Graduation and Professional Student Senate

Executive Committee Meeting

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Evan (Visiting Senator: Oceanography)

1) Call to Order

Adam: Calls meeting to order at 536. We can do introductions after approving the agenda and minutes.

2) Approval of Agenda

Trond: moves

Melanie: seconds

3) Approval of Minutes from 9/26

Adam: I entertain a motion to strike from the minutes 13 e. Starting from grad school...(onward) I entertain motion to strike this.

Trond: moves
Kristen: seconds

Trond: I would like to amend item 11. Change Mike Brave to Mike Bragg.

Vera: seconds

Melanie: I move to approve minutes

Trond: seconds

Introductions:

Trond: I am an executive senator from industrial engineering. This is my fourth year as exec senator.

Adam: Adam Sherman GPSS president 3rd year law student

Chris: Chris Lizotte senator geography

Larry: Larry Wong from health administration. I’m interested in executive position. I’m interested because as health admin role I’m looking for leadership skills and to connect to university more in depth.

Melanie: Vice president, I work on legislative advocacy. I study urban planning and public administration.

Vera: Treasurer. I work on budget and events.

Kristen: Kristen Hosey. I am a nurse and the secretary. I do admin work in relation to roster. I work with diversity and science and policy.

Evan: Oceanography PhD student. I got interested in political landscape. I’m interested in synergy between science and policy. And I’m interested in exec because I see you guys in other meetings often.

Alice Hopejoy: First year PhD public health genetics student. I’ve done science and policy in Washington DC. Also I worked in women organizations. I think there should be more scientific representation. My program is interdisciplinary and emphasizes ethics.

4) Committee Appointments

Adam: Any people who would like to nominate people to committee?

Kristen: Joey H. He attended diversity committee meeting. He’s from Evans school. I move to appoint him.
Chris: seconds

Larry Wong: Can I ask a question? What are the committees that are available to join right now?

Adam: There are a handful that aren’t full.

Melanie: In the bylaws it will say the numbers allotted in the committees. In my committee it says 9 but I can take more.

Evan: Finance and budget could take more.

Adam: We have short application process. In terms of the number of senators, you need enough to have quorum to be representative. The other reason is if you want to vote on something you need to know the count.

Kristen: The ones we need to worry about are finance budget and judicial.

Melanie: We want regular time dates that you can make it to.

Adam: If you go to website you can view the committees there.

Adam: I recommend Melissa Kramer from museology for academic admin affairs. She has expressed enthusiasm and filled applications and has interest in fee based programs.

Chris: I move to approve

Trond: seconds

5) Diversity Committee

Kristen: Diversity met for the first time on Friday. Update includes possibly writing a resolution related to adding a question about diversity to course evaluations.

Adam: I know that some course evaluations are different. Is this universal?

Kristen: We have to look into that. Also I sent out an email to senators asking for info about diversity committees across campus. We don’t want this committee to duplicate efforts of other committees. If people know of diversity efforts in your school or department send me an email.

Adam: Another question… it’d be interesting about the scope of that question. Do you know if the students are diverse enough, faculty diverse enough…?
Kristen: There were questions presented to school of nursing and they asked why isn't this across the board? Are diverse views being presented in this course? The resolution wouldn't be to pick out wording; it would be to say we are looking at this issue and that this is important.

Larry: What are some things the committee has done?

Kristen: This are brand new committee.

Trond: The ASUW has a group that proposes a diversity requirement.

6) Science and Policy

Trond: Genesis is in the process of getting the video together from marijuana summit. We have started talking about setting up science and policy group to advise legislators. We don't want to be partisan but fact-based.

Adam: Building connections between legislators and the UW is a great idea. How to communicate scientific matter in a public policy forum?

Trond: This is an amorphous idea right now and we're just starting to talk to policy members. Not to 'educate' policy makers but rather a service that they can call us up for accurate information.

Evan: We talked about bringing back TED talks.

Trond: We did Ted-like talks with science policy summit last year. It sounded like great idea but we didn't have enough time. We want to do something bigger and better marketed. TED is Technology entertainment design. It used to be closed lectures but they decided to release it to the public. They have a series called TED x which are locally oriented conferences. If we do a good TED x talk if may end up on the front page.

Kristen: We are also planning the summit for the Spring.

7) Set the Senate Agenda

Adam: Lets go over what we already have. We also have approval of state legislative agenda. I know Daniel wants to do travel grants ad hoc committee report. He will be reporting on what they have found.

Vera: I have already spoken with Daniel and if we want him to, we have to ask him to write something. They don't have a plan to propose anything at the meeting. They are thinking of continuing committee until next quarter and then making a resolution next quarter.
Melanie: If we can get short write up so people have context that’d be good. We had legislative events yesterday. People are harder to get a hold of after the session starts. I thought one of our legislative friends could attend senate meeting. The purpose would be twofold: to hear from grad students and then secondly so grad students can hear from legislators.

Adam: Do you see conflicts with legislative agenda being proposed that meeting and legislators being there?

Melanie: I don’t see any. The two people are senator David Frock 46th and Gerry Pollet 46th. I hoped to get an answer from them today. We could put ‘legislative guest speaker’ on the agenda and if they can’t come we can strike it off at the meeting.

Trond: Can we approve it now and then just take it off?

Adam: This shouldn’t be a problem.

Melanie: There is a decent chance Gerry Pollet could make it.

Adam: Other thoughts on the agenda? Senate caucus break-out sessions: This is a way for us not to just talk at people. Last time we did college councils.

Trond: My experience is that it was valuable once we got some direct questions to ask. We need something concrete.

Rene: Is this the meeting you’re thinking of having an activity after? People sometimes leave early so have something for them to do.

Adam: I like that because for people very interested in college council they can or not if they want.

Trond: I haven’t had results of meeting for engineering dean search. Hopefully we will have an announcement soon.

Kristen: I have something different. About bylaws related to social committee chair and outreach chair reports. The social committee needs to report to the senate every quarter.

Vera: Could we say committee chair reports in general?

Kristen: I am concerned about committee reports. My argument is that we have so many committees…

Melanie: I think just social and F&B chairs.
Vera: Does anyone want their committees to report?

Melanie: What about science and policy committee?

Kristen: I could talk I guess.

Chris: Tell the senate what you’ve told us.

Adam: What if we do 'committee chair reports’ and list ABC: social, F&B, and science policy committee. Should travel grants be separated out?

Rene: You might want to charge committee chairs to updates.

Adam: That is fine. Is there a vote for 6 minutes…

Chris: Lets just do 10 minutes.

Melanie: Are we going to do timing thing again?

Adam: It helps if someone is right in front of me. Are we comfortable with this?

Melanie: Are we going to keep the temperature reading?

Vera: No one went with it.

Adam: Did it make sense what we were doing?

Evan: Yes generally, but maybe just because it was the first time no one volunteered announcements.

Melanie: I know people usually have announcements.

Vera: It’s kind of an icebreaker type of thing. I would like to leave it and see how it goes.

Adam: Motion to approve senate agenda?

Melanie: Moves

Chris: Seconds

8) Executive Officer Reports

Chris: I think the higher ed summit went well yesterday. I would like to follow up with everybody who helped with it- asking what went well and what could be
improved? It was a new format and we want to do better next year. All the panelists were great. It could have been better attended. That’s all I have.

9) Officer Report

Vice President

Melanie: A few updates. Getting ready to ramp up for legislative session in January. With ASUW, we did press conference about general ASUW/GPSS things we want to see in legislature. We talked about new revenue. Capital gains tax. ASUW talked about opposing differential tuition. Shared governance. We got articles in Seattle times and daily. Last night ASUW had the legislative reception. We had conversations with friendly legislators. In the next month and half we want to talk with legislators before session starts. In terms of other items on the state leg agenda, collecting testimonials for people who want to go to Olympia. Items- expanding child care grant we need to find student parents. At the panel yesterday I talked to people who were affected by state budget cuts. There’s two small items in agenda, the first was refunding scholarships loan program for teachers and health professionals. The other thing in terms of testimonials, trying to interest folks in more research oriented departments. We discussed collecting testimonials in research folks about what they do in order to show their value. We are going to crash the science and policy committee meeting. The other thing we talked about is matching research students with legislative committees that are applicable to their work. We were brainstorming ideas on how to get research students involved. This Saturday is the Washington Student Association (WSA) meeting. That group is going to set their leg agenda. I have submitted suggestions to that group. In particular getting them on board with revenue is important. One other thing, I’m setting up a meetings with legislators- Gerry Collett- regarding fee based programs. I want to throw legislative fee based program policies to him to see what he thinks.

Larry Wong: What is the current process for fee based programs?

Adam: That is a big reason why college councils are important. There currently are not sufficient mechanisms to get student input in that process. It differs between schools. I know the school of social work has a good program. There is a moratorium on moving existing programs to fee based programs now. Two years ago there was a stampede. Many programs were either going to die or go into fee based programs. Your program was probable changed before the moratorium.

Kristen: Hypothetically, if a school decided to change the curriculum and consolidate specialties, they could start it in EO but then all those students who were already in EO they wouldn’t count...?
Adam: That would look more like an ARSEP and that’s a whole different process. The growth we’ve seen in fee-based programs has been new ones. 41% of incoming grad students were fee based. In my opinion there is too quiet of a shift to fee based programs. In aggregate there is a fundamental shift from public to private.

Melanie: Another thing on legislative side, what should be dealt with at university college level and would is for legislature? One thing is to try to buy back programs that have been inappropriately shifted to fee based programs. I wouldn’t be opposed to starting this conversation.

Adam: I would like to comment that there is precedent for a public comment period. This year, a student came and talked to the regents board. There is precedent for legislating notice and comment period.

Chris: Can I move to move on?

Treasurer

Vera: We funded geography and physics department to get lounges. We had social committee meeting last week to schedule events for winter and spring quarter. Parent events. Speed dating.

Melanie: From my experience we put on student parent events and the organization that helped us is no longer around.

Vera: Grad school talent show in the works. Interdepartmental soccer tournament in spring. Budget concerns: how to fit travel grants if we bring them back? We have Lincoln coming on Jan 9th to discuss general fund. We had student life committee meeting. We chose three topics and elected Chris as committee chairs: 1) fees, 2) international student fees 3) career services

Secretary

Kristen: We are having MLK day of service January 21st. We are probably painting walls. We are partnering with GO-MAP, I have a meeting with them on Friday.

The communication and outreach meeting is tomorrow. Senator Justin from the iSchool is interested in website – specifically the events calendar where GPAs can upload events that we can monitor. That is one of many ideas on the website. I have been looking at old senator handbooks being put up on website. The roster is still in the works and once Genesis has sorted out science policy videos, I might send out emails to senators so we have more than names. One thing about diversity - we have $4000 dollars to spend.
The School of Nursing is looking for a new dean. I’ve been questioning dean candidates, just asking them about shared governance really. I am looking at shared governance in school of nursing with some of the other nursing student leaders.

The all (grad) student survey went out last week. If you haven’t done it please fill out survey. Moroni is looking at bylaws to see if committees are functioning correctly. For right now we have FIUTS, Native Am, and LGBTQ students having community seats. DRAC should be meeting in two weeks.

ASUW

Adam: Michael is not here but he said the senate has passed UPASS resolution in support of UPASS system remaining universal.

President

Adam: The summit took up way too much of my time. We’ve had offers for some to package the summit into a synopsis. I’ve continued to work with financial aid office and student life in restructuring student fees. Should have report by thanksgiving. The issue of international student fee is coming back up. I think they hadn’t done enough thinking about needed services lining up with fees. I have been meeting with Betsy Troutman who does advancement, if we ever used our reserve fund. This would be critical to develop a plan. PACS continues to look at different issues- mostly about our priorities for the year. That will serve as filter for the rest of decisions. Board of regents meeting- two big takeaways: Diversity issues, continuing part of meeting. Diversity of student body and diversity of faculty. Internal lending program. Giant pool of money to strategically invest in mostly infrastructure regarding campus growth. For example in Bothell a recreationally sports field. Also used for medical center in south lake union. One issue, there is no publicly stated criteria for funding projects. Criteria are being developed. It seems the dean of college of built environments is stepping down. I imagine a committee will be developed to bring a new one in. I have been in contact with student who lives in Delaware. Online community seat? Or something? Remote community seat? I’m not saying this is what we do but he wants to become actively involved. If there is growing number of online students, we need way for them to become involved. If a greater portion of our constituency lives outside of state, how do we engage them? I just wanted to highlight this issue.

10) Announcements

Adam: any announcements?

11) Adjourn
Chris: move to adjourn

Kristen: seconds

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm