GPSS Senate Meeting  
February 13, 2008 - 4:30 p.m. - HUB 310  
Approved March 5, 2008

Officers Present:  
Sarah Reyneveld (Vice President)  
Krislyn McWilliams (Treasurer)  
Yutaka Jono (Secretary)  

Staff Present:  
Savannah Baltera (Special Asst. to the President)  
Danielle Magnusson (Exec. Asst. to the President)  
Rob Muilenburg (Legislative Assistant)  
Jamie Andrus (Resources Assistant)  
Kelley Merrick (Policy Assistant)  
Matt York (Webmaster)  
Mara Hall (Publications Assistant)  

Officers Absent:  
Dave Brown (President)  

1. Call to Order  

Krislyn McWilliams called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda  

Yutaka Jono moved to add the issue of meet and greets as item 5.5.  

John Liston (Communications) seconded.  

No objections.  

Passed unanimously  

3. Approval of the Minutes  

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) moved to change what was written to ‘whether the candidate pool should be defined”.  

Yutaka Jono seconded  

All were in favor.  

Beth Curry (Oceanography) said to change her statement on the top of page four to ‘it is hard to give approval and many questions are left unanswered.”
Yutaka Jono seconded

All were in favor

Brian Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) moved to change Mark Zelinka to Brian Smoliak. He also moved to change the incorrect spelling of his last name to the correct spelling.

Yutaka Jono seconded

All were in favor.

Krislyn McWilliams entertained the motion to approve the minutes.

Yutaka Jono so moved.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Paul Zuchowski on the HUB

Paul Zuchowski said after talking with students, four goals had been composed for the new HUB
-welcoming space
-open building with more natural light
-more of a connection to campus
-building community

Then as a fifth sub goal, he said they wanted to move all of the student services to the first floor with the exception of GPSS.

He gave three options for remodeling: Schemes A, B, C.

Cost of each scheme

 Scheme A =112 million
 Scheme B =142 million
 Scheme C =188 million

He said that they were asking SAF for 2.25 million to help with the pre-design and schematic design. He said if SAF approves the 2.25 million then they would spend nine months designing and then in spring of 2009 they would go back to SAF and ask for their help in funding the project, then he said projected construction would begin in 2010 and be done by 2012.
Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) said as a point of information that if the HUB remodel went into effect, the bond would not start being paid until the quarter prior to the opening of the new building.

Anna Batie (Sociology) asked how the graduate students would benefit from the new building.

Paul Zuchowski said that he could not answer her question exactly because there would be different aspects that different people would benefit from.

Andrew Overton (Business Administration - Accounting) said that the Husky Table Tennis team had been asking for more space for table tennis, he asked if there was anything in the plans that would meet these needs.

Paul Zuchowski said no. He said that the space needed to be used for all different purposes.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) asked how the designs presented accounted for the fact that a majority of the year is spent under an overcast sky.

Paul Zuchowski said that most of the students on the committee had said the HUB was too dark and they wanted more natural lighting.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) asked if the architects were from the area, because the designs showed blue skies, and thus false representation of what it is actually like.

Wesley Brenner (Law Student) said that the law building was re-done recently and on a sunny day it gets really hot. He asked if this was going to be taken into account with the new HUB.

Paul Zuchowski said it was being taken into account.

Kara Main (Microbiology) asked if there was a way to find donors so students would not have to pay the entire cost of building.

Paul Zuchowski said they were a few years too late in asking for donors, but it was still being worked on. He said the door was closed for state money but that the donor door was still open he just did not know how much money would be brought in from it. He said that the master plans were on the website and for anyone to e-mail him with questions.

5. Craig Simmons on Relay for Life

Craig Simmons, a UW sophomore and relay for life chair, wanted to extend an invitation for graduate students to get more involved in Relay for Life. He said they were trying to
increase the numbers from last year. He sent around a sign up and said to check the website for further information [www.uwrelay.org](http://www.uwrelay.org).

**Sarah Reyneveld** asked if anyone was interested in heading up a graduate team

**Anna Batie (Sociology)** told Craig Simmons to email Yutaka so he could get the information to all of the senators and graduates.

### 6. Kelley Clark, Graduate Meet and Greet

**Kelley Clark**, Industrial engineer and second year masters student, gave a suggestion for the graduate students to have meet and greets.

**Krislyn McWilliams** asked if she was thinking about setting up specific departmental nights.

**Kelly Clark** said yes because she thought the GPSS socials were overwhelming because everyone was there, so she thought specific meet and greets might be better.

**Wesley Brenner (Law Student)** said that some of the departments already had departmental meet and greets and he gave the Law School as an example.

**Anna Batie (Sociology)** said she thought doing departmental as well as non departmental meet and greets would be good.

**Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics)** said he had been helping with social events on campus and that his department was always looking for other departments have events with. He said he thought it was a good idea, but he thought it was a matter of how it was approached.

**Noah Benson (GBLTC)** said he thought organization of the whole process was what was lacking from the socials that he had gone to. He thought something announced would make it more organized.

**Dave Iseminger (Public Health Genetics)** said he was pushing for a full time position for an event planner.

**Krislyn McWilliams** said the position was going to be maintained.

**Dave Iseminger (Public Health Genetics)** said that person should be coordinated into this entire project.

**Amy Underkofler (Jackson School)** said she went to a beer pong tournament that was organized and she said it went well. She then said that the Jackson School council has a social chair, and thought that if all of the departmental social chairs contacted each other then something could be organized that way.
Yutaka Jono said he could advertise it in the meantime, if there was something the Senators wanted advertised.

7. Lobbying/Legislative Update

Sarah Reyneveld gave a brief summary of Lobby Day:
She said child care was extremely successful. She said they were waiting for a budget to come out, but she said she heard from senators that they were looking to put two million into the budget as well. She said there was a policy bill that passed unanimously that would change the way child care is allocated.
In regards to campus safety in mental health, Sarah said that administration put forward a request for first response, but GPSS thought it helping but not solving the whole problem, so she requested for mental health to be put together.
She said the other item lobbied for was restoration of non resident graduate pro subsidy.
She said they did ask for money to renovate the stadium but it was not looking good. She said the other issue that is really big was UW’s north campus, but that nothing was really happening there at all.
She said she thought that a lot of progress was being made in Olympia. The forecast was going to come out on Friday so they would know by then what revenue they had to play with. She said Legislators would look at what was being recommended and find what the priorities are.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health Genetics) said the legislators do not really get that much contact and said that if we all just pulled together and talked to their legislators, it would have a big impact.

Sarah Reyneveld said if everyone emailed the legislator in their district with the three main points it would help a lot.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health Genetics) said it was better to have more representation during the election process.

Anna Batie (Sociology) said that it was hard because it was always during midterms.

Sarah Reyneveld said that she understood but that ASUW sets the date for Lobby Day.

Rob Muilenburg said he did not know all of the planning issues, but there were reasons for it being the day it was.

Sarah Reyneveld said the top three issues were doing really well. She said it was all thanks to everyone. She reported that Senator Murray had said thank you for being so clear and consistent with all of the issues.

Yutaka Jono said it was good that the tuition waver was introduced because it set the ground for it next year.
8. Committee Appointments

Yutaka Jono made an appeal for ASUW senate. He said they were still looking for a GPSS representative.

John Liston (Communications) said he would do it.

9. Programming

Krislyn McWilliams said that Jorge Cham and the speed dating even both went really well. She said they were looking at booking huge sets of seats for baseball games that graduate students could buy for around ten dollars. She said it would be a fun way to get out and do something different. She then said ASUW was planning an event where they were going to show the movie Juno on the lawn and then going to have the singer from the soundtrack come and play. She said ASUW had asked GPSS if they wanted to piggy back on the event to bring on one more act and to get graduate students involved in the event. She said they wanted her to ask the senate if they had any ideas for music groups to tag along to the event.

Anna Batie (Sociology) recommended Paperboys.

Krislyn McWilliams said Flight of the Concorids had been suggested by ASUW.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health Genetics) asked when the event was.

Krislyn McWilliams said May 22. She then said that they had gotten the Chopsticks people for the GPSS social. She said there was going to be all beer and some food.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) asked if that meant no drink tickets.

Krislyn McWilliams said the tickets would be used for fun interactive things. She said that they were doing all of these events because they had money to play with. She said this was something that was not in the regular budget. There was $15,000 from SAF and $15,000 from the regular budget. She said SAO was very supportive and so was SAF. She said they would ask the student fund for $15,000 but would match it with the general fund in order to do the events. She then said she was going to go with Flight of the Concorids. She asked for questions.

Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics) asked for a break down of the money spent in order to better understand the priorities.
Krislyn McWilliams reported:
Jorge Cham was around $3,500
Speed dating was $1,350
Chopsticks piano $3,600
And she said the band would probably have a $30,000 budget.

She said if they got a smaller band or a better contract they might be able to do one more programming event.

10. Announcements

Yutaka Jono said in regards to the HUB renovations, that ASUW senate supported schemes B and C. He said they had wanted to make the student fees go down though so they were interested in making changes.

11. Adjournment

John Liston (Communications) moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.