Executive Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 16, 2013  
HUB 314

Chris Lizotte (President): I call this meeting to order at 5:45pm. I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Alice Popejoy (Public Health Genetics): Motion

Elisa Law (Secretary): Second

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

Genesis Gavino (Treasurer): Motion

Elisa: Second

Chris L: Any objections? Great, so now I’m giving you all two things. One is a committee application and the other is a resume. These applications are from two people that Austin and I are recommending that we appoint to CSF on behalf of GPSS. We had 4 people to interview. We felt all four had the technical skills but these two had a level of thoughtfulness and commitment to serving students that put them above and beyond. I’m happy to answer questions that you guys might have. Otherwise I will entertain a motion to confirm Chris Clark and Kayla Schick as our new appointees to the CSF committee.

Genesis: Motion

Elisa: Second

Kimberly Schertz (Law): I trust your judgment.

Chris L: Any objections? So Kiana Scott, our student regent, has asked to come to this meeting so I’ve allowed you 10 minutes but you can take longer if needed.

Kiana Scott: I just wanted to come by and say hello and introduce myself. I want to make sure that you guys as individuals and such and a government entity know that my role here is not to be a student representative on the board but to bring a student perspective to help that information when we make big decisions. I want to make sure that I’m open in my communication and I’m accessible at all the time and also to let you know that I’ll be calling on you throughout the year. We’re doing a big push this year to bring students into regent meetings whenever there’s issues that students should be concerned about such as fee based programs and differential tuition. This year a big topic will be graduate education and the different forms of
funding for professional and academic programs. For things like that I’ll be reaching out to you guys and see if this is something you heard about and if there are any students that you know about that have been impacted by this. I want to see if we can talk to them and bring them to a meeting and have them tell their story. I think it’s really important for reagents to hear the hardships that graduate students and undergrads experience. So my appointment was effective July 2nd and will go until June 30. I’m 3 months into year long term. I’m working closely with Chris and Michael, the ASUW president, to figure out some priorities for the year. My two largest priorities are looking at college councils and making sure we don’t lose momentum on it and pushing that forward. We are also looking at sexual assault. Awareness, education and prevention on campus. That’s part of a much larger conversation. The president is convening a task force that will release a report in about a week or so about this issues. So this is a conversation that’s been happening on a lot of levels across the 3 campuses and will be presented to the board the reagents this year. That’s something that Chris, Michael and I are interested in and we’re figuring out where to go since there’s been a lot of work done already. We want to take a look at that report and make sure that everything that needs to be done is being done and that there aren’t any holes left. So I’m also going to be active as possible in legislative outreach this year and will be doing that with the university. So there may be a few things that I’ll have to step back from because of my role as a student reagent but I’m planning on working with you guys as much as possible. I think there are a lot of possibility for collaboration. I’m also looking to be as open and transparent with the position of student reagent as much as possible. Over the past couple of years the number of applicants for the role of student reagent has been dropping. I think a large reason is that people don’t know that you just apply for and it’s a long, arduous process but it starts with an application on campus and that’s a really small initial barrier. So I want students to know that it’s a position that they can apply for and develop leadership within them. I’m happy to meet with anyone that’s interested. Please let me know if you want to apply or know someone that would like to or should be interested. So I’m just here to sit in today. Any questions about the board of reagents or anything related?

Alice: Is it a paid position?

Kiana: I receive a per diem from the state for everyday that I do work and it is funded so I was able to turn down my departmental funding.

Alice: So is tuition covered and they pay you a stipend on top of that? Is it similar to how the GPSS officers get paid?

Kiana: Yeah, there’s a lot of perks that come with the job and also a lot of work that comes along with it but the funding is not an issue of concern.

Chris L: Any questions for kiana? I pledge the full faith and credit of GPSS for the sexual assault task force in whatever format it takes. Michael and I received an email from Ellen Taylor today letting us know that the initial final report will be released soon at which point we’ll have a clear idea of what we can do as students governments on the things they report on.
Kiana: So please be in touch. Chris has my email. It’s stureag@uw.edu and you guys might have my personal email. Feel free to get in touch and let me know what's happening. Thanks

Chris L: Thanks Kiana. Okay, travel grants. Hopefully you all had a chance to look at that.

Genesis: So committee hasn’t met yet so in lieu of the committee, the executive committee can approve and because this person is traveling on November 1st, I thought we could approve it ahead of time. Did everybody score and read it?

Chris L: Who gave the application a score?

Alice: When did this come through?

Genesis: It came yesterday after the minutes and agenda email.

Kimberly: I didn’t get that.

Alice: Me neither.

Genesis: I used the same list that Chris sent me.

Alice: I didn’t get anything from either of you.

Chris L: It’s possible that it's an outdated one.

Genesis: Did you get Elisa’s email of today’s meeting?

Kimberly & Alice: No.

Chris L: Its very possible that its an outdated list.

Genesis: Well, its in the back of your folders if you want to look at it quickly. Here's the thing. He’s a dual degree student and is with the Evans School and Jackson School. He will be presenting at the Texas Asia conference at the University of Texas. He’ll be presenting on a panel for his degree and capstone project for both the Jackson school and Evans.

Kimberly: does this need to be approved tonight?

Genesis: Yes because the committee’s not going to meet until the second or third week of November and he travels the first weekend of November.

Chris L: I know at least the 3 of us scored it and I know everyone gave approximately the same score. The 3 people that scored the application did it independently came to a similar
Genesis: We used the grading rubric that the travel grants ad hoc committee came up with last year and that the finance and budget committee refined further. The grading rubric is also in the back of the application. There’s two other UW students presenting at this conference but they didn’t apply for funding and I’m assuming that they already have funding. His senator has been in contact with me as well as his department. They have been very proactive in trying to get him funding. That’s one of our big features is that they talk to their senator about this funding.

Chris L: My question about this is what’s the highest possible score?

Genesis: I do not know off the top of my head.

Chris L: If this were a normal process, how would we know how it compares to other applications?

Genesis: I think we rank it against everything that came in and we go down the list based on their score ranking and hash it out between the committee and talk about why we gave our scores.

Chris L: Seeing as we have nothing to compare it to, how do you think we should proceed? My guess is that the maximum is in the 50-60 range. What did you give him?

Elisa: I gave him 35.

Genesis: I gave him 34.

Chris L: I gave him 35 as well. So we all came to a very similar place.

Genesis: He’s not solely dependent upon this funding but it would help. He’d still go and present.

Chris Erickson (Vice President): That’s kind of what my question is. In the finance and budget stuff, what is their total cost and what their participation is after they get the money. Is that in here?

Chris L: He hasn’t gotten any other funding source. FLAS is virtually equivalent to a tier one graduate segment.

Alice: So I have 2 concerns. First is that we don’t have anything to compare his application to. The 2nd is that most departments to my knowledge have not elected a senator or have not come to a meeting. I know we had pretty good attendance at the last meeting but I feel uncomfortable awarding anything before we advertised this to everyone else. How much is in the travel grant?

Genesis: $20,000.
Alice: So this is coming up on 5% of the total allocation.

Genesis: We only give $300 for domestic and $500 for international.

Alice: So we don’t cover all these costs?

Genesis: No we cap it at $300 for domestic.

Chris: That’s just an idea to get the total cost. In other words, something that has a higher total cost gets higher priority according to the rubric.

Elisa: Last year, did we allocate all that funding?

Genesis: We didn’t have this last year.

Elisa: When was the last time we had this?

Genesis: Two years ago.

Chris E: Is there a record of what the general scores were on those?

Genesis: It was a different grading rubric then.

Chris L: For what its worth, I thought it was generally strong. It wasn’t so compelling but my one concern is that one thing we’re trying to encourage with the travel grants is to people to come back and present their work and he has no mention of it even though we specifically asked him.

Kimberly: Where is that question?

Genesis: That’s only part of our rubric. That’s not in their questions.

Chris E: That’s not a requirement?

Genesis: Its not clear that he’ll present his work but he has said that he has participated and presented in some aspect on campus.

Chris L: There was a similar conference at uw that he presented at.

Alice: It doesn’t sit right with me that we haven’t advertised it or announced that it was open.

Elisa: We sent out an email and announced it in all of the orientations.
Genesis: Its on our website and facebook. I've also been getting a steady stream of applications. This one is just being read right now because he's traveling on Nov. 1st.

Alice: To be fully transparent and fair because his travel date is before, I don't see if that puts him on an unfair advantage against everyone else. Couldn't we evaluate them all together and reimburse him if he's awarded?

Genesis: We can't do retroactive funding.

Chris E: We have to start giving money and this could be the benefit of the doubt that he gets for being the first application. We're not in any danger of not being able to fund all the other applications we have. Unless it's an access issue, I don't see a problem. At some point, until you start getting a bunch, you won't know so in some aspects it might get harder to receive funding but he might just get the benefit of doubt from me.

Chris L: One thing we discussed earlier is that this would have been applied for in summer quarter if the program had been running but that's not the case. This is an exceptional application in an exceptional period of the travel grants.

Genesis: We would've had to read Elisa's application as well. In the absence of a travel grants committee the executive committee approves and eventually we would've had to approve or deny Elisa's application.

Chris L: Which she withdrew. So we are at time so I will entertain a motion to extend time on this or take action on this application.

Kimberly: Extend time for 5 mins.

Chris L: Second?

Chris E: I'll second that.

Chris L: Any opposed?

Alice: Yes, I think we should just approve it because I don't see any more things to discuss about it.

Kimberly: I had a question.

Chris L: Motion passes so yes, 5 mins.

Kimberly: Procedurally when we're reviewing this, do we need to have all scored it? So if we hadn't had a chance to score it does that affect the decision? I mean I briefly skimmed through it
but there’s no way I can give a score right now.

Genesis: Tru. We can give you guys tonight to read and score it and we can do an email vote. What’s the parli-pro on that?

Chris E: I rather just call for vote if we have the votes to just carry it.

Kimberly: That’s what I was wondering. Procedurally, must we make sure we all scored it before we bring it to a vote?

Alice: I think its really important to be sticklers on the procedure. I know its annoying but for example, I don’t understand how I objected and how the motion passed. Not that I actually care about the content of that motion but how did that just happen?

Chris L: I took it as one nay and the rest yays.

Alice: I feel like we should call for that in the future. Just to be perfectly clear on the rules. Obviously I don’t want to spend any more time reading, scoring this and voting through email but I think its really important for transparency reasons to be really clear about how we’re conducting business especially since right now its the beginning of the year and its important to set a precedent for being really good about all that kind of stuff.

Kiana: I went to an ASUW meeting last week and they had a 5 minute presentation on procedure and how to do that kind of stuff and gave a handout. I don’t know if you guys did something like that already but they had a really easy handout about the 3 things you need to do and tracked it and made it really easy to see how things actually play out in conversation. So that might be a good thing to grab so everyone understand the rules of the game that you guys are operating under.

Alice: Could you send us that?

Elisa: I’ll grab it.

Chris L: Someone would have to check the bylaws to see if it says anything about how votes can’t be taken remotely.

Elisa: I don’t think so.

Chris E: Adding to this idea that everyone needing to score it, I don’t know if I’m comfortable with that because it sets a precedent that we’ll have to put things off if not all of us got the email. I’m comfortable with people that weren’t able to score or see it to abstain from a vote on it.

Kimberly: That’s why i asked because i’m fine with abstaining.
Chris L: I'm pretty sure the executive list is outdated.

Elisa: I just updated it.

Chris L: That was an error on our part but I certainly see the point. I'm not sure how to proceed from here.

Elisa: So it says here that recipients are selected by a simple majority vote so even now if the four of us voted yay and you guys said nay or abstained, it would still pass.

Chris E: We can record if you abstained or rejected because I think that’s what we’re protecting. That you didn’t feel comfortable in voting without reading it through.

Alice: I’m trying to protect the integrity of our procedure and our integrity as a position of leadership.

Chris E: I understand that but in the other end of it, this is money that’s here to be given away. So I’d like the board or anyone to test me and look at the application and say it didn’t merit.

Alice: Absolutely, I think we’re having two different conversations though. I think you’re focusing on the objective but I’m focusing on the process. We’re all on the same page of the objective. If this guy wants $300 to go to a conference it’s cool but if it wasn’t that issue and was some other bigger issues and we’re cutting corners on procedure then it becomes ethically questionable? No, it becomes ethically questionable regardless of the objective. We have to be careful of how we do things and making sure we do things in the right way no matter what we’re trying to accomplish.

Chris L: We are at time. I’ll need an motion to extend time or take action.

Alice: I move to vote on this travel grant despite not all of us having read and scored it.

Elisa: Second.

Chris L: Any objections?

Chris E: This is to approve the $300 grant?

Chris L: No this is to approve to vote on this application. Any objections to bring this to a vote? Seeing none, please show of hands of favor of awarding this grant. Opposed? Abstentions?
In Favor: 4 (Chris L, Chris E, Elisa, Genesis)
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 2 (Alice and Kimberly)
Chris L: Thank you. We will take action to give Kevin Johnson $300 for his trip to Texas. That was a good necessary conversation because that is true that we need to take a look at our procedures and make sure that we’re following them better. I think that was a good thing to talk about. Next step is the second senate meeting agenda which if you are online there is a document called 2013-2014 template for planning senate meetings. At the bottom are the dates. So far we have a request for the student tech fee committee to come and present.

Alice: Where is this?

Elisa: Its in google drive. Do you want it on a different one?

Alice: Could you share it to abpopejoy@gmail.com?

Elisa: Done.

Chris L: The only thing I can think of that I would rather have this come through one of the committees before we bring it to the whole senate is that there are changes being proposed in the way in which parking fees are allocated to the faculty and staff of the UPass programs. Eventually this should come before the senate but I don’t think the conversation is at the point yet to come to the full senate. I want the student life committee to see it before as well. Anything else?

Genesis: Do we want to go over our priorities from last meeting?

Chris L: Yes. And also the senators were suppose to go back and talk to their constituents so maybe we should crowdsource that.

Kimberly: Maybe we should send a reminder email tonight and one more time at the beginning of next week.

Chris L: Yes, we’ll do that when we send the agenda out.

Alice: So are we just working together on the template where we just go through it and revise it every week?

Chris L: Yes

Alice: Could we see a list of the priorities? I wrote the ones I thought were interesting but could we see what those are before they’re presented?

Elisa: There’s a google doc I’ll send out really quick.
Chris L: A lot of the priorities people mentioned were interesting because I was expecting people to talk about priorities related to student life and most of the priorities were internal things. So it's probably worth actually looking at some of those and deciding if we want to do at this meeting. Alice, you have any written down that strike you?

Alice: Yeah, one is the invited presentation from different departments and schools. Maybe building it in the agenda and having somebody from each school or department sign up to give a presentation for no other reason than to get more information on where they're coming from and what their school's about just to start the conversation about knowing who's on campus and having at least the senators have an idea of what they're working on or what their schools do. Because I have no idea. It'd be cool to have someone to volunteer and it could be official. Like I could give a presentation on the school of public health genetics or give an introduction about it. Or we could have the lady that runs our student council come in and have that as the focus or on another particular topic. We can have somebody volunteer each meeting for the next meeting to present to mix it up a little.

Chris L: I think that's a fantastic idea. So at this coming meeting, would something be giving a full presentation or are we just giving a forum to start think about that.

Alice: I think maybe next week is a little too soon but maybe we can have a vote or a general consensus next week from everyone and have a 10 min discussion based on this idea they brought up on presenting and having an obligatory time in the agenda for it. If its favorable we can build it into for the following week and I can do it then as well. I can have the lady from my department come in to talk as well if everyone thinks its a good idea. Unless anyone else has a burning desire to present.

Chris L: I think its a good idea. And the executive vacancy position which we desperately need to recruit someone for. I think if we couple it with a mini presentation, and I'm willing to do that since I brought it up, to give an example of what it might be like. That might help to set the tone. Whoever wants to do that but I will if no one else has the time or wants to. So what do we want to call that?

Kimberly: Exploring our Departments.

Chris L: Meet the _____ department.

Alice: I think we should leave it a little more open ended. Just in case its a presentation for somebody's student council or somebody's travel. Maybe “Hearing from the gps community” or something like that where it doesn’t even have to be a senator. It could be someone from a department to talk about their research. It could be an open forum where for example, someone that received a travel grant from us could come in and talk about what they did. Something more broad that we hope to fill with senators but also have people from the community come and talk to us about it.
Kimberly: Something soapbox.

Elisa: spotlight.

Alice: I like spotlight.

Chris L: Yes, GPS spotlight on....

Alice: Love it. Like right after approval of minutes?

Elisa: Yeah, why not?

Genesis: Let’s get the student tech fee people out first. So can we get them to present their information so they can leave and then we can have students do their presentations?

Alice: We can just have the discussion for next week because we’re just talking about it right? Not actually having one?

Chris L: I think it'll be good to have a mini-presentation and I’m willing to do that. Just to give an example and make it a little more exciting.

Genesis: What do you think about inviting kevin after his conference and presenting on what he did since we gave him money?

Chris L: I think that was one of the goals was that to make sure there’s some connection back to campus so that'll be good.

Genesis: This would be at our Nov. 6th meeting.

Chris L: Yes, or a little bit afterwards. Another idea that we had discussed earlier is this notion of caucusing. I’m not entirely sure how to pull it off without it being contrived because the idea is that it should be natural.

Elisa: Just say its an option. Plant the idea and see if anyone latches on.

Chris L: I guess its not something we would necessarily put time in the agenda for. At least not until it actually happens.

Evan Firth (Oceanography): You can set some primer caucuses to set an example.

Kimberly: Yeah, I was going to say that if one of us has time, we can spearhead of caucus. I would volunteer but I've hit my limit.
Chris L: I can think of one thing in particular is the school of nursing since they’re really interested in putting together a college council and hear would like to hear from successful councils like public health. So that’s one idea. We did that last year where we broke up into schools and that was moderately successful but people didn’t see the point in having one.

Evan: Can we start a transportation caucus? That way people can see an example but I don’t know if that intersect with chris’s plans.

Chris E: No

Elisa: When would that be?

Chris L: Well I mean the idea is that it would be a breakout time during the senate meetings but it could be something else.

Alice: Last year, there was some backlash against that because no one was interested in caucusing so we put it at the end which didn’t work because no one stayed to caucus. But I think the message from the senate last year could be different from this year but maybe the returning senators might not be as interested in caucusing but I don’t know.

Kimberly: We could open the floor and see what the other senators think.

Genesis: Yes, I was thinking the same thing. Just put it out there and ask them “Do you guys want a caucus?”

Chris L: One thing that made it not entirely successful is that it was not set up in a way, and I say this with the utmost admiration for Adam and not putting any fault on him, so people could understand why they were forced into groups together. It seems like something to eat up time. The goal was to actually talk about the idea of college councils but it didn’t really work. Also we’re not the only players so it didn’t add up in the way it was envisioned. One thing to make it of more interest is to move away from college based unless they want to do that. Maybe just a brief discussion of what it could be and emphasize that it could be based on anything academic, identity, etc. The idea is that you get a group together who have a similar set of interests and concerns.

Evan: Perhaps an alternative to having it in the meeting is to open this room like we do for the mixer after the meetings as caucus area.

Chris L: That’s not bad idea at all. To say that this is a possibility and we’ll provide a space for you to do it and its fine if you don’t and it won’t be awkward during meetings.

Kimberly: How about moving something like that before the meeting? Because it’s the end of the day.
Chris L: We can give both option. We’ll be definitely be here before and after so it doesn't matter when. Why don't we put it in the agenda?

Alice: I’m doing it.

Chris L: Just use 5 minutes to say that this is something we’re providing a space for to people who want to take advantage of it or not.

Genesis: Do we want to put something on there like a refresher of what we did in the previous meeting? Like to remind people.

Chris L: Yes, good idea. What did everyone think of the temperature reading? Was that useful?

Alice: I think people did.

Evan: I don’t know if anything came from the temperature reading but I think enough people said something during that to prompt people to say something later. Having the multiple opportunities to say something finally prompted people to do that.

Chris L: Yes, so maybe its more of a matter of providing the space than saying something.

Evan: It’s also nice to have since it gives us a buffer time for the rest of the meeting since people complain if its too long.

Genesis: We'll go over welcoming the senators and how they’re suppose to participate parli-pro really quickly. Like how to speak or how to speak when you make a motion.

Chris L: We had talked about this idea of an orientation before or after/ is that something we still want to do?

Elisa: I think that'll be fine.

Chris L: So maybe we should say the next two meetings, we'll set up a time before and after and you need to make one of them.

Evan: Maybe after this meeting or before the next one. Unless you guys don't mind hosting 4 different meetings.

Genesis: I think its easier if it’s the same day.

Chris L: Just 10 mins.
Elisa: Are we just gonna say that they have to be there and are we going to track who was there and who was not?

Evan: I think if you say they’ll have to be there, you’ll get 60% at least which is good.

Chris L: I don’t think it’s too onerous to ask someone to come since a lot of people come early anyways.

Evan: We’re only asking the new people right?

Chris L: Yes, so why don’t we move this before the student tech fee?

Kimberly: I was going to do that.

Chris L: I’ll do sum and its 68 mins. Anything else we want to put in there?

Chris E: I want to do a resolution for transportation.

Genesis: That’s suppose to come through us before the senate.

Evan: Don’t you announce the intention to make a resolution first?

Alice: Resolutions have to be present to all senators two weeks before they vote on it so you can present it at the next meeting if we talk about it here and approve it and it wouldn’t be voted on until two weeks after you presented it.

Chris L: Technically that’s not the case. I think the only statutory thing is that the text has to be emailed out before the meeting.

Alice: I thought it was 2 weeks before.

Chris L: Maybe but no that the executive committee has to approve resolutions.

Evan: It has to come through us but we don’t have to approve it.

Chris E: All it is, is a list of things that were advocating for whether it’s a letter to the governor or legislature but there’s language we need to approve and I guess I overlooked that when we were planning our first meeting.

Chris L: If it’s not a resolution, that’s totally fine.

Alice: According to section E, which pertains to this, we have to vote because the resolution is suppose to be submitted to secretary. Sorry, its in page 4. First it has to be submitted to the
secretary 2 weeks before bringing it to gpss. If you didn’t submit it before, then we’d have to vote as a full gpss to suspend these clauses of the bylaws in order to even hear at that meeting.

Chris L: Unless its not a full resolution. I think it’s just a letter or petition.

Genesis: So you want to put forth a letter or petition that the senators are going to sign?

Chris E: Right, or something we approve of as GPSS so it’s not just me. Sorry for overlooking that and not bringing it up in the first meeting. I didn’t think it would be prudent to do it at that time with all the stuff we had to do.

Chris L: Right, you did mention that though.

Alice: What do you mean by a letter?

Chris E: So it would go to the legislators or the governor. So it says that we the gpss want these certain things and other thing is that it will be different from Moving King County Now to deal specifically with student interest. So we can say things like we have buying power by subsidizing King County Metro that if they don’t have that, we can just pull out our money and do it privately.

Genesis: Can we even threaten that?

Chris E: If they cut routes, they’re in breach of our upass contract. Let’s not get into specifics but its just a call of action that we need a special session and a transportation package needs to include these things. Pretty much, its understanding that when you say you want to support students, this is part of it. The reason we want to go this route is that if we can get alumni and/or funders that want to sign on as well, under the idea that it support students and not some transportation thing. That’s the global idea.

Chris L: So this would be somewhat equivalent to when gpss approves a state legislative agenda?

Chris E: Something like that.

Chris L: So its not in the form of a resolution. It just requires a simple majority vote to approve.

Alice: But isn’t that something that’s in the bylaws of the state legislative steering committee for example? That the senate will just approve the agenda or the directive of that committee but this is a novel thing that’s asking for action and support by GPSS which by definition will be a motions, which has to be presented in the form of a resolution. That’s how we do things right? We vote as a senate to approve resolutions to say we’re in support of something. In my opinion, if we wanted to do this next week rather than wait, I don’t see why we can’t just suspend the
bylaws to do the right way because its not as strong. I think we should do it following the procedure.

Chris E: Even so, if we pass a resolution I don’t know if i would send that to legislators.

Genesis: Aren’t we going to say that it’s to pass the resolution for the senate to sign letter?

Alice: Exactly.

Genesis: The resolution is to have the senate sign this letter or that the letter is coming from behalf of the senate.

Alice: And the letter is an appendix to the resolution.

Genesis: So that’s what the resolution will have to say. We the senate want to say this and this is what’s going to say on the letter.

Chris L: Is this feasible for Nov. 6? Can it wait til then?

Chris E: Yes.

Elisa: Can you send me the language and I can put it in the form of a resolution?

Alice: And at next week’s meeting we can vote to suspend bylaws so he can present.

Genesis: He’s presenting Nov. 6.

Elisa: So I’ll send out the resolution 2 weeks before the meeting which would be next Wednesday.

Alice: And then you can talk about it.

Chris L: So you want time to talk about it?

Chris E: Yeah, that’ll be fine.

Evan: I can imagine it be sent through execs any point at that process because I think the bylaws says it has to go through execs but execs don’t have to vote on it.

Chris E: I don’t see why I can’t just do that through my officer reports.

Chris L: We don’t have time for officer reports. We just did summer updates for last meeting. You sure you don’t want more time?
Kimberly: I think we did have officer reports last year.

Evan: We did and it took a long time. The VP specifically had a huge amount to talk about in most meetings especially during legislative season.

Genesis: But I think if it’s a specific issue, you should have your own agenda item.

Evan: Yes.

Alice: I agree. In the update it should be like “Here’s what I’m working on and what’s going on” but if there’s a resolution coming up that they’re going to get as an email, it should be a separate agenda item that they can look to that is recorded as part of our procedure. Again its annoying procedural parliamentary stuff but that’s why were here.

Evan: I think its important in case people want to discuss it so it doesn’t eat time from anything else. I say from 10 to 15 mins because people like to talk about resolutions.

Kimberly: Maybe a powerpoint might be helpful.

Evan: Maybe we didn’t have officer updates. Maybe it was just legislative but I’m not remembering Adam or anyone else having to talk. It was just a legislative update which is chris’s update.

Chris L: It’s been 78 mins and we’re nearing the end of our time. Is there anything else?

Kimberly: Just a question. So the gpss spotlight discussion is not caucus thing?

Chris L: No.

Genesis: Is that different from the geography presentation? We’re going to have two different ones?

Chris L: I think its fine because thats the the kind of thing we could do.

Alice: But could we just take that out? Like could you do it next week because i feel like if we’re giving them an opportunity to talk about the type of thing we would build in the agenda every week and if you gave a presentation especially in the same meeting where we discuss if we want it, I feel like it’s a little directive even if we explicitly say it can be anything we want. I think it’d be cool to see what kind of ideas they come up with and how they prioritize.

Evan: I would agree with that if we were the driving force for that but it came from the senate as a whole and they already have an idea of what they want to do. Chris is taking the initiative and
start doing it now. It’d be cool and I think the senate would like to see it done the next meeting.

Genesis: Is this just limited to senators or should we invite people?

Chris L: Could be anyone.

Genesis: Do they have to notify us ahead of time if they want more time?

Evan: Yes.

Genesis: I think it should be made clear that they have to let us know so that we can adjust the agenda and the timeline.

Chris L: They have to let us know before the executive meeting.

Alice: I feel like we should just have a set time, like 10 or 5 mins. sort of a flash in the pan. If we’re building it in the agenda and we want to do it for the whole year. Just for it to be our set amount of time to talk about whatever and whoever wants to fill the space can.

Chris L: We are out of time so I will entertain a motion to either extend time or to take action on this agenda.

Kimberly: I move to approve the agenda.

Genesis: Second.

Chris L: Any objections?

Alice: Yes, just 2 more minutes. 1 more thing. Do you want 5 minutes on yours?

Chris L: It’s on there.

Alice: Sorry, I withdraw my objection.

Chris L: Any more? Great, we have our agenda.

Alice: Don’t we have to vote on it?

Evan: It’s the no objection vote.

Chris L: When you object you have the opportunity to voice your objection and explain why you’re objecting. Moving on to scheduling for winter and spring quarter.
Genesis: Scheduling for winter and spring. If you pull up your calendars were starting senate meeting on the 15th. Exec will be on the 8th. Then every other week. It's the same schedule we're on now.

Evan: What day does the quarter start?

Genesis: It starts on January 6.

Genesis: So then our winter schedule is going to be for exec: Jan. 8th, Jan. 22nd, Feb. 5th, Feb. 19th, and Mar. 5th. Senate will begin on Jan. 15th, Jan. 29th, Feb. 12th, Feb. 26th, and Mar 12th.

Evan: Do we need to leave it open for more budget meetings?

Genesis: I think it fills up every quarter.

Evan: Last year, exec had to meet for lots of other sessions.

Chris: Based on our experience with the budgeting process, there's a lot of things we could do to make it less painful.

Genesis: That's winter. We're only doing this since we need the rooms. Spring quarter. Exec is going to meet on Apr. 2nd and every other week until may 28th. Senate will meet on Apr. 9th, Apr. 23rd, may 7th and may 21st. We can publish these dates ahead of time as well. Same time, 530 for each one.

Chris L: That's something i want to bring up. Is there a need or a desire to change our executive committee meeting time from 530 to 545? Are the kinds of thing you have Evan something that'll happen every time?

Evan: That was the class for this quarter. I'm just balancing between the two.

Kimberly: I have the same scheduling this quarter. I don't get done with class until 530.

Chris L: Does it make sense to push the meeting for this quarter to 545? Because if we don't have quorum we can't start so if we can get quorum earlier we can do that.

Alice: It was just today that I had that lecture but we had a special thing that was just today so I should be here on time.

Evan: If no one is opposed to starting later that would be cool because I could miss less class and attend more senate.

Chris L: Okay. I'm just talking for executive.
Alice: So you want us to wait to do approval of minutes?

Evan: You'll have quorum without me.

Genesis: Well Kimberly won't be here until 545 right?

Chris L: I guess Evelina’s not here either. I also like the idea of having many people here as we start. I’ll entertain a motion to move all executive meetings for fall quarter to 545.

Evan: So moved

Kimberly: So seconded.

Chris L: Any opposed? So for the remainder of fall quarter our meetings will start at 545. Where did we leave off on scheduling?

Alice: She went through all of them.

Chris L: I’ll entertain a motion to approve winter and spring scheduling.

Alice: Moved

Kimberly: Seconded.

Chris L: Executive senator reports. Anyone have anything?

Alice: Yes. I was going to talk about priorities because I really liked them, including better publicity, marketing and branding of gpss to it could be more known. Also the departmental outreach. I know its pretty difficult and I know secretaries from the past have been talking tirelessly to get people appointed but I think maybe if we do it through a peer pressure process to remind everyone to talk to their friends and maybe if we come up with a list of departments that we don't have representation from that could be useful. We could go start hounding people.

Chris L: We don’t have a negative list.

Genesis: Obviously we could count against the departments we have on campus and see through that.

Alice: Could we do that? Is there a list of department that we don’t have representation from that we could provide to all the senators?

Elisa: Kristin did an audit of all the departments last year. So she’ll be able to do that fairly easily.
Chris L: Obviously we have communication and outreach committee that is partially tasked with that but this might be a kind of thing that could become a working group for recruitment.

Alice: Yes, and providing a list to that committee and to all the senators will be a good resource for them. I really like the idea of using gpss as a place to facilitate departmental collaboration. It goes along with spotlight idea that we already talked about. The other thing is the association for women in science. Full disclosure, I worked for them in DC. They have an institutional membership program where if an institution pays a fee then all the grad students from that institution become free aws members. They get access to networking and mentoring and the aws magazine which is a news source for science and policy and for professional development. I wasn’t even sure if gpss would bring this to administrators or what the avenue would be but just thought I should bring up with you guys. It’s all grad students as well, not just women.

Kimberly: That’s cool

Chris L: The whole campus becomes a member?

Alice: All the graduates of the university that becomes an institutional partner with aws, and they’ll get promoted as a partner as well, will automatically have all grad students become free members. We would get free resources by the university coming up with this. I don’t know if we do a joint thing for the fee with administration but its a yearly fee. Or do one year as a trial run if people can benefit from it.

Chris L: What’s the fee?


Chris L: I think one thing to do is to make the rounds on campus of all departments that are doing similar work to get all the relevant stakeholders on board but obviously administration will be key. That would be a resolution directing me to make this ask. That’s a good idea. So we’re out of time for executive reports so can I entertain a motion to extend time?

Kimberly: Moved to extend.

Evan: Second. I was thinking that $2000 is a little outside GPSS funding but I think its a drop in the bucket for any of the colleges so I think the difficulty is who bears that cost because the sciences are spread out between 4 different colleges and also this is something to send to college councils since they work primarily on budgets. I know right now they’re reviewing budgets but why not have them propose a small thing? Alice: Why not have gpss be the central liaison for the professional development center for the graduate and professional students and get contributions from all the colleges? It would be negligible for all of them.
Evan: GPSS would have to be the one who organizes and get everyone on board with that because no one college will want to shoulder the burden for everyone else.

Chris L: Let’s do it.

Evan: So that also advertises uw as a supporter of women as science?

Alice: Exactly.

Evan: Then UW would look highly upon that.

Alice: UW is also an advanced institution which means they have a grant from the national institution to broaden groups of underrepresented people in STEM fields so it’s in line with what our university goes for. Also the office of the provost would be interested in doing it but it’s just a matter of making those connections. We could also promote them and help them and be beneficial. But what would I do next?

Chris L: I think the next step would be presenting it as a project to the senate. If gpss is going to be the central node for this the senate needs to take it on as project.

Evan: One thing to anticipate is competitor groups that do similar things and why aren’t we subscribed to them?

Genesis: Right, we’ll have more senators coming up saying “subscribe to this and that”. We should anticipate others coming up with other subscriptions

Evan: I think there are more women in science groups so I think it'll be important to say why we’re choosing one.

Alice: There’s small regional one, only this one is on a national level. There’s the society of women engineering but I don’t think they do a partnership.

Chris L: In addition to this, would you be willing to help drive the discussion of priorities next week? And highlight a few of those things and generate some more thinking from the senate.

Alice: I’d be happy to. I’ll wait on this aws partnership to have more time to talk about it, to not change the agenda.

Chris E: Do they do political advocacy?

Alice: They advocate but they don’t lobby because they’re a 501c3.
Chris E: So they should be safe. Because I know Rene might say that you can’t spend money on a lobby group.

Genesis: Wait, 501c3 so they’re technically a non-profit organization? we might not be able to give them money but gpss can’t use state money to give to charity. Colleges could so we can just spearhead the project.

Alice: So we can have the office of the provost flipping a coin in their bank account and have all the graduate students benefit from it. id be happy to spearhead that and bring up the priorities.

Chris L: A lot of them are institutional strengthening things that are really important and we should follow up on this and task the people that brought up to do the work. Then they’ll get kicked into a committee to work more in depth or create a working group. I think the thing to convey through this is that the possibilities are limitless. Senators can take ideas as far as they want. Anyone else?

Kimberly: First update, you mentioned earlier. The sexual assault prevention task force. We submitted our first report to the president. My other report, has Shawn Callahan from the Law school has been in contact with you about tailgating?

Chris L: No.

Kimberly: I just wanted to check because I have to talk to him. I heard somebody else that had talked to him said that he wasn’t a fan of the idea but I think he was under the impression that this was for every game not just one game. He’s the one that’s been a beast and taking care of all these tailgates. I will talk to him them and you’re coming to meeting tomorrow?

Chris L: SPA meeting? yes. What time is it?

Kimberly: It’s at 1230. I think Shawn is invited but I’ll just remind him again and we can talk about it.

Chris L: I’ll say more on my update but I talked to Andrea about this too. Evan?

Evan: Not much, just feelers going up in my department to possibly add in a marine bio major instead of minor. What concerned me is that it might just shift the population fairly heavily towards undergrad from grads. I don’t think it’ll be a huge problem since our funding is from federal funding so we don’t rely too much on state funding but if this happened to a more purely state funded college, that might be an unfortunate thing happening to them as the grad students will take less priority because there’s less grads.

Chris L: Officer reports. Chris?
Chris E: I was at the transportation thing the other night. We talked to representatives afterwards so it was kinda interesting. We got applications out to people who signed up for committee sign ups. Nothing back yet so I have to crack a whip on that. Transportation. Chris will talk about this for the higher ed summit. We know that asuw will have legislative reception on the 18th so we're gonna do some of our panels that day and possibly a Tues. event as well. 3 topics we're going to cover are healthcare as for students, pay it forward which is a funding option, and new online education stuff that's coming forward. That's it in a nutshell. I'm working on transportation stuff and just get a bit of a feeler of some things. Its interesting. uw or students have a pretty interesting seat at the table where access is high but at the end of the day i don't think there's any teeth in what we do. We're patronized to be included but we don't have any power or clout in decisions. Were limited by what we can do. Obviously business interests can donate and things like that. This is just a commentary of things i'm thinking about of how we want to do things. On a certain level students are knowledgeable of this which makes them apathetic but it makes it a lot harder to get support. This is just what I'm thinking and if they are relevant and see if we can address them.

Evan: Do you have suggestions to give us teeth?

Chris E: That's what i need to work on and I'm open to ideas. in some aspects it's the nature of the beast. on the other end, its one of those things, do we need to have importance to get people involved or get people involved to have importance? people like us getting involved. we have some great opportunities to do that. These are slowly growing ideas but maybe we just need to start being tough and start saying things. Were just used saying that we want to lower tuition they're raising it on us anyway. Or if we can't get get bus routes we need we'll use our money on other things. In reality we want to do things that good for everybody. On the other end, we're just being nice so do we change that? can we change that? how do we do that? i don't want to make enemies either. i'm sensitive to that but if its just to start calling people out. Personally Ii would say the admin is part of that as well.

Alice: I came from a non-profit organization advocating at the national level. I started with adding my name to listservs and the mantra i went by is advocacy is not an immediate gratification. its a commitment to long-term progress. its about relationship building. youre coming from the staff side of it so you can see from the inside so its easier to see the impact because you're making the decision but advocody its hard and grueling. you don't get what you want but the fact that you're there is to make a good relationship and to make a statement. Something that we talked about is last year is political capital. where do you want to spend your time and political capital and where do you think it'll be best spent?

Chris E: I feel really good about what I'm working on and I don't want to take away from that. I think its beneficial and it's a slow process but on the other end, we put stuff out and get 4 people to respond. I need to figure out how to rally people but i feel that were at a disadvantage to get people to care. so that's where I'm coming from because and i can go do the things and have a lot of wins. i don't want that mindset i want people to come with us.
Evan: I agree especially on this transport thing where economically we comprise a lot of interests but we don’t hold that much power. I don’t think they’ve seen what they fought for going the right way and they say why bother.

Chris E: Maybe were too busy because in reality if they’re going to cut routes for uw, we can pay more money for it. It might be better if we cut all the routes to uw cause that’s the only way to ensure people will get involved. I’m not trying to be a Debbie downer, just thinking out loud.

Chris L: Great, Genesis.

Genesis: Very quick. My committees are formed except for science and policy because we need to trim it. Rene and I are figuring out a process to see who really wants to be on it and who just signed up and doesn’t have the time commitment. Were trying to get a meeting next week. Finance and Budget committee meets this week and travel grants meets next week for an orientation then will meet after applications close. Science and policy is planning with fosep an educational panel on labeling gmo foods. I think we’re a go for that event. That’s oct. 28th at 5:30 in hub 322. Our poster will be printed tomorrow. For committees, that’s it. Our financial state is so far so good. We haven't been spending that much money.

Chris: Elisa?

Elisa: Diversity’s meeting on friday. Judicial is meeting next week. Meeting with communication and outreach next week as well. My committees are all getting together so that is all i’m working on is figuring out the annual reports from last year and making plans for this committee. I have a couple questions for the minutes from senate last week. we missed couple names. can we just strike that?

Chris L: we can’t strike that but we can amend the minutes or ask whoever said that.

Alice: Then we can just remind people at that time to say their name. The majority of the time people didn’t identify names so can you just interrupt and ask for names so they can get practice as well.

Elisa: Who represented the state legislative committee?

Chris L: I can't remember his name but I’ll ask at next meeting to identify themselves. asuw is not here so president. this weekend i’m taking my general exams so consider me unavailable from 5pm Friday to 9am Monday. Tailgating is going well with evans. The problem is getting non-evans people to come out. It’s set up right in front of the columns so it’s a nice place. The next game’s kickoff is at 8 so we’ll be running a social from 2 to 4 on the 26th. i think we learned enough about advertising so we had a good turnout and it looks like its going to be sunny. second thing is next week, W day is coming up in conjunction with homecoming. There’s a
university-wide fundraising effort called love purple raise gold. Joey and I want to make sure we wet our beaks on that with alumni newsletters and links to various funds we have set up. Austin and I are still working on the university committees. I sent out another email where I begged or encouraged senators to apply for university committees. we also need 3 appointees to the student technology fee committees and student activities fee committee. please encourage people to look at the website. for my internal committees, i’ll pull together before i disappear into the ether. college councils is an ongoing conversation. something that will be done along with elise, the chair at pacs, kiana, and Michael. that’s something were working on. Budgeting, talking a lot of faculty salary. there’s a plan to bring faculty salaries up to the peer level over the next several years assuming the money can be found. It’s Jack Lee’s plan. That would be great if it actually happens.

Evan: Did we discuss this last year? It sounds familiar.

Alice: No, that was lifting faculty salary fees.

Chris L: Faculty salaries are 12% below the peer medium on average. for professor’s that’s been here longer, the average is pushing 30% so it gets worse if you're here longer but its something that’s being worked on. chris mentioned the higher ed summit so we’re planning for that. if you’re interested in helping out, do let me know. I had laura do research on various topics and putting together a short list of panels and talking to asuw in integrating again with their legislative banquet so that we can synergize on that. i think that’s all i have. i had lunch with John Vincent, the police chief, and i think it went very well. We talked about the safety presentation and was extremely grateful to elisa in particular and thought it was a huge success. it was an important collaboration with uwpd. We talked about further opportunities about expanding the conversation on campus safety and also about the sexual assault taskforce. at one point, he had a lot of questions about gpss. I said, i think over the history of gpss it started out as an offshoot of asuw because grads and professional students had concerns that were different from undergrads. Over the years, I think we’re really moving and in a transition period between addressing the more prosaic concerns of grad students like child care, student life and that kind of student government-y stuff and we’re really moving into a more mature phase and defining our self as a community of grad students and doing collaborative projects and establishing a voice for ourselves. a lot of the conversations we have now is reflective of that. these discussions are difficult or frustrating but i think it’s indicative of process.

Elisa: one more thing. Claire was working with us to make promotional videos about the 3 things we do to advocate and serve the community. i was going to get Keolu and Alice to give the science and policy piece and joey hunziker to get diversity and service piece and maybe michelle Dylan from last year to talk about fee based programs and lobbying. Unfortunately, Claire had to back out but i want to take it on myself because I think its a cool idea and I love making promotional videos. You'll see one that I'm about to post about the north of ave mural which gpss was a part of with community affairs. So look forward to that.
Chris L: Any other announcements? Officers meet briefly after meeting. I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Evan: Moved

Genesis: Second