to raise money, what resources we can devote to this. I’m reworking the plan, hopefully will have something at next Exec meeting with more specifics.
Michael: Work arounds?
Adam: Have to think about legal, moral, ethical ways of using money properly. Idea that has not been developed is idea of asking for funds to pay full-time capital planner/fundraiser. Might be way to raise money as gifts to build endowment. Would put some of investment off a year, but if we can put initial $25,000 this year and then have a full-time person next year. Need to check with legal people, learn lessons from the past.
Elise: SAF funds also student funds.
Michael: Do you have thoughts on spending the general fund now?
Adam: Another idea was that if SAF did not want to pay for fundraising staff, might want to use reserve for that. We’re backlogged and don’t have capacity to archive properly. Lots of other ideas for uses of reserve fund possible, some might be similar to Innovation Fund. We don’t want to create ongoing commitment with dependency. One-time investments are key. Seeing what we can do to work around. We have been continuing to make progress with Graduate School on creating gift fund, so money raised can be put somewhere. Continuing to meet with Graduate School on professionalizing our communications to alumni, progress on getting them to create template for newsletter.
11) Senate Meeting Agenda, Jan 30th

Adam: Step back for a moment and have conversation about last Senate meeting. I think most of us can agree it was not ideal. I noticed a lot of people leaving midway through. Did people see issues of people leaving early? What lessons to be learned?

Chris: Full disclosure, I came about 15 minutes before end. What struck me is that people were leaving while you were still talking, leaving en masse. Bizarre, wondering if something major had happened to offend people or if everyone decided they were bored, tired, etc. at same time. Was there anything controversial? Kerfuffle? Seemed very rude and synchronized. Almost seemed like it was meant to make impact.

Elise: I think people were sort of engaged until Aaron Lykken started talking about the U-Pass and people stopped paying attention. Problem with breakout sessions, people decided not to stick around when it was rescheduled, so people decided to leave before breakout began even though people still talking.

Chris: We’ve been doing breakouts every Senate, I think they’re useful but are people sick of them?

Melanie: I think we should take a break on doing breakouts. Couple of things about Aaron’s presentation. Some of the presentations didn’t ‘know your audience,’ stressed good aspects of U-Pass. This is not where our Senators are at. W tried to make Senate participatory, but if people aren’t interested then we don’t have to do it.

Vera: Participation is valuable. We should brainstorm other ways to participate. Have one idea so far.

Adam: I got a sense that Senators were off put by the Housing people, who gave a high price point. People were audibly dismissive, not interested in dialogue. I agree with Melanie that the U-Pass presentation could have been more sensitive to audience and their needs. For things that are major presentations, my guess is that people should present to Exec first. That way, we can provide feedback first. Helps us make sure content is appropriate to Senate.

Melanie: Good point. In response to Vera on participation ideas. Slightly different...
don’t want to be too negative. The Senator gathering we had after last meeting in Fall Quarter was great event, good interaction. We all interact with lots of Senators in different capacities. Maybe not at this meeting, but maybe try another Senator happy hour after meeting soon.

Kristen: I think that we did have a lot of ‘speaking at’ people at the last meeting. We had three speakers; Senate probably didn’t like the presentations. That’s lots of time to sit and absorb information. The rest of the quarter will have more resolutions, participation.

Adam: I want to clarify, we were at hour and fifteen minutes when this happened. How long should people be sitting to get information?

Kristen: 45 minutes tops roughly to absorb information. Personally, I wasn’t sure if I could object to having people get up and move around, then sit back down with the caucus.

Elise: The Housing people presented to us night before, and they did change a lot based on my suggestions with Adam. For some people, they think this is just a student club that people are putting work into it. There is a lack of respect, people are entitled and just want to socialize and leave.

Melanie: I mentioned this to officers earlier today. It’s a two-way street. We don’t mirror who our Senators are, they don’t mirror student body. They are really interested in UAW issues, and also bring conversations back to fee issues. We need to understand where they are at, but also push them to have broader scope.

Vera: I agree. To be candid, I feel that our agendas are set in a process that is not necessarily co-generated by Senate. There needs to be some expansion of process that allows us to discuss what Senate wants to talk about. We almost never have anything Senators want to talk about.

Melanie: We tried last year, allowed people to suggest additions to agenda.

Vera: Could we use a caucus to solicit ideas rather than moving to end of meeting.

Kristen: I’m leaning toward building a community with Senate. Caucuses are good, but some people are only going to come to meeting because they have to and may not want
to talk in a caucus. Maybe we can get information from people interested in doing more. We could be meeting with Senators in an informal setting after meetings next quarter. That helps us gather information, find out what they want and have them hate us less.

Michael: If you don’t know how emotional people feel about issues, put up list of issues and have people vote on what to talk about. If you feel they want to talk about U-pass, then put that on list.

Chris: To speak to Vera’s idea of co-creating agenda. Senate does have representation on Exec through Exec Senators. I could have done better job communicating. More ways to have Exec Senators work with Senators to bring things to Exec. Not to exclude officers, but maybe an officer-less meeting with brainstorming that generates ideas and has kind of feedback to prioritize agenda. Some sort of process. Four of us will need to have a conversation on how to be more directly in touch with Senate.

Vera: Moves to extend fifteen minutes.
Kristen: seconds.

Vera: Great idea to have Exec Senators talk to Senators more. To Michael, would we put open call on agenda of meeting for ideas.
Michael: If you have ideas of issues to be discussed further, Exec would brainstorm list and take pulse at next Senate meeting about its ideas. Gives them direction, but allows input. Combination.
Elise: My experience this year is that this has to take place within pre-scheduled event. People may say they want to get involved, but this year follow-through has been lacking.
Kristen: Can Exec Senators bring the people who talk a lot in Senate meetings into the fold more? This might be helpful
Adam: Good ideas, agenda for next Senate leaves a lot of more time. How do we feel about ‘previously on GPSS’ and ‘temperature reading’?
Chris: Maybe people can vent about what happened, what didn’t work last time.
Vera: Good idea, can we marry two ideas and have Adam manage/facilitate process of getting feedback.
Melanie: So take off ‘previously on GPSS’?
Vera: Change name or make longer, explicitly ask people to talk about what happened last time.
Adam: So take off previously on GPSS?
Various: combine.
Elise: I don’t think an officer should lead, officers were emotionally involved in what happened and it might come off wrong way.
Vera: Its like one of the people leading the people.
Elise: Chris, you can play dumb, easier for folks to relate.
Chris: Idea to hold Exec Senators to hold office hours.
Adam: People are busy.
Kristen: I like the idea of talking about etiquette, however, my background is that the people in charge need to put people under their command in line. Not pushing around, but need to make the expectations clear.
Melanie: These are volunteers, a lot are interested and doing stuff, but they can choose not to participate. More successful if it’s a dialogue
Elsie: Don’t want to come across as President treating the people like children.
Adam: Chris, you can ask folks to be comfortable to voice concerns.
Vera: I think that people are not afraid to say it to each other.
Adam: Rene thinks that people are saying it to each other and not to us.
Vera: I think there’s apathy, people are tired, etc that is why people are not talking to us.
Chris: I think its fair to communicate that officers felt this was disrespectful. Everyone should be able to be frank but respectful.
Adam: Good starting point to have time allotted for this.
Melanie: Brian will give 1-2 minute spiel about WSA. Nervous about talking about anything containing the word ‘fee,’ even if it is optional. Also will ask for participation in
Lobby Day.

Kristen: Can we talk about diversity committee, faculty diversity committee communicated they wanted to add new questions on diversity to class evaluations. Lots of disputes between professors that are not culturally appropriate, etc. Putting question on there may be way to address these issues.

Adam: My concern is that while I’m glad diversity committee is working on this, bringing it to Senate without proposal might not be good.

Melanie: This could be pre-proposal, asking folks to give input.

Elise: Did it help Alice last week to talk about exam issue in general.

Melanie: Some Senators definitely interested in diversity, would be good to talk about it

Kristen: could give general update on diversity—events, money available, etc. 10 minutes. No preference on where that is in agenda.

Vera: I would like to add 5 minutes for F&B update. Don’t want to edge people out, will be quick. Talk about Senate budget approval, need for new F&B chair, process of applying for allocations.

Melanie: Worry that people will not come if its just a couple issues like Leg update, people will not think they are interested and not come.

Vera: Did social update last meeting, nothing new needed there.

Chris: Suggestion for agenda itself. Does it make sense for items that involve discussion to make them info/discussion items instead of just info, which makes it look like a wall of just talking at people?

Adam: Agree. Fee-based programs info/discussion is up next.

Vera: Move to extend by ten minutes

Chris: seconds.

Chris: Another aesthetic thing, would it make sense to not to put two resolutions back to back? Might cause fatigue. Talk about one resolution, do something else, doesn’t have to be big thing in between, just cleanse pallet.
Adam: After fee-based programs, I’d like to give update on alumni network. 5 minutes max, then test accommodation rescheduling resolution. Better name?
Kristen: Met with Ada Waelder from ASUW, as ASUW liaisons were not showing up to Senate meetings. Need to get more GPSS liaisons to ASUW Senate and Senate Steering. There are quite a few committees that could use people, but might not be best use of time. Lots of new people, or people that were on leave last quarter.
Melanie: I remember a couple years ago we had lots of new folks in Winter Quarter. It was an opportunity to recruit.
Kristen: General committee plug?
Adam: Academic and Admin Affairs.
Kristen: Except for judicial, more help is always good.
Adam: On committee volunteer ask, lets make 2 minutes and not sit around and wait for people to volunteer.
Vera: Sign-up sheets.
Kristen: Update and call for volunteers, could also have update.
Adam: That should happen during committee reports.
Kristen: Way for committees to attract people by talking about cool stuff they’ve done.
Adam: I think we could just ask folks to come and talk after.
Vera: Has SPS talked lately?
Melanie: I think the danger is that each individual talks too long.
Elise: Lots of small items on agenda.
Vera: Should have regular interval, eg once a quarter, for report backs by committees.
Elise: Did we do at end of last quarter?
Adam: Yes.
Vera: SPS didn’t report did it?
Kristen: I did a little as part of larger update.
Adam: Are we ok with asking and people come up later.
Kristen: If you don’t want to hear about SPS.
Vera: It is a big deal.
Melanie: Lots of the audience are scientists, goes back to knowing our audience.
Vera: Committee updates, I can talk F&B, Kristen can do SPS, Diversity.
Kristen: Can fold in as part of updates.
Melanie: You’ll notice I put U-Pass on here. Don’t want another full discussion on the U-pass, maybe at another meeting.
Adam: Presentation was not what the Senate wanted to hear.
Melanie: People have questions, issue left hanging. Maybe over email.
Vera: Would it be worth having questions at this meeting and having someone come back at another meeting.
Melanie: Maybe not Aaron, but someone from Transportation Services or the like.
Kristen: At the final Senate meeting this quarter, we will definitely need to pass election rules and potentially bylaw changes. Might be squished for time and two meeting after the next.
Adam: Unless you think Josh can come...
Melanie: Les was supposed to come to last one. If we’re talking about participation, we need to talk about this eventually.
Kristen: People have questions that need to be addressed eventually.

Chris: Move to extend by 5 minutes.
Vera: Query Senate about how best to digest information, be it Transportation Services rep or whomever.
Melanie: I’m worried that this will turn into a lot of complaining even if in form of questions. We have responsibility to manage this. Senators don’t have the information they need. Could be downward group spiral.
Kristen: Open forum where we ask for what people need to know? I like the idea of getting feedback from Senators. Maybe caucus makes people run away. Maybe we can allow extension of talk about last time.
Vera: Good idea. Maybe following Michael on asking Senators what they want to talk about. Gives people opportunity to give priority but don’t have to discuss at meeting.
Chris: Need to strike balance between open forum and vent about conceptions of Upass.
Melanie: Informed forum.
Vera: Chris, you should have specific way of dealing with out of control spiral prepared beforehand.
Chris: Can say that we are not prepared to have that conversation, at next meeting can send information beforehand and find someone who can answer questions to satisfaction.
Adam: What we have right now is 70 minutes. Don’t want to lessen time to avoid boredom. More than 10 for committee report back? Alumni, fee-based, etc etc. I’m trusting you, Kristen, will make it palatable to people.
Melanie: moves to approve agenda
Chris: seconds

12) Legislative Update
Melanie: Gave update at last Senate so don’t want to be repetitive. Faculty and staff compensation is a hot topic. Talked with Adam about having faculty, staff pay discussion. Don’t know where students are at on this? Don’t need full survey, but if students have sense of faculty leaving because of low pay. As I’ve mentioned before, I’ve asked UW admins to estimate how much it would cost to freeze graduate tuition.
Meeting with Gerry Pollet, who wants to bring proposal to double estate tax, maybe create space for graduate funding. I’ve been asking about how to create a proposal to increase funding for TA’s. Some small financial programs like Health Professionals Loaner Program. Hearing tomorrow about health care industry training. Meeting with WSNA (WA State Nurses Assoc) about this. Future teachers has funding stream, work study another option. These are small chunks of constituency, at least could have strategy unlike TAs. Larry Seaquist wants to do big panel on student debt, campaign of people to take pictures of sign with debt or their story. Wants people to testify, grad students would be good. Way to get more grad students involved and get their message
out. Pay it forward likely to have legislation. Lower tier issues—Ricelli introduced bill to institutionalize PACS and similar groups elsewhere. Another bill to limit admin bonuses to 20% of base salary. If you feel strongly, let me know. In-state tuition for veterans moving forward, lots of support. May be amended to only cover veterans that were on active duty in WA. Aid for undocumented students. No aid for grad students other than. Good issue, I won’t go so far as to say we need GPSS resolution, not a top-tier issue because although there are undocumented grad students, unaffected by State financial aid. GET elimination is in news. I’m sure it will be preserved. Issues are very undergrad focused right now, looking at ways to build grad students in more.

Vera: You mentioned graduate student testimonials and industry. Way to get testimony from heads of companies to talk about workforce training.

Melanie: Healthcare is natural. None are testifying tomorrow.

Vera: This would be interesting question to ask Senate. Eg in Landscape Architecture, you need BA to be licensed.

Melanie: Not big ask or need for students in well-funded programs. Legislators tend to be more interested in aerospace, software, in other words folks like nurses, librarians, people employed by government or seen as likely to go into government are given less attention.

Adam: Why is the student advisory bill low tier?

Melanie: Definitely going to pass, doesn’t seem to me that it does much other than institutionalize.

Adam: Not so sure it is sure to pass.

Melanie: Will step in if things change course.

13) Executive Officer Reports

Chris: nothing.

Larry: same.

14) Officer Reports
**Vice-President**

Melanie: nothing

**Treasurer**

Vera: Couple of events coming up. Two speed dating events. Need volunteers, more male identified folks. Can you all talk to at least two people and ask to volunteer? Email committee.

Elise: Hard if people are participating.

Vera: There was an email that listed volunteers will still need. Gould, Monday and Thursday 7pm. 210 signed up. Will be capped at 300. Talking about student-parent kickoff lunch Feb 4th. Lianna Wood is very interested in cultivating student-parent groups. Organizing small meeting groups based on age of children, eg expecting, older, etc. If you know student parents, invite them. Noon-2 on 4th. Also looking at parent-child yoga. May or may not work. PhD movie was relatively well attended, around 100. Moroni and Kristen asked us to administer survey at all events. At movie did so. Most people know us as social events providing organization; don’t know last two letters of our acronym mean. Most people learn about events through email, not very many through posters. Very interesting. Need new F&B chair. I’d like to have vote in last Senate meeting of this quarter for the position.

**Secretary**

Kristen: MLK day of service. People here volunteered. Adam went to Northwest African American Museum; I painted at SeaMar with Genesis and Brian. Cannon House. We worked with GO-MAP. The logistics and curriculum for science communication workshop/event is set. Please take posters and promote. I’m working with Genesis to create intern opportunities on archiving, website etc. Hope to have up to for Spring and/or Summer. Only one bio of committee members for website so far. Send me info about events, travel opportunities. Talked to Ryan Shandera about communication and outreach committee and he might be at next meeting. That committee could move forward on Senator handbook, which has been on the table since Fall. The diversity event is hoping to have speakers and free space in the ECC. The diversity fund will be
approved at our next meeting, should have email out and update on the meeting, at the least will have info about where to look, how to apply.

ASUW

Michael: Resolution in Student Senate to address faculty and staff salary. Says that we support ending pay freeze, but do not support doing through student funding and if any want amount of student money involved minimized. Might start financial aid literacy program, would be tabling about FAFSA deadline and let know about options. Looking at new position on BOD, which would institutionalize service and partnership with groups like Athletics, Sponsorship. AISC/FN Winter Powwow is in the HUB, Saturday 1-9.

President

Adam: Already gave brief update on work with Graduate School and Advancement. Brief updates on college councils. Law School moving in right direction. A&S had first meeting, outstanding. Bob Stacey did great job informing students in way that allows them to give feedback. Kelly Testye interested in having presentation to Board of Deans, and maybe having them adopt policy or stance on broad support.

Melanie: Some talk about how well students are getting access to budgets?

Adam: No problems so far. We’re at beginning stages, before we can give information need to talk about overall University budget. Need to talk about top-level before handing out specific budget, which as not happened yet. Shouldn’t have difficulty getting information.

Melanie: Heard that Evans School had problems.

Elise: Students met with Dean, more forthcoming now. Interested in presenting to BOR in Spring

Melanie: Want to make sure in terms of graduate tuition.

Adam: Budget narratives submitted by deans vary in how forthcoming. Asking all college councils to draft responses to budget narratives to PACS

Chris: Currently, I’m the only grad student on the A&S Council. This is proportional, but makes challenge to bring grad issue to table.
Elise: Michael and I have been talking about doing PACS meeting devoted to figuring out how PACS budget narrative relates to college councils.

Adam: MLK day of service awesome. NW African-American Museum, current anthropology student helped get off ground. Last Friday, Tri-campus had very long meeting. Talked about common issues. People have been interested in gauging opinion on making all campuses smoke-free, common app. Overall, looking into ways to gauge student options. Community Affairs Committee doing great job - offsets collapse of Academic and University Affairs, which works on housing, reviewed before Senate, involving grad students in community events, new grad students, carpooling, emergency preparedness. Lots of issues, narrowing. Lots of info out there but not well communicated, thinking about ways to disseminate.

Kristen: Could work with Social Committee on tailgate.

15) Announcements
Melanie: I think the union action on Friday.
Chris: People are paying fees en masse on Friday.
Melanie: For lots of Senators this is their focus, we should be aware.
Adam: Settlement of this issue very much has to be negotiated between UW admin and union leadership. It is a contractual, legal issue in negotiation.
Elise: Timeline?
Adam: none, but arbiter could step back in. We re-enter conversation when settled, how to pay for. We need to be aware of our role in that process.
Melanie: Provost’s Town Hall tomorrow, good place for students to bring concerns like fee-based programs.

Kristen: Motion to adjourn.
Vera: seconds.
Adjourned: 7:30pm.