GPSS Senate Meeting  
May 13, 2009  
Approved May 27, 2009

1. Call to Order  
Jake Faleschini (President) explained how the elections meeting will work. He explained why there are things on the agenda other than the elections. He called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda  
Rich Nobles (Psychology) moved to approve the agenda. Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) seconded.  

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

3. Minutes  
Brad Osborn (Music) moved to approve the minutes from April 29. Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

4. GPSS 2009-10 Officer Elections  
Jake Faleschini (President) turned the chairmanship of the meeting over to Dave Iseminger (Vice President).

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) clarified how elections will work. Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) will describe the elections process. Dave Iseminger (Vice President) will assist him as parliamentarian.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) explained the elections procedure. He said that ballots will first be handed out to everyone here. He said that they will work through the positions in this order – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. He explained that candidates will have five minutes to speak and five minutes for questioning. Candidates will be questioned in a group, so if there are three candidates in the group, there will be fifteen minutes for questioning. The senators can mark ballots at any time. Ballot counting will take about half an hour.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) recommended that all current officers and candidates not sit at the table where people will be speaking. Current officers and candidates moved away from the table in the front of the room.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) and Mark Frymoyer (Civil and Environmental Engineering) handed out ballot papers.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) introduced Jake Faleschini (President) as a candidate for president. He asked if anyone else wanted to run from the floor.
Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) said that all ballots will be verified by comparing the signature on the ballot with a list of current senators. He said that proxies are not allowed at this meeting.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) verified that no one else wanted to run for president from the floor at this time.

Jake Faleschini (President) introduced himself. He said that it has been a really tough year. We have been required to provide a level of service that we haven’t been asked to provide in past years. He pointed out our accomplishments this year. Jake said that things will likely not let up next year. We do not know if we will have more temporary money for teaching assistantships and whether or not that will be filled in next year. He said that the senate needs someone with his knowledge and passion. He would like to keep alive the spirit of public service within the senate. He said that his specific proposals are outlined in his statement of purpose. He thanked the senate for its support and said he hoped to serve the senate again next year.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone else wanted to declare themselves for president. As nobody responded in the affirmative, Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) declared nominations for president closed, and invited Jake Faleschini (President) to take questions.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this year was the first year in which the senate had a difficult time achieving quorum at the beginning of each meeting. He asked how Jake wished to mitigate the lack of quorum and the length of the meetings.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this was not the first year in which quorum was difficult to achieve and maintain. He said that last year there were meetings where quorum was difficult to achieve. He said that he wasn’t sure why we’ve had difficulty maintaining quorum, except that people have been asked to take on a lot this year. He said that we have managed to have quorum at every meeting, and have more committees filled than in the past. He said that next year, we need to communicate better with the senate, and that this is the job of the secretary.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) asked what projects Jake wanted to do next year.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the health web portal will be a project for next year. He wants to put all of the information about mental health and physical health in one place on the web. We will have a lot of work to do on the Guide to Life, and this year’s project was only the beginning of the work we have to do on this.

Adrien Renaud (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) asked about incentivizing meetings to get people to show up. He suggested funding or ranking of the senator as an incentive.
Jake Faleschini (President) said that was an interesting idea that the Executive Committee would have to take up and that would have to be approved by the senate. He said that meetings have been long this year, but it has been an exceptionally difficult year. He said that he would work on creating more efficient meetings next year.

Anna Batie (Jackson School – REECAS) asked Jake what he would like to improve on next year.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that his relationship with the administration has been strained because of the budget, and he would like to improve it next year. He said that he doesn’t want the administration to think of GPSS as a hostile organization. He also said that he wants to improve our relationships with ASUW, and that we should be reaching out to them more. He wants to run efficient, smooth meetings next year as well.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone would like to run for Vice President from the floor at this time. As there were no responses, he invited Richard Lum to come and speak.

Richard Lum introduced himself. He gave his background – he worked in the federal government and in nonprofit groups. Student representation on committees is an important aspect of the Vice President’s role to ensure that a student voice is heard, especially with an issue like creating an account for faculty to donate part of their compensation to fund teaching assistantships. He said that, as student body president of his college, he sat on many committees, including the Board of Trustees. He said that the Vice President also needs to manage resources and staff. He managed a staff of three in Seattle and in Olympia. He mentioned the SAGE conference, and that possibly combining that with the GPSS summit will take a lot of advanced planning to exercise fiscal restraint and make it an effective tool for graduate students. He managed several conferences while working for the Brookings Institution. He mentioned that they brought legislators to campus to speak to students this year. These meetings had high turnout on campus, as well as a significant impact. He highlighted the importance placed on tuition and childcare in the legislative agenda, and said that while we won’t have the opportunity to change the current tuition authorization, we will be able to advocate for funding for graduate and professional students. He said it was important for GPSS to look at non-fiscal policy issues in its legislative agenda. He suggested that we could advocate that slots that already exist could be offered to graduate and professional students. He discussed some of the bills that would be likely presented early in the next session. These include the financial aid bills and the creation of a policy group on tuition policy, and he started discussing why students opposed that bill.

Sarah Reyneveld introduced herself. She mentioned that this year has been challenging for graduate and professional students due to cuts to the operational budget. She has been active in the budget debates, and explained that the Provost has given a one-time $10 million allocation. She gave three reasons to re-elect her as Vice President – experience, credibility with legislators, and credibility within the UW committee. Her experience will allow her to hit the ground running with the position. She said that lobbying depends on
relationships in Olympia. She knows how to work the legislative process, and has built credibility with legislators and staff over the past five legislative sessions. She mentioned who she had worked with in Olympia last year. She said that the GPSS lobbyist will have to ensure that our interests are represented in the tuition debate. She mentioned that the legislature did not establish a cap on graduate and professional tuition. She explained that the high tuition high aid model is not a good one for tuition policy. She said that she supported the creation of an advisory board on tuition policy. As past Vice President, she was very active on campus. She had a very high committee success rate. She worked with the Vice Provost for Student Life on campus issues. She led the committee that created SHIP Plus. She worked with the past GPSS president to provide free mental health care to students on campus. She summarized the issues that she will support next year. She said that she is a collaborator, and will work to establish a strong legislative agenda next year. She wants to get more senators involved in lobby day.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone wanted to run from the floor at this time. As there were no responses, he declared nominations for Vice President closed.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said that Sarah and Richard took different positions on a tuition board, and asked them to clarify their positions.

**Richard Lum** said that students opposed the final version of the bill, which included the independent colleges of Washington. The independent colleges have an interest in a high-tuition high-aid model. He said that the high tuition model has a sticker shock effect, and consequences for minority enrollment. He said that the committee’s findings would have come out at the time they set tuition.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that she sees the value in an education study that would look critically at the issues. She agreed with Richard, that she would have to make sure there was no high-tuition high-aid language in the bill before supporting for it. She had researched this issue while working for Governor Gregoire. She said that, in general, education studies can be productive venues.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) pointed out that both candidates had a lot of experience. He asked each candidate to speak to an issue on their radar that we don’t know about that would affect graduate and professional students.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that she had partially written the childcare legislation. She said that she has a leg up on this type of bill, or on any bill dealing with mental health. She said that she has worked on these issues for the past two years. She understands tuition policy in depth, and felt she could bring that in depth knowledge to the table.

**Richard Lum** said that after this year’s budget examination process and having been in Olympia for all of the discussions about what goes into the budget, he thought that his expertise would be on what was appropriated for this year. He wants to have creative discussions about taking what we already have and legislating on issues that don’t have
fiscal impact. He knows why certain issues ended up in the budget and why some were eliminated. He said that he could bring this knowledge to the table.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) explained that Sarah had served in a short session, while Richard had been involved this year. He asked how these would affect their terms and how they would approach the vice presidential position.

**Richard Lum** said that the bills that didn’t pass and went back to committee will likely be the first heard. He said that he knows where the bills are and why they are there, and which ones are important to delay or to get amendments to make them more student-friendly. This would expedite the process on bills.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that she served in a short session last year, and understands how important it is to wear the legislative hat and work on initiatives here at home. She said that the Vice President will have to devote a lot of efforts to student initiatives here on campus. Having served on the budget cuts task force, she said she has a leg up on budgetary issues. She said that she is ready to hit the ground running on this, as well as on RA/TA cuts. She said that she has connections with Senator Kilmer and others, and has already formed opinions on key legislative issues. She said she has served in a short session and would bring this experience to the table.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) asked the two candidates to explain their relationships with the folks who represent our campus.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that Speaker Chopp has not always been a friend to the UW. She said that, if elected, she will try to make a substantive connection with his office to make sure he understands the budget process and where we are coming from to make sure the stigma dissipates. She said that she has good relations with Senator Murray, and had worked with him on several issues in Olympia. She said that we have not been making enough inroads to making connections with the 43rd district. They should be stronger advocates of the university.

**Richard Lum** said that he had had several good meetings with all three representatives of the 43rd. While Speaker Chopp has a spotted history with the administration, that history has more to do with the Board of Regents and the president of the UW. Both Speaker Chopp and Representative Pedersen have said that this has been a very educational year about education and financial aid for them in general. He had regular meetings with Senator Murray, and he helped kill a couple of bills in the senate that were bad for students. He brought students down for lobbying efforts and met with all three of them.

**Andrew Everett** asked that, given the Vice President’s job description, which line item is each candidate’s biggest weakness and how will they address that.
Richard Lum said that the GPSS summit would be his greatest weakness, as he did not actually plan the Summit. This would be the institutional knowledge item he would work the hardest on. He knows least about this mechanism.

Sarah Reyneveld agreed. She said that she was used to working on the Summit in another budget climate in which we have gotten more support. It will be an adjustment for her to come in and not be able to get as much funding. She said that would be challenging, as she was working in a different kind of budget climate last year.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone would like to run for secretary from the floor. As there were no responses, he invited Raghav Mohindru to come and speak.

Raghav Mohindru took the opportunity to thank the officers for their efforts. He introduced himself and said that he was running for the Secretary position. His understanding is that the Secretary works hard to communicate with others about the position and represent GPSS in different organizations. He said that he felt he was a good fit for this position because he has performed similar roles in other organizations. He said that he has been involved in funding meetings with the dean of the university and different professors. He has worked with different student departmental organizations and created events like Educational Week to create awareness of different subjects for students. He had served as the president of International Employees at GE while working there. In that position, he organized cultural events to help international employees be more productive while there. He said that he is helping the marketing club develop a website for the purposes of accessibility. He said that he maintains the membership and email list for the marketing club. He felt that he would be a good fit because he understands and respects diversity, having worked in different countries, and felt that he would enhance GPSS’ diversity efforts as a whole. He would enhance the transparency of decisions made by GPSS for graduate students. He said that some students don’t know about how GPSS functions and are not involved. He will promote more information sessions between graduate students and GPSS, so graduate students can know what GPSS is doing for them. He said that, given the opportunity, he would want to work for this university and GPSS as the secretary.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) introduced herself. She said that she is currently a doctoral candidate in the Classics department. Over the past year, she has worked pretty tirelessly on behalf of graduate and professional students at the UW. She started out as an Executive Senator, and has been able to work with all the officers. She also has represented both the graduate and professional student voice on the Student Tech Fee Committee and on the ASUW Student Senate. She is also a member of the CHORUSS steering committee. She said that she has gotten to know some ASUW senators well, and knows members of the future Board of Directors. She has worked closely with them on certain pieces of legislation. She met with Senators from ASUW to have discussions with them when The Daily debacle was occurring. She has attended several meetings of the ASUW Steering Committee, and the Board. She proxied for the current secretary at a Course Fee meeting. Next year, she would like to improve the relationship with ASUW,
and felt she was in a good position to do that. She said that she chairs the Budget Cuts Task Force. She understands the issues that we are facing now, and the ones we will be facing in the future. She is in a good position to advise future officers on these issues. She is the only graduate student voice for students on the Budget Impact Subcommittee of the Graduate School. She has attended forums with both President Emmert and Provost Wise to ask questions about the budget. She has already reached out to members of the media to discuss how budget cuts will affect graduate and professional students. She has worked with the current GPSS president on a presentation he will give to the Board of Regents tomorrow about budget cuts to graduate students. She explained her experience with diversity outreach. Next year, she wants the relationship with ASUW to be more cohesive, reach out to the media, update the website in a few ways, and work on the Facebook group. She also wants to institute a GPSS newsletter.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) introduced himself. Brad discussed the Secretary’s responsibilities as per the bylaws. He explained that the secretary is responsible for all publications. In his past four years as a scholar, he has had a good track record with publications. He said that he has been employed several times as a professional writer. He explained that he recently served us directly as a co-author on the Guide to Life. He said that he has worked closely with the current publications assistant on this project. He talked about office management next. He said that he manages an office right now. He said that he is looking forward to working in a more collaborative office. He discussed community outreach. He said that he will work to strengthen ties with ASUW. If elected Secretary, he said that he would not solve our budget crisis alone. He will help facilitate subcommittees and committees to do work. He wants to bring the deliberations of these committees to the Senate floor. From 2006 to 2008, he facilitated biweekly meetings using parliamentary process. He said that he noticed that ASUW kept a rigorous speakers list to make it a more egalitarian process. If elected, he will extend an open door policy to senators, and invite senators to hang out in the office and see how things are run if elected.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone else would like to run for Secretary. Hearing no responses, he closed nominations and invited all three candidates to answer questions.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked each candidate to speak to one or more specifics as to how they would use their role in community relations to advance the role of GPSS.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that, using the experience he has had working with faculty on the advisory committee, it would be nice to have an interface with the faculty and the undergraduates. He said that we don’t have as much communication with people who make decisions.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that he wasn’t sure about how Yutaka did this. Through his experience, he felt that there was a lack of communication between student senators and graduate students. He wanted to organize more information sessions for the purposes of increasing communication.
Lindsay Morse (Classics) explained that she has already reached out to *The Daily* and members of the media. She said that there are a couple of articles about graduate students in *The Daily* today. She said that she would like to see more written about graduate students in *The Daily*, especially since we and undergraduates face different issues. She would like to start up a newsletter with GPSS to get our issues across, including officer reports.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) mentioned that the Secretary sits on the Board of Directors. She wanted to know what each candidate would bring to the position of board member, representing the entire student population.

Raghav Mohindru said that he would enhance diversity efforts by organizing events that would cater to the needs of international students. He suggested increasing English language courses. He would like to enhance diversity efforts so people can work better and stay in the US.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) said that she has a lot of experience working with ASUW. She’d like to continue working closely with them. This past year, she went to Lobby Day twice, and most of the people who went were undergraduates. She was lobbying on behalf of both undergrads and grads when she went to Olympia. She would like to see a closer relationship between ASUW and GPSS. She would like to see more joint events.

Brad Osborn (Music) explained that both he and Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) sit on the faculty council on student affairs. The deliberations there tend to be focused on undergraduate interests. He’s noticed that there aren’t as many research opportunities for undergrads as there are for grads. He would like to get more opportunities for undergraduate research and give more incentives for undergrads to do this.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) said that part of the job as secretary would be to promote parliamentary procedure. He asked each candidate to discuss how they would use parliamentary procedure, and be an organized person in running senate meetings and in handling the orders of meetings in the Executive Committee and in other meetings.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) said that she has been on many committees this year, at both the ASUW and GPSS level. She has experienced parliamentary procedure in all of these committees. She has experience running meetings at a high level. She pointed out her experience with committees.

Brad Osborn (Music) said that his experience as a president of a housing cooperative allowed him to act as a facilitator. He said that we have to know when to stifle discussions and time them. If elected, he would like to be sharp with parliamentary procedure itself.

Raghav Mohindru said that he has not been aware how meetings work in GPSS. He said that he is aware of how to conduct meetings and create consensus for students. He
said that if the issues are more related to graduate students’ future, he cannot allow conflict to go on. Generating consensus is a must in the secretary position. Decisions should be made within the allotted time in meetings.

**Brian Lee** (Urban Planning and Design PhD) said that he has noticed that the members of the senate have come from certain professions, and explained that the job of the officers would be to communicate with the student body. He asked how each person would reach out to specific disciplines.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that the question does not have an easy answer. He said that he enjoys going to conferences. He said that going to conferences would allow him to get an idea of the issues students are facing. As Secretary, making sure senators are distributing emails would be important. He said that right now, there is a one-way communication between the Senate and the student body. He said that he would have a suggestion box.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that he felt like the communication between Secretary and departments is of prime importance. The Senate body should be the one to decide how to incentivize meetings. He has attended a few GPSS meetings and has noticed that many people show up. He said that these meetings can be run in a way for people to take interest. He would like people to be more aware of what was happening in GPSS and how these decisions would affect their lives. He would like to address the communication gap between the Senators and the students by incentivizing the structure, and it would be the role of the Secretary to do this.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that, on the GPSS Budget Cuts Task Force, they sent out a survey and got just over 1100 responses. These were from students from different departments. They made sure to look at each department and responses from each department. She knows how science students have different concerns, especially with the budget cuts. What they found in that survey is that students are concerned about competitiveness, changes in the atmosphere in departments, and things like that. She knows how different departments have different concerns.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked about increasing participation from sitting senators. He noted the lack in certain departments of senate representation, and asked how they would increase department participation.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that this was a really good question. He said that awareness of GPSS decisions was very important. He felt that some departments were not participating because they don’t know how important the decisions we make are. Organizing more informational sessions was something he wanted to do. He said that people are not aware of how GPSS can fund departments.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) would like to work with different departments’ orientations to make GPSS more known on campus. She comes from a small department which typically has only one Senator. She said that no one has talked to her department at
orientation about GPSS. At the beginning of the year we could get more interest in GPSS this way.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) noted the article in *The Daily* about ASUW and the lack of interest in their proceedings. He thought that this was a way to link up with ASUW. He said that a senator from Middle Eastern Studies asked about representation. He said that he would like each department to hold an election for the position of Senator. He thought that offering a small stipend to encourage representation might be the way to go.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) asked if we have to maintain quorum through elections. Aaron called quorum, because anyone who wants to run for Treasurer would lose access to that position if quorum was not maintained.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he wasn’t sure if this was anything but informational.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the quorum number was 36.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) and **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) counted valid present Senators and proxies and ultimately those present counted off and 35 Senators or proxies were present.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) called a point of privilege. He moved to recess for two minutes.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) needed to keep the meeting going.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said his understanding of parliamentary procedure is that meetings without quorum can proceed only with information items. He called for the next informational item to proceed while he consulted with **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) and relevant parties on the parliamentary question at hand.

5. **CHORUSS Presentation**

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that the University of Washington has been given the opportunity to participate in a pilot program with CHORUSS. Students would be asked to pay a fee to CHORUSS, which would keep UW students from getting sued for illegally downloading music. STF has set aside 200,000 for the project, and they want to get opinions about it.

**Sanjay Hari** (Biomolecular Structure and Design) said that the program was blackmail.

**Andrew Everett** pointed out that university resources are still being used for illicitly downloaded music.
Jake Vander Plas (Astronomy) said that he knew that many students would not like the idea of network monitoring software on all the computers.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) said that she met personally with one of the CHORUSS representatives, and that they were insistent on the fact that no identifying information would be tied to this. She said that CHORUSS is collecting fees that would be distributed to the major labels. They need to find out what’s being downloaded in order to distribute that money. She said that the UW has been receiving threatening letters about illegal downloading. She said that the CHORUSS representative doesn’t care how it’s done.

Jamie Andrus (GPSS Resource Assistant) made an announcement. She said that the quorum number we were using is incorrect, and that the number we need is 35, not 36, so we are still in session.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested that we move back to the action items on the agenda and then proceed with the election.

Back to item 4. Elections.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) said that we will continue with the election of treasurer. He asked if anyone would like to run from the floor at this time.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) nominated himself to run from the floor.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) introduced himself, explaining that he had been in the position for 8 months. He is close to finishing a complete budget cycle for the organization. He has been working on running efficient meetings and having an open and efficient budget process are things. He likes to get things done. He said that those of us who have been involved with GPSS know that our budget meetings have taken quite a bit of time. He was able to cut down the amount of time for the budget meeting. He was able to get feedback from officers, F&B, and the Executive Committee on the budget. Currently, as a member of the SAF committee, we are looking at our SAF allocations. GPSS will be finding out soon how much money the organization will have. He expects that the budget he created will be an accurate budget and will be awarded to us. He said that he will continue to provide the programming that we have enjoyed, and will make Speed Dating a February tradition. He said that he will take event feedback into consideration and improve the events that we have had. This next year, he plans on fighting to keep funding for GPSS at its current level, and hopes to increase it despite the troubled economic times we are in. He helped the officers come up with sacrifices they could make in their own budget. He will work with them to do the same thing for next year. As chair of the Finance and Budget Committee, he has noticed that the makeup of the senate has changed. He is currently working on policies that will address the issue of the new program representation that is coming through in senate to allow for the appropriate level of funding for each program and department. He said that he is working towards a career in public budget and finance. He has a vested interest in continuing to do a good job for GPSS.
Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) introduced himself. He apologized for the quorum call. He thanked the officers for their diligent work in a hard year. He has been part of GPSS since 2007, and was unable to serve in his senatorial role last quarter due to a course conflict. He is presently serving as one of the NASAA co-presidents. He is also part of a group helping to form an association of Anthropology graduate students. He said that Anthropology is facing considerable budget cuts. His information was not allowed up on the website for two weeks. He discussed his involvement on other committees. He said that he helped organize the TA union at Michigan State during his three years there. He is presently cross-affiliated with GO-MAP and the other minority groups on campus. He said that the meetings had to go longer this year because of the issues we have been dealing with. We can do better things to increase our publicity. He said that he served on the Executive Committee last summer. He is familiar with the GPSS role as an organization. He said that his idea is diversity through inclusion but not exclusion. He has been a project manager for budgets in excess of $1 million. He said that he can get caught up to speed over the course of the summer with what Tim has done. He has done considerable work in the public, private, and federal sectors. He said that he thought that GPSS is critical for graduate and professional students at the university. He thought that we could unite on budget cuts and go after issues of funding to bring about greater participation in GPSS.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone else wanted to run from the floor. Hearing no, he declared nominations closed.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) said that normally people don’t run from the floor for GPSS officer positions. He asked why Aaron ran from the floor instead of going through the typical nomination process.

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) said that, due to a Winter Quarter schedule conflict, he couldn’t attend GPSS meetings. Ben Hanowell became his proxy for the Anthropology seat. He tried to stay up to date as to what was going on. The second problem came from the fact that the department secretary went on vacation for two weeks during the time that the budget information started coming down the pipeline. During this time, they were transferring the seat from Ben to Aaron, so he was delayed a meeting due to that problem. Since nominations from the floor are still part of the process, he wanted to give it a chance.

Beth Curry (Oceanography) said that this year on the Finance and Budget committee, we have had a hard time with allocations. She asked what roles each candidate would take to drive graduate students to come forward and ask for funding.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that one solution would be within the funding policies that already exist. The committee can take attendance into consideration when making its decision. This past year, the committee has not done that. He said that we could take this into consideration next year. He said that we haven’t considered this traditionally, but
since we have been speaking about incentivizing senate meetings, this would be a reasonable way to incentivize the meetings.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) said that if senators have missed meetings, the seat becomes null and void. He said that we already have a policing action. He said that this would be something for the Executive Committee to brainstorm. We need to increase active participation in GPSS. When we have the first social, this would be a good time to make face-to-face interactions. Going to and having GPSS senators represent GPSS to departments and programs will help the cross-fertilization of ideas happen. He said that people are burned out right now.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) said that he sat on the Finance and Budget Committee this last year, and we have had debates about what we should and should not fund. There are guidelines for what we should fund, and we are going to review our mission statement. He asked Tim and Aaron to discuss the mission statement for what we should fund and what that would be like.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) said that he thought that the $350 the departments should apply for was first come first served. He said that we may want to change the funding structure. Ideally, he would like to see things funded that would help graduate and professional students connect with each other and across departments. These will make us stronger. The bigger your network is, the bigger your chances are of being able to move forward. He suggested making a sliding scale for funding.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that things like toasters and espresso machines are nice to have in student lounges. He said that some priority should be given to things other than the usual toasters that we get requests for. He said we had our last funding meeting this past week, with over $1000 left in departmental funds. There are rules in place to have consistency. What should be funded first are things that can create unity within the department that the department can’t provide.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked us to complete our ballots. He identified the witnesses so everyone knew who they were. He read the regulations regarding elections challenges.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that we’re moving on to information items, and made clear that the announcement of election results would be an informational item.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we no longer need quorum, and people can either stay or go home.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to adjourn.  
**Brad Osborn** (Music) seconded.  
Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Meeting officially adjourned at 6:30 PM.
Informational items continued without quorum.

8. SAGE Presentation

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he went to the Hill and spoke with a lot of people.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said he would keep this brief. He said that he and Kris Anderson (Art History) and Jake Faleschini (President) went to DC a couple of weeks ago to meet with SAGE. As a group, SAGE met with over fifty congressional legislators. They got a lot of traction on some issues, more than they thought they’d be able to, at least in the first year. He said he’d give a more detailed report on this at some point. The other news to report is that the members of SAGE voted for the UW to host the fall meeting next year. We’ll have an opportunity to showcase our institution to top schools across the country.

Jake Faleschini (President) said he spoke with the Provost earlier today about this. They would split the cost with GPSS. If we could donate $10,000 from the General Budget, we’d get $10,000 from the Provost, and if we threw in money from the Graduate School for the summit, we’d get $25,000.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said that the next administration would be putting together a task force on this. Nick said that as far as SAGE is concerned, if people have questions, contact him. He said he’d provide more info as it becomes available.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if the SAGE committee was different from the Task Force.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said this would be something for the Executive Committee to pick up over the summer. SAGE is not the most efficient mechanism. This needs to be a committee that can meet on a short-notice basis.

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) presented on the Guide to Life. A display of Guide content was shown. The Guide to Life will consist of 44 pages in the front of NFT Seattle. Rene Singleton (Student Life) is working on the contract. Last year, we sold 476 copies of the Guide to Life, and Anna wanted to sell at least 500 copies to the departments. It will be marketed to students through departments. She mentioned that she wanted senator help in marketing to departments. She thanked the committee and GPSS for supporting the project. She asked for questions and comments

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked for a page count.

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) replied 44 pages.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) asked when a mock up will be available.
Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) replied that she has our section and an NFT Seattle guide if anyone wants to see it. She was not sure when a mock up would be available.

Marc Jaffrey (Earth and Space Sciences) asked if there will be a coupon section for students

Anna Batie (JSIS – REECAS) replied that there won’t be this year, but it can be an idea for next year. It could conflict with the Survival Guide. She gave a timeline highlighting how quickly this had to be put together. Other questions can be e-mailed.

Jake Faleschini (President) said Anna deserves a lot of credit.

9. SHIP Plus Presentation
Ching-Ping Lin said that she has a stack of printed brochures for us to bring back to our departments about SHIP Plus. She wants to target Law, Medicine, and other professional schools to let them know that we do have another plan. She encouraged us to pick up a stack.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that Ping and Matt Erickson have done a great job representing us on this committee.

9. Announcements
Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked us all to vote in the ASUW elections. It will end tonight at 11:59.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that at the end of the ballot is the predictable tuition measure. He encouraged us to vote yes.

Kris Anderson (Art History) said that a week from Friday is the opening of the MFA show at the Henry. He suggested that we see what the School of Art is turning out.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that FIUTS’ Global Gala will be on the South Campus Center this Friday. He suggested that we check the Facebook group for more info.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said there will not be a special session of the legislature. There have been two bills signed by the governor – the Human Rights Center and the Global Asia Institute. They were signed on Monday. The governor has until next Tuesday to sign bills, and she has not signed the breaking tuition cap bill and the tuition setting authority bill. He thought that they haven’t been signed yet because there are parts of the bill that may not be to the governor’s liking. She can veto sections of the bill, but not line-items. He said that the part that can be cut is the legislative audit of Higher Education.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the Board of Regents is meeting tomorrow. The Office of Planning and Budgeting and the Provost’s office are presenting the budget for regent consideration. There will be presentations from ex-officio representatives, of
which he is one. He said that his presentation will be around 11:50 or noon. The budget being presented has graduate student tuition being increased by 7%, and professional student tuition by 10%. A couple of schools will be moved from Tier 1 to Tier 3, increasing tuition by $1000.

10. Election Results Announcements
Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) announced the election results.

Jake Faleschini (President) won the President position.

Sarah Reyneveld won the Vice President position in a close race.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) won the Secretary position.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) won the Treasurer position.