1) Call To Order

Adam: calls meeting at 530pm.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Adam: I’d like to request changes to accommodate schedules. I’d like to keep Josh on 1st but I’d like to move UAW arbitration to number 5 spot.
Trond: moves
Chris: seconds
Adam: Will anyone approve new agenda?
Trond: moves
Kristen: seconds

3) Approval of Minutes From 9/26/12 Exec Meeting

Melanie: moves
Chris: seconds

4) Student Tech Fee (STF) Presents the Yearly Funding Plan

Adam: Monday we sent out yearly funding plan. I’m hoping josh can walk us through it.
Josh: It details what we spent funds on last year. Gives you generalization on how we allocate budget. We don’t get final figures until July 1. Therefore the committee allocates fees we don’t essentially have at the moment. Same as last year, we had a problem with getting enough appointees. The real meat of it is in appendix A: request for proposals. We are working on creating new website. What we are looking to fund. Eligibility- it was a point
of contention last year. Faculty contact-if you have valid proposal you can find someone to sponsor you. Researching vendors-if you can find someone cheaper, we could use them. Writing the proposal-informing the committee of what you are requesting. Review process committee will reward it. Funding categories- we require everybody to put proposal in a specific category. Where the bulk of the proposal lies. Sooner or later we will move away from computer labs. Frontier technologies is cutting edge. Machinery and research stuff for engineering or wood. Collaborative and portable. We are putting software in and looking into adobe software this week. Meeting with UW IT tomorrow.

adam: Any questions?
trond: I am curious about the requirement for student technology?
josh: There is no firm line. Its a factor in our metric. I’ve seen it be considered by the committee. We don’t draw fine line because there are things that need to be locked up. It adds prestige to the university.
adam: What percentage of the budget is that?
josh: Research is 15% total. Student access and use is a big factor.
adam: Any other questions?
adam: I have question about new website. In regards to ‘everyone has to do new username’ Is this a barrier?
josh: We had issues with spam on last website and fake proposals getting created. The new user name is an easy one step process.
adam: Can we open up the process more with transparency about areas of funding-history of fee, more information about fee. What percentage of total budget.
trond: This should be as transparent as possible.
adam: On tuition statement could it be a hyperlink.
adam: You changed it from collaborative to collaborative and portable?
josh: It’s matching up with the reality of what we are actually funding. Projects in port orchard and Latin America.
adam: Any other questions?
adam: You need official approval right?
trond: Moves to approve yearly funding.
chriss: Seconds.

5) UAW Resolution

adam: We are aware that fees have been an issue. The union filed grievance against UW saying they have not fulfilled contract. An arbitrator made decision that the university violated the contract. The UW has filed a motion for reconsideration to arbitrator and the union does not like that. They think that the arbitrator decision should be final.
adam g: People are upset. ASEs are upset. I know that undergrads are angry that UW is not fulfilling contact with employees. I come here on behalf of my department, not on behalf of union. I am a first quarter gpss senator. Last year the gpss senators from political science were not that active. I saw a resolution as a way to show solidarity with students. The university is spending money on high priced lawyer and making arguments about why they are not in violation of contract. Myself and my co-senator James have decided to put together a resolution. Chris Lizotte and I put together a resolution and brought it to senate meeting and got names of people who are interesting in cosponsoring. Adam Sherman put
in some criticism and language changes that we integrated. We tried to find an overlapping consensus between interested parties and still maintain legitimacy of fees. Today’s resolution is the product of this consensus building.
eddie: I am happy to be cosponsor on this. It wasn’t just that the union was going back to arbitrator, the UW threatened to go back to court. It was disrespectful. There was an article in dispute and this led to a grievance by union. The university followed process and got result they didn’t want and then went outside the process. This is dangerous because it shows the UW can go outside the process. Its important to say that the UW must respect the process and keep their promises. We don’t want to be re-litigating or doing legal arguments. We want to be making the point that there are grad students who have been mistreated.
cris: I have a question. So we are saying. “the arbitrator ruled against you. You need to comply with it”? Would we be comfortable if we reversed positions if the union wanted to apply?
trond: I think there is a false distinction in there. We represent students, not the university. On the other hand, I would like to say ‘swiftly resolve the dispute with due process’. Not weigh in opinion of decision. Swiftly resolve within the parameters of the contract. Not to tell them to comply.
adam g: I think that is fair. As long as it says due process along with contract.
trond: Change it to “we urge uaw and uw to resolve dispute within due process.”
adam g: What would be dishonoring the process is if uw took it to the superior court. The arbitrator is already reconsidering.
eddie: The only worry I have is the implication that they haven’t been playing nice.
trond: “gpss urges the uw and uaw local 4121 to swiftly resolve dispute within due process as outlined in the contract”.
Melanie: 2nd clause, I think it sounds nice but it may not be possible. Specifically looking at upass. I have concern what the union asks for. It is basically asking for upass to be optional for ases. Once you make it optional everyone wants it to be option. It’s a bad precedent and there are financial consequences.
eddie: The motion to recommit, the union asked for fee remission for upass. The university already considers that deal to be final for upass. The union even said that the amount of rebates is capped at 15%.
adam: If uw has rebate program than I’m ok with that. What i am concerned about is realistically since 2007 we’ve not been able to go to legislature for more money for anything. The result has been born by students. I won’t to make sure people understand that. I won’t people to be aware that since 2007 all money coming in has either been from donors or students.
trond: Its important that the university doesn’t make up for this by the upass.
amber: That explanation helped more. I understood it the second time.
adam: I just want to make that distinction between compensation and waiving
Melanie: The uw should find other sources of funding for upass?
trond: We set that fee. We as students.
adam g: The university had resolved upass issues with last offer?
adam: Its on the website. Last, best, and final offer.
adam g: Last offer to preserve upass as it stands. This resolution is not saying that the uw must comply with arbitrators decision as of tomorrow. Adam I appreciate that you will say
in senate meeting that this will fall hard on students. The union and gpss have common
ground in going to Olympia to lobby for higher education money.
Melanie: On a slightly different issue, in terms of second clause, it sounds nice but how will
it get paid?
trond: I would like to break that clause up.
Melanie: I feel like it is realistic. I’m not saying I’m an expert on budget.
trond: If you get a100 thousand research grant, the amount that the ase gets is very small.
There is a slight increase but not a large increase. There are reasons to think that it is money
neutral.
Melanie: The folks that are research funded, there is potential money for them.
Kristen: I know that a lot of TAs are funded through research.
adam: Part of the problem is that it gets very specific based on each program. We should be
doing this deliberately and knowing what the consequences are. My role is educating
senators on the issue.
trond: The first part of it needs to be rewritten. Any compliance needs not to heavily impact
upass program. If we allow them to undermine us, then we don’t want them to scare us.
adam: We can urge them to no negative impact on students.
melanie: Move to extend time by 5 minutes.
chris: seconds
Kristen: I like that its in there because it shows that we’re concerned.
trond: It just needs to be tweaked.
Melanie: What about the idea of calling out research funding?
eddie: This is why I suggested keeping it in the frame that the uw must stay in the
commitments. If the uw succeeds in getting this overturned, that sends terrible precedent
for other people who have uw commitments. It should be in the frame as ‘uw keeping its
commitment to students’. The original implied that the uaw is greedy in saying those things.
adam: You need to follow that contract.
eddie: The contract is the commitment. Maybe when we break up paragraph we could
include commitment frame.
adam g: I was going to say that if we start telling them to look for the money elsewhere, it
opens a can of worms.
adam: It is part of my job to make sure when they implement it, that it is with student
priorities. Can we put together language between now and Wednesday? 3 or 4 of us get
together and compile friendly amendments?
Kristen: Also, I’ve set up catalyst for people to talk about this type of stuff.
adam: This has to be put together tonight. This has to go out seven days in advance

6) GPSS Committee Appointments

Melanie: I move to appoint James Harmon to state legislative steering committee. Colin
Bates to federal legislative steering committee. James has experience doing advocacy with
foster youth and leg experience.
chris: seconds
vera: I move to appoint kristen gelino, james harmon, dormush karate (physics) to student
life committee.
Kristen: seconds
Kristen: kim s, brita p, katherine v. They are from various departments interested in diversity committee. I move.
vera: seconds

7) Senate Meeting Agenda

adam: At last meeting Vera talked about having temperature reading section. Maybe have a time in front where people can check in to let people know and come find me afterwards to talk about it.
Melanie: Can we put something on this before the meeting so people understand what temperature reading is. I would like it to be something they get ahead of time.
vera: I think that temperature reading is a quick action.
Melanie: Could we put announcements in parentheses?
adam: Previously on gpss is what we did at previous meeting.
trond: I would write down ‘2 minutes’.
adam: Next item is resolution that we were just discussing (20 minutes).
Kristen: Senator is adam.
adam: This is going to be action.
adam: There were a couple options about college councils. We talked about break out sessions.
chris: We were wrestling with breaking out by colleges for this particularly discussion. The complication is that we have awkwardly sized groups for this particular topic.
Melanie: One other thought, there might be some groups who are not interested in this idea. There could be other topics they could talk about.
chris: I would be happy to wrangle arts and sciences into some subdivisions and bringing them back together.
adam: At the very end you’ll need to get together and say we are one council
Melanie: In terms of smaller schools, do we want to suggest that they get together?
adam: We could have them share best practices or ideas. I think the business, Evans and law school have very different realities.
chris: For arts and sciences very few grad students know there is already a council.
Melanie: If we can include this in agenda. They need to know what to expect.
adam: And by then we should have best practices for them
Kristen: I assume that you would put health sciences together?
Melanie: Maybe school of public health should have their own
adam: At that point we are at 63 minutes.
Melanie: Does anyone have input regarding state leg agenda? We’ll send background information. 15 minutes. The best way to do it.
adam: other items to add to agenda?
Kristen: I don’t think so.
amber: Don’t be afraid to respect senator time. If we don’t have anything else on agenda, then just leave it.
adam: Motion to approve agenda as in google doc
chris: Moves
trond: Seconds
8) Senate Exec Nominee

adam: Lets have a brief discussion regarding who we think would be good. Maybe in our announcements at senate meeting ask for volunteers.
Kristen: I have concern, we have been recruiting a lot and maybe nobody will volunteer. Is there anyone we want to nominate?
Melanie: Ask for volunteers.
adam: I don’t want to take more than 2 minutes.
adam: Lets talk about who we think would be good.
trond: Rather than asking for volunteers, then maybe ask for them to nominate someone they know who would be good.
adam: do we want to talk about this now?

9) New Business (special meeting agenda item)

Kristen: This was a placeholder

11) Old Business

12) Executive Officer Reports

trond: We’ve interviewed engineering deans and hopefully we could make recommendation to provost. I am pleased with the candidates. I still think the best candidate is mike brave. Currently he is interim dean at university of Illinois urban champagne. He is the best in terms of making administrative moves. He’s very logical and articulate and has done very specific things. There is one more interview tomorrow.
Michael: He comes from a school with differential tuition.
trond: I think it would be highly likely it will be implemented, unfortunately.
chris: I am still in need of someone to replace me for airport interview next week dean. Most people I know have teaching responsibilities. Two full days, 8-6. At the downtown hotel.
trond: Would it be possible to have different students do it?
chris: Yes I think that would be possible. Its the 8th and 9th.
adam: I cannot do it. But keep looking
chris: Disney just bought lucas film and will make new starwars film

13) Officer Reports

a. Vice President

Melanie: Working to finalize state leg agenda. Any input you have is helpful. Tuition, cap gains tax, closing tax exemptions. Meeting with a couple legislators. Andy hill higher education summit. First republican I met with. Got republican perspective. GRC had first meeting last week. Trying to get student testimonials, interest in videotaping people. See if that group could arrange more ways to get testimonials. Everything else I’ve talked about. Trivia night last night.
adam: It went really well. Head to head with undergrads possibly. There is ballot box van coming red square Friday through Monday. Brian has been working on get out the vote.

b. Treasurer
Vera: The social committee has been on hiatus since fall social. We’re coming up with events such as rent out game rooms down stairs. Pair up departments that are male/female. We had university affairs meeting today. We appointed a few people to student life. We have nearly full committee. We talked about fees, health insurance.

c. Secretary
Working on roster. Still getting new senators. We have science and policy marijuana panel tomorrow evening. From 6-8. Diversity subcommittee meeting Friday. Most of you were here when we piloted the survey. Judicial met last week. Chair is michael hutchinson and everyone came. Communication and outreach met, one of the members Justin is interested in working on our website more.

d. ASUW
Michael: We had Halloween party. We have our own uaw resolutions going through student senate. We are keeping it away from arbitrator decision and towards upass. We are talking about asuw restructure. Lots of ideas thrown around. OGR is having lots of events. We had a catastrophe at last board meeting regarding poorly designed website. Because we were talking about it as creative communications but it really was a different company uw creative. Creative communications was not happy.

e. President
Still working on PACS best practices packet but it is almost done. It will be big tool for people engaging on this. Want to work with Amber on informal social. Grad school dean search is going well we have narrowed it down to 2. Bill zummema is the candidate with a lot of momentum. Dave edan from the office of research. He has done a lot of good stuff. Certainly a qualified candidate. Both seem open to idea of college councils. Zummema demonstrated that he had involved students in policy. Next interviews are 27th and 30th. Higher education summit is coming along. Michael young is back in. Apparently he is rescheduling his calendar for this. I don’t think we’ve reported that uw impact is supporting event with 1000$. Info about higher ed summit. Trying to get faculty to come out to higher ed summit. Leo and I had meeting with Kim johnson bogert to see if there are any grants out there that we could get money for. If you have ideas talk to Leo about it. Still exploring ways to raise money for endowment. Continue to talk to josh hansen about transparency of fees on website.

14. Announcements
vera: We allocated funds to Muslim students association 300$ to their event on nov 3rd. travel grants.
amber: Daniel is lead. Everyone is realizing that we don’t need to interview anymore. I felt like we’ve done enough collection.
15. Adjourn
trond: motion to adjourn
chris: seconds