GPSS Senate Meeting  
October 17, 2007 - 4:30 p.m. - HUB 310  
Approved November 14, 2007

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)  
Jason Ly (Office Manager)  
Matthew York (Webmaster)  
Rob Muilenberg (Legislative Assistant)  
Jamie Andrus (Resources Assistant)  
Kelly Merrick (Policy Analyst)

1.) Call to Order  
GPSS President, Dave Brown, called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

2.) Agenda  
Alex Berezow (Microbiology) moved to amend the agenda by inserting resolution 1.07-08 in between “Website” and “Bylaws” on the agenda. Dave asked him to read the title. Alex Berezow read the title: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM BEYOND THE HUSKY STADIUM STATION. Richard Nobles (Psychology) seconded. Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics) asked if it was time sensitive. Alex Berezow nodded affirmatively..  
Resolution 1.07-08 was added to the Senate agenda with one abstention.

Amy Underkofler (International Studies) moved to approve, Savannah Baltera (Music) seconded.  
The agenda was approved unanimously.

3.) Minutes  
Yutaka said there needed to approval for two sets of minutes from May 9 and May 30, as well as the May 30 agenda. The May 30 agenda was missing. Dave said it can be approved at the next meeting.

Richard Nobles move to approve the May 9 minutes; Karen Capuder (Native American Students) seconded the motion.  
The minutes were approved without objection and one abstention.

Dave Iseminger move to approve the May 30 minutes, Karen Capuder seconded.  
The minutes were approved without objection and one abstention.
4.) Welcome to GPSS
Dave Brown (President) introduced himself and then the rest of the officers and staff introduced themselves as well. He said the officers and staff are readily available. He said Savannah and the rest of the staff were key in organizing the social, which 1200 guests attended.

5.) Parliamentary Procedure
Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said Sturgis is what the Senate uses. He said a person would make a motion to initiate an action. He gave an example. He said when someone makes a motion, it requires a second. He said it would help if the person(s) making the motion or second would say their name and department for the purposes of record keeping. Yutaka said if someone was speaking out of turn, then someone could call “point of order.” He said someone can move to “recess” if there needs to be a break. He says there are other motions, but the Senate can learn as meetings progress.

6.) Campus Issues/Goals
Dave Brown spoke about the summit that will take place on December 7. He said it would be in partnership with Technology Alliance, Prosperity Partnership, and College Work Ready Agenda. He said the summit is entitled “Meeting Employer Demand in the Coming Decade.” He said this summit would be in regards to the demand for graduate and professional degrees by Washington’s industry leaders and to the strategic drivers shaping Washington’s economy. He said the summit would help ensure that the value of graduate and professional students would be articulated to business leaders at the summit. He said child care, mental health, and counseling would be among the “soft” issues that would be contextualized at the meeting. He said Sarah would be lobbying at WSL this year and the summit would provide leverage for that. He said it would also position GPSS as a credible voice. He said the Governor’s economic plan was to build an economic infrastructure. He spoke about the industry in the UW. Other issues he mentioned were challenges that the schools face in recruiting and retaining top talent to its graduate and professional programs. He mentioned members that would be on the panel at the summit. He said the President, the provosts, and many of the deans will be in the room as well. He said GPSS was getting positive feedback about the summit. Matthew James Vechinski (English) asked how other disciplines other than science and math would be represented at the summit. Dave Brown said he would like to focus on other disciplines, but the summit would center on high demand industries. He said it would however benefit everyone around the “softer” issues like childcare and should serve as a vehicle for all departments. Dave continued speaking about mental health and health insurance reform. He said it would be a three-pronged strategy which included preventative care, mental health, and sexual health. He said Sarah and himself convened with Eric Godfrey to bring together necessary personnel to the table to talk about current health disparities and to also focus on bigger picture questions so that there are benchmarks for data. He said that providing the provosts with data is vital. He spoke about the projected impact on graduate and professional students, as well as undergrad students about multi-insurance plans. Richard Nobles (Psychology) said the number of visits you get is 20. Amy Underkofler (International Studies) asked if there was another plan of attack on the insurance problems. Dave Brown said Sarah and him were looking at reintroducing the conversation and to ask UW to step up. He said another issue to look at was citizenship immigration. Denise Rodriguez (International Studies) asked how Dave would reach out.
Dave said Rich Nobles had assisted and he had spoken to the president of medical students too. Krislyn McWilliams (Treasurer) mentioned counseling. Sarah Reyneveld (Vice-President) said she would talk about the operating budget and that there may be some initiative to support counseling services as well. Jake Faleschini (Law) asked if dental care was being considered. Krislyn said it was really good in the GAIP (Graduate Appointee Insurance Program). Dave said dental care had been part of the conversation, but it had not been the forefront yet. He said he wanted to make a good case first (no offense to the dentists).

7.) Legislative Agenda Info
Sarah Reyneveld (Vice-President) introduced herself again and said that she was a legislative liaison and that it is important to involve everyone in lobbying. She said the WSL represented 49 legislative districts and we were in the 43rd district. She said the bi-annual budget came out last year and this year, the supplemental budget comes out. She said if there needed to be a tweak, as to what the supplemental budget would cover. She talked about the policy priorities from last year. She said child care is a huge issue. A positive outcome was last year, there was successfully lobbying for funding for a student-parent resource coordinator. She also said the Veteran Tuition Waivers was a big issue and that GPSS successfully lobbied for the expansion of Veteran’s tuition waivers. She spoke about the student conduct code. Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said both issues came from the Senate and that the Senate does make a difference. Sarah continued speaking about legislative priorities, which included child care, law school loan repayment, and textbook pricing. She said for childcare, a bill was introduced that would provide state matching funds for child care grants, and although it failed, it did include awareness of importance of child care issue. Dave Brown (President) spoke about the law school loan repayment and said that first year law students were successful in getting a line item in the final budget bill that provided for $250,000 max. He said there was now a $500,000 endowment that can generate returns. Lastly, Sarah said two bills were passed in favor of not purchasing bundled textbooks. She spoke about proposed 07-08 legislative priorities. She said GPSS would like to restore a non-resident graduate subsidy. Someone asked how much the subsidy was. Sarah said it was $400. Richard Nobles (Psychology) said out-of-state students had to pay more. The subsidy paid for a portion of it and the legislature decided to cut each student by 10%. He said the UW had decided to cover it this year, but would not next year. Krislyn McWilliams (Treasurer) asked about RA/TA. Richard said next year the person would have to have someone supplement their tuition. Derya Baykent (Educational Psychology) asked if non-resident included international students. Dave said yes. Mark Wheldon (Statistics) asked if it would get restored. Sarah said it would be $400 a quarter. She continued and said that the proposed supplemental budget would support restoring non-resident graduates. She also spoke about the capital budget and said that would highlight the Safe Campus initiative and expand access to childcare. Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics) asked what the Safe Campus initiative was. Dave said it would be a unified communication method. Sarah said the legislative agenda should be driven by the Senate and that they should come to the GPSS legislative steering committee. She thanked them for their help.

8.) Funding Info and Approval
Krislyn McWilliams (treasurer) said she wanted to introduce the general office fund balance. She said $261,861.00 was available. She said $25,000 was set aside for liability insurance. She said this year, this $29,905.00 could be used for programming that would usually be the
treasurer’s stipend and tuition. **Sarah Reyneveld (Vice-President)** introduced a Blackberry® request. **Krislyn** said the one time cost would be $339.00 and the one year contract (renewable) would be $1349.88. She said anything over $1000.00 must be approved by the Senate. She entertained a motion to approve the purchase of the Blackberry® and the yearly contract. **Dave Brown (President)** said he wanted to provide the rationale. He said one of the big issues he saw was the need to communicate in real time. He said the cell phone subsidy would be cut from the Vice-President’s budget. He said he would take it in the fall and spring and Sarah would take it in the winter. He said he was sensitive to the price because the C&C fee would hit GPSS hard. He said it was a discounted plan too. **Denise Rodriguez (International Studies)** asked how much the cell phone subsidy was. **Krislyn** said that $400.00 would be eliminated because $200.00 came from the President and the Vice-President. **Krislyn** said next year and future Senates could discontinue this if it proved to be ineffective. **Amy Underkofler (International Studies)** asked if this was one or two. **Krislyn** said it would be one. **Amy** asked how that would be effective. **Sarah** said she would only be using it in-session. **Jake (Law)** asked if the Senate would get to draw straws for who would use in the summer. The Senate laughed. **Eleftherios Kirkinis (Applied Mathematics)** moved so that if this was approved, then each year it would need to be approved as well. **Barry Pump (Political Science)** asked if this was already protocol. **Krislyn** said it was in Finance and Budget but not in Senate. **Denise** said this would be a trial basis to see how it works. She said having the Senate re-vote on this in a year would be beneficial, but doing it every single year didn’t make sense to her.

**Denise Rodriguez (International Studies)** made a friendly amendment that it should be a one-time approval. **Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering)** said he was not in favor of the motion. He said if it happened, then it should be reviewed in the spring during the budget process.

**Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering)** moved as such and **Denise Rodriguez (International Studies)** seconded.

**Alex Berezow (Microbiology)** moved to close debate, **Richard Nobles (Psychology)** seconded

*The motion passed with one objection.*

**Yutaka** clarified the motion on the table, that the fiscal year should be the basis of this review.

*The Senate voted and the motion passed with majority support from the Senate, one objection, and one abstention.*

The Senate voted on the one year provision.

*The one year provision was passed with one objection, and 3 abstentions.*

Someone asked if this will be used only for business. **Dave Brown** said they would be subject to public records law, including Sarah’s weekend e-mails. He also stated that his own weekend e-mails, which may be far more interesting, would be subject to public records law.

Vote on approving the Blackberry® as amended:

*It passed with 4 opposed and 2 abstentions.*

**Chris Anderson** moved to amend the purchase to two Blackberries®, the motion was seconded.
The motion passed without objection.

Vote:
27 Aye
24 Ney
11 Abstentions

The purchasing of two Blackberries® was approved.

Krislyn spoke about programming and the budget. She mentioned certain prohibitions when it came to funding events, as well as what things were permitted. She said programming (i.e. entertainment) could happen. She said there could be concerts, or guest speakers, or multiple small events. She said no food can be purchased and that all food at GPSS is from sponsors or outside resources.

Krislyn asked for a straw-poll vote on the following:

- Concert: 11
- Comedian/Magician: 1
- Play / dance: 5
- Art exhibition: 2
- Academic speaker: 15
- Panel discussion: 7
- Small events: 14

Krislyn spoke about programming and the costs of having a concert and gave a breakdown.

9.) Committee Opportunities
Sarah Reynveled (Vice-President) said the Vice-President makes recommendations to the President for the committees. She said there needs to be a representative for SAF. She said she was accepting applications and that she would like to fill them as soon as possible. Dave Brown (President) said SAF allocates 12,000,000 dollars of people’s tax dollars. Sarah read through a list of other committees.

10.) Website
Yutaka Jono (Secretary) gave a brief introduction of the website. He pointed out a Senator roster list, proxy forms, a place to apply for committees, etc. He continued to point out events, GPSS documents, department information, and GPSS cares.

RESOLUTION 1.07-08 - A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM BEYOND THE HUSKY STADIUM
Alex Berezow (Microbiology) spoke about his resolution concerning the light rail station. He said the terminus station is Husky Stadium. He said this was bad for students and that it should be changed. He said it was going to increase foot traffic, vehicular traffic, and crime. He read the resolution. Dave Iseminger (Public Health Genetics) asked if it was 45th and 15th and not the
stadium. Alex said it was going to be the stadium. Matt York (Webmaster) pulled up the map on the website.

Rochelle Fonoti (Anthropology) moved to table because of lack of information, Karen Capuder (Native American Students) seconded. Yutaka Jono (Treasurer) objected and said the issue may be time sensitive and should be discussed. Denise Rodriguez (International Studies) said she was not comfortable engaging in a resolution that might be on the ballot. She said she did not want the Senate to vote if it violates the nature of the law. Yutaka said this might be discussed because it was a campus issue because it was about the Husky Stadium. Rochelle from anthropology said if it had not been passed then it should not be discussed.

Krislyn McWilliams moved to close debate and vote on the motion that’s on the table, Denise seconded. Yutaka objected.

Vote to close debate:
Yutaka called division and would like to count.
The motion failed 25-13 because it was not a 2/3 majority.

Amy Underkofler (International Studies) said it was only relevant to GPSS if Husky Stadium was indeed the last stop. She said it had to be proven as to where that was. Jake Faleschini (Law) said he confirmed that was where it would be. He said he has looked at it extensively. Denise Rodriguez (International Studies) said this was a thinly veiled attempt to support Proposition One. She said she was not comfortable supporting it. Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics) said he agreed with Denise and that anything beyond this had to be stated explicitly in the resolution. Dave asked for any further discussion to be tabled. Yutaka said he believed that there would be a decision that will impact the campus and that the Senate might not have a voice later. Dave Hsu (Urban Design) said he was in favor of tabling.

Vote on tabling:
The Senate tabled Resolution 1.07-08 respectfully with 4 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

11.) Bylaws
Yutaka Jono (Treasurer) said there was a change that had been approved by the Judicial and the Executive committee. He said the Travel Grants Committee should start.

Denise Rodriguez (International Studies) moved to approve, Savannah Baltera (Music) seconded.
The motion passed with no objections and six abstentions.

12.) ASUW Liaison Appointment
Shawn Fisher introduced himself as the ASUW Senate Chair. He said it focused on undergrads, but it would be great to have a graduate student because some of the things they do affected graduate students. There is a need for two senators. He said it is a great opportunity to get to know the undergraduate students. Dave Brown (President) said Sarah will get anyone connected that is interested.
13.) Executive Committee Appointment
Dave Brown said there needed to be 4 senators. Richard Nobles (Psychology) was nominated. Dave Iseminger (Public Health Genetics) was nominated. Alex Berezow (Microbiology) was nominated. Karen Capuder (Native American Students) was nominated. Savannah Baltera (Music) was nominated.

Savannah said she served this summer and would like to continue to serve. Dave Iseminger said he had served on Judicial and that he had experience. Rich said he had served on the Executive committee in the summer and had been involved with GPSS for three years. He said it had been an enjoyable experience for himself. Alex said he was a third year senator and that he had enjoyed his experience and enjoyed working with Rich Nobles. Karen said she had not served on this Exec committee, but would like to bring issues of diversity to the committee.

Dave Brown moved to a vote. Dave Iseminger, Savannah, Rich, and Alex were appointed.

14.) Finance and Budget Committee Appointment
Krislyn McWilliams (Treasurer) said F&B required 5-9 senators. She explained what F&B does. Andy Morabito (Electrical Engineering) and Derya Baykent (Educational Psychology) showed interest. Dave Brown told the senators to think about it because it is one of the most important committees.

15.) Travel Grants (ad hoc) Committee
Krislyn McWilliams (Treasurer) said she needed four senators and that the committee only needs to meet once per cycle.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work), Chris Anderson (Art History), Krishnaja Gutta (Information School), Amy Underkofler (International Studies), Lee Beaudoen (Museology) were nominated.

GPSS approved by consent.

16.) Judicial Committee Appointment
Yutaka said six senators were needed and that they meet only once per quarter, or as needed.

Jake Faleschini (Law)
Anna Batie (Sociology) (in abstentia)
Karen Capuder (Native American Students)
Amir Rahmani (Aeronautics and Astronautics)
Patrick Blaine (Comparative Literature)
Jonathan Tomhave (Communications)
Ching-Ping Lin (Medical Information and Biomedical Informatics)
**Andrew Overton (Business Administration)** said he would like to nominate himself for F&B if possible.

**Amir** said he had been on judicial for about a year and half. **Karen** said she had never served on a committee and she was particularly interested on how legislation and bylaws were interpreted. **Jon** said he had served on a committee that dealt with plagiarism, as well as the advisory board. **Jake** said he would like to serve on the Judiciary committee and it flowed from his interest in law and that he had a background. He said he was on the Exec committee for the Student Bar. **Ching Ping-Lin** said she was new to the Senate and that she was volunteering for the committee and she was excited to serve. **Patrick** said he would like to represent people in humanities and literature and languages. He said he was new to the Senate and had experience in previous work. **Rich Nobles** spoke on Anna’s behalf and said she had been on the elections committee and that she had expressed interest for judicial. He said she was studying sociology and this was her third year with the Senate.

*After a vote, Amir, Karen, Jonathan, Jake, Ching-Ping, and Patrick were appointed.*

17.) **Announcements**

**Yutaka** said if anyone was interested in the ASUW Medal of Honor taskforce, they should contact him.

18.) **Adjournment**

**Denise Rodriguez (International Studies)** moved to adjourn, several people seconded. *The Graduate and Professional Student Senate meeting on October 17, 2007 adjourned at 6:32 p.m.*