No quorum as of 4:40 PM

Jake Faleschini (President) welcomed people to the GPSS meeting. He decided to move to the first info item on the agenda.

4. Hall Health Update

DC Dugdale, director of Hall Health presented on the Hall Health renovation project. He acknowledged the GPSS representatives on the advisory committee. He said that he was asked to comment on a care-delivery model. He said that they have been planning a renovation for a while, and that they were asked by SAF to deliver a renovation plan. He showed a slide listing the goals of the plan – quality, access, and care. He said that they expect an increase in demand for services in the next decade. He said that the facility does serve non-students, and non-student revenue allows them to reduce the cost for students. He thought that renovating and expanding Hall Health was in the best interest for students, as they could bring in more revenue from non-students.

DC Dugdale (Director of Hall Health) explained the next steps for the renovation project. He said that ASUW passed a resolution supporting the project, and that SAF is scheduled to review it in May. The timeline for construction would be from May 2010 to August 2011. He declined to present on the details of the renovation due to time constraints.

DC Dugdale presented on care delivery at Hall Health, and things they could do better in a renovated facility. He wants to develop a Patient Centered Medical Home at Hall Health for UW students on a public health model. This would give students access to health services that they don’t currently get. As this model would be applied at the UW, it would provide a universal healthcare system for UW students. He said that they want to offer certain basic things to all students. It would involve health promotion and disease prevention as well as state of the art care. This model would also use the electronic medical record with bi-directional access with students and the care team, and this would allow for measurement and improved results. They want to test the concept with the freshmen coming in this fall, and with a manageable number of entering graduate students, possibly from the Health Sciences group. He offered to answer questions about this or about the renovation.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked what was causing the expected rise in Hall Health demand.

DC Dugdale (Director of Hall Health) said that the plan to increase the number of dorms on campus would significantly increase Hall Health demand. He said that as the outside-of-campus health care system evolves, his belief is that it will be harder for students to get care in the community, and that they are more likely to turn to Hall Health. The trend
in student health care is that there are more things to take care of. There will be more people around on campus with ongoing medical issues.

Aaron Hayman (JSIS – Middle East Studies) asked how the renovation time period would affect provided care.

DC Dugdale (Director of Hall Health) responded that they would operate throughout the renovation. Their goal is to preserve access for students during the renovation. They will probably need to restrict access to non-students for parts of the renovation.

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) asked if the new facility would have a sick bay.

DC Dugdale (Director of Hall Health) said that the plan will not include an overnight stay area. Historically, Hall Health had that in the past. He said that virtually all universities have gotten rid of their overnight stay units because there isn’t enough demand for it and it is a very expensive service to operate. He said that there are resources for that in the community.

Brian Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences) asked for more details about the physical renovation.

DC Dugdale (Director of Hall Health) said that the outside of the building will not look very different. He said that this is a big contrast with the HUB and the ECC renovations. Most of the changes are internal and support a significant reorganization of the care.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) asked if the renovation would allow Hall Health to expand its operating hours.

DC Dugdale (Director of Hall Health) said that the plan as part of the renovation is to not significantly change the hours. Hall Health’s hours are 8-5, although there are people in the building until 5:30 or 6. Although there is some demand for expanded hours, that demand is relatively modest. Student health centers that are open longer hours tend not to be next to a hospital. Right now, the program plan does not call for a significant expansion in hours. This is not part of the renovation plan.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that there will be a resolution on the renovations later in this meeting.

Quorum Reached at 4:50 PM.

1. Call to Order
   Jake Faleschini (President) called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to add Resolution 14.08-09 as item 8.5 to the agenda. This is the resolution about the SHIP Plus plan.
Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.
Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) seconded.
Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

3. Approval of the minutes
Rich Nobles (Psychology) moved to approve the minutes from April 8th.

Brad Osborn (Music) seconded.
Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) moved to approve the minutes from April 15th.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.
Motion passed with one abstention and no objections.

5. Resolution 13.08-09
Jake Faleschini (President) introduced the resolution. He said that there are three major capital projects coming up – the HUB renovation, the Hall Health renovation and the ECC renovation. All of these have been in the works for many years. In his opinion, looking at the long-term infrastructure that we need for the student body, these are very wise investments and need to happen. Given the price of construction right now, this is the right time to be moving ahead with these projects. We are looking at a 20-25% reduction in construction costs. These investments would save money for the student body, and are wise investments for the student body.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) moved to do away with reading the resolution.

Brad Osborn (Music) seconded.
Motion passed without any abstentions or objections.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to amend the resolution to add Eric Godfrey as one of the recipients.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) seconded.

Jake Faleschini (President) took this as a friendly amendment.
Rich Nobles (Psychology) asked if this resolution had Ana Mari’s name on it or not.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that it does not currently.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) asked if the resolution was to show support for these projects.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that yes, it was. He said that these projects will not be paid for until the bonds are taken out.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) offered a point of information. This resolution will say that we support the project via SAF fees. But the next step is to send the resolution and the project to the SAF committee, and they will debate it. Then it goes to the regents.

Theresa Hastert (Public Health Epidemiology) asked if there was a sunset clause on the fees.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the student fees would last for as long as the length of the project’s bonds, which is approximately 30 years.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to approve the resolution.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with one objection, three abstentions.

6. Bylaws (elections)

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) read the new language in the bylaws that would allow officers to hold GSSA appointments during summer quarter.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we’re doing this because the current bylaw excludes people holding a GPSS office over the summer while having a teaching assistantship. He said that the argument against it would be to spread the wealth around campus. The argument in favor is that the original intent of excluding people from holding both at the same time was that it was too much during the school year to be a full-time student, hold a teaching assistantship and be an officer. The bylaw was meant to exclude people from doing all of it at the same time.

Jake Faleschini (President) moved to approve the new bylaws.

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) seconded.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) objected in order to start debate.
Theresa Hastert (Public Health Epidemiology) said that it’s not like the teaching assistantship could go to a different person, as it was unlikely that two officers would be up for the same teaching assistantship.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that if he had gotten a teaching assistantship, he would be a Music teaching assistant and the GPSS Secretary at the same time. This means that a Music student could not get that teaching assistantship.

Theresa Hastert (Public Health Epidemiology) asked if this was only for teaching assistantships. She said that her concern was that the current bylaw would preclude people from doing their research if they held appointments for multiple quarters.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) asked why we wouldn’t take this up as an individual case, rather than as a change to the bylaws. He said that this would address the problem.

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) offered a point of information. She said that the bylaws preclude someone from even running if they have a teaching assistantship lined up. She suggested that they ask the candidate these questions at the elections.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we have set up a system for suspending the bylaws, and therefore amending them to allow someone to hold a teaching assistantship during the summer while holding a position was unnecessary.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this could become subjective. The senate could just exclude a person from running for no real reason. We need to have a system in place that is clear and true to the original intent of why we enacted it.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) argued the opposite.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) said that the Judicial Committee had reviewed this change and didn’t see it as a problem, and asked that the Election Committee review this and rule on it as well.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said that this would apply only to the summer, when GPSS positions are only 10 hours per week. There is a decrease in the number of hours worked, and in the amount of work. He said that a summer change is very different from a yearlong change. He supports spreading the wealth for a yearlong position.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) said that the summer GPSS position is different than that from the rest of the year regarding the funding source. She also said that departmental teaching assistantships are not funded from the state during the summer, whereas a teaching assistantship and a GPSS officer position come from the same funding source during the year.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that he thought this was overkill, as we have a system in place that would allow the suspension of the bylaws and to review things case by case.
Jake Faleschini (President) said that he thought there would be few circumstances where this would come up, and this summer would be one of them. He would rather have a wider field for potential officers, especially since a teaching assistantship during the summer is twenty hours and the officer position is ten hours. You’re not making that much money, and it’s not a time conflict. He said that it doesn’t seem like hoarding for him. Approving this bylaw would open up more people to run for an officer position than would otherwise. Some folks would be precluded from being officers for the entire year just because they wouldn’t have funding over the summer if they don’t work both the teaching assistant job and the 10 hours a week of the officer position.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) asked if officers received a tuition waiver during the summer.

Jake Faleschini (President) responded that there is no summer tuition waiver for officers.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) said that if you took a GPSS position during the summer, you would not have a tuition waiver.

Elef Kirkinis (Applied Mathematics) asked what the hourly rate for officers during the summer was.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that it was $19.79 an hour.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) moved to exhaust the speakers list. No second.

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) disagreed with Yutaka’s earlier point. She said that people had been allowed to do the position from abroad over the summer, so why couldn’t people serve as officers and summer teaching assistants at the same time?

Elef Kirkinis (Applied Mathematics) asked why officers weren’t fully funded over the summer.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) said that there wasn’t a need for them to work more than that.

Elef Kirkinis (Applied Mathematics) said that we could put in more summer money as a reward for service.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked Elef to clarify his question.

Elef Kirkinis (Applied Mathematics) asked why summer officers don’t have tuition waivers plus full salary.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that many departments hardly offer graduate courses during the summer and most of the faculty goes on leave.
Jake Faleschini (President) offered a point of information, stating that the bylaws change would allow someone to be a teaching assistant over the summer and be an officer.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to close debate.

Brad Osborn (Music) seconded.

All in favor with no objections and no abstentions.

Jake’s motion carried with seven abstentions and no objections.

7. Tent City Resolution
Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) said that she spoke to this at the last meeting. She said that the resolution would support the UW taking a similar step to what Seattle University did and host Tent City on campus. The visits are 30-90 days, and the location has not been determined. We would have significant input from the community with regards to the location. Location is a prime issue. This would cost little to nothing to the university.

Doug McIntyre (Urban Design and Planning -- Masters) asked if there were any problems when Seattle University hosted it.

Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) responded that there were no problems. She said that Tent City actually provided added security for Seattle University. She said that they’re getting emails from Seattle University graduates commending the experience.

Adrien Renaud (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) asked about programs going on this summer that would conflict with hosting Tent City. Are the kids using campus a concern?

Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) said that the resolution doesn’t bind us to a strict timeline. She said that they haven’t looked at any specific programs on campus. She said that security hasn’t been a problem.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if she knew of any public universities that hosted this.

Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) said that no, there weren’t any public universities that she knew of that had hosted Tent City. Seattle University was the first school to do so. All of the legal research indicates that there’s nothing that would bar them from this.

Adrien Renaud (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) said that his concern that he pays a lot of money to use the campus, and he wouldn’t want hosting Tent City to jeopardize any UW investments.

Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) asked him to clarify his concern.
Adrien Renaud (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) said that he was concerned that hosting Tent City would conflict with another public good for the university.

Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) said that all that Tent City would need would be a place, but that’s it. She thought that there was enough land to meet everyone’s needs.

Russ Hugo (Linguistics) asked about the increased general security issue. Was there any way to use this to boost security for them as well as for students? What kind of security are we talking about?

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) offered a point of information. He said that the recent crime hasn’t been an increase from previous years. We’re not seeing an increase from year to year.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) offered a point of information. He said that there’s an underlying fear.

Russ Hugo (Linguistics) asked about risk for the Tent City residents – for being out in the open and being subject to crime and harassment.

Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) said that tent cities have a fenced enclosure and 24 hour security patrols.

Doug McIntyre (Urban Design and Planning) asked how much space they would need.

Shannon Marsh (Public Affairs) said that they would need half a football field.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) entertained a motion to suspend the reading and close debate.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) so moved.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) seconded.

Motion passed with one objection and four abstentions.

Aaron Hayman (JSIS – Middle East Studies) moved to pass the resolution.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed with one objection and five abstentions.

8. Resolution 12.08-09

Lindsay Morse (Classics) said that this resolution passed through ASUW Senate last night with a slight amendment. She said that what drove Maggie to write the original resolution was the fallout with The Daily. Maggie wanted to see something positive come out of all of the negative. The minor change was that there was some concern about the
actual date that the 25th of November might fall on, since it was so close to Thanksgiving. She amended the resolution to change the date to the 4th Tuesday in November, in keeping with the resolution that passed ASUW. The idea was that a day would be set aside to commemorate the Q Community and their allies. There would be programming set up to do so.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to adopt the resolution.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections and one abstention.

**8.5 SHIP Plus Resolution**

**Matt Erickson** presented on the SHIP Plus plan. He did not go into the details of what the plan offers. He said that we’re going to a two-tier plan to increase student options with regards to health insurance. He said that we’re trying to market the new plan and the plan as it exists. He said that there have been improvements to the existing plan as well. He said that at registration, when you sign up for insurance, you have to do it before registering for classes. He said that we’re trying to get the word out that there are options for insurance. He didn’t want students to be ambushed with this. He said that they’re nagging the administration and the insurer to produce all of the marketing materials. It would include both plans and the specifics in their entirety. He said that the insurance company is creating a nice brochure at no extra cost to us. He said that we should distribute the student brochure to our constituents. It’s at the printer right now. He said that the resolution asked for our assistance marketing the plan.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) presented the resolution.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to approve the resolution.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with two abstentions and no objections.

**9. Climate Action Plan Presentation**

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the UW ranked in the top ten of environmentally sound universities in the country. He said that this is a good way to attract students here. He said that the Climate Action Plan committee has been developing a set of policies for the university both academically and non-academically for our carbon footprint. He said that we would table this for a little bit until the presenter arrived.

**10. Legislative/Budget Update**

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that there is a document giving his final wrap-up about the bills and the budget to get everyone on the same page. He said that the governor and the legislature are thinking about a special session. Once they open this up, they can do whatever they want for up to 30 days. On the last day, a bunch of policy bills were
enacted to ensure that the operating budget would be used in the way they wanted to. It’s questionable if they can use $70-$80 million in the operating budget without these bills being passed. None of the issues will be about higher education. He said that there were 14 issues on which we focused on the Legislative Agenda, and we have a 71% passing rate for these bills. He highlighted the tuition setting authority bill. He said that the bill was passed with a four-year sunset clause, financial aid reporting, and requiring that tuition increases over 7% be applied to instructional costs, and that decreases to instruction have to be less than administration and an audit of the four-year universities by the legislature. The governor would have to veto local control in its entirety to defeat all of these measures. The textbook bill passed, so we should be getting textbook info including ISBNs four weeks before class. Our tuition dollars are staying here. The Hate Crimes bill passed and was signed by the governor.

Rene Singleton (Student Activities Office) said that she thought Dave did a really good job.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he appreciated Richard Lum.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that budget news has been difficult this week. He said that those of us who attended the budget cut emergency senate meeting – we have the basic information. Our fears were realized. Our cut was substantial – about 22% once you include the federal stimulus funds, 26% without it. He said that with undergraduate tuition increased to 14% over the next two years, it cuts our cuts to 11% for the next two years. He said that this would lead to 500 fewer TA positions for next year, and RA positions would probably be cut by a similar number. He said that there’s not a full plan yet for how to mitigate these. He said that 90% of our budget is spent on people, and tenure-track positions are protected from being cut. He said that it will be difficult to figure out how to mitigate these.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) said that although the outcome has been grim, he wanted to extend his congratulations to the board working tirelessly on this matter throughout the year. He thanked Jake for his efforts throughout the year.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we all got the email about the Task Force survey. We are looking for senators to meet with their departments and report back about the survey. He said that we have 1100 responses from this survey, and we’re picking out individual quotes and working with news sources to get those out there so people all over the state know what kind of cuts we’re facing. He said that all of our senators and congress people on the hill know the cuts that grad students are facing this year and they are not happy about it.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that Lindsay Morse’s (Classics) email was listed on the senator roster.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said that, as the Bookstore Board of Trustee representative, we have to think about how we talk to professors and faculty about getting
the book information to the bookstore. Right now, the legislation targets the bookstore, and it’s the faculty who puts the book order in. We need to think about how we as a group and how the undergrads send that message to faculty – that this bill only works if faculty put their order in 4-6 weeks ahead.

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) seconded what Shawn said.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this legislation gives the bookstore more authority vis-à-vis professors.

Aaron Hayman (JSIS – Middle East Studies) asked what grad tuition would look like.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the increases he’s looked at show grad tuition at 7% over the next 3 years, and professional tuition at 10% over the next 3 years. He said that in President Emmert’s last email, he said that they haven’t made any decisions. That worries Jake, as in his conversations with the Provost, they haven’t been talking like this. They have to make the decision by June 14th.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) asked when was the last time Jake talked with Emmert about tuition hikes and whether UW would go private.

Jake Faleschini (President) said no.

9. Climate Action Plan

Jake Faleschini (President) introduced David Margason, Bruce Ballack and Ruth Johnston from Climate Action Plan

David Margason introduced a village island in Northern Alaska, Kivalina. They have done nothing to contribute to rising sea levels so it’s unfortunate. What are they doing about this...they are suing Exxon mobile. Other communities have tried the same attempts but nothing has really gone anywhere.

David Margason said that our reliance on energy and cars is responsible for climate change. He said that we could get alternative energy to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. He said that the UW is leading the nation’s climate change movement. He said that we are leading the movement using three different methods.

Bruce Ballack gave us a broad overview of the Climate Action Plan. He said that 600 US college presidents have signed a plan to lower emissions and increase student involvement in climate-related programs. He said that Ruth Johnston is running the whole climate action program, doing coordination and research. This involves 100 people. He said that the project is in its early phases at this point. He said that he is one of the co-leaders of the academic part of the Climate Action Plan. He said that the big piece is the administrative side, as administrators decide how they’re going to spend the money. He said that academically, we need to prepare our students to deal with this
problem after they leave here as well. The university is obliging itself to make curricular changes, research changes, and outreach changes to affect this. He explained that our original atmosphere came from volcanoes, and that life has changed the primordial atmosphere. He gave examples of student groups who are very concerned about the environment and willing to become active. He said that it’s impressive how many students are active on campus. He said that there are currently 500 courses at the UW related to environmental curriculum. He said that the curriculum committee is working on its final recommendations. He noted the centers and institutes working on this. He said that now that we have a College of the Environment, which will originally be science-focused. It will integrate many different departments. It will provide a home for faculty, grads, and undergrads interested in research on climate change. The research group has four main goals. He said that we need to connect the colleges and schools to one another. He said that Ruth will talk about some of the administrative policies taking place. He requested comments and input from us on this plan. He said that students at every level have been participating in these discussions.

**Ruth Johnston** said that President Emmert signed a climate commitment, and we have to work towards becoming climate neutral at some point in the future. We have to write this plan, get it done, and submit it by September 15\(^{th}\). They’re doing the UW as a whole, as well as Bothell and Tacoma. It is a very large approach that is a plan to plan, largely because of the budget. We have to think about the incremental things to do in order to get there. She showed an illustration of most of the people who are working on this. She said that people from Bothell, Tacoma, and Seattle, faculty, staff, and students have been meeting regularly about this. She said that they’re choosing the State of Washington targets, to be 15% below 2005 by 2020 and 35% below 2005 by 2035. We don’t know how long it will take us to be climate neutral. Right now, the date is TBD. She explained the mitigation strategies for the university. We have to look at the energy supply and demand. There’s a lot going on in each building that is demanding energy. She suggested that we could do more by having affordable housing close by. She discussed potential ways to fund the Climate Action Plan. She said that they are in Gerberding Hall. Their email address is smhelp@u.washington.edu

11. SAGE Update
**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that SAGE was the organization we pulled together of the Top 10 public universities in the country to meet with officials in Washington DC. He said that the meetings in DC went well, and they’ve asked us to host next year. He said that we’d be sending out further invitations, and this would be part of our Summit next fall. He said that people with questions should reach out to him on that.

12. Announcements
**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that the Spring Social will be on May 7\(^{th}\). He said that we will be asking for volunteers to help out throughout the event. He asked people to respond to the email he would be sending out tomorrow. He said that we don’t have any more Special Allocations funds left, but we do have departmental funds left. The funding cutoff will most likely be coming soon. He said that we should get funding requests in as quickly as we can.
Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) said that she finished the layout for the NFT Seattle UW edition, so the project will happen.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the candidate statements and resumes for electoral positions should be sent to gpssweb@u.washington.edu

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that ASUW elections are May 11, 12, and 13. There is a ballot measure on there related to lobbying funds. There are two ballot measures on there. It would give the right for voluntary student fees to be used for lobbying purposes. We’ve signed a petition, there’s something on the ballot, and now we’re having a vote.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) offered a point of information. He said that WSL and WashPirg are not in competition for funding.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) encouraged us to vote in the ASUW elections. He said that one of the board members will represent undergrads in GPSS.

13. Adjourn

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) so moved.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.