Senate Meeting
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# Approval of Agenda

**GPSS Senate Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2012  
5:30pm in HUB 145

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Approval of Minutes

GPSS Senate Meeting  May 30, 2012
Meeting Minutes

1. Call To Order
Charles Plummer (President) calls the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

2. Approval of Agenda
Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy) moves approval of the agenda.
Kiana Scott (Evans) seconds.
None opposed; motion passes.

3. Approval of the Minutes
Edward Schwieterman (Astronomy) moves to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2012 Senate meeting.
Colin Batesman (Mechanical Engineering) seconds.
None opposed; motion passes.

4. Election for Treasurer
Charles: Need to first amend the GPSS bylaws before the Senate can elect a new Treasurer. The current bylaws do not cover the situation when an officer-elect resigns for their upcoming term. We’re proposing to amend the bylaws to cover this situation. Melanie walks through the proposed changes. [See Article V, Section G, Clause 5 of the attached bylaw amendment proposal.]
Chris Lizotte (Geography): moves to amend the bylaws as proposed.
Edward Schwieterman (Astronomy) seconds
None opposed; motion carries.

5. Special election for Treasurer
Amy Winter (Dentistry) explains the rules for the special election for Treasurer. She takes nominations from the floor.
Vera Giampietro (Landscape Arch) nominates herself.
Buddy Rutzke (Law) nominates himself.
Ryan Shandera, (law student) nominates himself.
Vera, Buddy, and Ryan give speeches.
Your Role as Senator

• Bring Issues to the Senate:
  • Talk to your classmates
  • Bring an issue to a committee
  • Write a Resolution

• Bring GPSS to Your Classmates:
  • Events and News
  • Word of Mouth and Emails

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GPSS Work

• **On-going:**
  • Quarterly Socials
  • Science & Policy events
  • Grant funding

• **Advocacy Examples:**
  • State funding and financial aid
  • Student input to UW budget
  • Resources for student parents

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A (very) brief introduction to Parliamentary Procedure

- We use Alice Sturgis’s *Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*

- Parliamentary procedure is meant to provide a common language for participating in a deliberative body
The Basics

• To **make a motion** (a substantive action that the Senate must immediately vote on): “I move to…”
• To **ask for clarification or more information**: “Point of information” + what you want clarified
• To **dispute a procedural issue** (e.g. you feel that a vote was improperly carried out, discussion was summarily ended): “Point of order” + relevant bylaw or procedure

*Every time you say “I motion…”, ninjas chop off the head of a kitten.*
Participation > Formality

• We’d rather have you actively participate than feel left out because you don’t know the “correct” way to do so

• If you have a question, comment, or concern, just raise your hand

• We’ll cover more aspects of “parli-pro” as we go; if you want guidance in introducing a resolution or other aspects, ask an officer or Executive Senator
GPSS Priorities for 2012-13

Recommendations from the Executive Committee:

1.) Shared governance
2.) Increase affordability
3.) Engage the graduate student community
4.) Support and improve student life
5.) Preserve federal research funding
6.) Strengthen GPSS
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Your Homework

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• Bring feedback to 10/17 Senate mtg
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Judicial Committee Election

- Is the standing investigative body of the GPSS.
- It investigates any grievance that arises concerning an interpretation of the GPSS Constitution or Bylaws or concerning any procedure, committee, officer, officer candidate, or Senator of the GPSS.
- Can review any proposed Bylaw changes before they are presented to the GPSS.
Judicial Committee

Members: The Secretary and up to six Senators.

- Members of the Judicial Committee cannot sit on any other internal GPSS committees.
- Members cannot run for GPSS office and must resign from their committee position at least 35 days prior to the officer election if they choose to run.

Meetings: Twice per month to once per week, depending on work load.
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