1. Call to Order
   Adam Sherman (GPSS President): Call meeting to order at 5:34pm

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Chris Lizotte (Geography): moves
   Duru Altug (Near Eastern Languages and Civilization): seconds

3. Approval of the Minutes
   Alex Kaufman (Nutritional Sciences): moves
   Kimberly Schertz (Law): seconds

4. UW Chief of Police on Campus Safety

   John Vinson: What questions to do you have?
   Seyda Ipek (Physics): Criminal emails you have. Have you thought about sending follow up emails?
   John: We used to do that but it inundates emails. We are looking to other ways to notify public through website and facebook. Only if it is very serious we will do it. A couple of years we changed our strategy on updates because of concerns about excessive notices. Like us on facebook. We are starting a twitter account in the fall. We are looking at other ways we can use social media.
   Alexander (Nutritional Science): I would like to express thanks because an officer came in and talked to my class. There were a lot of things we valued about that outreach from police department.
   John: We are trying to make the police piece a part of every department orientation. If you guys have ideas about how we can reach out to departments to get safety piece as part of orientation.
   Adam: One unique thing about UW policing is the police department is underneath student life. This is not common. Usually the police are under enforcement. Here is a more community policing strategy.
   Alex Krakow (Law): Do you know how many people subscribe to text message alerts?
   John: About 35,000. There has been a movement to have everyone opt out.
   Melanie: Going back to email notifications. People feel like there is lots of crime. I’m curious what the reality is compared to history or other neighborhoods?
   John: Compared to the country our campus crime is very low. And the U district compared to the country, crime is very low. Winter time each year there is a perceived increased in crime. The notification system increases the perception of more crime. But we think the more information the better. The more we do to counter crime is good.
   Noralis Rodriguez (Gender Women and Sexuality Studies): If there is a group of students to illuminate certain areas that are not do we need to contact police or who?
   John: I know ASUW has been part of that. Talk to Dan at ASUW. Here is my cellphone number please call it if you have any problems. Shoot me an email lets talk about it. Lets continue to think of ways to partner together.
   Adam: If you want to pass a resolution on this you can

5. PACS Update
Michael Kutz (ASUW): How many of you are familiar with PACS? I did a presentation at beginning of year. Who would want a brief overview? PACS was created at onset of local tuition setting authority. Students in GPSS and ASUW decided it be good to have a committee to advice provost and come up with tuition recommendation. It brings together ASUW, ASUW a ASUW b and GPSS. It represents us on a variety of financial issues. This is a list of the topics we’ve discussed. We started with how the budget works. Any time money goes around the university, it can disappear. We try to figure out money pathways and levers. We talked about fee based programs and subsidization. Some outcomes for this year: In first quarter we came up with student budgeting principles. Meant to represent student budget priorities. Currently we are using topical discussions from this year to come up with credible recommendations to board of regents on May 9. Part of this purpose is to describe how the recommendation is crafted. You guys have all heard about college councils. We got 4 responses to budget narratives. Each dean comes up with narrative to be sent to provost. We asked college councils to respond. Arts and sciences, social work, law and built environment college councils responded about our request. That’s an incentive for those thinking about college councils. Some sections we will cover. Tuition percentage. We are going to comment on faculty salaries increase. Financial aid - there isn’t enough financial aid for middle class students. Also there isn’t a good system for international students. Our priorities for provost reinvestment: They have pot of money to be spent on new initiatives. Some insights for this year. Any incremental revenue we get will probably be spent on faculty salary increases. Also compliance and fix cost issues. I want to note that if you have questions, give me comments about transparency and how to get grad students involved. Questions?
Name? Aquatic and fish sciences: We’ve had staff quit and hired on to other department because of wage freeze. Any recommendation on staff salary increases?
Michael: I haven’t heard any resistance to staff increases?
Adam: Any other thoughts? I promoted college councils early on because I wanted grad students involved with PACS to have a say on budget narratives. As things move on, we are hoping that this will be a system where students have a way of impact. We are prioritizing those colleges that set up councils and gave us feedback.
Amy Lee (Guest, College of Education): There has been growth of fee based programs in education. There has been some turnover. I think this is a major issue. It’s difficult to see master’s students paying a lot for education with large class students.
Adam: That’s why we need college councils to have a voice.
Michael: In terms of fee based programs. There is a moratorium on existing fee based programs. One worry is are we just going to make all new programs as fee based programs.
Adam: I will be speaking out against fee based programs.

6. Bylaws Amendments

Kristen Hosey (GPSS Secretary): Last meeting I presented the changes for bylaws. Hopefully you read those. This is the chart that I created. This is not to be voted on. (Laughter) On the forum we had people bring up amendments to bylaws. First, travel grants to change the language to ‘travel grants meeting to be formed at the first meeting.’
Melanie Mayock (GPSS VP): We had discussion on government relations committee. We came up with a way to keep functions of committee in tact. 1”each committee would appoint a liaison.”
Kimberly (Law): I am chair of the GRC. We did have some concerns for GRC moving forward. After some discussion we decided it was most efficient to incorporate that role within SLSC and FLSC. There wasn’t enough of a role outside of these activities.
Adam: The executive committee has proposed changes. If you, or does anybody else has amendments that would change the current proposal?
Kristen: The second major change was committee chair structure. Currently chairs are appointed by senate or own committees. We discussed having officers be the chairs with vice chair appointed by each individual committee we have alternative language brought up.
Chris Lizotte (Geography): This is generic language. The goal was to bring in more structure into committees. We feel it’s still important for officers to have ultimate oversight. Officers are paid to do these roles and have certain inherent accountability. It didn’t make sense for entire senate to elect chairs. This compromise is officer will still have oversight but we will have a full chair. There is a committee handbook and next year there will be committee chair orientation and adding clause that committee can recall the chair if they don’t carry out duties.
Bjorn Hubert-Wallander (Psychology): Or the overseeing officer can decide to take the chair out?
Kristen: I would be open to discussion about this – but if a committee isn’t formed or meeting because the chair is in-active it can be challenging to remove that person, so another option would be needed.
Adam: We had an issue this year where we had a chair that stopped showing up so the committee basically dissolved. So we need an officer who can officially remove chair.
Bjorn (Psychology): It also creates a whole lot of authority for overseeing officer. Right now the chair may be essentially powerless.
Adam: Any action of any officer can be brought before judicial committee.
Kiana Scott (Communications): I am currently one of co-chairs of FLSC. Having two chairs is very effective. I would love to have option of having two chairs. May include language that would make two chairs possible.
Kristen: There are also recall procedures in the bylaws, we can use them for chair removal.
Melanie: Just one idea would be that removal would have to be approved by executive committee.
Adam: Other thoughts? Motion to approve bylaws as exec has approved. Now is the time.
Kiana (Communications): moves
Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): seconds

Adam: Now open up to debate? To discuss alternatives
Kiana (Communications): I move to add additional language allowing co-chairs for FLSC specifically
Kimberly (Law): seconds
JD Ross Leahy (Marine and Environmental Affairs): Couldn’t we put that on all committees?
Adam: A chair or at the discretion of committee two chairs
Kimberly (Law): I move to make a friendly amendment including the language in previous slide of SLSC-FLSC coordination.
Bjorn (Psych): I have a question. Is the practical affect to make committee be formed earlier? I second to make friendly
Chris Lizotte (Geography): “or the overseeing officer with approval of executive committee”.
Adam: Majority vote
Evan Firth (Oceanography): With book of standing opinion could we have language about possible administrative support for book of standing committee. We discussed that in exec.
Adam: Motion to approve bylaws?
Melanie: There is already a motion
Adam: Any objections? Approved. Bylaws are not sexy but they do change the way we function. Thank you.
Will Scott (Computer Science and Engineering): We did it because it was close.
Adam: All in favor raise hands?
7. Executive Senator Reminder

Chris Lizotte (Geography): One of our exec senators will be stepping down as soon as we find replacement. 4 at large senators sit on committee to maintain accountability. We put together agendas. We act as screen tool. We give feedback. If there is anything that needs to be acted upon between meetings, we have authority to do so. We do lots of work over the summer. We have meetings during the summer. Last summer we did lots of thinking about goals and legislative agenda, various initiatives. The commitment is every Wednesday night

Vera Giampietro (GPSS Treasurer): Our executive senators are fabulous men but I’d love to see a woman.

Adam: This is just a notification. Holding an election at the next meeting. Keep that in mind. We need to fill this position.

8. University Bookstore Position

Kristen: GPSS has 5 special committees. If anyone is interested more about university bookstore board or interested in commitment come ask me. I can answer questions. This is my favorite committee. They feed me. You hang out with the CEO. Think about it.

Vera: Are you looking for someone for a period of two years?

Kristen: The term is usually three years. If you are around for more than one year that’d be great.

Adam: It’s not all financial models but that is helpful.

9. Endowment Resolution

Adam: The GPSS endowment. I have worked all year to make this happen. I think we are at the point where I think we can make it happen. Hopefully you all saw the resolution. I want to highlight key provisions. And answer questions. Basically there are lots of where as clauses. They say that 98% of the money we get is from people telling us where. Financial resources have been going down which has strained our ability to serve grad students. I want us to focus on how to grow our resources to get money in the hands of grad students. That is the primary objective. Our reserve fund is at 180 thousand. There is anticipated under spending. So what this resolution does is authorizing me to transfer money from our reserve fund into endowment. Get 8% interest rather than 2% a year. The profit would go into direct student programming. It also amends bylaws to make annual resolution to senate about the reserve fund. The effect is creating a reserve fund policy that is between 25 and 50% of annual operating cost. This is a standard reserve fund policy. I consulted with the UW budget policy specialist. It encourages reserve fund in excess of 50% to be put in endowment. It encourages people to spend down money with programming? Questions? Or if everyone is excited...

Christopher Westgard (Public Affairs): Motion to approve

Kiana Scott (Communication): seconds

Adam: These bylaw changes have not been put through judicial committee

Name?: This proposal will amend bylaws?

Adam: It will add something to bylaws. All in favor? All oppose? Thank you very much.

10. International Student Fee Resolution
Chris Lizotte (Geography): I was not at the last senate meeting. Quick back-story. The central administration is proposing a quarterly fee levied on international students for services that are threatened. This includes ISA services or services that international student use in a disproportionate way. Career services, translation services. The student life committee reviewed this and believed that the fee should not be applied. The resolution encourages the administration to come up with a different solution. We don’t make a recommendation for an alternative. But an alternative could be an increased tuition. We should value international students. This was emailed out last week. There was some discussion on forum. Questions?

Alex Kaufman (Nutritional Sciences): When you talk about increasing the diversity of the student body. How do you extend that to out of state students who pay high tuition? My concern is revenue stream?

Chris: That is a valid concern. This is just encouraging them not too.

Sheyda (Physics): My opposition was because ISS. If you argue that we are going to increased diversity. ISS is international student services. You use it to get signatures for visas.

Ester Le Grezause (Linguistics): They also help you with all types of visas. Transferring visas. They will help you find a job outside of the university. It’s much more than a signature. They are very useful. They are one person you can talk to if you have any international problem.

Chris: They help with visa, taxes.

Will Scott (Comp Sci): A couple things that went into our decision. 1) This is asking one random group. Half of the fee will be going to FIUTS. 1 in 5 grad students were not using FIUTS.

Peter Lee (Jackson school): I’m not sure there is a single unified body of international students. The legislative body as grad students should speak for international students.

Will Arighi (Comparative Literature): 1) I have heard that there is a one-time fee that goes directly to FIUTS? 2) How does language of this proposal go into the one-time fee?

Chris: There is a one time fee.

Melanie (Vice President): One point I have; concern about these programs not being adequately funded. I have friends who have depended on the ISS office and had bad experience. On one hand this fee could be way to promote funding. If we are confident these services are needed, we should put more pressure on administration to increase tuition, or raise funds.

Chris: The list of services are all needed.

Noralis (GWSS): I am an out of state student but I use these services just as much because English is not my first language. I don’t think that is right. I am a US citizen.

Chris: I want to point out that this is different from the surcharge being proposed by Washington senate

Chris Westgard (Public Affairs): We all reap the benefits from international students. I’m concerned with contingency plan. If the student fee is dismissed what is the outcome? What will happen to services?

Adam: You could add an clause at the end to make sure services are voted on. Could this be part of provost reinvesting fund?

Michael Kutz (ASUW): From PACS prospective. This could be funding by the provost fund. We would have to find $600 thousand from provost fund. That would be large request and would require a definite tuition increase. As ASUW, we passed a resolution in support of the fee going forward. The perspective we took is that FIUTS supported it unanimously. Two things I would say. On one hand the philosophy that a certain group should be for there services but they already do this through FIUTS. Philosophically it seems muddled. Practically, a lot of these services are funded through temporary dollars that will go away in the next couple years. To get some of these services, we would have to deal with significant tuition increases. ASUW took practical stance.
Amy Lee Butler (Guest – Education): In a broader context, yes diversity is important but something like this could be slippery slope. Increase could limit the ability to attract very qualified graduate students. I also think it’s important to bring up out of state students.

Chris: To add context about other universities. The fee proposed by the institution will be under the fees proposed by other institutions.

Louisa Harding (Aquatic and Fishery Sciences): Gerry Baldesty said that the university was not in favor of fee if levy was approved

Kimberly Shertz (Law): Move to extend time by 5 minutes.

Seyda (Physics): second

JD (Marine Affairs): It sounds like we are not on the same page. I would suggest that I would feel better being part of an organization that we support international students, and say we will take that burden of tuition. I think that we might beef up the section that sees we support a tuition increase to share.

Dian (Landscape Arch): I didn’t get any benefit from FIUTS. For ISS I went there for advisor and she didn’t know too much. If the money can be used to increase the quality of ISS... I got to know many Chinese students. They are very curious about 20% increase.

Alex Kaufman (Nutritional sciences): What makes this resolution uncomfortable is the lack of hard data. I would like to see numbers. Can we project that? How much do undergrad students spend on other programs? Raising tuition makes me uncomfortable. There are lots of people who will be left out by increased tuition.

Peter Lee (Jackson School): Motion to bring it to vote.

Will Scott (Computer Sci): Seconds

Adam: Those in favor of voting right now? Those in favor of not voting?

Noralis: Motion to table discussion to future meeting.

Duru (Near eastern): Seconds

Adam: Admin wants something ASAP. Potentially something in May. I don’t know if they will make decision by then.

Gary (Social Work): I didn’t know that.

Matt Portwood (Jackson): Move to extend time.

Seyda (Physics): seconds

Seyda: In terms of data, the school does not have enough data. Someone on the floor shared an article saying that international student benefit Washington state students. You can’t just say that raising tuition is bad for everyone.

Bjorn (Psych): What percent of fee will go to FIUTS? I’m concerned about this students use resolution.

Ester (Linguistics): I used FIUTS two years ago. Mostly orientation and integration. And they provide events during the year. This year I didn’t use it. Two years ago it really made my year. It is optional compared to ISS. International grad students are mostly funded by departments. Raising tuition would have different impact on grad and undergrad. I TAed French. If they raise tuition for fees the grad students use it will raise...

Katherine (GUEST - public health genetics): My concern is tuition justice. The more you raise tuition the less people will come to Seattle from other states. It doesn’t address whether services are
serving people well. If you want to address the concerns people are raising we should consider other resolutions.

Yasmeen (Biology): Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.
Peter Lee (Jackson school): Seconds

Kristen: You can also propose language changes to the resolution.
Adam: This is why we have a forum so we won’t have to do this in the senate meeting.
Matt Portwood (Jackson school): I think we should not be using anecdotes. The issue is this or nothing.
Will Scott (Comp Sci): I motion to approve
Matt Eliseo: seconds
Chris: The motion is to approve this motion with this language.
31 for; 15 against; 10 abstentions. Resolution approved.

11. Legislative Update

Melanie: 20% tuition surcharge proposal has not been scheduled for hearing. Its unlikely to happen. The senate budget assumes revenue from it. They have to pass separate bill. Its still scary and we should watch it. It’s such a bad idea. On state issues, if the legislature would end on schedule it would be Sunday. There may be a special session. I went over budget stuff at last senate meeting. House and senate are fairly similar with higher ed funding. This is state funding for UW. Ten years ago we caught 630 mil this year its about 480 million dollars. We are not looking at cuts but we are not making up to previous levels. Bottom line they are not giving us enough money. Other quick updates. Both budgets continue funding childcare match grant. But they both suspend the two grant programs. A couple good news. Student advisory committees are going to pass. This bill will authorize the state to fund raise to help health professionals pay off loans. We had legislation this year for fee based safeguards. Because of crazy politics the bill died last minute. It may come back next year. We did great work on that. One dramatic issue is transit funding. If we don’t get new authorizer metro will cut service by 17%. Temporary funding that is going to expire and they can’t raise revenue. The good news is there are new transportation bills in house or senate that will include transit funding. We need you to make calls or emails about that. Adam and myself Kiana and Matt went to dc to meet with congressional delegation. We made some good contacts with people out there. There is interest in student debt. Income based loan repayment. Proposals about private student debt. Research funding we advocate for. No one agrees on how to fix dc budget mess. Student visa reform. Looking at f and h1 visa. New proposals on immigration issues. F visas don’t get a lot of attention. Changes to that.
Yasmeen (Biology): Clarification on transit stuff? The state needs to give money to county?
Melanie: We are looking for state authorization for state tax. Tax on car tabs.
Vera: Are you still taking student testimonials? It’d be great if people still have testimonials.
Melanie: If you have testimonials please let me know.

12. Announcements

Michael Hutchins (Earth and Space Sciences): I will be putting resolution about uw alert opt out.
James Thompson (Built Environment): College of built environments. We are hosting a symposium next Friday. We are talking about what built environments are. We have a few discussion panels.
Elisa Law (Museology): Someone said they appreciated UWPD talking to their department. My committee is working on that for all departments.

Noralis (GWSS): The information is online for the senator elections.

Alexander Kaufman (Nutritional Sciences): I’m part of interdisciplinary program. We don’t have a central location where we can use a microwave. I’m asking if anyone has experienced a similar intervention.

Vera: Spring social is tomorrow. Come invite friends and bring classmates. Lots of activities. The theme is create your own superhero. There are five prizes. It’s in the north ballroom.

Kristen: There is a diversity forum on Friday at 12 o’clock. Next week DAWG Talks. 6 o’clock at Burke Museum. We could use one more talk. On Thursday is the 3rd annual science and policy summit.

Adam: We have two more senate meetings. We will have an event after the meeting that is celebratory. Alumni are coming back. This is a big part of getting alumni more engaged. Keep an eye out for that.

Thomas Edwards do you know departments?

13. Adjourn

Yasmeen (Biology): motion to adjourn

Peter Lee (Korea Studies): seconds.

Meeting adjourns at 7:34pm.