1) Call to Order
Adam Sherman (GPSS President): Call to order at 5:31 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda
Adam: We sent this agenda out. Any amendments? Motion to approve?
Chris (Philosophy): Motion to approve.
Seyda Ipek (Physics): Seconds.

3) Approval of Minutes From 10/17/12
Adam: Motion to approve?
Mike (Epidemiology): Moves.
Chris (Philosophy): Seconds.

4) Temperature Reading
Vera Giampietro (GPSS Treasurer): We would like some announcements to come at the beginning of the meeting. Is there anything going on in your department, stuff you would like to share after the meeting? This could be a time to connect you with people from other departments. Does anyone want to announce events, issues? If you are interested in saying anything just raise your hand. We’ve started comment cards that during the meeting you can write down. Anything you would like to share?
Trond Nilsen (Industrial Systems Engineering): Next Tuesday there is the Higher Education Summit. We’ve been working on it for the last couple months. Three panels. We would love for you guys to come. Refreshments will be provided. It will be in this building, in the north pre-function room.
Vera: Anybody else?

5) Previously on GPSS
Adam: Would like to remind you of things we did last time. We talked about the GPSS priorities. We also had an introduction to the Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS). We will continue that conversation today with student college councils. We need you to step up and get engaged. We also talked about needing an additional executive senator. We will make a call today for interested senators. We also talked about fee-based programs and growth of those at UW. 41% of all incoming grad students were in fee-based programs. We had a good discussion on fee-based programs recently. We presented the budget. We ran down the different expenses we had. Any questions?

6) Executive Senator Vacant Position
Adam: Last time we explained what an executive senator does. Does anyone have questions on what an executive senator does or what qualifications are?
Chris Lizotte (Geography): The time commitment is all quality time in the company of the officers. You spend lots of time in the GPSS office. We meet biweekly for the same time as senate meetings and set agendas. We come up with issues to bring to senate. You act as a filter to the senate.

Adam: For those of you who are academics, committee experience looks very good on your resume. Professional development.

Ellita Williams (Nursing): You described it as a filter between what two entities?

Chris (Geography): The senate and GPSS. Things come up through conversations. Partially through informal discussions. We try to come half-hour before senate meeting. A lot of the particular issues will take place through other committees.

Trond: We don’t strictly filter things but we flag things that are really important. The senate at the end of the day is the bottom line. We frame things for you.

Alice Popejoy (Public Health Genetics): Could you say your departments?

Melanie: Diversity of departments and backgrounds are important.

Adam: Any volunteers? People who are interested get interviewed.

Alice (PH Genetics): Volunteer.

Ellita Williams (Nursing): I volunteer

Evan Firth (Oceanography): volunteer

Larry (Health Services): volunteer

Thomas Edwards (Chemistry): volunteer

Adam: We will contact you after the meeting.

7) Discussion and Resolution on Student Fees

Adam: This is an idea that Adam Goch brought to the senate and said ‘my constituents want GPSS to support the ASEs in the dispute.’

Adam Goch (Political Science): Most of you are probably familiar with the UAW and ASEs dispute. Who is familiar with it? I will read background information. See ‘background information’. Go to UAW website to view all other documents. Any other questions?

Mary Solbrig (Mathematics): The reasoning was that it was voted on by the undergrad student council and this body. What is the senate’s take on this? Did you approve the fee?

Adam G (PS): The approval of those fees is approved by students but that does not preclude the ASEs working contract.

Mary (Mathematics): What do they believe they approved?

Adam Goch (Political Sci): Have you seen the resolution we sent out?

Adam: Let me provide background on this issue. This is complicated. As far as the UPASS fee goes, it was implemented under authority under statute. The SFR fee was approved slightly differently. GPSS appoints members to that board. They are charged with overseeing a million dollar budget. GPSS passed a resolution in support of this fee. SAF approved this fee. It went through regents and they approved this fee. Here’s where it gets complicated. The issue between the union and administration is not about whether fees are administered.

Tyler Blake Davis (Public Affairs): I wanted to make comment. I was elected to this body as PhD student. I’m perfectly fine voting against something a previous senate voted for.

Chris (Geography): It’s really about which fees will get waived under the union contract. The issue is new fees that took place after that contract was installed.
Trond: The challenge was how to write the language of this resolution.
Alexandra Kaufman (Nutrition): For the senators who are new, we did discuss this last week and we are bringing it up now so we can pass it. Discussions like this tend to be circular and I move to have this be 20 minutes.
Adam G: I also should say that we have possible amendments.
Alex (Nutrition): I would like to move to close debate at 615.
JD Ross Lehy (Marine Affairs): I’m one of the cosponsors of this. The easiest way to think about this is compensation. The better way to think about it is ‘are people getting compensated under the contact that they agreed to?’
Bjorn (Psychology): Point of information. Is the document we see a final version?
Adam: That’s a fair point. This version is the one that goes to you a week in advance according to our bylaws. You can propose amendments here.
Trond: At executive meeting we talked about resolution, hashing out issues we needed to address.
Adam G: I move to adopt resolution
Mike (Epidemiology): seconds
Trond: I would like to offer amendment. We want to be careful not to get GPSS involved in the merits of dispute. What we are trying to say is the UW needs to play nice. ‘That causes’, ‘GPSS urges the University of Washington to swiftly resolve current dispute as in due process as is outlined in the contract.’
Adam G: I would entertain that amendment.
Trond: I move
Chris (Geography): seconds
Trond: vote?
Justin (iSchool): Does the new amendment imply that the UW is not complying within due process. Is that an out?
Adam: No, we are trying to say that arbitrator is the decision maker.
Daniel Coslett (Built Environment): Should we specify what the contract is?
JD (Marine Affairs): Would it be reasonable to put in something about the arbitrator? I thought that due process may have involved a continuation into legal system. This isn’t only about communicating with University it’s about communicating with everyone else.
Jia Yin (Pharmaceutics): It seems to me that you are saying the same thing. I think it’s a very good idea to spell out what you are saying for history’s sake.
Adam: Motion to extend time?
James Harmon (Political Science): Move to extend time by ten minutes.
Bjorn (Psychology): Seconds
Adam: I have concern with that. We can’t judge what the arbitrator said. We simply say just to follow the process.
James Harmon (PS): I don’t think that adding in anything about arbitrator says anything about whether they were right. Technically the UW has the right to take this to court.
Nicholas (Environmental Forest Sciences): Couldn’t you just leave “contract as per”, leave strike through at...
Esther (Linguistics): Why does the university want to not follow the decision?
Adam: My take is that if the union had lost, they would have wanted to go back to arbitrator. They would want to go back with more information saying this is not right. If the roles were reversed would the union want to say ‘reconsider’?

Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): Could we solve this ambiguity by defining due process in the resolution?

Trond: Point of order- Fixing the amendment requires a process.

Leigh (Public Health): I was going to say, under typical labor agreements, usually you spell out that the arbitrators decision is legally binding. This is addressing the due process rights under the contract. It doesn’t matter what the decision was, but simply that it is final.

JD (Marine Affairs): I have alternative language. Maybe change it to ‘GPSS urges the university of Washington to resolve the dispute according to the contract.”

Trond: I accept that.

James Harmon (Political Sci): Seconds

Adam: Show of hands that support this amendment?

Trond: The third to last whereas clause should say legally binding. The second to last ‘that’ clause “that GPSS reaffirms the student governments…”

Adam: Time has passed.

James Harmon: Moves to extend time by 10 minutes.

Chris (geography): seconds

Chris: RCW is revised code of Washington

Yasmeen (Biology): Why reaffirm?

Adam: We are reaffirming that.

Nate (Electrical Engineering): It sounds like you are weakening it.

Adam: I think it is good for us because it has been brought up.

Trond: Point of order, this has been accepted as friendly amendment by Adam G. I could suggest the last one. I move to say second to last ‘that clause’ ‘Promise commitments to student support services…’ Its basically saying if the UW has to compensate students for fees, they must not negatively impact other students by taking money away from them. One last one ‘whereas clause’ ‘RCW enacted by the Washington state legislature to levy fees upon themselves.’

Adam G: I accept it as friendly.

Adam: If you do have concerns, propose specific language.

Adam G: Motion to approve resolution.

Seyda: I have question about whole resolution and GPSS. I don’t know what percent of GPSS are actually ASEs?

Adam: Under the contract there are about 3500 grad students in this contract caught up in the issue. My initial concern was that money has to come from somewhere and this may fall all other students. And that’s why we added in this last clause. I can’t say that there are no negative impacts, but we are going to work to minimize impacts. We still passed the fees.

Emily Hilderman (Nursing): Do you know what percentage of senators are ASE’s?

Adam: could you do show of hands?
- Majority of senators present are ASEs.

Tyler (Public Affairs): We just heard a reference on UW budget. Could you tell us how much money is at stake?
Adam: For the UPASS between 200 and 800 thousand
Tyler (Public Affairs): What is the sum across the board?
Adam: 3500 students x 76 dollars.
Eddie (Astronomy): It is actually 15% of that number.
Tyler (Public Affairs): That contract stipulates that is the change in the fees?
Alex Kaufman (Nutrition): I move to close discussion and vote.
Evan Uchaker (Materials Science and Engineering): Seconds
Adam: All in favor of closing raise hands? The motion people won. We will be calling a vote now. I appreciate your patience. We have to vote now. Those in favor raise hands?

Motion passed.
Adam: Next we will forward it on to the administrators and they will see this.
(See Resolution:

8) Discussion of State Legislative Agenda
Melanie Mayock (GPSS VP): I am the vice president. Kimberly from the law school is chair. To ensure participation we want to bring it to discussion of legislative agenda. The legislative agenda is something you pass each year saying what your opinion is on legislative issues. This is what we work on in Olympia. It is an internal document. We have two committees that draft this. You will vote on this on November 28th. The next two-year cycle starts next year. Major changes from last year: major focus on revenue- funding for TA positions; tuition; bigger focus on new revenue in new taxes; capital gains tax. We have four priorities plus additional position statements. We will be coming back to you in future meetings to ask for your help to get students to come to Olympia. Last year ASUW organized a research showcase for UW to have posted display of projects in capitol building. That is a preview of what we will ask of you.
Kimberly Schertz (Law): We are also discussing gathering testimonials through video. If you are interested email me.
Melanie: Testimonials will say how my work will affect Washington after I graduate.
Melanie: This is your chance to tell us what you think about the document
Evan Firth (Oceanography): This is an internal document, not to show to legislatures.
Daniel (Built Environments): Is this ranked in particular order?
Melanie: No. There has been large deficits since the recession and the best way to get more funding for UW is through new revenue such as through a capital gains tax. Another point on revenue is we are one of seven states without an income tax. We’ve had lots of anti-tax movements in the state. Our tax burden is lower than many others. Capital gains is progressive option
Justin Dickson (iSchool): It’s going to take supermajority for tax increases now?
Melanie: The last Einman initiative is in the courts and if that is raised unconstitutional then the new bill will be overturned.
Eddie (Astronomy): There are a lot of loopholes open. It is possible that you could get 2/3 to
close the loopholes.
Laine Anderson (Speech and Hearing Sciences): With the passage of 502, could you argue in favor of 502 taxes funding?
Melanie: I believe that within the initiative the revenue is already allocated. Any other questions? Please email me.

9) Student Council College Break-Outs
Adam: Students should have greater voice in planning and budget of your programs. When colleges are making decisions, students should have a say in the process. We have already had quite a few colleges start college councils. The idea behind this senate meeting is for people to get within their college to talk about the issues that are going on with your school and how to get college councils started.
Chris (Geography): The point of this exercise is to meet with people who would actually be in your college council.
Melanie: We put a category that says professional schools.
Adam: Hopefully we had valuable discussion. Within your colleges, students have ability to provide feedback. I handed out a “guide to college councils”. The idea behind this is we want to create lines of communication. I will be hosting a session later this month. Any questions that came out of the meetings?
Will Arihi (Comp Lit): In arts and humanities, due to the variety of schools within our group we discussed a multi-tiered system. I am volunteering to meet with any other people regarding how representation will work.
Nicholas: How many already exist?
Adam: Built Env, law school and the arts and science’s deans are on board. I know the business school has one, there are quite a few but this is relatively new. This is the first year they are actually up and running.
Heather (English): Is this new to this year?
Adam: Who thinks this is a good idea?
Alice (Genetics): John put together a great set of by laws
Daniel (Built Env): I think it’s important to know that councils could even do more than PACs. Don’t let PACs and budget things deter you from simply that.
Adam: Budget reflects values. Students should have budget reflect their values.

10) Announcements
Ryan Shandera (C&O Chair): Justin Dickson is officially your calendar captain. He is your official point person. If you have calendar events please keep him informed.
Justin (ISchool): If anyone has programming talents, we have opportunities.
Ryan Shandera: Command outreach meeting next Thursday. We are going to try to have meetings on off weeks of senator meetings. If you are new senator, we will have new senator training. If anyone could send me feedback regarding training/initiation, please forward me that information. ryan.shandera@gmail.com rms@uw.edu
Adam: Any other final announcements?
Adam: Higher Ed Summit. We will have legislatures and administrators.
11) Adjourn
James Harmon (Political Sci): Motion to adjourn
Eddie (Astronomy): seconds