1. Call to Order

Jake Faleschini (President) said quorum has been met and called the meeting to order at 4:35p.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) moved to approve the agenda.

Charli Archer (Law) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) moved to approve the minutes from the last Senate meeting.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) motioned to move Committee Openings to item 3.5 on the agenda, to give President Emmert time to arrive.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

3.5. Committee Openings

a. Graduate Program Review

Jake Faleschini (President) said there are openings on the GPR. He said it's a useful committee to PhD students, as it makes recommendations to the provost on programs. It's a good way to learn about how good schools should operate and how to improve schools.

Jerry Baldasty (Dean and Vice Provost of the Graduate School) said graduate students play an important role on the committee. He said they have the ability to talk about how well a program is operating.

Erin Abu-Rish (Nursing (Seattle)) self nominated.
Karl Starns (JSIS - Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies) self nominated.

Sarah Sprinkle (JSIS - International Studies) self nominated.

Jake Faleschini (President) accepted the nominations, and then said they would revert back to discussing the committees after President Emmert's talk.

4. Presentation, President Emmert

Mark Emmert (UW President) said UW has opportunity and challenges. He said what we’re facing right now is pretty common, and that are overwhelming opportunities, and significant challenges. He said there never has been a time in human history when the role of higher education and research has been in greater demand, involving issues of environmental sustainability, energy, mass urbanization, etc. He said there is a goal as a university of becoming carbon neutral as soon as possible. He said we need terrific innovations in a relatively short period of time. He said there must be research and new innovations and technologies to have that occur. He said we need new ways to deliver global health care. He said universities are what will provide these things. He said opportunities are enormous, and that the federal government provides significant funding and scholarships because they recognize this.

He said the challenges, both near term and long term, are mostly financial. He said if we were a business we’d talk about product lines. Demand for teaching, research, medicine have never been higher. Looking at demand side, a businessman would say, buy this stock. Everybody wants to “buy” our product line. The problem is, he says, in a public university, the funding and operating model is not unsustainable any longer. Great public universities were built on the premise that states would support the core infrastructure. Then the federal government would support research activities. What happens is the federal government continues to support at various levels. UW is second in attracting research funding, next to Johns Hopkins. He said what’s happened is the states have backed away from their relative commitment to support public universities. That’s created a huge funding problem, when you look at the rising tuition, he said, citing a trend line over the past 20 years that he drew on the board.

He said we have crossed a Rubicon when tuition crossed state funding for the first time ever. Since 1999, he said the total state government budget is up 38%. Funding for community colleges is up 28% and funding for all of higher ed is up 17%. He said funding for four-year public universities is down 7%, and funding for UW is down 12%.

He said to be successful in this new environment, we must change the fundamental operating and revenue model UW relies upon because the old one is broken. He said he thinks we have a few years to get in position to take advantage of great two-decade opportunities. It’s getting there that will be big challenge. So he said that’s what he's about these days, and getting the Legislature to change those ratios.
Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) asked how much time and energy is spent lobbying the people in PR efforts as opposed to the Legislature.

Mark Emmert (UW President) said we do a reasonable amount of public opinion surveys on those questions about how people feel about UW. He said there is an extremely high impression of UW, but they don’t want to give us any money. Health care, K12 education, social welfare, transportation, community colleges, universities, other. Polls, in both years, just beat “other.” 8% said we were highest priority. Health care, prisons and social services have been crowding everything else out. He said we need to communicate with people about the value of a university.

Erin Abu-Rish (Nursing) brought up alumni giving at private vs. public institutions. She asked how UW does in comparison with others.

Mark Emmert (UW President) said remarkably well. He said there was a fundraising campaign to raise $2 billion by June 2008, and they raised $2.6 billion. He said 2009 financial aid was actually bigger than in 2008 in terms of individual donors. He said alumni are very generous, though it's not as strong as at the good private universities. He said because UW got into that game pretty recently, in the past 5 or 10 years, it doesn't have been endowments. He said prior to that UW was getting about $100M in earnings off endowments, a third the amount the state gives UW ($300 million). That said, he said state money is unrestricted, spent mostly on staff and faculty salaries. Donors gifts are highly restricted.

Sean Schneider (Genome Sciences) asked if UW is a victim of its own success, as the Legislature sees us getting federal grants, and they say “They don’t need us, they're fine.”

Mark Emmert (UW President) said no good deed goes unpunished. He said when they raised donor money, the Legislature says, “Why are you asking me for money, Bill Gates just gave you a bunch of money?” He said there was $1.4 billion in funded research this year. People read that and think UW is rolling in money. But those funds are highly restricted. He said they can only be used for specific purposes. Do anything else and you go to jail. He's said UW can’t use that money to spend the history professor’s salary.

Kristian Anderson (Art History) asked what UW's commitment is to programs like arts that have high costs but little revenue.

Mark Emmert (UW President) said they need to make sure they're using resources effectively, restructure how they manage budgets internally. He said he wants to line up the way UW spends money so it’s clear what the subsidies are. This is activity-based budgeting (ABB). He said UW is not a technical institution. It must have quality programs. If you don’t have art history you are not a university anymore. He said UW can’t charge tuition rate commensurate with costs, so we make the conscious decision to subsidize those programs because it wouldn’t be affordable to charge that high tuition. He said you can’t have great university without great humanists and great artists.
Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said UW seems like a giant black box, where there are just a handful of people who know where the money goes. He asked what the plans are to make it more transparent.

Mark Emmert (UW President) said he thinks the perception is wrong. All budgetary information is public. It’s complicated and hard to follow, and there are only 10 people who have skill set to interpret all that. But he said it’s not private. He said by the end of the year UW will be a $3.7 billion enterprise, with 35,000 to 36,000 full- or part-time employees, spanning 50-55 countries, 40,000 or 50,000 students, another 50,000 around the world. Having one person understand that is complicated. Nonetheless, he said that’s complicated. A shift to ABB would provide greater transparency and common-sense aggregation so normal human beings can look at it and see where funds go. He said he wants to run seminars for legislators to come on campus and see how budgeting works. He said UW uses resources efficiently, producing degrees at lower cost per student than any other system in the country.

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) said temporary money was allocated by the provost to save TA-ships. He asked what will happen with that.

Mark Emmert (UW President) said the truth is that there is a $1 billion or $2 billion additional shortfall the Legislature is dealing with starting January. He said it's not unreasonable that they’ll try to take more out of higher education. He said hopefully it's disproportionally smaller this time. He said if they do, we have to figure out how to manage it. He said the way we had temporary money this year is we used some year-end, one-time balances, so we can’t do it again. He said if UW doesn't get a big cut from state, we might be able to save those jobs. He said UW balanced the budget through unpleasant stuff. 460 layoffs. Usually, the University will hire 200 full-time faculty, but UW hired a tenth of that. He said $10 million was put into temporary positions that support TAs. He said if we don’t get more budget cuts and hold constant, we will be able to fill that up with permanent money. He said if the state comes and takes more money, then we’ve got issues. He said we’re not out of the woods here.

Adam Webber (Urban Design and Planning) said that considering situation, are they able to make long-term investments in being a research university that works toward these problems?

Mark Emmert (UW President) said we have to find ways to continue to position ourselves for those great opportunities. He said he put together a working group. He said it's a buyer’s market right now, and if we can find a way to make some modest investments in areas that will drive the university forward, that would be good. He said it's a bad market, but boy it’s a great time to go down to Berkeley and steal some professors.

Trond Nilsen (Industrial and Systems Engineering) asked what student government can do to help.

Mark Emmert (UW President) said to keep aware of the issues. Keep in touch with Ben Golden (Student Regent). He said we will need help on communications issues, help us think through these things. He said, be vocal with legislative colleagues.
3.5. Committee Openings

**Jake Faleschini** (President) work group, subcommittees have openings. Go online to look at them.

**b. Finance and Budget**

**Adam Webber** (Urban Design and Planning) self nominated.

**c. Hub Transition**

**Jake Faleschini** (President) Great time to buy materials, 20% below average market, so have opportunity to take out long-term 40-year bond and rebuild a building and needs to be remodeled. Currently spend $10M in utilities on the HUB, eco inefficient. $150M rebuild that will cost more like $100M because we’re building it now. For two years building will be shut down. GPSS and ASUW will be relocated, not sure exactly where, but it will likely be in Condon Hall.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) time?

**Rene Singleton** (SAO Advisor) said no more than two hours a month

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) self nominated.

**d. ASUW**

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) self nominated.

**Katie Cleary** (Public Affairs, proxy) nominated **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs).

5. Bylaw and Constitution Amendments

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said the summer Judicial Committee was chaired by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), and they forward recommendations to Exec. **Jake Faleschini** (President) said those recommendations were reviewed, sent back to Judicial, which is now chaired by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law), and they have a number of bylaw and constitutional amendments to present.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) asked **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) and **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) to present.
Jake Faleschini (President) said there some are technical to resolve issues, just one or two that are substantive.

Article III, Section A

Natalia Sanoja (Law) said the change would require senators to attend two meetings per quarter.

Jake Faleschini (President) said there is room to work around it if there is a class conflict.

Eleftherios Kirkinis (Applied Mathematics) said GPSS might end up without senators from some departments. He said if GPSS was to disbar him nobody will replace him.

Jake Faleschini (President) said language for disbarment already exists.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said the spirit of the rule is if you can’t be a meeting you can work around it.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said the change is more flexible and allows a person to come and not make it harder.

Natalia Sanoja (Law) said that with a senator coming only to one meeting a quarter, it is difficult to get familiar with what’s going on, especially come springtime when voting for new Exec members.

Andrew Kosydar (Biology) said it's his second year on GPSS, and that if the rule were to be applied, he would not be a senator because of TA-ship that conflicted.

Jake Faleschini (President) said the change will not affect that. Senators can still ask the secretary if that’s the case and she can give you a bye if you attend by proxy.

Jake Faleschini (President) said GPSS completely understands when senators have class conflicts.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said the spirit is not to attack the senate and we want stricter demands. He said there was a problem last year when GPSS had a hard time meeting quorum, and it couldn't pass legislation.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said the last section of the passage gives a lot of power to the Secretary.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said the Secretary position is a liaison. He said that is a power that he would trust the Secretary to hold.

Kristian Anderson (Art History) said that if a Senator felt the Secretary was wrong, the Senator can always take it to Judicial.
Laura Back (Student Disability Commission) asked what the rationale is behind one meeting being attended in person rather than by proxy.

Natalia Sanoja (Law) said being able to express concerns in person is ideal.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) offered a point of interest, that the original requirement was for senators to attend in person at least once. And it allows GPSS to build quorum by allowing proxies.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said proxies were allowed for class conflict, historically speaking.

Jake Faleschini (President) increased requirement because quorum is high but only required one-third attendance. He said there were two or thee meetings last year where GPSS barely made quorum. He said that when that happens the entire senate shuts down. He said it doesn’t seem like much to ask.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) asked if votes can be done on individual items.

Court Weddle (Business PhD) moved to close debate.

Kristian Anderson (Art History) seconded.

The motion passed, with one opposed and one abstention.

Article III, Section A passed, with two opposed and two abstentions.

Article IV, Section F

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said there was a quorum call at officer elections last year, and there were proxies there, but proxies are not allowed to vote at the election meeting. This revision gives clarification. Proxies can approve minutes, etc., but can’t cast a vote in elections.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that's because senators can vote via absentee ballot.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) offered a point of interest, saying last year there were 20 votes cast outside, and just over 35 votes actually in the meeting.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said, suppose the proportion got even higher, to 80% of people voting absentee. He asked, wouldn’t that disfavor floor candidates?

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said the revision has nothing to do with allowing people to vote via absentee ballot.
Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said it does because if proxies aren't counted for quorum, the vote would be nullified.

Jake Faleschini (President) said the revision doesn’t really go to that.

Kristian Anderson (Art History) motioned to close debate.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

The motion passed with three opposed.

Article IV, Section F passed with three opposed and one abstention.

Article IV, Section G

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said they don’t have anything in bylaws on what to do if they lose quorum at a meeting. This revision allows GPSS to move to informational-only items, which would allow them to try to gain quorum by getting senators to come.

Court Weddle (Business PhD) asked, don’t you need quorum to approve the agenda?

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said sometimes you can have quorum but will lose it.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) asked if the revision is superfluous because of Sturgis.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) said the proposed revision would be useful because of obscure rules.

Jake Faleschini (President) said he would argue that anything in GPSS bylaws could be duplicative, but they don’t have the time to go through and take out anything that repeats.

Kristian Anderson (Art History) moved to close debate.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) seconded.

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article IV, Section G passed with two opposed and one abstention.

Article IV, Section H

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) moved to close debate.

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.
The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article IV, Section H passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Articles V.C.2 and V.D.2.b

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said a revision is needed to the president's duties to include that the president serves on the Executive Board.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) asked if in the past the president and vice president serviced by tradition.

Jake Faleschini (President) said they just created a student group last year to control student fees.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) moved to close debate.

The motion was seconded.

Articles V.C.2 and V.D.2.b passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article V.G.4.m 1

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said this revision fixes grammar, and addresses instant runoff voting, what happens if there are three candidates for an office and only votes for one, and how to determine how to proceed. She said it offers more clarity.

Natalia Sanoja (Law) asked if there were any questions.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) moved to close debate.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article V.G.4.m 1 passed with no one opposed and one abstention.

Article V.G.5

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said last summer an officer was lost. He said the bylaws stipulated that they needed to have an election. But that conflicted with requirements to be present at a number of committee meetings.
Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said he was concerned that at worst they could be waiting until the end of the quarter to have a replacement.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if that is better than asking the senate at its first meeting to suspend bylaws.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said the president is allowed to name a temporary replacement. He said the revision allows leeway to not carry out in haste and violate GPSS's own rules.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) moved to amend language in revision to two meetings rather than three.

Karl Starns (JSIS - Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies) seconded.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) objected, and asked why.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said that if it's two senate meetings, at least one committee will meet in the required time. He said that, assuming that most candidates will find ways to attend one of those three meetings, there will be three meetings under normal settings.

Travis Reynolds (Public Policy and Management) asked what the argument was for three.

Jake Faleschini (President) said it gave GPSS enough time to find someone to fill the position. He said a candidate must attend three meetings (senate or committee) to be eligible. He said he wanted to give enough time to get a good replacement. He said he didn’t want to have to call an emergency meeting and suspend bylaws to do that.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) asked if two would satisfy the same requirements.

Jake Faleschini (President) said if that had to happen, they could do it at second senate meeting.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said the Judicial opinion is indifference between the two. He said that despite the three requirement they would probably end up doing it in two anyway.

Jake Faleschini (President) called for a vote to amend to two as opposed to three.

The motion passed, with 22 voting for two meetings and 14 voting against it.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) moved to approve the updated revisions to Article V.G.5.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) seconded.

The motion passed, with no one opposed and one abstention.

Jake Faleschini (President) said he is inclined to do one more and table the rest for the next meeting.
Article VI.A.1.b

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said this revises the requirement that a member of the Executive Committee serve on the Student Technology Fee Committee.

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said the rational is there are four executive senators, and three are not asked to do anything else. She said it's a large time commitment, and STF is an important committee, so it's unfair to ask for one Exec member to attend the meeting but others don’t have to. Also, she said Jake Faleschini (President) has a position on the committee if something comes up. She said they have very capable representatives on the committee. She said they have to be vetted by Exec anyway.

Jake Faleschini (President) called for a vote.

The revision to Article VI.A.1.b passed, with no one opposed and one abstention.

Jake Faleschini (President) said he was entertaining a motion to table the revisions until a future meeting.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) asked if the senate could help facilitate dialogue. He said Judicial is formalizing a complaint process. He asked senators to review the proposed revisions before the next meeting and come prepared with dialogue.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) moved to table the discussion.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) objected, and asked if they can go through the ASUW revision to make it official.

Article VI.A.1.d

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said this revision allows ASUW the freedom to appoint their representative to GPSS.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) moved to close debate.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) seconded.

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article VI.A.1.d passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) moved to table the bylaw discussions.
Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

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Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to table until the next meeting.

Court Weddle (Business PhD) seconded.

The motion passes with no objections or abstentions.

7. Proposed Legislative Agenda

Sarah Reyneveld (Vice President) said there have been extensive debates in the committee. She said there is a draft copy for senators to review. She said she doesn't want to vote on it yet, but for senators to look through it and come back with comments. She said it is a document of official GPSS positions. She said if an issue senators want is not on the agenda, now is the time to voice that concern.

She said it's dire budgetary times, so more compelling and urgent language was necessary. She said she wanted to talk about the investment of graduate education. She said the document urges the Legislature to make no additional cuts. She said there are 3 main lobbying points:

1. Fund graduate and professional degree production at levels competitive with global competitors.
2. Reasonable, predictable tuition.
3. Maintain accessible and affordable student services.

She said they want to restore funding to the graduate fellowship trust account. She stressed the importance of performance agreements.

She said it's also the first year GPSS has a federal lobbying agenda, thanks to efforts with SAGE:

- Increased access to federal loans, loan forgiveness for public servants.
- Tax incentives for fellowships and graduate student assistantships.
- Health care reform could eliminate student health care plans.
- Visa reform for international students.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said there is proposed legislation that has full tax exemptions for fellowships and assistantships.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that would provide an extra month of income for everyone in that position.
Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) said that in the state legislative agenda, nothing is mentioned about out-of-state fee waiver, as had been in the past.

Sarah Reyneveld (Vice President) asked if he meant the restoration of tuition subsidy. She said that’s in there. She said the lobby couldn’t get it then and won’t get it now, but it's good thing to keep reminding legislators.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) discussed the H1B visa.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) provided a clarification.

Sarah Reyneveld (Vice President) asked to keep comments to the document.

Kristian Anderson (Art History) said it's a great document to take back to constituents. Senators applauded.

Sarah Reyneveld (Vice President) said she would like to be able to pass it at the next senate meeting, and have a discussion between now and then.

9. Summit Report

Jake Faleschini (President) said the summit went really well. He said pre-eminent leaders from across the state and country were in attendance, and that it went off absolutely fantastically. He said there is a link to TV coverage on the website.

Trond Nilson (Industrial and Systems Engineering) said the footage is good stuff.

Jake Faleschini (President) said it was covered by TVW and UWTV. He said there's a version that covers beginning to end, and there's a two-hour edited version. He said it really spoke highly of GPSS that we pulled off an event like this. He said he doesn't think there’s ever been anything like this.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) asked if Jake Faleschini (President) could send out a blurb about it so senators can send it out to constituents.

Jake Faleschini (President) said GPSS also hosted SAGE that weekend. He said he will talk about that another time because it’s so late. He said four GPSS delegates are now serving on SAGE, which represents top public institutions in country. He said they started writing bylaws and a constitution and developed federal lobbying agenda for year at the conference. He said it's a very powerful group. He thanked two senators also on SAGE, Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) and Kristian Anderson (Art History). He presented gift bags to them.
10. Announcements

Lindsay Morse (Secretary) said the GPSS newsletter has been named GPreSS, which was submitted by Lloyd Nackley (Forestry).

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said to spread the word about the Fall Social, an '80s dance party. He said there will be free pizza on a rolling basis, lots of other snacks and goodies, prize giveaways, beer, contests.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) asked who the DJ is.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said RainyDawg Radio.

Jake Faleschini (President) said there will be a Wii projected on the wall.

Jake Faleschini (President) announced the Veterans Day Medal of Honor ceremony, which will be honoring 8 UW grads who received the medal.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said the ceremony is for the memorial that they’ve been building in front of Parrington Hall.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked senators to put up posters at their respective schools.

Douglas McManaway (Executive Assistant) said the entire memorial was built out of student advocacy.

Shawn Mincer (Social Work) said it was privately funded.

Jake Faleschini (President) said a celebration is planned for the LGBT community on the same day an unfortunate article in The Daily was published last year.

Sarah Reyneveld (Vice President) said there are more committee openings, including SAF and STF.

Ben Golden (Student Regent) congratulated GPSS for the GPSS summit and SAGE conference successes.

11. Adjourn

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) moved to adjourn.

Yutaka Jono (FIUTS) seconded.

The motion passed with no objections or abstentions at 6:22 p.m.