1. Call to Order
   a. Sarah calls the meeting to order at 5:40 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda
   a. Kylee Peterson (Biology) motions to amend the agenda
      i. Replace “Childcare Resolution” with “Students with Children Awareness Day”
      ii. Add “GPSS Caregiver Directory” as 9.5
   b. Seconded by Charles Plummer (ESS)
   c. All in favor, motion passes

3. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Aaron Naumann (Anthropology) motions to approve the minutes
   b. Seconded by Boyan Penkov (FIUTS)
   c. All in favor, motion passes

4. Guest Speaker – Bryan Pearce, UW Book Store
   a. 70,000+ beneficiaries and growing
   b. Earnings not required to operate and grow are returned to the beneficiaries (mostly students)
   c. 5 students on Board of Trustees – one of which is a graduate/professional student
   d. Digital books for sale with “Jumpbooks” saves about 50% over traditional paper texts
   e. Textbook rentals
   f. Kylee Peterson: Readers Club Card
      i. Launched for only “trade books” which is most attractive to the outside UW population
      ii. Far less of a discount than the Student Rebate
      iii. Has driven up profits from outside members, gives more funding to UW students
   g. Adam Sherman: eBooks
      i. Selling digital textbooks for quite some time
      ii. Trying to get the industry to offer more titles
      iii. On the academic side, this is mostly a rental program
         1. Content often expires after 180 or 360 days
         2. Value proposition becomes a little lagged
      iv. On mainstream side, eBooks are must more attractive
         1. Have been working with Google to distribute eBooks
         2. Amazon has locked Google eBooks out of the Kindle
   h. Book sales have been declining for about the last 7 years
      i. Filling in that loss thanks to UW Football Team succeeding and increased apparel sales
ii. Technology products are also growing, but profit margins are the lowest in the business, textbooks are second-lowest
i. Jessica Bottomly (iSchool): coordinating with UW Libraries
   i. Library systems are facing the same struggles
   ii. Libraries are actually a competitor of the Book Store because of books on reserve
j. Apply to be a UW Book Store trustee!! Contact Shawn with any questions at gpsssec@uw.edu.

5. Experimental College Update
   a. Offers non-credit courses to the Seattle community, over 150 each quarter
   b. Accepting new instructors for Fall Quarter
   c. Hiring for a director and assistant director
   d. Email director@exco.org for any questions

6. Rainy Dawg Radio Update
   a. Student run, staff of 5 undergraduate students
   b. Started in 2001 as a task force under ASUW
   c. Broadcasting on Internet only because of the cost of broadcasting on the radio frequencies, costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to broadcast on the airwaves
   d. Graduate student DJs

7. SAF Childcare Support Update
   a. Student Parent Resource Center asked for a substantial increase in their budget from SAF
   b. Needed increase in budget to keep daycare center operating due to withdrawal of state funds
   c. Provides subsidized childcare for low-income parents
   d. GPSS has been advocating for childcare since 2006
   e. Parents may take voucher for childcare services to any licensed caregiver
   f. Charles Plummer (ESS): Exec made a call that *could* result in an increase in the SAF fee, Senate may repeal Exec’s decision
   g. Trond Nielson (Mechanical Engineering): increase in SAF fee?
      i. Uncertain about what exact increase could be, but last year it was $4
   h. Evan Smith (ASUW): SAF fee goes up approximately $1-$3 every year, which directly benefits students

8. Students with Children Awareness Day
   a. Please put up posters in your department ASAP
   b. Wear a button (especially on Monday!)
   c. 3rd largest barrier to degree completion is having a child
   d. Asking for students to bring their children to class
      i. Seattle Times would like to get pictures of students with children in the classroom
   e. Rally at noon on Monday, May 9th in Red Square
9. GPSS Caregiver Directory
   a. Visit the directory at gpss.uw.edu/services/caregiver-directory
   b. Like a Craig’s List for caregiving
   c. Students, faculty, and staff may login
   d. Can post if you are willing to provide services, and if you’re looking for services
   e. Directory gets posted on website via results from Catalyst survey every 2 weeks
   f. Please check references for caregivers!

10. Officer Reports
    a. President
       i. Graduate Fellowship Program created due to repeal of non-resident tuition waiver
       ii. Universal U-PASS
       iii. Dawg Pack Task Force with UW Athletics
       iv. Creation of Provost Student Advisory Committee
       v. 4th Annual Higher Education Summit
    b. Vice President
       i. Legislative agenda trying to advocate for Higher Education
       ii. Federal-level involvement with SAGE
          1. GPSS team worked hard to make sure research funding was on the agenda
       iii. Looking to publish a white paper on financial aid for graduate students
    c. Secretary
       i. Special thanks to everyone! Shawn will be moving on this year from GPSS and the UW to a job in the real world…eek!
       ii. Lots of work with ASUW on diversity issues, GPSS should look at their model to improve diversity within our organization
       iii. Campus-wide Graduate & Professional LGBTQ organization, Rainbow Grads
       iv. Communication about GPSS’s work amongst our constituents
    d. Treasurer
       i. F&B Committee gave out 26 rewards this year, 13 department grants
          1. If you’re still planning on submitting a grant, do so ASAP as the awards will be closing soon
       ii. Social and Events Agenda doubled this year
          1. Events Planner will help with this next year
       iii. Spring Picnic will be on the same day as the University’s Street Fair
       iv. Lots of work alongside Charles Plummer, Colin Goldfinch and Shawn Mincer on the STF Committee to revamp the group
       v. Found that accounting may not have been done correctly in the past, about $150,000 found in the General Fund that we didn’t think was there
       vi. Science & Policy Summit with special thanks to Charles, Megan, Colin and Kristen

11. Provost Student Advisory Committee Update
    a. Recruiting students to serve on this committee
b. Will advise on budgets, etc.
c. Students need to advise Provost on budget, financial aid, etc. as all tuition control becomes local

12. Student Fellowship Update
   a. 50 fellowships at $4,500 each with a total of 3 years of support possible
   b. Sarah would like input on the language of the Fellowship
   c. If you’d like to give Sarah input, please shoot her an email ASAP
   d. Open to all graduate students that were recipients of the non-resident tuition waiver

13. Events Update
   a. Science & Policy Summit next Friday
      i. Panels all filled
      ii. Please make sure that students in your departments attend!
      iii. Hang up posters in your department!
      iv. Looking for posters for the student presentation
   b. Spring Picnic
      i. Down on Rainer Vista
      ii. Soccer Tournament, signup via Catalyst survey

14. Legislative Update
   a. House has proposed a complete elimination of the State Work Study Program, last financial aid avenue from the state for G&P students
   b. About a week in to the Special Session
   c. Senate and Governor are proposing to cut SWS in half
   d. Local tuition control likely coming for Undergraduates – has a sunset clause after 8 years
      i. Local tuition control already in effect for G&P students
   e. Low income students would have capped tuition
   f. GPSS and ASUW are opposed to this bill as the bill’s financial aid provisions have been drastically watered down

15. Committee Reports
   a. **Fareed Awan** (Philosophy) on the Faculty Council for Teaching and Learning
      i. University looking to increase class sizes and decrease costs, incorporate technology to make this possible
      ii. Great position for anyone who likes to argue and hear how faculty think about teaching
   b. **Colin Goldfinch** (Public Health) on Student Health Insurance Committee
      i. Student Health Insurance becomes a “short duration plan” means that there is a slowed increase in premiums
      ii. Improvement to transgender benefits
         1. All essential services covered at least some for sexual reassignment surgery
      iii. Adverse selection between SHIP and SHIP+
1. Worry about sustainability of SHIP+ plan as students are receiving 150% of what they pay in
2. SHIP students receive 50% of what they pay in premiums
   c. Daniel Coslett (College of the Build Environment) on University Facilities and Services
      i. Bicycles are a hot topic right now, as are new buildings and construction
      ii. Looking at keeping parking spaces available

16. Announcements
   a. Jessica Bottomly (iSchool)
      i. GPSS supported resolution against consolidation of listed programs
      ii. Consolidation talks have been tabled
      iii. Moving to a completely fee-based model
   b. Mallory: Film screening at ECC theatre next week on education in US versus other countries
   c. Karl Sterns: Environmental Innovation Challenge with $10,000 grand prize to find these projects
      i. Team must contain at least 1 student from an Engineering College
   d. Kylee: Monday at 5pm is the last day to file for Officer Elections, must attend next meeting on the 18th
   e. Charles: will likely need to elect another Executive Senator or two at the next election, would be great if you'd like to put your hat in the ring
   f. Shawn: Absentee voting if you’re not here at the Elections Meeting
      i. ASUW elections are also coming up soon, G&P students can vote! So please do!

17. Adjourn
   a. Motion to adjourn by Kylee Peterson (Biology)
      i. Seconded by Jessica Bottomly (iSchool)
   b. All in favor, motion passes
   c. Meeting adjourns at 7:54pm