

**GPSS Senate Meeting
January 12th, 2011**

1. Call to Order
 - a. **Sarah** calls the meeting to order at 5:30pm

2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. **Marc** (Treasurer) motions to amend the agenda
 - i. Create 3.5, Call for Volunteers for F&B and Volunteers for Travel Grants
 - b. Seconded by **Charles Plummer** (ESS)
 - c. All in favor, motion passes

3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. **Laruen Berg** (Biology) motions to approve the minutes
 - b. Seconded by **Adrian** (Psychology)
 - c. All in favor, motion passes

- 3.5. Calls for Volunteers for F&B, Volunteers for Travel Grants
 - a. Travel Grants needs 2 volunteers to fill the committee, meets about twice a semester to decide on grant awardees
 - a. Jennifer Gosselyn (Fisheries)
 - b. Gina Vandez (Speech & Hearing Sciences)
 - b. F&B needs a committee of at least five, needs 2-3 more volunteers
 - a. Meets Wednesday 3-5pm
 - b. Gives away departmental allocations
 - c. Johnny Bruce (Forestry)
 - d. Lauren Berg (Biology)
 - e. Kristin Hosey (Nursing)

4. Speed Dating Volunteers
 - a. Tuesday, February 1st at the UW Tower, 6-8:30pm
 - b. Dance lessons, trivia contest, free dinner certificates to local restaurants to be given away to matched couples
 - c. Need about 7 volunteers to help man the event
 - i. Kiley (Biology)
 - ii. Nicole (Dentistry)
 - iii. Amy (Dentistry)
 - iv. Ashley (Classics)
 - v. Mallory (Education)
 - vi. Russell Hugo (Linguistics)
 - vii. John (Epidemiology)
 - viii. John Bruce (Forestry)
 - d. Link to register up on Friday!

5. Husky Stadium Renovation Presentation
 - a. 10 months away from the start of the renovation

- b. \$250 million
- c. Field lowered 4 feet, track removed, lower bowl built around that
- d. Proximity to field improved, lower bowl will get new concessions, etc.
- e. Stairway collapsed in lower bowl 2 years ago, many plumbing issues, etc.
- f. Remodel of South Deck, building premium seats (25 suites, 2500-person club, etc.)
 - i. New revenue generator, around \$6 million
- g. Only part that will stay the same is the north deck
- h. New entrance to Husky Stadium off Montlake
- i. Self-relying entity, does not rely on any State funds
- j. Goal to raise \$50 million in major gifts
- k. 30-year loan on the rest of the \$200 million not to be raised before the start of the project
- l. \$6.5 million annually off per-seat donations to sit in certain areas, will be re-seating every season-ticket holder in the stadium
- m. Selling naming rights on the field, placeholder of \$1.25 million/annually
- n. Quest field until back in Husky Stadium in 2013
- o. Students continuing to sit in the same location (side of field around 50-yard line) decreases revenue potential
 - i. Value of seats is a \$900 season ticket or a per-student fee of \$123
- p. Without a student fee or a price increase, student section must be moved
- q. Ron Crocket (1961 UW graduate, donor)
 - i. Has committed \$2 million to the project
- r. Sarah met with presenters before, clear that a student fee is not on the agenda for GPSS
- s. Questions:
 - i. Paul (Law): under the models that involve a student fee, would this be leveraged on all students regardless if they use the stadium or not?
 - 1. Yes, fee has not been proposed because of the attitudes for fees at the UW, common model at other universities
 - ii. Kelsey (Evans): flexibility of model, what opportunities would students have in the future to potentially move seats if the economy changes?
 - 1. Athletics will always be financially strapped, unlikely this will happen, cannot react after one good year
 - 2. Follow-up: naming rights
 - a. Set amount to start negotiating set to \$1.25 million
 - iii. Lauren Berg: Student fee or price increase?
 - 1. Yes, either or, not both
 - iv. Charles Plummer (Earth & Space Science): confident that you can raise the \$15 million necessary to continue with the project?
 - 1. Yes: All sports but Men's Basketball and Football erodes funds away from the stadium. Market for better seats known from other members of the PAC 10. Getting \$200 million from the Internal Lending Program at the UW, very confident that stadium will be able to repay, actually approved up to the \$250 million mark. Will be \$450 million with interest.

- v. Heather (AA): Options without student fees?
 - 1. Options without student fees show a larger seating area for students
 - vi. Nathan (Material Science): would it be possible to shrink student seating and sell around that?
 - 1. Don't want to shrink student seating, and selling those seats around the Dog Pack is difficult.
 - vii. Ashley (Classics): what has been built in to reduce the environmental impact of renovations?
 - 1. Won't be able to answer that question specifically. It is a huge priority. Want to get LEED certified, but this is incredibly expensive to do, will try as budget allows
 - viii. Carl (Jackson School): optional student fee options?
 - 1. No, we haven't looked at that.
 - t. Sarah: seats under this model seem to be 7x more valuable, but we're not getting this much in exchange. What can be done to make this a better experience for the students?
 - i. Student section will be better in the new stadium. Want to have a conversation about what students want in the section, what students want it to be called, etc. Want to form a Dog Pack Task Force to truly understand student interests. Season ticket prices will go up, so student ticket prices would also likely go up. Want to see what a fair price would be.
 - u. Shawn: Opportunities for involvement
 - i. Get in touch with Shawn to draft resolution language, resolutions in support of what's happening, what we'd like to see out of this renovation
 - ii. Internal, informal task force/committee to engage in a conversation about how we will move forward from here
6. Presentation on University and GPSS Committees
- a. Good opportunity to provide influence, great opportunity for networking
 - b. Budgeting, childcare, funding issues, etc. GPSS has seats dedicated to these issues
 - c. Volunteers need to provide their input and report back to GPSS, quarterly reports on committee activities
 - i. Gives GPSS a heads-up on things happening on committees that we may need to act on
 - d. Many vacancies on Faculty Councils. GPSS appoints 1 member to each council. Many of these only meet a few times/quarter. Minimal commitment.
 - e. Current openings: academic standards, research, teaching & learning, university libraries, women in academia...etc. etc.
 - f. If interested, you can find out more online or contact Sarah or Ben
 - g. Goal to have all faculty councils filled by the end of the month
 - h. Looks great on the CV!
 - i. Also opening for SAGE delegate. Adam Sherman (Law) is one of the delegates. Going to DC to lobby in late March. Looking for another person to come along. Interested? See Ben!

- j. Advisory Committee forming by Sarah, gives face time with the provost, contact her if interested
 - k. Risk Assessment interests? Presidential Risk Assessment Committee is all about it.
 - l. James (Urban Planning): positions to Faculty Councils restricted to senators?
 - i. No! They're open to anyone. Please get the word out to your departments.
 - m. Any intention of running for GPSS office in the future, or working for GPSS, this is a great opportunity to get your foot in the door.
7. Legislative Updates
- a. State is facing a \$4.6 billion deficit over the next 5 years
 - b. Of all the cuts proposed, 10% are to higher education
 - c. Outcome-based Funding
 - i. Allocations based on how many students are enrolled in UW
 - ii. Governor wants to change this to be based on how many degrees the UW is producing
 - iii. Concerned about perverse incentives, institutions may be incentivized to accept less risky students (potential impacts to low-income students), lower academic expectations
 - d. State has completely divested accessibility for graduate students
 - e. Only thing that didn't get cut was Work Study program, only 3% of graduate students participate in this anyway
 - f. Governor's budget amounts to a 7% cut to UW's operating budget
8. GPSS Graduate Student Engagement Strategy
- a. Engaging classmates, fellow students about budget cuts to higher education
 - b. Ask your departments, find out how your department is affected by budget cuts. If you find something out, shoot Ben an email. We'd like to hear from you!
 - c. Lobby Day
 - i. Talk to State legislature in person about how budget cuts affect you
 - ii. These senators often don't hear from students
 - iii. One senator got 3 letters about Higher Ed, but over a thousand about social services
 - iv. Friday, February 11th. FREE bus trip down to Olympia, get some training, meet with the legislators. And a FREE lunch!
 - v. Talk about the great work you're doing that benefits Washington State.
 - vi. Get your fellow students to come, too, make announcements in your classes
 - d. Can arrange to have Sarah or Ben talk about how budget cuts affect your particular program, email gpssleg@uw.edu to set this up
 - e. Mallory (Education): working to create a panel to address this
 - f. Jenna (Public Health): Promoting at important events, during social gatherings, etc.
 - g. Also need help with gathering student stories: great things your department is doing, how budget cuts affect you, etc. Also, if we can videotape you to get your story. Contact Melanie if you're interested.

- h. Program with the highest proportion of students that come out to Lobby Day will get a prize: maybe a pizza party, etc. Working on the rules, we'll get back to you on them.
 - i. If your program has a student government, tell Ben!
 - j. David (Electrical Engineering): undergrad or just grad student government groups?
 - i. Just graduate program.
9. Announcements
- a. Remember to take posters for Speed Dating
 - i. Local Restaurants donating free dinner:
 1. Pam's Kitchen
 2. Costas
 3. Thai 65
 4. Scarlet Tree
 5. And more to come!
 - b. Also posters for Spike Lee, ASUW/GPSS is helping to sponsor this
 - c. Athletics committee people, see Shawn
 - d. MLK, Jr. Day of Service next Monday, filled the 10 spots we had, but never a problem to have extra people come! At the Phinney Community Center.
 - i. Developing a plot to create a rain garden to catch runoff from parking lot and surrounding facilities.
 - ii. Inside work to do if bad weather.
 - iii. Also FREE lunch!
 - iv. Meeting at the Phinney Center
10. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by Aaron Naumann (Anthro)
 - b. Seconded by Charles Plummer (ESS)
 - c. All in favor, motion passes
 - d. Meeting adjourns at 7:02pm