1. President **Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order 5:40 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda  
   **Jake** entertained a motion to approve.  
   **Noah Benson (Gay Bisexual Lesbian Transgender Students)** so moved.  
   **Beth Curry (Oceanography)** seconded.  
   One abstention.  
   Motion passed.

3. Approval of the minutes  
   **Jake** entertained a motion to approve the minutes.  
   **Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences)** so moved.  
   **Marc Jaffrey (Earth and Space Sciences)** seconded.  
   Motion passed.

4. Treasurer elections  
   **David Iseminger** said that he ran all of the election stuff last year and because the summer resignation made things difficult, he would be running the election this year.  
   To vote you had to have been registered by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13; 12 Senators were not confirmed by that time; **Dave** entertained a motion to permit them to vote.

   **Noah Benson** so moved.  
   **Chris Plummer** seconded.  
   None opposed.  
   One abstention.  
   Motion passed.

   There were four Senators who were not confirmed by the departments.  
   **Stephen Young (Geography)** motioned to allow the four individuals to vote and count them as provisional ballots.  
   Seconded by **Beth Curry**.  
   Friendly amendment: **Brian Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences)**: Suggested creating a deadline by when they can be confirmed.  
   **Dave** - suggested that the deadline be 5 p.m.  
   Friendly amendment was accepted by **Stefan Kamola (Health Services Administration)**  
   All were in favor.

   **Judicial Judgment**  
   The Judicial Committee gave their judgment on the question of GPSS officers voting.
Nick Nasrallah (Psychology, Judicial Committee Chair): Officers could vote with the intent they would serve the organization rather than individual departments.
Second judgment: Interim officers have all the same powers as an officer.
Dave Iseminger entertained the motion to approve the above.
Noah so moved.
Nick seconded.
All were in favor.
Motion passed.

People who cast absentee ballots incorrectly: There were two people who did not follow the guidelines.
Dave entertained a motion to approve these two votes.
Stefan moved.
Nick seconded.
Motion passed.
Dave spoke on the requirement for candidates to attend three meetings.

Dave entertained a motion to suspend Article 5, Section G, Clause 4E.
Jason Padvorac (ASUW) so moved.
Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary) seconded.
Noah objected.
Senator Elishema Fishman (Information School): Stated that she was not a Senator until a few days ago; she did not know about the position or the rules.
Yutaka stated: “Depending on people’s schedules, it was hard to attend the meetings that were scheduled.”

Moz Benado (Nutritional Sciences) asked whether this was a technicality on her department, and not of her.
Fishman responded yes.
Noah stated that you don’t have to be a Senator to attend meetings.
Brian Smoliak asked whether we were prepared to run an election at the last meeting.
Dave agreed with Brian’s point.

Brain Smolaik: Because we were hesitant to suspend [the bylaws] at the last meeting he was confused because we were so willing at the time.
Jake Faleschini (President) said that we were hesitant because it was the first thing on the first meeting of the Senate for the year.
Moz Benado (Nutritional Sciences) asked whether we could poll other candidates on their opinion.
Dave hesistated, as he didn’t want to put them in awkward positions.
Fishman: Stated she wasn’t aware of the situation.

Noah motioned to end discussion.
John Liston (Communication) seconded the motion.
All were in favor.
Motion passed.
Point of information: It takes 2/3 vote to suspend the bylaws.
Nine abstained.
Four objections.
Motion carried.
Bylaws were suspended.

Current candidates: Gabrielle Barber (Information School), Elishema Fishmann, (Information School), Timothy Hulet, (Evans School of Business), Pete Schwegge (Germanics)

Dave opened the floor for nominations.
No nominations; Dave closed the floor.
Dave reviewed instant-runoff voting.

Candidates gave their speeches.
Yutaka asked whether it was out of order to ask a question to all candidates; Dave responded that it was. Yutaka made a motion to suspend the rules.
Jason seconded the motion.
Majority nays, motion failed.
Voting for Treasurer took place.

5. Jake introduced Jessica Yellin - Graduate student representative for GPSS.

George Martinez announced that he was going to talk about efforts made to integrate Senators to that process.
George talked about the new leadership in the Graduate School, where Gerald Baldasty is interim Dean.
He then gave some context and said that Gerald is really trying to strengthen ties with the graduate school and the students. Graduate school is under administrative review; it will be restructured.
Initiatives were discussed; including helping colleges, units, departments doing a better job and assisting them in recruiting students for programs.
George wanted to ask if they would be willing to go back to their departments and ask their chairs and their graduate program assistant/coordinator how GPSS could help in recruitment. He wanted to determine whether GPSS could be a resource for recruitment. Could this be integrated into the goals of GPSS that would represent the kinds of outreach and services that you would be doing anyway, and to work that much closer with the graduate school?

Jessica Yellin asked, how did you find out about the University of Washington and what kind of recruitment activities did you experience?

Liz – Stated she was recruited during career week/work shop with the Evans school.

John Liston – Stated that his coworker got a postcard; he saw it and was convinced.
Moz stated she has been a participant in recruitment in her department; they came up with an idea about having dinner/lunch and that was exciting for potential students because it gave them the opportunity to meet with other students.

George Martinez stated that graduate school is trying to come up with resources, ideas, processes, produces, relationships that apply to all of the different schools within the university. He asked for Senators’ assistance.

Kristian Anderson (Art History) stated that if there was something more tangible he could take in to his department, he’d feel more comfortable about talking to his department about recruitment.

George stated that they [potential students] want to know why people have chosen the UW and what persuaded you the most to come here. They want to find a pattern from departments so that can then inform the grad school as of what they should do.

Jessica asked the senate: Do you feel comfortable about talking to your department about recruitment. Any red flags?

Brad Osborn (Music) stated that his department has problems with funding; He wondered, what about motivations? Why should students want to bring in more students to compete with them for funding?

George stated that too often, good things don’t happen because we are captives of our ideas of equity and conformity; maybe not every department has to do this. Maybe certain departments can pass. But on the other hand, maybe there are other departments that want to do this; and funding for them isn’t as big of an issue.

Brian Smoliak asked on whose behalf we are speaking. The graduate school or GPSS?

Jake said that we are speaking on behalf of each other, having students go through other students, not just potential students talking to administration.

George suggested that maybe the question could be how GPSS, the grad school and/or ‘I’ can help with grad student recruitment.

Jessica gave some examples: “It could even be as simple as …”

Kris stated that this was a good idea, and he thinks that certain departments that opt out on this potentially will pass this up but they are the departments that need it the most – i.e., art history and music. Art and sciences that need the help but have the least amount of resources so they would pass it up.

Yutaka stated that there are kids in ASUW that don’t know about grad school etc., so he wants to create an info session at ECC and have current grad students.
George stated that prospective grad students want info that is authentic and genuine from current grad students.

Jake stated that leaders in departments and programs and people looking at the college will be looking to you.

Nick stated that it might be helpful to ask what some of the reasons were why you did not want to come here [to the UW], why you wouldn’t come here instead of why you would. Brian Smoliak suggested perhaps grouping them into categories because each department is different.

George agreed and said that that is why he wants to go through GPSS.

Brad Osborn (Music) stated that his department was very interested in being involved, but again a tangible document to take to the department will help a lot.

George said that this is an opportunity for you to help a future grad student.

Chris Howick asked if it is more general.

George stated that they are asking you to relay to us best practices from your department and also relay back to us info /ideas about where we can all be doing more with grad recruitment.

6. ASUW Senate liaisons
Yutaka stated that the group met once a week; asked if anyone was interested.

Marc Jaffrey (Earth and Space Sciences) asked if different people could go each week.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) stated that it might be possible to send a proxy, but he wasn’t sure.

Moz Benado (Nutritional Sciences) asked for the time of the meeting.

Yutaka responded that the meeting was Tuesday evenings, 5-7pm.

Marc asked why the same person needs to go each week.

Yutaka responded that it helps for the person to be in the know of what’s going on.

Yutaka moved to suspend the rules and go to announcements.

Seconded by Jason Padvorac (ASUW).

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) announced that the Homecoming rally was Friday at 8 p.m. and homecoming game was on Saturday.
7. Announcing the new Treasurer

Dave announced the winner: Timothy Hulet.

Rene Disch (Information School) thanked Dave.

Dave stated that ballots were with SAO office if anyone wanted to make challenges.

John Liston stated that he was serving on a board; he was leaving in winter, and he needs someone to fill his spot.

Matt York (SAF Committee) stated that SAF meetings start next week and he encouraged people to apply on the Web site.

8. Adjournment
Kris made a motion to adjourn.
The motion was seconded.
Meeting adjourned 7:02 p.m.