Minutes: Official Meeting of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate  
Finance and Budget Committee  
October 26th, 2012

I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 12:04pm

II. Roll Call
Chairman Senator Eddie Schwieterman, Astronomy  
GPSS Treasurer Vera Giampietro  
Senator Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering  
Senator JD Leahy, Marine Affairs  
Senator Seyda Ipek, Physics  
Senator Finas Ray, Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning  
Senator Jorge Rojas, Economics

| Rene Singleton @ 12:18; |

Guests
Hannah Kalinoski representing the Muslim Students Association

III. Approval of the Agenda
Treasurer Giampietro moved to approve the agenda  
Senator Bateson seconded the motion.  
Motion approved.

IV. Approval of the Minutes
Last meeting unofficial. Not necessary to approve those minutes at this meeting

V. Consideration of Special Allocations
Senator Schwieterman talked about procedures for RSO funding: how to allocate funding for RSOs, the representatives from the RSO will speak to us, we have a chance to interview them, and a motion is moved or tabled. If we go beyond guidelines it requires 2/3 vote of committee, sometimes gets kicked back to Exec Committee.

MSA Funding for Eid: Representative Hannah
Hannah, a representative from the MSA (Muslim Student Association), made request for Eid Event, to be held on November 3, 2012. Her request is for an evening event targeting mostly Muslims, but advertising to all of the UW student body. They have been out on the plaza promoting the event. They have lots of graduate students that come with their families. The purpose of this event is to make awareness of Eid on campus because it is religious holiday that is not recognized by the university, and that the Muslim population must still attend school, etc.

Senator Schwieterman mentioned that the MSA expects 20% of attendees to be graduate students. He asked why they were asking for GPSS funding. Hannah replied because “they weren’t sure if ASUW was planning on funding it this year.”

Senator Schwieterman noted the “original request was made for $1600 but your advisor changed it to more, why?” Hannah replied that “we haven’t put in projector yet, and the
total cost should be about 1000, but advisor said to ask for more. We will expect to return money back to you.”

Senator Schwieterman discussed seeking proportional funding from both GPSS and ASUW. Treasurer Giampietro said with GPSS guidelines they have to proportionally fund, so we could approve $200. There was then a discussion that many of the guests that attend are family that are associated with graduate students though they themselves are not, and it was agreed that GPSS could fund a bit more to help cover for some of the families. Hannah then also explained MSA had funding for everything but the Lyceum, costs were a bit higher because they just got approved, and it took so long because the HUB is backed up. Senator Schwieterman verified this. Hannah also said that the event will happen regardless of GPSS funding, but food will be cut. Approximately 200 people are expected.

**Bateson moves to fund MSA for $300.**  
**Senators Ipek and Ray second the motion.**  
**Motion passes with one abstention (Senator Rojas)**

There was discussion about requesting money back from an event that is sponsored, or from revenue generated by an event. Rene Singleton said it was necessary to get it approved by the Executive Committee if the Finance and Budget Committee decided to accrue the revenue. She suggested the money returned be split on a percentage basis, but that it needs to be decided on in advance how much will be requested back, where the returned funding or revenue will go etc. According to Rene Singleton pro-rated amounts may not be requested by GPSS.

Senator Schwieterman decided that “a more in depth decision will be added to the agenda for next week.”

**Senator Recruitment:**

Senator Schwieterman: We have enough people, half of you need to show up for every meeting.

**VI. Consideration of Departmental Allocations**

**GPSS Stickers:**

Senator Schwieterman described GPSS sticker will go on everything that we fund to increase GPSS visibility and remind them that we were the funder of the item.

Treasurer Giampietro did not have printed documentation but said 300 stickers would cost $150. The stickers have been discussed over the last year. Simple way of getting our message out. We need to get them printed and out.

Senator Bateson expressed concern of the price. Treasurer Giampietro suggested we decide on a funding limit. $100 would be about 2 years worth of stickers.

**Treasurer Giampietro moves to approve $100 for stickers for GPSS.**  
**Ray seconds the motion.**  
**Motion passes unanimously.**
12:43 Senator Bateson moves to add 8 minutes to the agenda to discuss compliance.
Senator Ipek seconds the motion.
Motion passes unanimously.

Senator Schwieterman suggested having a GPSS presentation at the funded RSO’s events to talk briefly about GPSS and what we do. He also suggested going to departments to see if capital items are being used. Senator Bateson said that it could become burdensome to the committee. Other suggestions of attending a percentage of events and requiring photos of capital items become a requirement of being funded. Senator Bateson also encouraged implementing a timeline for when money needs to be spent.

VII. Announcements
Treasurer Giampietro: Science and Policy Panel Discussion next Tuesday. Please take them to your departments at put them up.

Senator Schwieterman: Ballots are out, King County Elections send out a van to pick up ballots in last week. Students may still register at actual voting office until the 29th.

Next meeting will be in two weeks.

VIII. Adjournment

Senator Ray moves to adjourn the meeting.
Senator Bateson seconded.
Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59