1. Call to Order

Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) moved to approve the agenda.

Russell Hugo (Linguistics) seconded.

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) moved to approve the minutes.

Mike Vannatta (Chemistry) seconded.

Motion passed.

4. Presidential Report

Dave Brown read an e-mail that was sent to GPSS. He said there was unprecedented traction with mental health and child care. He said he and Eric Godfrey were working on eliminating the $30 fee that was issued after the first five free visits to the counseling center.
He said there had been a 30% increase since last year and that he was very optimistic that the fee would be waived by next year. He then talked about how hall health and the counseling center were two separate entities and that students seeing counselors at the center did not have access to hall health and medical insurance for the medication they needed. He said that he would keep the Senate informed, but that he thought the issue of fixing that problem had good traction. He said the restoration of the out of state tuition subsidies did not stick. He said that the University will cover the expenses for next year, but the issue will have to be presented again next year. He reported that there had been some movement with health insurance. He said the survey that was going to be distributed would help acquire the data needed to help the officers elected for next year to move forward with the issue. He said the regent selection process had begun for next year. He said the application process was open to anyone, even undergraduate counterparts. The deadline was April 9th. Dave said that his Holiness the Dale Lama would be visiting the UW and tickets would be available by e-mail. He said he met with the Vice Provost to talk about fee based programs and combat VET waivers and its ongoing programs. He said the programs are self sustaining so there was not a pool of money like with tuition. He said he was going to meet with the director of financial aide to discuss the issue further.

Anna Batie (Sociology) asked if he would be discussing holes in the Graduate health insurance as well. Dave Brown said he would not.

5. Blackberry Approval

Krislyn McWilliams said that it had been put to the Senate to approve the buying of the blackberries, so the issue had to be addressed. She said if the continued use of the blackberries was approved it would be put into SAF to get the $1440 for both of them. She said also if they were approved they would petition SAF for them and they would become part of the budget. She said if they were not approved then the money could be taken from the general fund.

Sarah Reyneveld said her blackberry had been very valuable. She said it had been tremendously helpful in terms of sending and receiving information. Dave Brown said it had been a good tool.

Krislyn McWilliams said that the phones had already been paid for so if they did not get approved then they would just have the two phones sitting there.
A Senator asked if the phones had made a difference in getting a hold of Sarah and Dave.

Savannah Baltera said yes it had made a lot of things much quicker.

Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics) made a suggestion to have the phones be a communication technology instead of just a blackberry.

Krislyn McWilliams said it just reads cell phone cost.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) asked if the $1440 covered both phones, or if that was the cost of each.

Krislyn McWilliams said it was each phone because each month they had to pay T-Mobile and pay for CNC support.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said there had been three e-mails in regards to the GPSS black berries as a result of an article in the Seattle PI on University spending. He just wanted to bring that up because he thought people on campus might have the wrong idea of the purpose on the phone.

Brain Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) asked for the percentage breakdown of the black berries costs.

Krislyn McWilliams said that they would see everything broken down in the budget at the next meeting. She said overall they had fairly small budgets.

Brian Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) asked if they were worth the cost.

Dave Brown said yes, and that Sarah definitely needed one.

Brain Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) asked for an example.

Sarah Reyneveld said she was in meetings all day and the phone makes it possible to check her e-mail and check her schedule.

Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics) motioned to approve the black berries as a permanent line item.

John Liston (Communications) seconded.

One abstention

Motion passed.

6. HUB Remodeling
Lincoln Johnson said that the steering committee for the HUB remodeling had decided to focus on the C scheme. He said they were talking with SAF about going forward with the next step and that they were working on a proposal for them. He asked for questions.

Anna Batie (Sociology) asked how much more students would be paying per quarter.

Paul Zuchowski said scheme A would be $77, scheme B would be $102 and scheme C would be $129 each per quarter. He said they were projecting that other halls would be looking to expand too. He said Hall Health and ECC fee would be bound together.

Anna Batie (Sociology) commented that the fees would go up quite a bit.

Lincoln Johnson said she was right, and then pointed out that students were still paying off the IMA fee and the HUB would be an additional fee. He said in terms of peers and benchmarking we are fortunate because the UW is a low fee institution.

Krislyn McWilliams pointed out that the fees would not start being paid until construction had started.

Lincoln Johnson said it depended on the construction. He said the IMA started collecting fees the quarter before it opened. He said the fee for the HUB would not start a year before, it would either be a quarter before or the quarter of its opening.

Mike Xenakis (Public Affairs) asked why they couldn’t do the living option.

Lincoln Johnson said a lot of systems would not be ready for it which is why they were trying to get to the next step.

Stephen Freidman (Computer Science and Engineering) asked about the question that had been brought up at a previous meeting in regards to more sunlight and also in regards to the architects not being from the area.

Lincoln Johnson said the architects were from a local firm.

Paul Zuchowski said that the issues that had been brought up at the last meeting had all been written down and taken into consideration.

Mike Vannatta (Chemistry) asked how construction would affect the HUB.

Paul Zuchowski said the space reserved for these purposes is Condon Hall but it is in use until 2013 so they are looking to use the South Campus Center, or maybe staging construction, or finding other spaces. He said they would have a better idea once they got further along with the project. He said no matter the option chosen, it would take about two years for completion.
Lincoln Johnson said that they are asking that part of the discussion will involve staging.

Paul Zuchowski said yes.

Lincoln Johnson said if they are not completed yet then they are close to it.

7. Resolution 5.07-08

Jake Faleschini (Law) gave a brief overview of what the resolution was. He said it expressed solidarity for the NIU tragedy.

Mike Vannatta (Chemistry) said that people looking in from outside might take this the wrong way because we did not write a resolution for Virginia Tech.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said that he hoped people wouldn’t look at it that way, but that they were trying to show support.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said he understood what was being said but thought it was protocol.

Mike Vannatta (Chemistry) suggested adding in Virginia Tech.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said he did not want it to take away from NIU’s experience.

Mike Vannatta (Chemistry) said he was just worried about ignorant people not being able to see what was being portrayed.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) asked if this was a resolution letter that was being sent. And then asked if two different letters could be sent, one for NIU and one for Virginia Tech.

Krislyn McWilliams said it was in their administration.

Yutaka Jono said when the Virginia Tech incident happened last year UW was dealing with its own incident as well. He said a candle light vigil was how we paid respect and mourning for the losses at Virginia Tech.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) suggested doing a one year remembrance for Virginia Tech.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said he would be open to working with Amy on that.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) asked if there would be a moment of silence if the resolution was passed.
Dave Brown said if he entertained a motion to.

Mike Vannatta (Chemistry) said he made a motion to approve the resolution.

Sean Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution 6.07-08

Dave Brown said that this resolution was a key point that deserved a lot of focus. They had called for and requested that parity was achieved with other institutions.

Emily Spahn (Civil and Environmental Engineering) asked if there was a reason fee waivers were left off.

Dave Brown said he was trying to make it more pointed.

Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics) said that parity was good but asked if we should try and do better.

Sarah Reyneveld said she agreed with him but there were huge challenges in achieving parity with other schools, that being so it was a huge feat for us. She said they still had a long way to go.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said that the goals had been discussed but they had not taken an action on it as a body and that he wanted to move to pass it.

Dave Brown said that four to seven would bring us into national standards and also equal with our peers.

Elizabeth Scarborough (Philosophy) said that parents had been notified which could give us the momentum we need to reach beyond parity.

Anna Batie (sociology) said that where was misspelled in line 23.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) moved to pass the resolution.

John Liston (Communications) seconded.

Passed unanimously.

9. 2008 GPSS Elections Guide

Emily Spahn (Civil and Environmental Engineering) introduced the election committee members: Andy Morabito Mike Vannatta, and Noah Benson. She said most of the
language in the elections guide had been taken from the last years guide. She said some changes to bylaws had happened and dates and names were changed. She said since the guide had been sent out the only change that had been made was the addition of Mike Vannatta.

**Xi Chen** (History) asked why they were not having direct elections.

**Dave Brown** said it was the way the constitution was.

**Dave Iseminger** (Public Health and Genetics) said that officers that are not apart of the senate can be elected and that that needed to be shared with their constituents. He said a candidate had to attend three meetings, choosing from Senate and other GPSS Committees.

**Krislyn McWilliams** said that all these meetings were open and that they were welcome to come.

**Dave Iseminger** (Public Health and Genetics) moved to approve the elections guide.

**Jake Faleschini** (Law) seconded.

Passed unanimously.

10. **Budget Deadline Issue**

**Krislyn McWilliams** said she was a week behind with the budget in comparison with the bylaws.

**Yutaka Jono** moved to suspend the rules as outlined in GPSS bylaws; article 8 section c clause 4 and waive the deadline and add an extension to the first week of spring quarter.

**Karen Capuder** (Native American Studies) seconded.

**Amir Rahmani** (Aeronautics and Astronautics) asked if it was going to bring difficulty to the budget.

**Krislyn McWilliams** said everything would be worked out by the next senate meeting.

**Andy Morabito** (Electrical Engineering) asked when it was going to be presented to SAF.

**Krislyn McWilliams** said it was just proposed until it was approved by the Senate.

Majority were in favor

One abstention
Passed

11. committee appointments/exec elections

Dave Brown said there was a vacancy on the Executive committee. Dave said there were four executive senators and then he gave a brief overview of the job.

Anna Batie (Sociology) asked if the meetings would be the same time next quarter.

Dave Brown said yes, they had been working for people.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said he was interested.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said that he could not serve on the Judicial Committee and Elections Committee if he was going to be on the Executive Committee.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said he would give up being on Judicial.

Karen Capuder (Native American Studies) nominated Aaron Naumann.

Aaron accepted.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) said he had a pretty good understanding of how the system works and roles of the officers. He said he was just being introduced to GPSS and wanted to get more involved.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said he had been involved in GPSS this year and had been active in the Judicial committee but the time commitment had been an issue. Next quarter he would have more time so he wanted to get more involved and be able to serve the student body in a greater capacity.

Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) asked if Judicial would function okay with him resigning.

Yutaka Jono said he was a chair so they would just have to elect a new one.

Shawn Mincee (Social Work) asked who the other executive senators.

Krislyn McWilliams said Savannah Baltera, Richard Nobles, and Dave Iseminger.

A vote was taken.

Aaron Naumann won.
12. lobbying/legislative update

Sarah Reyneveld said they made out really well in regards to the top three priorities; child care, campus safety, and our addition to state of student subsidies. She said these priorities were really reflected in the legislative budget. She said they would receive one million for student child care grant and 2.1 million for campus safety planning. She said there was an addition of $47,700 for funding an additional full time mental health professional at each of the six public four year institutions. She said there would be a policy bill accompanying the child care grant. She said because the child care grant was on a competitive basis they were trying to change it to a proportional match. She said the bill was in rules and they were hoping to get it out before next Thursday.

Jake Faleschini (Law) said as a point of order that it was amazing to see how well respected Sarah was by the legislators.

Sarah Reyneveld said GPSS was currently gathering signatures for an ASUW ballot measure to be put on MyUW. They wanted to change the funding measure and in order to increase revenues the structure was dependent on being like WASHPIRG where you can donate three dollars at registration. She asked the senators to try and get signatures from their departments.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) asked for an explanation of what WSL wanted funding for and how many signatures were needed and by when.

Sarah Reyneveld said they needed about 5,000 signatures. She said more funding was needed and every dollar would go to helping students.

Krislyn McWilliams said they would move forward with it even if we did not help. She said it directly affects the function of GPSS as an organization.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said he found it was easy to get signatures because people were supportive of it.

Sarah Reyneveld said they were not allowed to collect signatures in the building so do it outside!

13. Programming

Krislyn McWilliams said that the spring social on May 15th was the next major event that they were funding. Prior to that she said they were still looking to do a night out to a Mariners game. She said the next big event was taking place on May 22nd. It was going to be a big HUB lawn event put on by WASHPIRG, senior students, and ASUW. She said they had different activities planned for that event.
She said they were working on organizing a PUB crawl on the Ave. The first Thursday and Friday of spring quarter she was looking to plan a BBQ, she said it would be organized through e-mails.

14. Announcements

Sarah Reyneveld said thank you to the staff for all their hard work.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) asked if anyone was interested in relations with the ethnic cultural it would be great if they would take it off her plate. Second she had been working on getting some graduate/professional student voices in the Daily. Two options had been proposed to her; the first being that two graduate students would be on the Daily staff, and the second idea was to have an issue once a month dedicated to graduate/professional students. A third option that she was presented with too was having a leaflet like the Greek system has.

Brian Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) said he writes for the Daily.

Karen Capuder (Native American Studies) said she uses the ECC all the time and its free and available for everyone to use!

15. Adjournment

Anna Batie (Sociology) motioned to adjourn

Motion was seconded. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.