1) Call to Order
Adam Sherman (GPSS President): call to order at 5:32pm.

2) Approval of the Agenda
Kimberly Shertz (Law): moves
Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): seconds

3) Approval of the Minutes
Moroni Benally (Native American Students): moves
Duru Altug (Near Eastern Language and Civilization): seconds

4) Temperature Reading
Vera Giampietro (GPSS Treasurer): Welcome to the election meeting. Anyone want to share anything, reoccurring issues?
Elita Williams (Nursing Sci): This is nurses week.
Joseph Burton (NELC): Apparently T-PAIN is coming to UW. And we have contributed 10,000 dollars. I’m looking through the budget and I don’t see a line item. Who made that decision? Where did that money come from?

Alice Popejoy (PH Genetics): Move to extend time by 2 minutes.
Titus Butcher (Civil and Environmental Engineering): seconds
Vera: Under the budget it is under arts and entertainment. We do this pledge yearly to ASUW spring show. Last year it was decided by the senate. There is a committee formed by ASUW. The committee voted for T-PAIN.

Joseph (NELC): This was a line item committed last year…
Gary Hothi (MSW): Who were the other options?
Adam: This is something we have done to support ASUW. We do have a say in influence who will be there. The idea is more about arts and culture. There are a lot of student needs. Arts is one of the first things to get cut. T-Pain is not my cup of tea but we want to support ASUW to bring arts and culture to campus.
Vera: I would support anyone being involved in that process next year.

5) Officer Elections
Noralis Rodriguez (GWSS): We will introduce ourselves. I’m from gender women sexuality studies
Duru (NELC): From near eastern languages and civilization.
Elita: From nursing
Josh Calvert (MD): School of medicine

Noralis: We are the elections committee. We will announce the candidate for each officer position. Each candidate will speak no more than three minutes. The elections committee will invite candidates to run from the floor. Then nominations will be closed. After each candidate speaks they can answer two questions. The elections committee will leave room. The candidates are for Treasurer Genesis Gavino, Secretary is Jessica, Elisa Law, and Christopher Westgaard, VP is Kimberly Shertz and Chris Erickson. President is Chris Lizotte. I will ask first if someone from floor would like to run from floor?
Alexander Kaufman (Nutritional Sci): For president
Noralis: nobody else?
Duru: Show of hands of people that do not have a nametag because your ballot is in your nametag.
Noralis: Now we have 3 minutes per person to speak and two questions per person
Elita: In my hands I have cards to show you when to stop.
Noralis: First we have treasurer genesis.
Genesis: Thank you for the time and opportunity. I am Genesis and I am the best candidate on the ballot. The last time I ran for office was in high school. I lost. I promise to uphold office of treasurer. I won’t waste the senate’s time on my experience but I do want to talk about my goals. My goal is to continue and expand services. A new application will be implemented to increase the ability to apply for funding. Not only will application be more accessible but we will assess applications efficiency. I will work closely with the development coordinator. Additionally, open lines of communication. The office of treasurer and secretary plan events. I will put in place a centralized system and each person is aware of duties. I feel confident in this future process. I do deserve your votes. I’m dedicated to the work we do. Thank you.
Noralis: Secretary
Onyinye: What is this that you want to do?
Genesis: Management and operation.
Noralis: Secretary Jessica Caferty
Jessica Caferty: I’m here today because I want to be next GPSS secretary. I’m also here for other reasons. I love this university. Maintain excellence by maintain faculty and good research. UW is affordable and accessible. And because I want your voice to be hear. It’s been a pleaser to be part of community. 3 major commitments. 1) Build community. Transparency. I also want to make commitment to diversity. I’ve seen first hand value of equitable opportunities. Advocating the improvement of diverse. Finally I’m committed to bringling excellence to work every day. Planning events and building networks. I’d love to serve as advocate. Thank you.
Titus (CEE): What qualification you have?
Jessica: I’ve worked with special needs. I’m legislative advocate.
Kristen Hosey (GPSS Secretary): This year we have new archivist position. Are you around for the summer to supervise?
Jessica: yes
Noralis: Next Eliza Law
Elisa: Last fall I was invited to join GPSS. I wondered whether I had the right background for student government. I wasn’t convinced GPSS would make me become better community outreach professional. But I became more inspired through GPSS. Outreach is the same. Leadership for social change. I was hooked. A couple senate meetings later I joined community affairs and became chair. We reached out to uw police. I enjoyed leadership role. While in peace corps my job was to arrange communication. We wrote and received grants for development projects. Navigating an unfamiliar environment was rewarding and challenging. As GPSS Secretary I will be in this role with helping young leaders. For the past month I have met with Kristen, the amazing work Kristen does. Diversity support and outreach. As secretary I will streamline marketing and increase collaboration.
Alice (PH Genetics): What are the top 3 final parts of your speech?
Eliza: I’m interested in archiving this summer.
Vera: Are you available this summer?
Eliza yes
Noralis: Next is Christopher Westgard.
Christopher: I feel like I need to take on this role. I have a vision for GPSS. I want to increase coordination communication and collaboration. Advance capacity of making change by increasing communication between the different bodies. I have lots of experience working within university bodies.
Established a network working within this system. I would also like to continue working with diversity efforts. Lots of committees on campus. Greater infusion. I like efficiency. I would like to see it run efficient. We should be able to accomplish the mission at hand. This means making meetings run more smoothly and be more focus. I want to be secretary because it will be fun. I’ve enjoyed my time here and look forward to further get to know you. It seems like a natural fit. In the name of efficiency.
Westgard 2013
Michelle Dillon (Library Sci): Efficiencies?
Chris: Much of what Kristen has done. Eliminate redundancies and unneeded meetings. Make sure people are prepared and chairs are on top of business. That kind of focus.
Vera: Will you be here during summer?
Chris: I will be here virtually. But in constant communication.
Noralis: VP Kimberly Shertz.
Kimberly: My advocacy experience, gpss experience, relationship with grad students, and roles for next year. I graduated from UW with year in Spanish and womens studies. Now I’m in law school. Since undergrad I gained experience with advocacy. This year I gained legislative advocacy. This has helped me understand state leg process and relationships. Helped me understanding advocacy with a cause zealously. GPSS second term as senator. I was chair of gov relations committee. I worked with members of committees. Developed understanding of legislative priorities and understand state and federal issues. I participated in lobby day. I developed relationships with students across campus. I will continue to do so with sexual assault task force. I’ve met with students from different programs. My goals: coalition building, reaching out.
Kiana Scott (Communications): What were your final points?
Kimberly: Student leaders. International student advocacy. New revenue. Transparent in fee based programs.
Colin Bateson (ME): Gone this summer?
Kimberly: During the summer I can do work remotely. I can work with organizing director. Meeting with legislators. I would still have month and a half. Meeting with students over skype email phone calls.
Noralis: Next Chris Erickson.
Chris Erickson: I am a first year grad student. On state leg vice chair. I sent out personal emails without an email list. Three things: experience, ten years of experience in Washington state legislature. I’ve drafted language on about 60 bills advocated on 200 bills and had some pass. Strategy, what next year is. It’s a short t session about 60 days. About 39 total days of work. Policy and how we get students involved that might not be higher ed related. This is how we build relationships with legislators. Third time, I’m the only candidate that will be there this year. I’m an Evans student. This is not a hobby.
Alice Popejoy (PH Genetics): The email you send was science and policy. That is great. Speak to that?
Chris: Some of Evans and Jackson like to get involved in legislative stuff. How do we get people involved? In a lot of ways you need to be experts. Science and policy to help meld that gap. How do we building relationships. Change conversation.
Bjorn Hurbert-Wallander (Psychology): Specific issues that are priorities?
Chris: Fee based bill. It was thought that the bill is dead. But bills are alive for 2 years. How do we change the conversation? Fee based on international.
Noralis: Chris Lizotte.
Chris Lizotte: I will be here this summer. 4 years been here as PhD student. 2 year in GPSS. I’ve seen that grad student government is amazing challenge and opportunity. We end up siloed in certain departments. All of you here taking your time. I’ve come to conclusion that we all share something in common. We all believe that quality accessible post grad ed is an intrinsic good to society. 3 specific things. This year we saw lots of institution structure change. Those changes are the result of bold leadership vision. We need to evaluate and modify the visions that don’t work. I want to expand and
support diversity. I would support secretary. I have vested issue in advocating mental health service. Finally, a grad student is an amazing promise. Everyone has opportunity to contribute expertise.

Titus (CEE): How do you plan to lead such a big organization and experience?
Chris: My experience is as senator and as exec senator. I also was chair of student life committee. Fees. Also I was chair of committee that carried about higher ed committee. I would lead by example. President needs to be out pounding the pavement and using presence to advocate on behalf of students.

Alma Khasawnih (GWSS) gender/sexuality studies: More specific about diversity?
Chris: There are people way more qualified about diversity. I want to support secretary. My specific area is mental health services. I want to see graduate peer advocates.

Alexander Kaufman: I would like to thank all the candidates. Student leadership is important to me. Chris and I have similar goals. I was late to chose to run. I've passed around my resume. I have some experience working within student governments. I have interned in the capital. How bills are written. I have community service experience. I have won things for organizing community and civic engagement. As grad student in public health, there are other avenues to use towards our advantage. Public health is about moving forward in positive direction. Lead you in 2013-2014 year. Chief objectives. Improving tracking of funds. I was on finance and budget committee. In my experience working with youth and peers. I had internship working with homeless teenage moms. Young people are very smart. Resources are the most useful thing. I am a good resource.

Kiana (Comm): Experience with GPSS?
Alexander: As students gov senator I’ve worked on finance and budget. Money is what we need to lobby for. My role as president would be based on... I've worked on deans search committee. Interested in being representative to senate. Interested in having close relationship with pacs and provost.

Titus: Why do you want the position?
Alexander: I want to lead by example. I wanted to see a difference to be made. I want to see more female leaders.

Noralis: Thank you. Anybody want to run from floor?
Alice Popejoy (PH Genetics): I want to run from floor.

Titus: Extend
Matt Portwood (Jackson School) : Second

Alice: I will run for GPSS president. We need more female leaders. I’ve lobbied congress. I’m very familiar with the workings of GPSS. I have been to WA association with Melanie. I think as GPSS president I’d be able to meld science and policy. PhD. At Hamilton office I worked at alumni office. Endowment. The real motivation is to run next year.

? The presidents role over summer and transitioning to next year?
Alice: Building strategy and building relationship. Bonding with officers. I will not be here this summer.

? Important things you want to achieve?
Alice: I enjoy science and policy. Reaching out to different communities. Diversity.

Noralis: Vote please. Your name needs to be legible.

6) Commendation Resolutions
Adam: As everyone read. These three resolutions are commending 3 individuals who have demonstrated dedication. Bryan peace was leader of the bookstore and recently passed away. He dedicated his time to students. We want to make sure there is something to commend is service. John pareso has been with uw for over 50 years. He was director of the IMA. Making sure students have opportunity to engage out of school. Eric Godfrey is retiring leader of student life. Large role in the
endowment. I owe him a debt of gratitude. I would like to get a vote that says you want to support them. I would take this and pass it on to them. If there are no objections I would entertain a motion...
Alma (GWSS): Who else leads without getting recognized?
Adam: If you think there are people that you feel like we should recognize please bring it to our attention. These are people I have worked with.
Chris Lizotte: This is not an annual award.

Kiana (Comm): I move to pass resolution.
Regan Hart (PH Genetics): Seconds
Adam: objections?

Chris: Move to approve commendation for Bryan
Kimberly (Law): seconds

Adam: John Pareso?
Regan (PH Genetics): Move to approve
Kiana (Comm): seconds

Adam: Eric Godfrey?
Kiana (Comm): move
Patricia Atwater (Health Services): seconds
Onyinye (Global Health): If we want to nominate someone, what would that form be?
Adam: Lots of whereas clause. We commend you for that service. One way to show appreciation.

7) UW Alerts Resolution
Adam: Mike you want to come to front.
Michael Hutchinson (Earth and Space Sciences): Last meeting UW police chief was here. I put forth resolution that puts UW alert email opt out rather than opt in. ASUW passed similar resolution. We did consider text alerts opt out but they cost money. Any discussion?
Colton Miller (Environmental Forest Sciences): Would you just plan on having it going to UW email or forwarding email?
Sam Wang (Statistics): Frequency of these emails?
Mike: There is no pattern. Like haz-mat alert at chem building?
Adam: Safety emails, I receive them now. And probably less than once a month.
Michael Kutz (ASUW): I want to affirm the support that the undergrads have for this. Second this is in response to incident where there was a shooting on the ave at bookstore. There was concern about danger. Essentially that sparked a consideration about future safety concerns. Picture of what’s going on. Less than once a month. Could avoid serious trauma.

Alex Kaufman (Nutr Sci): Motion to approve
Mike Arndt (Epidemiology): seconds
Adam: motion carries
Adam: All of you when you are out there. Think about that for this year and next. I appreciate you bringing it up.

8. Election Results
Adam: I entertain motion to suspend bylaws to move item up
Chris Lizotte (Geography): Move to switch agenda items 8 and 9 by suspending bylaws.
Elisa Law (Museology): seconds

Josh (MD): There was a tie in the vice presidential elections. Chris and Kim stand out. We will not vote only for VP. It’s very important that you write your name on it.

Titus (CEE): What does the by laws say about ties?

Michelle Dillon (iSchool): What about the people who left?

Titus (CEE): I move to suspend bylaws and have exec officers break tie.

Adam: I would caution against that.

Alice (PH Genetics): seconds

Kiana (Comm): Objection. My objection is that exec committee elects candidate.

Titus (CEE): I believe what you said. I feel that the exec is the most qualified.

Kiana (Comm): We have at least one exec committee member who could be leaving.

Chris (Geography): As member of exec committee I find it highly inappropriate to do so.

Trond (Industrial Engineering): As exec committee I recuse myself. Bylaws say in event of tie revote should occur by voting by senators present.

Adam: Now vote on motion. In favor of having exec committee to deciding vote. Motion failed.

Josh (MD): We will vote again. (Final Results presented last after counting)

9) Year End Celebration and Alumni Mixer Event

Adam: Next senate meeting will be the last one and followed by celebration. We want to recognize what we’ve done and senators as well. It will also be opportunity to bring back alumni. It’d be cool if you came back in ten years to do the same. Recognize what alumni did when they were here as well. Engage our alumni in meaningful way. Maybe that would make people to want to donate in the future. We need 5 or 6 volunteers to contact alumni. I’d love to hear from 5 people to do phone calls.

Adam: Chris Lizotte, Elisa Law, Kimberly Shertz, Michelle Dillon, Kiana Scott, Jessica Caferty

10) Legislative Update

Chris (Geography): Move to suspend bylaws and switch 10 and 8 (for Election Results)

Onyinye: seconds

Melanie: Alice from King County Metro is here.

Alice: I am Alice with King County Metro. This is an issue impacted whole Department of Transportation. It is the entire Puget Sound area. Transportation budgets are not sustainable. No item in budget that earmarks money. Two years ago when sales tax revenue decreases, King County did congestion reductions charge. But only for two years. In 2014 it will come to an end. It was not enough to cover entire Metro costs. Metro has been tightening belts. Once you’ve done that you can’t not do that in the future. We’ve done what we can in terms of budget tightening to make up the gap. The 20 dollar car tabs is part of it. King County cannot do anything unless state leg can say so. Property values have gone down so revenue has gone down. We are collecting revenue at rate same as 8 years ago. We are in a quandary. Our transit numbers 400,000 passengers. Numbers are increasing. You are our customers and demanding more service. We need to have revenue to do it. We are facing 17% reduction in transit. That would be 2/3rds of our rates. That means 65 potentially deleted routes and 85 revised routes. More crowded buses. Increased car traffic. More congestion. More cars is worse for cyclists. What can we do about it? On Tuesday the 14th at Sound Transit Board room. Union Station in Pioneer Square. Come talk to county council members. Or you can contact your state legislature. Our road network is decreasing. We’ve seen dramatic shift in our ability. We depend on people like you to speak to those that can’t.
Melanie: It’s going to be a long process. The next step is the leg is coming back for special session. The county council is holding hearing on transit cuts. I hope that a few of you will come. Please pass it on. In addition, please contact state legislators.

Titus (CEE): What does this have to do with 60?

Alice (PH Genetics): This is important to us.

Melanie (VP): Authority to two year congestion fee. Tons of attention. Thousands of people. With that in mind the king county wants public attention on the issue.

Alice (PH Genetics): The government has said on record that it’s a single most important issue

Gary (MSW): You said 17% cut would impact 83 percent of routes?

Alice (PHG): Certain routes will stay the same. Your route might stay the same but the waits might be longer.

Melanie: Which routes will be cut will not be finalized

Devin (Earth and Space Science): What’s being done on energy side of things?

Alice: (PHG) Most of our fleet is hybrid.

Titus (CEE): What efforts were made on king county’s side?

Alice (PHG) We’ve done labor negotiations, we’ve massaged routes, and used grant resources better.

Melanie: Email about this tomorrow.

11) Announcements

Vera: We have a whole list of awards, we also want to facilitate a senator choice award. Senators nominated by senators. Anything like that. Vote in an online form. I understand that you might have self organized interest. Please let me. Any kind of award?

Gary (MSW): What’s up with the international student fee?

Adam: We passed it. We opposed the fee.

Trond: It was in the daily. It said it was a strong rebuttal of the fee. They mentioned gpss.

Bonnie Lau (Speech and Hearing Sci): GPSS social committee has organized child care fair this Saturday. Quite a few providers of child care will be available. Please share with student parents.

Alex: In support of metro. We are going to meet at big time brewery at 330. And jump on bus downtown. If enough people go we can get 50cent beers.

Kristen (Secretary): I have two announcements. I spoke with Jenn from ASUW about ASUW passing a resolution about an undergrad diversity requirement. I will work on resolution similar to that.

Michael Kutz (ASUW): Earlier this year we passed resolution for undergrad diversity requirement that overlaps with general education requirements. That is passed through faculty senate and now going through confirmation period. It has good chance of passing.

Kristen: I will be bringing a resolution forward, so if anyone would like to sponsor this let me know.

Second, we have two events next week. Final science communication workshop. The other is on Friday. Diversity forum. If any of you are interested swing by. Coffee and food.

Chris Lizotte (Geography): If it has passed faculty senate what hurdle does it have to clear?

Michael: Full faculty committee. It only takes action to deny it. If 5% put in written objections. It would be helpful to have support.

Michael (ASUW): Undergrad elections are next week. Grad students can vote in those. Vote.asuw.org.

Trond: In two weeks we have final senate meeting. We will be electing at least one executive senator.

Melanie: You do have to be senator already.

Alma (GWSS): The diversity requirement. It only needs 220 professors on campus to oppose. Speak to your professors so they support. It’s such a small number.

Adam: I believe UW is the only university in state that doesn’t have diversity requirement

Adam: I will be handing off resolution. One final resolution with endowment. I said we have a bunch of things. And we will spend down reserve fund. I also submitted proposals. I’m hopeful that there will be
money coming in. the resolution will be saying to the degree they fund this, we should spend down reserve fund to fund the endowment. That’s a resolution you should expect next Wednesday.

Kristen: We are hiring people. Archivist position is the Information management specialist.
Adam: And development coordinator.

Kristen: We also have some committee openings. Book store. Not many applications.
Michelle (iSchool): Are the job openings on the website?
Kristen: yes

Alma (GWSS): Adam has a tendency to hold a grudge.

Alice (PHG): Latest and greatest in administration?
Adam: The regent meetings is the most focused. 3 main issues. PACS recommendation. College councils.

And fee based programs. Students will be speaking. My perspective is there is a role but there has been zero strategy with how it will fit in to school. Ten years ago, we had 10 thousand grad students all on state based programs. Almost exclusive growth has been fee based programs. We need to have a conversation about taking on so many fee based programs. That will be my commentary.

Alex Kaufman (Nutr Sci): Can I motion? This is about the food that is offered at the meeting. In the interest of eating something healthy. There are public health guidelines. Like no soda. I would be in support of supporting public health and not condone access to sugary and sweet beverages.

Adam: Pass those along.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Noralis (GWSS): I would like to thank elections committee. The results:
Treasurer is Genesis Gavino.
Secretary is Elisa Law.
VP is Chris Erickson.
President is Chris Lizotte.

12) Adjourn

Michael Kutz (ASUW) move
Everyone: seconds