Title: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A HUSKY STADIUM RENOVATION
STUDENT TASKFORCE

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WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional students at the University of Washington
share a strong commitment to the success of the Universities athletic programs; and,

WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional student body has shared a long relationship
with the University of Washington Football program through their fan support in the
Dawg Pack and student seating sections at the Husky Stadium; and,

WHEREAS the University community recognizes the need for vital updates and
renovations at Husky Stadium; and,

WHEREAS given the economic climate the Athletics department has had to take it upon
themselves to secure their own private funding in order to move forward with the
renovation of Husky Stadium; and,

WHEREAS in order to fund this debt the Athletics Department must increase the revenue
stream for ticket sales at Husky Stadium; and,

WHEREAS based on this need for increased ticket revenue the Husky Stadium
Renovation proposal moves student seating to the West End Zone; and,

WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional Student community believes that it should
have been engaged with the Athletic Department earlier in the planning of the Husky
Stadium Renovation to help assure that more student feedback was incorporated into the
redesign; and,

WHEREAS Graduate and Professional students want to have a stronger voice in the
Husky Stadium Renovation decision-making process in order to maintain and enhance
the game day experience for student ticket holders as well as for the broader Husky
Football community; and,

WHEREAS it is recognized that student ticket holders play a vital role in the game day
experience as is exemplified by the fact that ESPN named Husky Stadium the loudest
stadium in college football when in 1991 fan noise was recorded at 131 decibels at field
level [1]; and,

WHEREAS through increased participation in the Athletics Departments planning and
decision-making process Graduate and Professional students can continue to have an

[1] Reference to specific noise level measurement.
active role in supporting Husky Athletics, the campus football tradition and be a part of
building positive fan/team experiences at the newly renovated Husky Stadium; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT
SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports the creation of a Husky Stadium Renovation Student Task
Force in conjunction with ASUW, UW community stakeholders and the UW Athletics
Department; and,

THAT the task force will be made up of 2 representatives of GPSS (one officer or their
proxy and one GPSS Senator at large), representatives of ASUW and various student
stakeholders; and,

THAT this Task Force will advocate for affordable and stable ticket pricing for students,
a student season ticket scholarship program, and other relevant items that emerge from
the stakeholders as part of the actions of the Task Force; and

THAT this Task Force will report its proposals and findings back to the GPSS Executive
Committee and full Senate; and,

THAT GPSS opposes athletic student fees and disproportionate increases in student
ticket prices as a way to fund future athletic program capital projects; and,

THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the University President, the University
Provost, the members of the Board of Regents, the University Athletic Director, the Head
Coach of the football team, the University Executive Vice-Provost, the University Vice-
President for Student Life, the President of the Faculty Senate, the President of ASUW,
the President and Board of Trustees of the UW Alumni Association, the Chairman of the
Big W Club, the Chairman of the Tyee Club and the captains of the UW football team.

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