Motion to approve Agenda.

Eddie S: So moved

Alex B: Seconded

Alice P: I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes from last week.

Yasmeen: So moved

Alex B: Seconded

Alice P: The first thing I want to get out of the way is to schedule our executive retreat. I was refereed to Peggy from Dorothy bullet from the Evans School. Do we want to schedule this now while we are all in the room or electronically. August 21st…

Rene: I will be on vacation

Yasmeen: What time (how long) is this retreat?

Alice P: I don't know, half day or so. We can end before 5 or 6. Sept 9th? Tuesday Either the 9th or the 10th.. Wednesday the 10th work?

Alex: yes

Eddie: yes

Evan: yes

Douglass: yes

Alice P: I will entertain a motion to approve the date September the 10th, Wednesday.

Alex B: So moved.

Christina: Seconded.
Alice P: any objections? Ok great, perfect, sorry I forgot to ask that the last few times. Cool, moving right along the next item is the Bill of Student Rights Charter... Some of you know about I have mentioned informally, I want to get it on the record I am interested in chartering a bill of student rights. Christina, I think can speak for herself, but is interested also. So we want to do this in a way that is structured and allows for people to be successful on it. In the fall we can create a joint committee of ASUW and GPS people to take it and run with it. Since I am interested in it I can chair that committee, but I think, Christine and I talked about it and if we want both senates to approve it and the student body to own it would be really great to have a group of people who are really passionate about it working on it together. On that note, I forgot to hand this around.

When I talked to Jerry B. (Denzil S. and 2 other people). Said we don’t need a Student Bill of Rights, look we have an executive order from the office of the Provos, that is the UW Pact with Students, and we support this. That might be why efforts in the past have stalled, this isn’t the first time, this isn’t strictly my idea. Kelly Edwards from the grad school has brought this up to me.

I know previous GPSS tried to do this did GPSS vote this down?

Rene: Typically sometimes it just slipped through. A wee bit of history, when the bill of rights issue come up on campuses, typically they come up not because everyone is getting along not because everyone is happy, but because people or discontent and they think the institute is not granting them their rights. So it comes up from a heat of passion. Faculty members and staff members will probably wonder if you guys are upset or are having a typical problem. Sometimes the bill of rights proposals that have come up in the heat of passion, get voted down because they include something or don’t include something or they don’t like how it is written. It has roots in the past with that passion. Depending on how you ask the question, if you ask the question a certain way, you will get angst versus just thinking different. Some of these have been tied to campus conduct issues, so there will be people thinking about that. My recommendation is for you guys to think through what your goals are going to be, and have them written, and if you want this to be proactive, then have that perspective. It has not been necessarily smooth going, sometimes when people say you need something there is an awareness of that angst may be.

Alice P: I think that is a really important perspective, I think we can actually take advantage of that, in the past it failed because there were some big issue that people were up in arms about. I think we can be successful by being really political and diplomatic about this and just saying hey we have a great relationship with the admin, with the faculty senate, here we have students asking, because we do. Kelly Edwards asks "what are my rights?" My committee is taking 2 years to get back to me, just issues that come up and people are like “What are my rights” I think it is a really good thing. A really good recommendation from Adam Truman, previous GPSS pres. wanted to go back and look at all our pier institutions and figure out what the president is for these. Hopefully I will have hired a University Affairs Director to then work on that
I think it is an important step. That being said there are some issues that are on the agenda later, but I can bring them up now. The issue of unpaid work, that came up last year.

Christina: Rene brought up a really good point about it being elective, shared governance. Not a lot of shared governance is guaranteed. There is nothing written saying this relationship will continue. We have a great relationship, we just want to ensure that it continues in case we run into conflict. All of this is 2, 3, 4 years new. Students have not had the same stake in it as before.

Alice P: This "Pact" says we invite students to obtain representative input. It doesn't guarantee to be on all the university committees, which we have right now, but could go away.

Rene: Well no, they are built in.

Alice P: Are they codified?

Rene: Yes, they are codified. That is why I wanted to make sure that you guys know what you want to get, that you know what you have. You have it codified that you get participation. You have this thing, go to the UW webpage, look up the university handbook, there is a whole section on student government and the relationship with the institution. We have WA. State administrative codes and revised codes that talk about that. This school has stuff codified, you will probably be surprised. PAX, The tech fee committee is codified with the state legislature. So before you decide to talk about what it is that you want, let's look at what it is that you have. Do that research this summer so you guys are totally educated.

Alice P: Another issue, that maybe this could be resolved by looking at what is currently codified, but I think part of the motivation is an advocacy move for various issues. One of which is the unpaid work issue. I don't know if everyone was at the GPSS Senate meeting where the school of Social Workers came in and talked about their group student social workers stand up. Apparently they worked with the college council, because most the students on the college council are happy with their practicum, some of them are paid, they get good educational oversight, basically they are content.

Alex B: Is that group elected?

Alice P: I do not know I think elected…

Alex B: I remember hearing that they might be picked

Eddie: they might be the only ones who have the time
Rene: Because ASWU and GPSS are the ones that pushed for the college councils, look back, you might want to review some of those things. When you talk about your rights there is a whole range of things. You might have some things in mind, but definitely research what you have. In your files and bi:laws you should have the early resolution regarding the college council that gives you information about what people decided to do. There might be steps you might have to take. So, you might want to check on those.

Alice P: Thank you for that Rene, That is really important. I agree we need to see what all the college councils are doing. Your rights, the FSLA protects your right for unpaid work, they do not believe the practicum work does not fall under educational internship or is classified as a volunteer. Is anyone interested in working on the student Bill of Rights… Thats fine. Next thing, recommendation for fee based program criteria. I had a request from the provost… Structure and stakeholders that should be involved in evaluating what classifies a program as a fee:based program.. Currently the school has a moratorium of conversions from state programs to fee:based. What I am asking all of you, is to discuss it to hear ideas, and identify senators who are interested. I know Danny Fitz did her thesis on it and I have like appealed to her to meet for coffee. She graduated already, I know her from a friend and happened to be a previous senator. I put Action on here, I think we can forgo any vote on that, any ideas or questions?

Yasmeen: I am confused by the question… I thought a fee based program is just any program that has a different fee structure from.

Alice P: That is the definition, criteria for what they should be, sets limits on what we can turn into a fee:based program, Like if public health was turned into fee:based, that doesn’t make since, because public health is public good and should be funded by the state. An example would be something that is non traditional, new edgy, we can charge money for it.

Yasmeen: Moratorium is for creation or conversion?

Alice P: It is just like guidelines for a fee based program should look like. Yasmeen: I think those are 2 diff questions. The creation of a new program, I personally think you can create any program you want that is fee:based as long as people know going in that it is fee:based. I think it is trickier with conversions because people don’t know.

Eddie S. : On the other hand there is the danger that it sets a bad precedent. It also, in general, sets the precedent of having programs not supported by the state. So I think it is broader than that…
Alex B: My understanding is that they create profiles, can a program qualify to be a fee-based program. Does it fit into the criteria, they are almost trying to group them, does this fit within this, regardless if its new or current program. That is my understanding, but I think you have a point that maybe they should be two different things.

Alice P: So one of the arguments for the point you are making is that “We cannot exist unless we convert to fee-based.” that would be a case when they ask can we convert anyway or else there can be no program. That is the main argument, personally I am not buying it, I think it is an excuse. I think if there were set criteria they would find another way. That is my inclination. There is going to be some spin off from the council of planning and budgeting.

Alex B: The way you explained that makes a lot of since but could set up a negative, once you set criteria, then does everyone single type of program that looks like that become a fee based? We want to be aware of that, if we place something.

Eddie: What is the ideal scenario? Legitimately you can have the opinion that fee based at all is a bad thing, and that’s my opinion, but if it is something you have to live with, then what is our position? We are advocating for GPSS so there is some solution. The negotiated position should not be the one we start with… What do we start with?

Rene: Last year this came up in Olympia, this topic came up. If you go through and read it you might see other clues of what they are trying to address regarding that, might be clues to pinpoint what pressure points and what you are looking for. That was discussed on more than one session. May also want to check with other schools, at least WSU.

Alice P: I went to the interviews for the new vice provost… These programs are market driven, we want to have these offerings. Issue RA and TA are difficult for fee-based students to get. Because the union negotiation TAs are not allowed to be charged tuition, someone has to pay, now they have it setup that the department that hires you. So we have to be mindful of how the policies affect students.

Eddie S: I was going to mention this. On behalf of fee based students who didn’t get their compensation. They were fee-based.. Tony Faro spearheaded that grievance. She knows all the students affected by this. She had to reach out to the University to pursue this grievance. I went to a union meeting, some were hired as RAs, and their advisers got mad after hiring them so they got abuse from their advisors and went through this whole thing…

Yasmeen: It does have some ideas on criteria… potential criteria…

Alice P: they do have a draft criteria. UW Bothell is a good thing to cross reference.
Procedural stuff. I will just entertain a motion that we work on forming a committee to look at this and address this..

Aex B: Point of information, are we looking at what the criteria should be or who we want on the committee?

Alice P: Who we want on the committee. Get the ball rolling. I am asking for a motion that this is something we want to do.

Alex B: So moved
Eddie: Second

Alice P: Any objections? Feel free to email me in regards to that. The next two items are the issues that Natalie brought up in her email and report. We have an individual in FIUTS she is requesting that she has two votes, my initial reaction is to say no, you have 1 vote as a senator.

Evan Firth: My take is that you just 1 vote, and 1 representation. In case there is conflict between departments and programs.

Doug: In our constitution it says that each senator shall have 1 vote.

Yasmeen: Can we perhaps send her something encouraging her to find another rep for one of the programs?

Alice P: I will entertain a motion to respond to the senator and let her know she is allowed 1 vote, and encourage her to find another senator to represent the constituency.

Eddie: So moved
Evan: Second

Alice P: This next item is brought to us by Natalie, a petition she drafted for a program that wishes to apply for representation in GPSS. She did a great job on putting that together.

Yasmeen: I have a question, it looks like we are trying to make them work hard to get representation, I wonder why. A petition seems like a barrier getting people involved in GPSS. If I went to my department, assuming we didn’t have a representation I would probably get 2-4 signatures, it seems ridiculous. I know it’s in our bylaws, does it have to be this involved, can it just be a one page application?

Rene: You guys put this in your bylaws and it was never used, there is no protocol or precedent or anything. Then the next question was what do the undergrads do. I
supposed you need to figure out what you need to do. The good news is that Natalie read the documents, looked into it and started working on it. This is kind of cool.

Yasmeen: Let the record state that I think Natalie did a great job.

Rene: She did a great job

Yasmeen: but I don’t think this is the right way to go.

Evan Firth: I don’t think you have to fill out all 20, just 10%, My program is 80 people, that’d be finding 8 people, which is just like my cohort.

Yasmeen: I think starting, setting the precedent with a low bar will be better than a 2 page application to justify why you want representation.

Evan: I Could find things to strike, 3b, 3a would be a lot of leg work, may not be useful.

Yasmeen: May I interrupt Evan for a moment?

Evan: Sure

Yasmeen: For example 3a, if we are going with biology, course listings, there are approximately 0 graduate courses in biology, we take classes in other departments. Curriculum we take 18 graded credits and we do research from any department. What is the purpose of this? Making us feel embarrassed for having a crappy curriculum?

Eddie: I want to agree with Evan and Yasmeen, the application seems intimidating, but most questions are required by the bylaws except 3a and 3b. I think 3a and 3b should be eliminated.

Evan: I think maybe 5a should also be struck, Why do people want GPSS representation…

Alice P: I agree, these students don’t know how GPSS representation will benefit them yet. That is our job to educate them why GPSS will benefit them.

Evan: So striking those 3 things and a change of formatting this could be 1 page, front and back.

Yasmeen: With those things struck, I am totally okay with this application, and think it is a good start.

Alice P: I would also change 5b to a 1 pager with front and back.

Evan: Could someone explain #2, why do we need that…
Eddie: Clause 6 sections A, item 2. Evidence of unique application process is part of the bylaws.

Alice P: I am in a genetics program, I had to fill out a 1 page thing. And I would have representation. I think that is a legitimate thing. Any further discussion? I will entertain a motion to approve Natalie sending out this form and petition with the following changes, strike 3a 3b 5a, and specify that signatures will be on the back of the form.

Eddie: Point of information, do we want to consider the 10% requirement? I do not think it is required under the bylaws. For big departments that might be difficult.

Alice P: We can take out the 10% and have it just be, must gather signatures from students enrolled in that program.

Eddie: I move

Evan: I second

Alice P: Any objections? Fantastic. I will let Natalie know we are pleased with the work she did. The next thing… Natalie Doug and I have been chit chatting about an orientation for all grad and professional students. I had my program orientation and that was it, but where is my welcome to becoming a husky, but you don’t get any of that in my experience and I would like that, I think it would help us get visibility. The academic unit that is the graduate school is spread out, don’t do a good job of advertising. So I have talked to some people they are interested, I talked to Denzil Suite and he is on board, but I always ask well is the Husky experience include Grad Students or UG. So I pitched it like "hey you know how you want to expand Husky experience to grad students" Orientation might make deans feel

Yasmeen: can we do a welcome day?

Alice P: it is already advertised. We are thinking the first day of school, 23rd of Sept. We might be competing with orientation. Starting on noon.. people might not want to come to school.

Yasmeen: What is it what are you picturing it being like?

Alice P: this fall will be a very small pilot version, but an ideal scenario would be mimosas and gluten free bagels with the deans and a big interdisciplinary way, then we get the young naturalist involved and have them do a tour and then have scavenger hunt where people find buildings and different things, maybe a showcase of current work by current grad students, launch pad for grads guiding grads, then a happy hour, fun information, and find out about the grad school and feel like becoming a Husky.
Yasmeen: who will be paying for it?

Alice P: That is why we are partnering with different things. We got a recommendation from Kelly the communications person to form a committee around this idea. Denzil said he wanted to support this and that it can be a part of the Husky Experience.

Alex B: I went to the Thesaurus and I think the best term is indoctrination

Yasmeen: How about Welcome Day?

Alice P: I am not opposed to that, many grad students are overwhelmed and any time there is something that doesn't seem required people might blow it off.

Doug: Beer and pizza day sounds good.

Yasmeen: Inaugural day

Alex B: I was joking. There is Convocation, maybe convocation is a word we can use. Aimed at graduate and professional students as a nice way to welcome people.

Alice P: I like it, Convocation Day?

Alex B: Convocation day, sounds good…

Alice P: We will invite everyone, some background, the graduate schools doesn’t send welcome letters to admitted students…

Rene: you have that ability to send emails..

Alex: Are you speaking at Freshman Convocation day? Would be a good way to put a face…

Christina: Why not have dean of grad students come?

Alice P: I am hearing support, fantastic, because we are already advertising.

Rene: you could time it with the fall fling, that is when Macklemore came, if you are not bust it is open to everyone… Activities fair on thursday, mostly UG… There are bigger events where more than UG could go… there are some infrastructure we can tap into

Fall Fling is in the Afternoon on Monday… I know there is another group that wants to plan something on Tuesday
Alice P: I think we can hang off on picking the actual date as long as we agree the first week of school is good.

Yasmeen: Plug, before classed start, because once teaching starts I do not see why people would leave in the middle of the day for that.

Rene: maybe you can do multiple things in the later part of the afternoon , I see them come out of the woodwork when there is beer and the do not have classes next day. That Monday they won’t have classes.

Alice P: The idea is to do a whole day thing.

Alex: Is there a way we can find out when all the orientations happen.

Evan: TA RA orientations too…

Alice P: Moving on… Natalie is working to reach out to get on all the departments orientation times so we can introduce GPSS. Once we have we will reach out to senators to ask them to help. So far we received feedback from 34 senators. When she gets back we will redouble those efforts. I think everyone should help out with orientations. In the interest of time lets not get into a discussion on Bylaws. Rene’s standing recommendation is to present the new senate with the bylaw revision , I do think that the first meeting should be fun figuring things out getting to know each other…. We are going to do energizers and some business but I think that is a good recommendation . In the second or third meeting have some bylaw revisions made.

Evan: I do like the idea of doing it early, making them feel like they are hitting the ground running.

For now I want to find out who loves bylaws…

Yasmeen: I love them, I volunteer,

Alex B: I will be involved,

Alice P: I am glad to know we have someone who wants to get started

Yasmeen: I would be interested to go over what we are looking at…

Alice P: Chris made them on catalyst, email me and I will go on there and we can go over details next meeting

Evan: Can we get a link dropped in emails so we all remember.
Alice P: It is a big job. UW Committees, Eddie has graciously offered to spearhead getting as many students on committees as possible. Next week this is happening. If you know people interested, or put it on Facebook, enlist everyone to help.

Evan: is SAF? Budget specialist or F&B make since on FAF…

Alice P: Exec senators reports

Eddie: I have found qualified people, involved in projects, and applications, and would understand all the jargon… And then I’ve been reaching out to the union. That could be a way to get more people involved.

Evan: I signed up for Saf…

Officer Reports

Alex B: One thing I wanted to bring up, end of the year peace health legislation, I was contacted by a legislative assistant and a member possible interested in pursing action on this. Just kind of a heads up, I would like work with leaders on campus to see where we are at on that… I just want to give a heads up on this..

Alice P: I want to resonate that the resolution gets sent to both parties, and remind them that this is something we want transparency on. There was a lot of passion of our medicine students. Even though it is not in our resolution we should keep an eye on it and make sure that it does not negatively effect our students.

ASUW rep: Christina,
Generally the director and i have been going around meeting with people getting ready for the legislature. Internally we are planning employee orientation, general house keeping, new marketing plan, not too much related to GPSS, hopefully we can build a stronger relationship. I am really looking forward to working on that in the coming year.

Alice P: Cool, I am really excited to meet with Christian. I am impressed by Christina and get excited, also to mention she is in Informatics, we are both women in science, which is kick: ass. I have been working with grad school, I have to find out obligations …

.. accreditation reviews…
Alex and Christina and I went to WSA meeting in Tacoma, it is actually a lovely campus, apparently they have a killer view of Rainier

It was killer
First board of regents meetings was last Thursday it went well. He gave a lovely presentation about how awesome interdisciplinary programs are at this school. He had
someone on his left doing cool sexy research and someone on his right doing cool sexy research full support for their studies and they painted a rosy picture we do it so well here, isn’t this great and I, my first comment was to acknowledge yes they are doing well, and in fact interdisciplinary program is why I came to UW and I am a NSF fellow and most are not NSF fellows and that for some people funding and support for their education is a real problem, and that interdisciplinary students have the worse, because they fall through the cracks. It is not as rosy a picture as they painted.

The regents meeting

On that note, the factuality revising salary, the way we do promotions is typical is there is an adjunct, full professor, tenure, they want to make a their system so their are tiers within each rank...

UPASS Advisory Board...
IF we do not have a quorum Christine and I will make all the decisions.

International students should not have to pay the fee, they are not that only ones who have to face costs.

Alex B: what report was this

Alice P: PAX. Does anyone have any other announcements

Alice P: Rene asked officers to fill out time sheets…

Alice P so who is going to send out this

Alice P: I will entertain a motion to adjourn

Christina: so moved,

Eddie: Second.