GPSS Senate Meeting
April 9, 2008 - 4:30 p.m. - HUB 310
Approved April 23, 2008

Officers Present:
Dave Brown (President)
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 Mullenburg (Legislative Assistant)
Jamie Andrus (Resources Assistant)
Kelly Merrick (Policy Analyst)
Mara Hall (Publications Assistant)

1. Call to Order

Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Dave Brown amended the agenda to add ‘Friends from SARVA’.

Anna Batie (Sociology) motioned.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Yutaka Jono said as a point of information: he moved to change the Senator Guest.

John Tomhave (Communications) seconded.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) motioned to approve the minutes.

Motion was seconded

Motion passed unanimously.
3.5 SARVA

Daniel Reid and Jackie Mayer from ASUW CORE introduced themselves. The guests said that the next week, Monday through Friday, was SARVA week. They went over the events that would happen during the week and said there was a sign up sheet going around for people who wanted to get involved. They said to look at the posters for more information. Being sponsored in part by GPSS

4. Josh Kavanagh: UW director of Transportation Services

Josh Kavanagh said that UPASS and parking rates were being discussed for next year. He told the Senate that for the next week they had the ability to go online and submit their opinion to them. He said that Everett Transit was being added to the U-transit loop. He said that the UW Transportation Committee supplied funding for the IMA loop this year and that they were looking into other intra campus commuting methods to help with the expanding campus. He gave the proposed rate increases:

Looking at roughly 13 % increase in UPass (over two years) =$6 p/quarter added on.
Parking looking at 9-12% increases.
He said it was a very modest and necessary increase.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) asked what the factors were that drove UW to do a buy in buy out instead of an ongoing contract.

Josh Kavanagh said it went back to before he was on campus but the ‘opt out’ program was the consensual student will at the time. He said the future question for the students was if they wanted to keep it this way or change it to an ongoing contract. He said the faculty and staff was done as an opt in because more of them are vehicle dependant.

Anna Batie (Sociology) asked for a percentage of students that use the UPass.

Josh Kavanagh said 80-90%.

Alex Berezow (Microbiology) asked if there was a way to compensate parking so people did not have to pay the full price for all day parking if they were only trying to park for a short period of time.

Josh Kavanagh said they are looking into things to do about short term parking. He said the way they keep prices low is by spreading the cost over the greatest possible number across the whole day.
5. 2008-09 Budget

Dave Brown said he would present each section of the budget and then adopt each section by section. Dave Brown passed the gavel to Sarah Reyneveld.

Revenues for Fiscal year 08:
He said guide to life sales had decreased but they had a way to break even next year.
He said the first action item was administration.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) clarified a section read Repair for Equipment and then clarified that those were thought to go down next year.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) said as a point of information that two years ago the officer line-itemed everything and last year and this year Krislyn rolled most of the same costs into the allocations of the officers.

Beth Curry (Oceanography) said if what they thought they were going to spend was not spent then the amount was lowered because they thought they would not need that much.

Dave Brown said the General Fund was right around $230,000. He said SAF was going to recommend that that some of that money be spent because it was at a point where it did not make sense to keep it that high.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained a motion to approve the General Fund Budget.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) made a motion to approve.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

The administrative section passed.

Dave Brown introduced the Grant Fund Section.

Yutaka Jono said that the travel grant allocations had been increased by $2,000.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained a motion to approve the Grant Fund section.

Yutaka Jono so moved.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) seconded.

The Grant Fund passed.
Dave Brown introduced the President’s Fund. He said the general programming was down by $50, conference travel was down by $1,000.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained a motion to approve the President’s Fund section.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

Dave Brown introduced the Vice President’s Fund.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) asked in regards to the decrease in lobby day advertising funds if more money could be used or if $100 had been efficient.

Sarah Reyneveld said she thought it was efficient.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained a motion to approve the Vice President’s Fund.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

The Vice President’s fund passed.

Dave Brown introduced the treasurer’s fund. He said items had been cut because they had not been utilized.

Anna Batie (Sociology) asked if arts and entertainment was $0 because of Krislyn’s fellowship.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) said that was correct.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Fund.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.

Jake Faleschini (Law) seconded.

Treasurer’s Fund passed.

Dave Brown introduced the Secretary’s Fund.

Yutaka Jono said to note that they had not printed copies of the handbook so it was cut. He said orientation materials had been cut because they did not have to print as many.
He said there was only $500 left for Guide To Life because they had so many overstock from last year.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained a motion to approve the Secretary’s fund.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.

John Tomhave (Communications) seconded.

Dave Brown introduced the Personnel fund.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained a motion to approve the personnel fund.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.

John Tomhave (Communications) seconded.

Dave Brown introduced the Personnel summer hourly staff budget.

Yutaka Jono said the graphic designer was cut completely because they are not printing Guide to Life. Personnel was cut because they did not need people working as much during the summer.

Sarah Reyneveld said positions were cut down from 20 hours to 12 because that was an efficient amount of time to get work done.

Yutaka Jono asked about the treasurer’s increase.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) said that the secretary was budgeted for more hours but with no Guide to Life then it matched the treasurer’s hours.

Sarah Reyneveld entertained the motion to approve the summer hours.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.

John Tomhave (Communications) seconded.

Summer hours passed.

Dave Brown introduced Personnel during regular academic year. He said the publications assistant was cut and the policy analyst’s hours were cut.

Sarah Reyneveld made a motion to approve the regular academic year hours.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.
Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

Regular academic year hours passed.

Dave Brown introduced the General Fund. He said that this was a prediction and actual would not be known until July.

Yutaka Jono said that $3,000 was given to OCHA(Off Campus Housing Affairs).

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) made a motion on the floor that ASUW CORE (for SARVA week) came to them and asked F & B to spend $800 for their GPE week. She said they had thought $1600 was reasonable and that it would come out of the General fund.
She entertained the motion for the Senate to give the ASUW CORE SARVA week $1600 from the General Fund.

Jake Faleschini (Law) asked as a point of order how much was in the General Fund.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) said $236,000.

Yutaka Jono so moved.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

Beth Curry (Oceanography) said as a point of info that SAF was doing this because they were allowed to keep what was left over from the budget. She said they wanted them to spend down the excess revenue.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) asked what the target number was.

Beth Curry (Oceanography) said $200,000.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) asked for the historical information.

Amy Underkofler (Jackson School) said that they were at $236,000 because they had over budgeted. She said at one point they needed to build up the money and not it had been over built.

Yutaka Jono moved to vote immediately.

Beth Curry (Oceanography) seconded.

Motion passed.

Dave Brown introduced tuition waivers for officer cores next year.
He said 07/08 had contemplated graduate students at $9,000.
He said a law student would be $15,000, a business student at $17,000, two officers at $9,000, one law student law student at $17,000 and one business student at $19,000.

**Yutaka Jono** made a point of information said that this was the traditional way that F&B ran and it did not mean that other students, such as medical students, could not run.

**Sarah Reyneveld** entertained a motion to approve the fee waivers for next year officer cores.

**Dave Iseminger** (Public Health and Genetics) so moved.

**Anna Batie** (Sociology) seconded.

Motion passed.

6. Lobbying/Legislative Wrap-Up

**Sarah Reyneveld** returned the gavel to **Dave Brown**.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that they had succeeded in getting the child care budget passed but after it is passed the governor can choose to use her line item veto power, and in this case she did and it got vetoed.

**Alex Berezow** (Microbiology) asked if she had any idea what position the governor’s opposition had taken on the issue.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said the governor was trying to be fiscally conservative. She said she thought if the current governor stayed in office they would have better luck getting child care back in the budget.

She said in regards to mental health that GPSS had led the initiative and secured $477,000 for additional mental health counselors. She said this had also been vetoed by the governor. She said it was understood why the bills were vetoed but she thought that the governor needed to know how disappointed everyone was. She said she drafted a letter and thought it would be extremely helpful if each senator signed it and let her send it to the governor’s office.

**Alex Berezow** (Microbiology) said the husky stadium committee was vetoed too. He said the legislature did not find it necessary to fund broken and damaged things in the stadium.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said she was surprised that was not given more attention because a lot of heaving hitters were in support of it.

**Anna Batie** (Sociology) asked if it would help if they called her office too. She gave her number to the Senate 360-902-4111.
Sarah Reyneveld said a phone call would help too. She said because next year was a budget year and the foundation had been laid for these big issue items, she thought they had great momentum to get the money in the budget.

7. Resolution 7.07-08

Jake Faleschini (Law) said it had been suggested to send a letter of condolences to Virginia Tech.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) entertained a motion to adopt the resolution

Anna Batie (Sociology) so moved.

Emily Spahn (Civil and Environmental Engineering) seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

Dave Brown lead the Senate for a moment of silence.

8. Committee Appointments

Sarah Reyneveld said they had UW book store trustee openings. She said there were two openings for two years.
She said there were committee openings too.
She said they were happy about committee participation.

9. Programming

Yutaka Jono said the spring social was on May 14th.

10. Announcements

Dave Brown said the UW police chief was holding two town hall meetings one was on April 11th and the other was on April 17th. He said he had also received word from Eric Godfrey’s office that the counseling fee had been eliminated for next year.

Emily Spahn (Civil and Environmental Engineering) said April 28th was the deadline for running for office.
Amy Underkofer (Jackson School) said there was going to be a brainstorming meeting on Friday for people interested in taking over the Daily.

Jennifer Hahn said the 37th annual Pow Wow in HEC ED was coming up.

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) said the November bylaw should be emailed in two weeks so he wanted them all to read it carefully.

Yutaka Jono said the GPA of the year award deadline was next Tuesday.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said there was an off campus event that weekend, the Green Sustainability Conference.

11. Adjournments

Dave Iseminger (Public Health and Genetics) entertained a motion to adjourn.

Anna Batie (Sociology) seconded.

Approved by general consent.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.