

GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes
December 3rd, 2008
Approved January 14, 2009

Quorum present

1. President **Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

2. Approved of the Agenda

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained the motion to approve the agenda.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to table the approval of the minutes.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to add Resolution 6.08-09 to item 7.75 on the agenda.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) seconded.

1 opposed

Motion passed.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) so moved.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Gold Star Award Presentation

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) announced Gold Star Award winner this year is the Department of Astronomy. He explained Gold Star Award is an award given by GPSS to the department that is considered the “best.” One of the recommendation letters from others simply stated that Astronomy is awesome. Also, the accounts indicated students regularly cooperate with faculty and plus Astronomy is cool.

Jake Faleschini (President) said GPSS would keep working on getting funding for grants to maybe expand to different awards in the future.

5. Longhouse of Knowledge Presentation

Jake Faleschini (President) introduced **Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator).

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) called point of information that the Resolution 5.08-09 is related to this presentation. He reminded the senators to pay attention.

Karen Capuder (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) introduced **Dr.**

Charlotte Cote (American India Studies, Assistant Professor)

Dr. Charlotte Cote (American India Studies, Assistant Professor) began her presentation. She said the University of Washington now has a capital project to build a native centre within architectural expressions to honor indigenous people tradition. This dream of facility on the University of Washington campus has been in the minds, hearts, and souls of many people over thirty years. A few years ago, there was an Ad hoc committee gathered. **Dr. Cote** said they were very fortunate because **President Emmert** not only put the full support behind it but also provided the committee with an office in which they worked through. However, there is no money for listed capital projects as of yet. The progress they had made was to meet as many people as possible, and to serve many interests. She then went on stressing the emphasis of longhouse. Because Native American students, faculty and staff are underrepresented, the school uses it as a tool to increase the visibility and awareness of the region's native people. Also, in order to strengthen relationships with tribal communities and the region's native population, the University of Washington has an obligation to do it. The site was selected at the parking lot 6 between the quad and McMahon hall. One thing the committee really wanted to do was to invite tribal chiefs to put the Native American soul into longhouse. Lastly, **Dr. Cote** welcomed all senators to address any questions or concerns they may have via email to her.

Jake Faleschini (President) again thanked **Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) and **Dr. Charlotte Cote** (American India Studies, Assistant Professor) for coming.

6. Resolution 5.08-09 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON'S PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF A LONGHOUSE-STYLE LEARNING FACILITY.

Karen Capuder (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) clarified this project had nothing to do with student activity fees.

Sean Hughes (Scandinavian Studies) moved to accept the Resolution to bypass reading.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

Majority supported

1 Objection.

Motion passed. Reading was suspended.

Natalie Thompson (Statistics) asked whether Native American students are priorities for use of this facility.

Karen Capuder (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) replied that as a Native American student here, she would dedicate longhouse to cross-cultural learning opportunities for creating a space for all students on campus. As for the meeting places, they are to be open to everybody. Therefore, the priority has been left for student use and the community and no real ethnic priority has been discussed.

Jake Faleschini (President) said as far as funding goes, the current budget is in the operational budget, it is not in the capital budget. The projections are only in the

operational budget which does not include funding of the capital budget such as for the Longhouse.

Olivia Perwitasari (FIUTS) asked if the Longhouse project would follow the model of Ethnic Culture Center's operation.

Jonathan Tomhave (Communications) answered that the Ethnic Culture Center (ECC) has been renovated and rebuilt for all minorities and diversity. The committee is watching the ECC facility and trying to be as complimentary as possible, not to be competing to each other and duplicate in any way. Again, for the policy of usage, it has not been discussed yet.

Karen Capuder (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) added that there would be additional focuses of this project serving to help strengthen nation to nation relationships, government to government relationships between the university and native nations here in the States.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) asked if this Longhouse project has other associated programs like ECC.

Dr. Charlotte Cote (American India Studies, Assistant Professor) answered it hasn't been determined and fully organized yet. There will be areas for housing programs in the Longhouse building itself, and then Native American faculties suggest adding additional facilities. After the committee can get some money, it will all be determined by the funding. **Dr. Cote** said that the committee has to have the capital project budget secure before they can move to the pre-design phase.

Jake Faleschini (President) clarified that after the Longhouse committee gets the pre-design funding, it can then lead to architectures to get fully designed.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to close debate.
So moved and seconded by many.
All were in favor.
Motion passed

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to move item 10 on the agenda to right now.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) so moved.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Programming

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) reported that winter speed dating is scheduled for Jan 28th.¹ GPSS has substantial funding for social activities in the spring. He wanted to get feedback from

¹ It has been pushed back to a later date on February 3, 2009.

all the senators. He would be sending email out by the end of this week to find out what activities each department would want to see.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) announced the future FIUTS happy hour.

Jake Faleschini (President) commented 300ish people last year showed up for speed dating, way more than the attendants in Summit.

7. 2008 GPSS Legislative Agenda

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) highlighted that he did actually receive feedback from senators and he has made minor changes accordingly. He explained the way he wanted to go through this agenda was to look at the mission statement in the top front first, and then going sections by sections in the back. He reminded the senators that the committee has been working very hard to wordsmith it already. Also, he could only lobby about things on this agenda, so he encouraged the senators to be as general as possible. He then said a short initial mission statement on the top front will help the bullet points show priority.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) entertained a motion to approve the preamble section of the legislative agenda.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) moved

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

The preamble section is approved.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) explained why he fleshed out some of the reasons on the front, considering the intensive lobbying in Olympia. He also pulled the fourth item to the back. The reason why GPSS has tuition is self-explanatory. The reasons for mental health and child care are because they are something GPSS has been cultivating over the past two or three years.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) entertained a motion to approve the top priority, ranking order of tuition, mental health, and child care.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) so moved.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

1 objection.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked about the way the priority is.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) replied GPSS' number one priority is reasonable, affordable tuition, second priority is mental health, and third priority is child care. That means if someone came to him, he would point the ranking order accordingly. He proposed to leave it the way it is right now.

Sean Hughes (Scandinavian Studies) pointed the typo "Principal".

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) called point of information that the top three the front agenda was approved.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

The top priority ranking section is approved.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) went on introducing the back of the agenda. He started with the access section.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) entertained a motion to approve the access section.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) so moved.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion

Kate Deibel (Student Disability Commission) asked what the operational definitions of underrepresented minority students are.

Kelly Merrick (Policy Analyst) answered that she didn't know.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) added that by the university standard, for the purpose of the graduate school, minorities are defined by race. However, some minorities are covered by other definitions.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said a dictionary definition is what GPSS needs on the legislative agenda.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked about using minority viewpoints as a dictionary definition.

Kate Deibel (Student Disability Commission) replied that the reason she asked this question is because different departments and fields have various underrepresented students.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) commented on that by saying that different discussions with different legislatures could shape more ideas.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) said he missed the word "also".

Noah Benson (GBLTC) asked about the historical arrangement guiding the second to the last point with the emphasis on "regardless of drug commission."

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) answered that some of these things related to both the federal and state level, and this allows GPSS to send something to federal lobby organization to say UW support this to add on as asterisk marks as people support different things. It always ends up winning to stay here.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that there are cases in other states that if someone has been convicted of a drug crime, he or she is not eligible for financial aid which makes the situation peculiar.

Jake Faleschini (President) commented on that by saying that historically since the 1980's, denying someone financial aid based on drug conviction has been used to systematically discriminate against minorities in our country.

James Meabon (Physiology and Biophysics) doubted that the qualification depended on different cases, too.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) suggested that there are rich parents who don't support their kids going to school. Also, there are cases such as adoptions. In short, he said there is a whole bucket load of issues to be solved.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) pointed out that there is a huge disproportion in financial aid.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) echoed Shawn's comment.

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) was concerned about the order.

Mark Frymoyer (Civil and Environmental Engineering) asked if they are capable of using that money

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) gave a short answer, no.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) suggested changing the statements to accommodate more people.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) said it is not fair for people who commit major financial crimes and still get financial aid.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) echoed the last few points, wrapping up the drug issue. This issue could be very problematic in terms of morality which could lead the statement to a legal question.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) switched topics. He had two questions, first, is there any reason for using Graduate and Professional program as opposed to professional programs? Secondly, is it strong enough a statement to lobby on the longhouse?

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) answered; first, he set up the Graduate and Professional on the top in accordance with reasonable tuition so that everyone can read it, and second, yes, especially since the resolution has passed.

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) moved to close debate.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

All were in favor of closing debate on the section.

Debate closed.

The access section was passed unanimously.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) went on talking about the funding section. He highlighted I-601 from the last time and indicated that the capital project association suggested the addition of energy efficiency because the administration had asked the GPSS officers to consider putting it in the agenda.

Jake Faleschini (President) added that it take would take away some of the restriction on capital projects.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that there was some kind of debate about pay increases; some people here would literally be spending five to ten years of their productive lives, and that this could be an interesting battle. Finally, the last issue was also something the administration asked us to talk about because of the very liberal public disclosure here in the state of Washington. There had been some questions about what exactly in the portfolio had to be revealed, which could open the university to a little bit more liability, so there were some questions around that.

Jake Faleschini (President) clarified two things. First, as for the issues of energy efficiency, it was actually the school's position. Second, as far as public disclosure went, it had been used 89% of the time by private companies trying to acquire information about other businesses. As a public institution, it would often times be frustrating especially when it came to public investment.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) entertained to approve the funding section.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) so moved.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) seconded.

Many objections.

Motion failed.

Ian Carins (Law) asked about the mechanism used in the case of sweatshops to block the access.

Jake Faleschini (President) answered that as far as he knew; getting clothing manufacturers to block the access was a different issue.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) called a point of information. He said here at the University of Washington, students have benefited from public disclosure.

Jake Faleschini (President) replied that it would not get rid of all information. That was not possible. The current situation was over and above what normal private and public institutions were required to disclose. Mutual funds were putting all the collected money into various sources for investment. The University was required to tell where the different funds were. Mutual companies would not take the University. They have to tell the entire world where the fund came from. It was not restricted in any way; he stated that he would get more information on that. **Jake** said he shared his concerns with **Jason**.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) moved to amend the language by striking the last bullet point on funding.

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) seconded.

No objection, motion passed.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) suggested changing “less” to “fewer”.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) pointed to the state employment salary increase. She asked if it included academic student employees.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) called a point of information and replied that her department had a contract.

Jake Faleschini (President) added that people were pushing for it, if they were lobbying for it. Then, it would be possible down in Olympia.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) said the department would not be able to change the funding for the following year.

Stefan Kamola (History) asked whether this wording would be applied in a broader concept.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) amended to put “student employees’ pay increase.”

Rich Nobles (Psychology) called a point of information that the question bounced back to Lindsay’s issue of contract.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) answered it did not.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) replied that the language still gave the power to negotiate on the issue of employment.

Jason Herrington (Museology) entertained a motion to amend “pay increases covering all student employees and for the purpose of matching reasonable, affordable tuition.”

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) so moved.

Stefan Kamola (History) seconded.

1 Objection.

Debate on the amendment was opened.

James Meabon (Physiology and Biophysics) said that we understood the intention. However, changing the wording would not help in including academic student employees.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) moved to close debate on the objection to the language of the amendment.

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) seconded.

All were in favor of closing debate.

Motion passed.

Debate closed.

No further objections to the amendment, the amendment passed.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) asked what the union's concerns were.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) answered that he knew that there was a goal to get into the legislature that would allow the university to have more control over the limited cost of the capital projects under a million dollars. So, the smaller projects would be underway.

Jake Faleschini (President) said as far as he could tell, it didn't affect the union. He had not heard anything from the union and said that they do not support this, from his understanding.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to close debate and approve funding.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

1 objection.

[**Dave Iseminger** allowed the objector to speak before closing debate]

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) asked about the complete student control of self-imposed student fees.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) answered that the debate about student fees had centered on how much it should be and how much it should be raised. He said he did not know how well it answered **Jason's** question, but he hoped it gave him the context.

All were in favor of approving the funding section.

The funding section was passed unanimously.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) highlighted the last two bullet points. With that background, he entertained a motion to approve the academic excellence section.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) so moved

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

Many objections, debate remained open.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) asked GPSS to promote professional teaching at the University of Washington since it had been focused solely on research.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) asked about point four. He wondered if that was also about the partnership we had with the university.

Kate Deibel (Student Disability Commission) suggested keeping it wide open and diverse in definition.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to strike "present research" from the last bullet point, and to change it to professional development.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) seconded.

1 objection

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) would like to change "research" to "professional development and research."

Lloyd Nackley (Forest Resources) seconded.

1 objection

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said the better thing to do was take out the word “research.”

No further debate, debate was closed.

No objections to the proposed amendment.

Motion passed.

Back to the main section on academic excellence.

Christopher Howard (MBA) suggested changing “increased” to “increasing opportunity” in the second bullet point.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) seconded.

No objections.

Motion passed.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) moved to strike “support research” from the second to last bullet point.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

1 Objection. Debate was opened.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) objected to the language change.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) asked to include additional support from the library.

Because he said that library sources were not always research related.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) pointed out that there were abundant interlibrary loan resources. She would suggest keeping it as broad as possible.

Genevieve Farrar (Civil and Environmental Engineering) argued that getting information was research.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) moved to close debate,

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) seconded.

Many objections.

A Division was called

16 Aye

23 Nay

3 abstention

Motion failed, debate not closed.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) pointed out a grammatical error to the third bullet point “lowering”.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) called for a point of information on professional development.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to keep research in the language.[i.e. fail the amendment]

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) seconded.

No objection

Motion passed.

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) moved to close the debate

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed

Academic excellence section passed unanimously.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) entertained a motion to pass the second to last section.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) so moved

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) seconded.

1 objection.

Kate Deibel (Student Disability Commission) moved to add mental health care.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) called for a point of information about student insurance in general.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to add “that includes mental health care and” in the second bullet point, after insurance.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

No speakers

Vote for the amendment.

Vote passed unanimously.

Section passed unanimously.

Dave Iseminger entertained a motion to pass the final section, and thus pass the 2009 GPSS Legislative Agenda.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) so moved.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) seconded.

No objections

Last section passed

Legislative agenda approved unanimously

7.5 Intracampus Transportation

Todd English introduced **Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services)

Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services) gave a brief history of intracampus transportation, and described the issues and many related factors. The IMA Loop Shuttle was an extension between U-PASS and night ride. It was funded originally by SAF and then it became an unfunded service. Transportation Services was unable to resolve the issue. Transportation Services needed the fund by February otherwise the IMA Loop Shuttle would not be in existence in the following academic year.

John Liston (Communication) asked where the night ride went.

Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services) answered it ran basically up and down the hill until 10:45 pm for the last drop.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) asked how many students used this service.

Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services) answered that in the previous year about 900 students up to a high of around 1500, depending on the time of the day. There

were 13 students per hour on average. There was a service at the end of closing time for IMA employees.

Anna Batie (Jackson School) asked what would change.

Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services) answered that at minimum service for the loop to IMA to decline, but there was e-shuttle and night ride still.

Lloyd Nackley (Forest Resources) asked about the cost of the program.

Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services) answered that the program cost between 25,000 to 30,000 dollars. They were doing a study looking at student drivers staffing three hours per evening would trim cost.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked where the funding was coming from.

Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services) replied it originally came from SAF/ASUW, but now it was a security service. UPASS was not paying this.

Josh Kavanagh (Director of Transportation Services) touched on the final bullet point. Executive Office of King County Metro had ferry increases. The budget increase was for 17% last year, expecting another increase of 15% in February and another 13% in the following January. Metro would be down in Olympia to lobby for direct support. He said he would be happy to assist the Senate in understanding the large amount of data he had..

7.75 Resolution Number: 6.08-09: RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PUBLIC APOLOGY FROM THE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD

Sponsors stood up.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee, Classics) asked if the meeting still had quorum.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said yes.

Jake Faleschini (President) read the Resolution and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 6.08-09.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) so moved
Seconded by many.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) objected, to add the prepared amendment to include publications guidelines.

Sponsors accepted this as friendly.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) called for a point of information, explaining the additions.

Sean Hughes (Scandinavian Studies) wanted to point out the pictures and the articles.

Jake Faleschini (President) added the he had talked with the editor of *The Daily*. She did not seem to recognize that a number of people at the university responded to the pictures and the articles.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) responded that legalizing gay marriage does not go against anyone.

Rich Nobles (Psychology) said that as the person who wrote the article for response, he thought exactly GPSS' amendment as a formal body against the editorial policy.

Noah Benson (GBLTC) said *The Daily* is doing something very embarrassing to the student body in the newspaper, because taking a picture of a priest with a schoolboy would be out of line. He said this is very unprofessional.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that while everyone's opinion is appreciated, there is a journalistic standard.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said that both the content and the image supported each other. They are offensive. This type of image was like a racial depiction or a religious depiction against a minority group. *The Daily* should be responsible for the poor choice. And they owed the students an apology.

Jake Faleschini (President) replied that a number of students thought that was the case. He made it clear that an apology did not have to be for the article itself.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) moved to add the final word after hateful to unprofessional

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) seconded.

No objections, amendment passed.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to close the debate

Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

Debate was closed

Vote on the Resolution

Majority yays

2 nays

2 abstentions

Motion passed, resolution 6.08-09 was passed.

8. Committee Opportunities

Jake Faleschini (President) said that there were really important committees to be filled. GPSS needed more representation on each of the committees, including legislative planning. He asked to email him if interested.

Lindsay Morse (Classics) asked what it entailed.

Jake Faleschini (President) replied that the committees meet on Monday between 1:30 and 3 pm and to check out GPSS website for more details.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to table Admission Integration Follow-up.

Many seconded.

Motion passed.

11. Announcements

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said that at noon on Friday there would be free testing for HIV. Spaces were limited. Also, he announced the La Raza HIV/AIDS Awareness Week was from Dec 1st to 5th. Lastly, he said there would be a performance at Meany Hall starting 7:30pm, tickets required.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) announced that the next FIUTS happy hour would be on Jan30th. Location TBA.

Nick Narsallah (Psychology) shared his trip to Texas representing GPSS and the UW on public institution student government. He then gave a quick recap; they had set up the foundation and alliance, also in regards to tuition caps for graduate professional students. The issues were being researched.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that five Ad-hoc committee needed senators to fill the roles. Also, there would be the Third annual summit planning committee. Last thing was to rewrite the Guide to Life. He encouraged Senators to sign up for the opening spots.

12. Adjourn

Jake Faleschini (President) moved to adjourn at 6:44pm.

Many seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.