

**GPSS PRESIDENT SARAH M. REYNEVELD— 2010-2011 REPORT
DISCUSSION DRAFT**

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **Advocated for and assisted in establishing a Graduate Fellowship program in collaboration with Dean Baldasty of Graduate School and Provost Lidstrom, as a result of the repeal of the UW Graduate and Professional Student Fellowship.** The Fellowship program establishes 50 fellowships, \$4,500 each, to be awarded across UW Seattle. The fellowship program will begin with the students entering in 2012, with the first payments will be made in autumn 2013

BACKGROUND:

The University of Washington Board of Deans recommended repeal of the nonresident graduate and professional student tuition waiver in the fall of 2010. Since 2005, the nonresident waiver provided the UW with a competitive advantage by waiving the difference between resident and nonresident tuition for those graduate and professional students who have lived in the state for one year, but who do not qualify for state residency. The waiver was one of the University of Washington's most important tools in attracting and attaining the most competitive and geographically diverse students in law, business, medicine, pharmacy and other programs from across the country. For example, in the 2009-2010 academic year, 360 students were recipients of the program; 316 qualified for financial need. Many claimed that they would not have chosen UW without the waiver. In the midst of increased cuts to graduate and professional student financial aid and the proposed repeal of the waiver, GPSS effectively advocated and negotiated with the UW Administration, including Provost Lidstrom, and Dean Baldasty for a graduate fellowship proposal.

Advocacy: The President's Office effectively advocated against the repeal of the non-resident waiver and in favor of a compromise fellowship proposal that would tighten eligibility requirements but maintain graduate and professional student financial assistance to the UW President Wise, Provost Lidstrom, and Dean Baldasty and the Board of Regents.

The Office engaged in the following advocacy efforts:

- The GPSS President and Executive Assistant effectively organized student recipients including representation from Medicine, Law and other impacted departments to write letters against repeal of the waiver and to speak in favor of a compromise proposal at the Board of Regents Meeting
- GPSS President testified on behalf of the non-resident waiver program and the importance of graduate financial aid at the UW Regents meeting and to the Administration
- GPSS President met individually with the Deans of Law, Medicine, Dentistry and other impacted programs to gain support for the fellowship proposal
- GPSS Executive Assistant compiled testimonies of over 60 student recipients explaining the vital importance of the waiver and delivered these to the Board of Regents and relevant stakeholder
- GPSS President and Executive Assistant served as liaisons and assisted in the advocacy and organization goals of the UW School of Medicine

FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL: In the face of repeal, GPSS President advocated to Dean

Baldasty, President Wise and Provost Lidstrom for the creation of a Graduate Fellowship program. The GPSS President provided Dean Baldasty with input on details such as distribution per school or department, eligibility requirements, and duration. The GPSS continues to work with Dean Baldasty and the Provost towards the development and implementation of the Graduate Fellowship for the fall of 2012.

MEDIA COVERAGE ON THE ISSUE:

UW Daily, *Media Coverage of this Issue: Graduate School Looking to Repeal Out-of-State Waiver*, <http://dailyuw.com/2010/10/19/graduate-school-looking-repeal-out-state-tuition-w/>

Seattle Times, *UW likely to end waiver for out-of-state grad students*
http://seattletimes.nwsour.com/html/localnews/2013461050_graduates18m.html

2. UNIVERSAL U-PASS MOU and APS, SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL U-PASS FEE

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **Upon the passage of a GPSS Resolution in support of the Universal U-Pass, worked with the ASUW President, GPSS Executive Committee, UW Transportation and the Vice Provost of Student Life to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Administrative Policy Statement (APS) to codify the Universal U-Pass Fee. Worked with the ASUW President to develop and present the Universal U-Pass item for approval before the Board of Regents.**

BACKGROUND:

The UW's U-PASS program was established in 1991 by ASUW and GPSS in partnership with UW Transportation Services to provide an unlimited right to ride transit product to UW students at a significantly reduced price. U-PASS provides participants with unlimited rides on the bus, train, and light rail service of six regional transit agencies, reduced cost access to Zipcar, vanpool subsidies, discounted carpool parking, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure enhancements and programming, the NightRide shuttle service, and a variety of merchant discounts. The economic downturn that began in 2008 triggered two significant trends that placed the U-PASS program in financial peril. First, the average number of rides taken by existing program participants increased by approximately 20%. Second, regional transit agencies, challenged by declining sales tax receipts, began a series of fare increases. These factors compounded to rapidly increase the University's overall cost to operate the program. At the same time, the University's ability to generate funds to subsidize the program began to suffer erosion from the City of Seattle's new commercial parking tax and from decreasing participation in the University's parking program. The result was significant increases in U-PASS prices as program participants were asked to bear a greater percentage of the rapidly increasing program costs. During 2008, Transportation Services struggled to achieve substantive cost savings in either transit contract costs or tax burden. In order to keep the program solvent, the department instituted the most significant U-PASS price increase since the program began with the price of a Student U-PASS increasing 98% from \$50 to \$99. The response rate was an impressive 17.5% of the entire student population. The central finding was that 79% of students preferred implementation of a Universal Student U-PASS. As a result, the President's Office, in collaboration with the GPSS Secretary's Office, drafted a Resolution in Support of the Universal Student U-PASS as one of the first pieces of legislation considered after the school year began in November, 2010. The GPSS President, in collaboration with the ASUW President, the GPSS Executive Committee and the ASUW Board of Directors developed

an Administrative Policy Statement pertaining to Voluntary Fees of Students under RCW RCW 28B.15.610 and the MOU regarding Implementation of a Universal Student U-PASS. The APS and MOU were presented to the Board of Regents during the April meeting.

UNIVERSAL U PASS PROPOSAL: In partnerships with ASUW President, GPSS President U-Pass Fee codified through an MOU and APS the collection of a new voluntary fee of \$76 per academic quarter maintained by students upon themselves pursuant to RCW 28.15.610 and intended to fund universal access by Seattle Campus students to the U-PASS program (Universal Student U-Pass Fee thereafter). The ASP creates a mechanism for students to implement a voluntary fee, outlining requirements of collection and administration including specific mechanisms for assessment of student and sponsoring administrative unit support, governance and implementation. The MOU establishes the purpose of the fee, governance including the creation of the Universal Student U-Pass Advisory Board (Advisory Board), guidelines for fee implementation, fee increases, fee termination conditions, fee amount and population. The MOU guarantees that the Advisory Board has full oversight authority to approve fee increases and termination conditions. Establishment of the fee stabilized U-PASS program costs and ensured that it remained accessible, predictable and affordable over the long-run. The proposal ensured that graduate students had access to transportation options, and reduced carbon emissions in the U-District and Pacific Northwest.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

UW Daily, *Media Coverage of this Issue: Board of Regents: Approve the universal U-PASS*, <http://dailyuw.com/2011/4/21/board-regents-approve-universal-u-pass/>

ASUW NEWS, *Media Coverage of this Issue: UW Board of Regents approves Universal U-PASS*, <http://news.asuw.org/2011/05/17/uw-board-of-regents-approves-universal-u-pass/>

3. DAWG PACK TASK FORCE and MOU WITH UW ATHLETICS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **Led the GPSS negotiating team as part of the Dawg Pack Task Force to UW Athletics, and secured key victories for student Dawg Pack fans as part of a MOU between GPSS, ASUW and UW Athletics.** The Dawg Pack Task Force worked with Athletics to secure a discounted price of \$99 for Dawg Pack tickets for 2012-2013, established a Dawg Pack Scholarship program for low-income students, a student-only entrance, complimentary Quest Transportation, discounted concessions, student leadership representation, and the establishment of Dawg Pack Advisory Committee with two representatives from GPSS.

BACKGROUND: GPSS and ASUW were concerned that UW Athletics had failed to involve student leaders in the planning of the Husky Stadium redesign and financing options, including the proposal to the move the Dawg Pack from the 50-yard to the West End Zone. As a result, GPSS and ASUW passed resolutions to ensure that student voice was part of the decision-making process to maintain and enhance the game day experience for student ticket holders as well as for the broader Husky Football community. As a result of the Resolution, the ASUW and GPSS convened the Dawg Pack Task Force, which successfully passed the MOU below.

DAWG PACK TASK FORCE MOU: In collaboration with student leadership from ASUW, Greek and Residents Life, negotiated an MOU with UW Athletics to secure discounted tickets, and increased access to the Dawg Pack and an enhanced Dawg Pack experience in the new stadium.

Memorandum of Understanding: *These parties, representing ASUW, GPSS and UW Intercollegiate Athletics, agree to the following terms regarding the Dawg Pack and Husky Stadium renovation:*

Ticket discounting for three years. Dawg Pack ticket prices will be as follows:

2011: \$120 for six games in current stadium and current location

2012: \$99 for six games in Qwest Field. Location to be determined

2013: \$99 for seven games in the new Husky Stadium and located in west end zone

2014 and beyond: TBD by ICA in conjunction with the Dawg Pack Advisory Committee

Dawg Pack scholarship program: There will be 20 complimentary tickets in the Dawg Pack student section per home game for low-income students. This program would begin in the 2011 season in the current Husky Stadium. Allocation of the 20 tickets would be determined by the Dawg Pack Advisory Committee in conjunction with the UW Office of Financial Aid.

A student-only entrance: The front entrance to Husky Stadium will include a student-only entrance. The student entrance will be visible, easy to access, and will feature recognition of students' original investment to build Husky Stadium. There will also be an opportunity for students to name the student entrance, working in coordination with ICA and the Dawg Pack Advisory Committee.

Complimentary Qwest transportation: ICA will arrange student transportation to Qwest Field as part of ICA's overall transportation plan for the 2012 season.

A student concession plan: ICA will work with the Dawg Pack Advisory Committee to establish affordable menu options for students. Possibilities could include affordable and unique menu items, possible discounts for students, or coupon promotions.

ICA will work with ASUW/GPSS leadership to create a Dawg Pack Advisory Committee. At least half of the representatives on the Dawg Pack Advisory Committee will be appointed by ASUW/GPSS. This group will help advise on the following:

- An overall improved student experience that will include creating new traditions, honoring old traditions, greater recognition and Dawg Pack visibility, input on student section design and marketing and promotional opportunities.
- Implementation of the Dawg Pack scholarship program
- Guidance on student entrance recognition/naming
- Qwest transition
- Concession plan for students
- Overall price, sales, and marketing strategies for Dawg Pack season tickets

Involvement in University wide events and student programs: As part of a great campus initiative, ICA will work with students and other UW departments on enhancing and coordinating a meaningful Homecoming experience. ICA will, schedules permitting, support student athletes and coaches involvement in other University and student events.

Student leadership recognition: ICA will work with student leadership to coordinate an annual social and recognition opportunity for campus student leaders at one of ICA's sporting events each year.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

UW Daily, Packing Up the Dawg Pack, <http://dailyuw.com/2011/1/12/packing-dawg-pack/>

4. CREATION OF THE PROVOST'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR STUDENTS (PACS)

- **KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:** In collaboration with the ASUW President and ASUW Director of University Affairs, developed and implemented a proposal for the Provost's Advisory Committee on Students (PACS) to codify a mechanism for students to provide the UW Provost with timely feedback on issues that directly impact students. PACS shall advise the administration and make recommendations to the administration on: preparation of budgets, tuition levels and state policy proposals, financial aid proposals, long-range planning, and distribution of funds, with particular reference to student concerns, proposed changes regarding consolidation or elimination of a school, department or program and admissions and enrollment management.

BACKGROUND: As a result of significant budget cuts and the shift towards local control of tuition setting authority, student leaders advocated for the creation of a committee that would provide a mechanism for student input on University decisions, including the preparation of budgets, tuition levels and financial aid proposals, that directly impact students. GPSS President worked with ASUW President and Director of University Affairs to propose a committee structure that paralleled that of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCBP). Student leadership worked with Provost Lidstrom to codify the proposal for the Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS).

PACS: The Provost's Advisory Committee for Students will advise the University of Washington (UW) Provost to seek and consider the input and advice of the UW student body through the Provost's Advisory Committee for Students (PACS) on Annual budgets, Tuition levels and state tuition policy proposals, Financial aid, Long-range budget and allocation planning, with particular reference to student concerns and admissions and enrollment management. PACS shall inform the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) on the matters enumerated above and shall be guided by the advice of ASUW and GPSS on matters of policy. PACS has three GPSS appointments appointed by GPSS

NEXT STEPS: Codify PACS in the GPSS bylaws.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Proposed Student Advisory Committee to Address Lack of Student Opinion, UW Daily, <http://dailyuw.com/2011/5/6/proposed-student-advisory-board-address-lack-stude/>

5. GPSS FOURTH ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- In collaboration with the GPSS Vice President's office, executed the Fourth Annual GPSS Summit Losing Leverage: The Impact of State and Federal Funding Trends for Graduate and Professional Education. The Summit had a higher participation and engagement from graduate students than in previously years and included student lunch presentations that highlighted the groundbreaking research of graduate federal grant recipients in the fields of biomedicine, stem cell and regenerative medicine, built

environments, and oceanography. GPSS President successfully drafted event abstract, secured keynote and key speakers, assisted in messaging, communications, outreach and recruitment.

BACKGROUND:

The 2010 GPSS Summit – entitled “*Losing Leverage: The Impact of State and Federal Funding Trends for Graduate and Professional Education*” –provided a forum to discuss the state of graduate and professional funding. The Summit examined the shifting trends in state and federal funding for graduate education, and opportunities to protect funding and maintain the quality of graduate and professional education in Washington State.

The first panel focused on trends in state support for graduate and professional education. The panel examined how state budget cuts to the University of Washington impacted graduate students directly in the form of higher tuition, reductions in academic support, and lost jobs. As the fiscal situation of the state remains dire, the panel examined new solutions to ensure short-term decisions don’t irrevocably damage the quality of graduate education. This panel also addressed the impacts of state cuts to the accessibility and quality of graduate education and the UW’s ability to leverage vital federal funding.

The second panel examined the role of federal funding and how state funds are needed to leverage federal dollars. Federal funding provides a value-added in furthering the WA State economy, UW’s research mission, and the graduate student experience. Last year, UW received approximately \$1 billion in federal grants that helped fund research ranging from determining causes of complex inherited diseases to measuring income adequacy in the U.S. This second panel will focus on the value added of federal funding and the role of state funding in leveraging these valuable resources. The panel examined the UW’s effectiveness in leveraging federal grants and the potential trade-offs of UW’s increased reliance on federal funding. This panel will also explore how graduate and professional students are taking advantage of federal opportunities and contributing to groundbreaking research that benefits Washington’s economy.

Lunchtime student presentations highlighted the groundbreaking research of graduate federal grant recipients in the fields of biomedicine, stem cell and regenerative medicine, built environments, and oceanography.

GPSS Summit Losing Leverage: The Impact of State and Federal Funding Trends for Graduate and Professional Education:

The Summit was attended by approximately 80 key leaders in federal and state government, members of the UW administrative leadership, and graduate and professional student leaders. The Summit had the highest participation and engagement from students of all other GPSS Summits.

GPSS President successfully drafted event abstract, secured keynote and key speakers, assisted in messaging, communications, outreach and recruitment.

GPSS Chief of Staff organized Summit event details including securing event space, organizing catering, providing feedback on messaging, communicating with key participants and speakers, and facilitating outreach and publicity efforts for the highest attended Summit yet.

GPSS Executive assistant organized student research presenters from graduate and professional students across the university and facilitated student research video. Also assisted with other miscellaneous communication and coordination activities.

Agenda:

Potential Keynote Speakers: Member of Washington Congressional Delegation

Introduction and Welcome: UW Interim Provost Lidstrom/ Dean of Arts and Sciences Ana Mari Cauce, Dean of Arts and Sciences

Introduction Presentation on State and Federal Funding: Vice President of External Affairs UW Randy Hodgins, and GPSS President Sarah Reyneveld

Panel 1: State funding for higher education: Maintaining a Leading and Accessible Public University

Recommended Panelists: Higher Education Coordinating Board Executive Director Don Bennett (HECB); State Senator Scott White; State Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles; Representative Reuven Carlyle

Moderator: Vice President of External Affairs UW Randy Hodgins

Panel 2: Federal Funding at UW: The Impact of Federal Spending on Graduate Students and Programs

Recommended Panelists: Interim Vice Provost for Research David L. Eaton, Ph.D (confirmed); Interim Vice Provost for Research David L. Eaton, Ph.D; APLU Director of Congressional and Governmental Affairs Sang Han; Vice Dean, Research & Graduate Education School of Medicine John Slattery; Mary Conway, Senator Murray's Office

Moderator: Professor of Biology Thomas Daniel (confirmed)

Closing Remarks and Next Steps: GPSS Vice President Ben Henry

Lunch: Student Presentations and Discussion

MEDIA COVERAGE:

UW Daily, *Media Coverage of the Issue: Funding concerns discussed at annual GPSS higher-education event*, <http://dailyuw.com/2010/12/6/funding-concerns-discussed-annual-gpss-higher-educ/>

TVW Washington State Public Affairs TV Network, Media Coverage of the Issue: http://www.tvw.org/media/mediaplayer.cfm?evid=2010120039B&TYPE=V&CFID=3873198&CF_TOKEN=70618669&bhcp=1

6. EXPANSION AND CODIFICATION OF GPSS FEDERAL PRIORITIES IN THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE (FLSC) & SAGE DELEGATION IN GPSS BYLAWS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **In partnership with the GPSS VP, recruited SAGE delegation and advocated for the expansion of federal priorities including a focus on federal research funding. In collaboration with GPSS VP and the GPSS Executive Committee, proposed bylaw amendments to codify the expansion of GPSS federal advocacy including the creation of a Federal Legislative Steering Committee (FLSC)**

BACKGROUND: With the increased significance of federal support for graduate education, GPSS took two policy actions to expand its federal focus: 1) established the Federal Legislative Agenda which I proposed and was passed by the GPSS Senate in the 2009-2010 academic year, and 2) expanded its leadership role in SAGE with the creation of two delegate positions. GPSS President worked with GPSS VP to propose bylaw changes that codified this expansion of our federal focus with the creation of a Federal Legislative Steering Committee, which was approved by the GPSS Senate in May.

FEDERAL AND STATE BYLAWS: The Senate approved GPSS bylaw amendments that codify the creation of a Federal Legislative Steering Committee and a State Legislative Steering Committee. See below for function, composition and required meetings of FLSC.

Section D Federal Legislative Steering Committee.

Clause 1 Function

- a. The Federal Legislative Steering Committee (FLSC) shall assist the Vice President in developing the Federal Legislative Agenda, writing and distributing briefings and action alerts, and other duties as the Vice President sees fit.
- b. FLSC shall represent GPSS, as delegated by the President and Vice President, to SAGE and any other organizations with a federal focus of which GPSS is a member.

Clause 2 Composition

- a. The FLSC shall be composed of the President, Vice President, two SAGE delegates, one at-large delegate, and up to two at-large members. Delegates must be current graduate or professional students.
- b. The President and Vice President will jointly chair this committee.
- c. The terms of office shall be one (1) year.
- d. The delegate members shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee.

Clause 3 Meetings

- a. A quorum of the FLSC shall be a majority of the FLSC plus the President and Vice President. Proxies shall not be allowed at FLSC meetings.
- b. The committee shall meet a minimum of fall, winter, and spring quarter and as determined by the President.

7. GPSS REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS/ COLLEGES IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION, SCHOOLS/COLLEGES REMAIN INDEPENDENT

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **Advocated for the passage of GPSS Resolution Preserving the Evans School, Information School, Institute for Public Health Genetics, and College of Education's Foreign Language Certification Program for Teachers. Based on the Resolution, acted as a liaison and advocated for student leaders of the named programs to the UW President, Provost and Board of Regents.**

BACKGROUND:

In a letter to the State Legislature, Interim President Phyllis Wise targeted the Evans School, Information School, Institute for Public Health Genetics, and College of Education's Foreign Language Certification Program for Teachers for possible consolidation into other academic schools or elimination. Student leaders from these schools formally requested that GPSS take an active role in advocating against the proposed consolidations/eliminations to the extent that such measures would compromise the quality and accessibility of the Schools/Departments. GPSS President assisted student leaders in framing and crafting the message to preserve the quality of these Schools and Programs.

GPSS ADVOCACY: GRADUATE SCHOOLS/DEPARMENTS REMAIN INDEPENDENT:

GPSS successfully worked with student leaders to advocate against consolidations and for the preservation of quality of Schools/Department to President Wise, Provost Lidstrom, and the Board of Regents. Partially as a result of strong advocacy from students, and other University stakeholders potential proposal for consolidations were taken off the table and the graduate schools/departments will remain independent.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

UW Daily, *Media Coverage of the Issue: Student effort help prevent Evans school, Information School consolidation*, <http://dailyuw.com/2011/4/28/student-efforts-help-prevent-evans-school-informat/>

8. CREATION OF THE STUDENT-PARENT TASK FORCE, RECOMMENDATIONS AND STUDENT PARENT EVENTS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **In partnership with GPSS VP, worked to convene the Student-Parent Task Force to provide a child care needs assessment and recommendations regarding access to affordable child care, and enhanced community for student parents on campus. Collaborated with GPSS VP's office to successfully execute Students with Children Awareness Day and related events.**

BACKGROUND: GPSS has successfully advocated for increased access to child care, and student parent resources to the UW Administration and the State Legislature. In the 2006-2007 academic year, GPSS worked with the Vice Provost for Student Life to create a Student Parent Resource Coordinator that would provide information regarding the Childcare Assistance Program, child care services, and community events. GPSS worked with the Washington Student Lobby (WSA) to pass legislative to change the Higher Education's Coordinating Board (HEBC) Child Care Matching grant to a proportional program, secure \$1 million in funding for this program in the Legislative Budget, and upon suspension of all state funding for this program, advocate for a budget provisio. As a result of the state's disinvestment in the Child Care Matching grant, and a lack of affordable, accessible child care options, GPSS convened a Child Care Task Force to address 1) lack of affordable child care, 2) lack of access to childcare and other student parent support services, and 3) lack of community, social and support for student parents.

STUDENT PARENT TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN AWARENESS DAY AND OTHER EVENTS: In partnership with GPSS Vice President's Office, Student Parent Organization (SPO) and Parents Attending Law School (PALS), the GPSS President's Office executed a series of events including a Student Parent Picnic and a Student Parent Awareness Day where students brought their children to school to raise awareness of the number of student parents at the University of Washington Seattle campus and held a rally to speak to the challenges student-parents face. The event was attended by over 50 student parents and received media attention from the Seattle Times and UW Daily.

GPSS Student Parent Taskforce examined issues raised above and is in the process of formulating recommendations to pass onto the Vice President of Student Life.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Seattle Times, UW Students Bring their Kids to Class, Seek Childcare Help
http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/education/2015009857_parents10m.html

NEXT STEPS: Implementation of the Student Parent Taskforce Recommendations.

9. GPSS TOWN HALLS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- In partnership with GPSS VP Office, helped to execute and represent GPSS at a Town Hall series communicating the impacts of the budget cuts and opportunities for involvement in GPSS to key graduate professional constituencies in the School of Medicine, Evans School of Public Affairs, and School of Education

BACKGROUND: GPSS has had significantly lower participation in Senate and our advocacy efforts from certain Schools and Departments that either do not know about GPSS or do not believe that our services or activities are relevant to their lives as students. The GPSS Town Halls served to address this lack of involvement by: 1) Informing students of the impacts of the state budget on their School or Department, and 2) providing them with concrete recommendations and steps for involvement in Higher Education Advocacy Day and other GPSS sponsored advocacy related opportunities.

GPSS TOWN HALLS: In partnership with the GPSS Vice President's Office, successfully planned and executed Town Halls at the School of Education, Evans School of Public Affairs, and School of Medicine.

NEXT STEPS: Expand Town hall participation next year, particularly at the School of Law and Business School.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

<http://dailyuw.com/2011/1/19/gpss-host-series-town-hall-meetings/>

10. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

- **KEY ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Represented GPSS on the Presidential Search Committee and utilized survey feedback to select recommended candidates for the Regents.

BACKGROUND: In partnership with ASUW, surveyed students regarding the qualities they would like to see in their next President. Incorporated this feedback in my representation of graduate and professional students on the Presidential Search Committee

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Utilized survey data and my knowledge of graduate student priorities issues to represent GPSS on the Presidential Search Committee.

STAFF REPORTS:

Andrew Erwin, GPSS Chief of Staff

Graduate Program Review (GPR):

Key Accomplishment:

- Facilitated the Review of 12 academic programs, providing graduate student feedback in the form of detailed qualitative and quantitative reports to the Visiting Committee and the Graduate School.

Background: When an academic program is up for its 10-year review by the Graduate School, GPSS gathers student feedback and opinions to be used in the review. This is done in two ways: (1) through data analysis of surveys sent to the graduate students conducted by an RA in the Graduate School office and (2) in-person interviews with graduates students conducted by two GPSS senators. The Chief of Staff coordinates these efforts and compiles the information into a final report.

GPSS Higher Education Summit:

Key Accomplishment:

- Organized Summit event details including securing event space, organizing catering, providing feedback on messaging, communicating with key participants and speakers, and facilitating outreach and publicity efforts for the highest attended Summit yet.

Background: The 2010 GPSS Summit – entitled “*Losing Leverage: The Impact of State and Federal Funding Trends for Graduate and Professional Education*” –provided a forum to discuss the state of graduate and professional funding. The Summit examined the shifting trends in state and federal funding for graduate education, and opportunities to protect funding and maintain the quality of graduate and professional education in Washington State. The Chief of Staff is charged with organizing and facilitating the event details within the President’s office.

Staff Meetings, and Assistant to President:

Key Accomplishment:

- Implemented semi-regular staff meetings to bring together officers and staff for idea sharing, collaboration, and greater office cohesion. Assisted the President on a variety of activities including: drafting resolutions and reviewing MOUs, representing the President at the Graduate Council meetings, representing the President’s office in internal meetings on website and technology proposals, interviewing candidates for GPSS committees, and coordinated senate materials and presentations.

Background: The positions of Chief of Staff was expanded to begin incorporating increased staff oversight and representation while still providing assistance to the President in their activities and goals.

Event Activities:*Key Accomplishment:*

- Gave assistance in planning for GPSS events including socials, spring picnic, lobby day, and student's with children advocacy day.

Background: The Chief of Staff traditionally provides assistance and support in the implementation of GPSS social and advocacy events.

Caroline Epley, Executive Assistant

Non-Resident Waiver:

- Effectively organized student recipients including representation from Medicine, Law and other impacted departments
- GPSS Executive Assistant compiled testimonies of over x student recipients explaining the vital importance of the waiver and delivered these to the Board of Regents and relevant stakeholder
- Executive Assistant served as liaisons and assisted in the advocacy and organization goals of the UW School of Medicine

Child Care Task Force:

- Coordinated Task Force meetings, including scheduling and taking minutes.
- Planned the Students with Children Rally.

Regent Selection Committee:

- Coordinated Regent application materials and facilitated communication of selection process information with Regent Selection Committee members and external stakeholders.

Scheduling and Assistant to President:

- Coordinated meetings between the President's office and external stakeholders.