August 7, 2013
GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
HUB 303

Attendees:

Chris Lizotte – GPSS President
Genesis Rodriguez – GPSS Treasurer
Kimberly Schertz – Executive Senator
Larry Huang – Executive Senator
Alice Popejoy – Executive Senator
Evan Firth – Executive Senator

Meeting called to order: 5:01PM

Chris L: Entertain motion to approve agenda

Kimberly: Move to approve

Genesis: Second

Chris: Agenda is approved. Minutes from 7/24, entertain motion to approve min

Genesis: motion to amend, for changing Cory to Joey Hunziker

Alice: Second

- None apposed

Chris: Accept minutes as amended.
Tail Gaiting: have an event at newly opened Husky Stadium, GPSS Sponsored to create community.
Good opportunity to tie events and alumni records, moving people from law school, business, Evans, to come up with fun series of tailgating opportunities for graduate and professional students and alumni. I’m still hammering out the dates, two options in parking lot – traditional tailgating and the other one is called “the zone” where they have a space you can rent where there is live music. Looking at this for a big game like homecoming game or the Oregon game. 500 dollars to reserve space, but advancement tends to believe it is 10,000 dollars to reserve. Emailed Ryan, in charge of game day experience over at athletics and he will be talking to me about this. Hopefully going to be something to help, not only for GPSS events and to get graduate and professionals to show up at games.

Kimberly: are we back at our stadium this year?

Chris: Yes

Kimberly: that sounds like a great idea

Alice: I feel like some people might have objections to GPSS having to do with drinking things but if we have an “alumni networking” angle, it would work best
Chris: Yes, that would be why I’m trying to get Evans alumni, Foster alumni, Law school alumni.
Questions or comments?

Genesis: no

Chris: next thing; the Liquor control board of state of Washington has modified some of its rules, and I think everyone at UW has been kind of broad sighted by this but apparently new rule is that if you receive alcohol in a form of a donation or discounted rate, you are no longer allowed to simply give it away, you have to sell it at cost.

Genesis: that’s ridiculous

Kimberly: yea, that’s ridiculous

Chris: There are a lot of events in which alcohol is given out. It says, at cost.

Alice: but if it’s our cost, which is nothing, we can charge like 25 cents. Is there somewhere online that I can look this up?

Genesis: I don’t recall us getting a lot of donated alcohol but I think we do get a discounted rate

Kimberly: that’s not a donation

Genesis: there’s a total difference between donation and discounted rate

Chris: A lot of this is still ambiguous. I will say on a related note; we can no longer use volunteer bartenders, we have to use trained bartenders. We have no control over that

Kimberly: is there a problem that caused that?

Genesis: I think there have been complaints about our socials and using sub senators to bartend and the monitoring of tickets, and then people just not caring and giving as much alcohol as they want as the night goes on. I think after the Spring Social it became an issue, but it came full circle after Spring Social. I think we have to pay their hourly wage, not too sure. I haven’t been given the amount of that, but I’m pretty sure it would have to be the hourly wage of bartender and corkage fee.

Chris: There is a silver lining. I had lunch with Kathleen and Malik today, and according to Malik there are places on campus that are designated as “wet space” in other words it is always available for alcohol space and one space is in the UW Tower. It’s a space available to us in the future, and there are other places on campus we can look into where we can use it, but this will definitely affect our social events in the coming year

Kimberly: Is this trained bartenders just aimed at GPSS?

Chris: I don’t know if it’s aimed at us, but we’re pretty much in that category, but no, it also applies to other groups on campus, events in the university where they need to now need to use trained bartenders
Alice: I’m looking at their policy, and either they haven’t updated or it’s a bit strange. But it says that you CAN give it away, in “trade association conventions” I don’t know if its just in trade associations where you can do this. But there has to be a loop hole.

Genesis: We are going to have to meet with SAO

Alice: if we, as GPSS determine that the interpretation differently, will we be in trouble with the University if we go against the memorandum?

Chris: we would be violating state law

Alice: but if state law, isn’t particularly clear. Presumably there is room for human error

Genesis: but I think it will also be needed for us to ask for clarification and do our due diligence

Kimberly: I think technically we could go off of our interpretation, but I think they will think that we should’ve known better and we should’ve done our due diligence

Chris: Any other questions, comments on that? Ok, moving right along. So, what I wanted to do, if possible, we don’t have to make a decision right now, but if we can come up with the meeting schedule for at least the fall quarter, the way we are going to do this is where we have alternating executive and senate at 5:30 Wednesdays, all we really need to do is determine kind of the first date and then we can go from there.

Genesis: I believe school starts on the 25th. So maybe have the meeting on the 2nd of October?

Chris: My recommendation would be probably to hold off and let people catch their breath

Alice: just from my programs experience last year, I feel like there were a lot of people saying that they didn’t have enough time to elect senators before the first meeting which was kind of frustrating for us who wanted to do it, so I would just encourage more time, it would be best

Genesis: it looks like our first meeting last year was Oct 3, so it was one week plus a few days

Alice: October 9 is exactly two weeks after school starts

Genesis: I think if we get the word out... I mean people will be here before the school starts

Chris: but if we start on the 9th, we will have 5 meetings in fall quarter

Genesis: we had 4, last year

Kimberly: were we meeting last year once a month?

Alice: no it was every other week

Genesis: it was twice a month, it looked like
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**Chris:** I think it works out to be roughly 4 times a quarter, every other week-ish. So that would be what I’m inclined to go with.

**Genesis:** starting with the 9th

**Chris:** yes, starting with the 9th. Because if we start on the 16th, that would only be 3 meetings which is not ok. So my suggestion is that we start on the 9th at 5:30 on Wednesday and alternating Wednesday’s and I guess December 4th we can either just say right here, “we’re not going to do it”, or just play it by ear, because we can always cancel a meeting.

**Alice:** what about if we do like a little GPSS mixer, interest activity on the second? So we can already get people departments who already have elected senators, to mingle and invite other grad people to the mixer. So that way we can do something on the 2nd week and do something fun.

**Evan:** Yea, mixers are always good; we can do it in the office

**Chris:** so we need to approve the meetings, I will entertain a motion to hold meetings October 9, 23, November 5, 20th, and maybe December 4th we can do something holiday related

**Alice:** so moved

**Evan:** second

**Chris:** any objections

- No objections

**Genesis:** do we need to approve for other quarters?

**Evan:** hopefully just the fall because it gets complicated and we have to approve budgets

**Chris:** so now, exec meetings, when to start them?

**Kimberly:** Mixer is on October 2nd?

**Chris:** yes

**Genesis:** I think we should meet before the first senate

**Chris:** yes, I think we need to come up with the agenda before the first senate meeting

**Kimberly:** do we not have a meeting in September?

**Chris:** We have a meeting on September 4th, or we can meet on the 11th to get back on the schedule but I would say the 25th at the very least and go every other week except for thanksgiving

(Sept 25, Oct 16, Oct 30, Nov 13, skip the next one cause of thanksgiving, and then we have the 4th is like a holiday thing and I don’t think we’re going to meet on the 11th)
Evan: and the 25th meeting would be for planning the mixer and making the Agenda. So would we have to meet another time in September to set up orientation? So keep the 4th

Kimberly: yes, keep the 4th

Alice: ok so we’re meeting on the 4th

Chris: entertain motion to schedule meetings at 5:30 on following days: September 4, September 25, October 16, October 30 and November 13

Kimberly: move to approve

Genesis: Second

Chris: any objections?

No Objections

Thank you guys, this is really great, so now we can do our room scheduling, this will be fantastic.

Alice: when?

Chris: 5:30 all the time. So, that brings us to Exec senator reports

Kimberly: don’t have anything

Larry: nope, nothing

Evan: nothing

Genesis: office manager position is up, posting closes this Sunday but might be extended, I will be posting budget analyst and event coordinator, so that’s coming up

Chris: So I’ve been sort of yammering about development and advancement, my attitude is that we cant do it without as many partners as we can get, so I’ve been trying to figure out how to partner with alumni association, graduate school, and professional school and once Joey comes back that would go smoother because he has a lot of experience and I don’t. We are kind of at the pivot point where we are getting oriented to our jobs. I met with Denzil Suite and Michael kutz today; I think he’s going to be a great guy to work with. But I believe this is all I have at the moment. But yes, those are my announcements.

I actually have an announcement. Elisa asked me to remind you all, that she emailed out a document that has the script for new student orientations that we will be doing, and has brochure of pamphlets, and she would like us to look it over. Kimberly and Larry I think you have it in your emails, but I think I sent it earlier today.

Kimberly: Yea she sent it to me earlier today, and I remember I had a comment, but I forget what it was.
Chris: I think it’s also on the drive so you can look at it there too. I think the pamphlets look pretty good

Genesis: the black and white one is the new one

Kimberly: I have the talking points in my drive but I don’t have the flyer

Alice: so this is for like, editing?

Chris: Yes. So she (Elisa) has been working diligently on the “not for tourist guide”, but also feel free to edit that, which should also be on Drive. But if you can’t access it for some reason, then just speak to Elisa.

Kimberly: I think the only comment I had on the flyer was um, just the wording that says that “senators are required to attend monthly meetings” which should sound a bit more fun, not so formal

Alice: Yea, I was just about to comment on that

Chris: any other announcements? I will entertain motion to adjourn the meeting

Evan: So moved

Genesis: Second

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:45PM