

**GPSS Senate Meeting**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

1. Call to Order
  - a. **Sarah** calls the meeting to order at 5:36pm
  
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. **Boyan** (FIUTS) motions to approve the agenda
  - b. Seconded by **Mitch Coffman** (Philosophy)
  - c. All in favor, motion passes
  
3. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. **Mitch** (Philosophy) motions to approve the minutes
  - b. Seconded by **Boyan** (FIUTS)
  - c. All in favor, motion passes
  
4. UAW 4121 Union Update
  - a. Sarah Pickle, VP of UAW 4121, presenting
  - b. ASE = Academic Student Employee
  - c. 50% of face-to-face instruction hours for undergraduate students provided by Union members
  - d. Negotiating 4<sup>th</sup> contract with the University
  - e. Mandatory Student Fees need to be decreased
    - i. will be about 8% of ASE's wage by 2013
    - ii. Only employee group that pays mandatory student fees
  - f. Make insurance more family-friendly
  - g. Make improvements for childcare
  - h. TA-Student ratio improvements
  - i. Contract expires April 30<sup>th</sup>, hoping to reach a fair settlement by that date
  
5. SAF Presentation
  - a. Mallory Martin, presenting
  - b. SAF = Student Activities Fee
  - c. Control \$12.8 million in University fees
  - d. 7 voting members: 4 from ASUW and 3 from GPSS
    - i. Looking to change this in the future
    - ii. Looking to include more student involvement and input, make the group more transparent
  - e. Hall Health receives almost half of SAF funding
  - f. Campus Sustainability Fund, GPSS, ASUW, Q-Center all funded through SAF
  - g. Questions: see [depts.washington.edu/safcom](http://depts.washington.edu/safcom)
  - h. Last year's fee \$113, now raised to \$117
    - i. Goes to Regents, who then make the final recommendation
  
6. Budget Take II

- a. We accidentally left out our Office Manager position from the budget approved last meeting
  - b. Motion to approve the budget included the OM position
    - i. Moved by **Kylee Peterson** (Biology)
    - ii. Seconded by **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology)
    - iii. All in favor, motion passes
  - c. Also, we found we probably have about \$100,000 - \$150,000 more in the General Fund than we thought we did! Yay for yearly accounting errors from insurance
    - i. We though we took out \$25,000 each year for insurance that actually wasn't coming out
7. Resolution in support of UAW 4121 Collective Bargaining
- a. Motion to waive the reading of the resolution
    - i. Moved by **Jessica Bottomly** (iSchool)
    - ii. Seconded by **Laura Berg** (Biology)
    - iii. All in favor, motion passes
  - b. Shows that GPSS stands with UAW in the bargaining efforts
  - c. Question: **Jennifer Griffiths** (SAFS)
    - i. How will GPSS address the mandatory fee issue? Seems contradictory for us to be asking to increase fees (Universal UPASS) and then seek to reduce them (SAF and such).
    - ii. **Sarah Pickle**: Employees shouldn't have to pay to have a job at the University of Washington. Groups that make on average \$12,000 a year should not have to pay a portion of their wages to go to higher education.
    - iii. **Sarah Reyneveld**: Our hope is that the University will pay fees on behalf of this subset of Academic Student Employees, their actual wages have not increased in these tough economic times
    - iv. **Sarah Pickle**: majority of ASEs are paid under contracts and grants, grants include increases in salary, fees, etc. so the money is available from the Federal Government.
  - d. **Motion to approve the resolution**
    - i. Moved by **Edward S.** ()
    - ii. Seconded by **Jessica Bottomly** (iSchool)
      - 1. 3 nays
      - 2. All others in favor
      - 3. Motion passes
8. Resolution in support of Evans School, iSchool, and Institute for Public Health Genetics
- a. **Sarah** and other members of GPSS have spoken with the President about the impacts of consolidation on these departments
  - b. Resolution does not outline a GPSS-favored ban on consolidation
    - i. Certain programs may actually benefit from consolidation, but the consolidation on the Evans School, iSchool, and IPHG would decrease quality in these programs
  - c. President Wise mentioned that the consolidation would not be used to save money, but to "improve quality"

- d. Similar resolution recently passes in ASUW, but included language about rejecting future consolidations
- e. **Jessica Bottomly** (iSchool): Fee-based students compromise nearly half of the students in the iSchool
- f. Public Health Genetics is being considered for elimination, NOT consolidation
- g. Motion to suspend the reading by **Aaron Nauman** (Anthropology)
  - i. Seconded by **Boyan** (FIUTS)
  - ii. All in favor, motion passes
- h. **Kylee Peterson** (Biology): What happens when other departments come up for consolidation/elimination and GPSS does not pass a resolution for them?
  - i. We understand consolidation happens, departments move, etc. which can improve quality, but these proposals have not sought to increase or keep the same level of quality
- i. **Shawn** (Secretary): One of the things Exec talked about before was the notion that GPSS did not bring this resolution forward, the resolution and the debate have come from the students. We, as the GPSS body, can then decide if this is something we want to pursue. Senators and their constituents should be providing a more active role in resolutions: any senator can bring forth a resolution. As other departments face similar problems, senators should bring their own resolutions forward.
- j. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology): These three schools were named by the President which is why we have specific language here
- k. **Marc** (Treasurer): Programs have already been cut and consolidated from the UW which GPSS did not fight against. There is going to be a large budget hit coming forward. I am concerned about us passing resolutions from every program. GPSS as a whole should be looking at the larger picture, looking at the process by which the University is seeking to cut/consolidation, not fighting school-by-school. Resolutions should speak to the whole, not to specific programs.
- l. **Sarah** (President): The burden is on the administration to show that they have a metric at this point and that the consolidations will not (strongly) affect quality. Knowing the quality that these schools provide, these metrics do not hold.
- m. Motion to add 10 more minutes to discussion time
  - i. Moved by **Charles Plummer** (E&S Sciences)
  - ii. Seconded by **Boyan** (FIUTS)
  - iii. All in favor, motion passes
- n. **Kelsey Knolls** (Evans): in the grand scheme of things, it would be great if we could pass a resolution that is all-encompassing, but we do not have the luxury of time to do that now
- o. **Andrew** (Chief of Staff): GPSS has lobbied on behalf of individual departments before
- p. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology): Motion to close debate, seconded by (Geology)
  - i. All in favor: 32
  - ii. All against: 28
  - iii. Motion fails (requires 2/3)
- q. Motion to extend debate by 15 minutes

- i. Moved by **Boyan** (FIUTS) seconded by **Charles Plummer** (E&S)
  - ii. All in favor: 35
  - iii. All against: 28
  - iv. Abstentions: 2
  - v. Motion passes
- r. Motion to limit individual speakers for 90 seconds
  - i. Moved by **Boyan**, seconded by **Karl**
  - ii. All in favor, motion passes
- s. **Jennifer**: ditto to others against resolution
- t. **Marc**: ditto, the University functions as a whole, not just a handful of #1 programs. We need to fight for #1 programs and the bottom programs, too.
- u. **Jessica Bottomly**: a vote for this resolution is not a vote against others, or other schools
- v. **Ben** (VP): Students in programs that have already been cut/consolidated (i.e. College of the Environment) those senators should have sought help from GPSS back then and brought forth a resolution then
- w. **Alan Foster** (Evans): Ditto on College of the Environment getting shafted. This is a big problem today that warrants GPSS's attention. We've already lost teachers to Evans who decided against coming just because the consolidation was being considered.
- x. **Nicole**: in this case, there are grounds to say these measures for consolidation will not help these schools.
- y. **Karl**: The point of the resolution is just for these schools, we're not talking about all other programs in this resolution. Vote for this resolution with other departments in mind for the future.
- z. **Ashley Baker** (Classics): There are a lot of suggested budget cuts already being done, the Humanities have already decreased administrative costs and cut back voluntarily. It's not just large displays of fireworks that are the most important thing.
- aa. **Melody** (Evans): Students in Evans have been very active. We really care about this. This resolution is the students from Evans and these other departments coming to you, showing you the hard work that has been done, and asking for your help. Reductions in course offerings at Evans would hurt other programs that require students to take Evans courses as well.
- bb. **Kelsey** (Evans): most of administrative savings will not be affected if the school is consolidated or not. An endowment provides for many of the School's services already.
- cc. **Sam**: Don't forget about what this means at the State level for GPSS. State views this as a cost-saving measure whether it is or not.
- dd. **John**: We're voting on this particular resolution, and this is the least GPSS can do because they are quality programs.
- ee. Motion to approve resolution by **Nick Wehner** (SMEA)
  - i. Seconded by **Charles Plummer** (E&S)
  - ii. Majority in favor, few abstentions
  - iii. Motion passes

## 9. Federal Legislative Committee Bylaw Discussion

- a. Creates a Federal Legislative Steering Committee
  - i. Amends the existing one to focus on State issues
  - ii. More clearly defines the President's and VP's roles in Federal relations
- b. Traditionally, VP is more focused on State issues, difficult to extend VP's role to give Federal side due diligence
- c. Pres and VP would co-chair committee
- d. Limits the State Legislative Steering Committee down to 10 members
- e. Will be proposing language at the next meeting
- f. **Boyan**: What funding objectives this would require, i.e. sending people to DC, etc. costs money should be included in the language
- g. **Fareed Awan** (Philosophy): Would this provide any paid positions in GPSS?
  - i. No, only volunteer

## 10. Senate Budget Update

- a. Three budgets out now: Governor's, House, and Senate
  - i. Undergrad tuition increases 11%, 13%, and 16% per year, respectively
- b. Completely eliminates funding to State Work Study, the only State financial aid left to Graduate & Professional students in the House budget
  - i. 53% cut from Senate budget, 47% from Gov's
- c. Much harder to recreate a program, need everyone to advocate for Work Study to make sure it stays
- d. Many employers are dropping out of the program because there's not enough money there for them to participate
- e. Childcare Matching Grants not included in the budget
- f. Senators: Sign on to a letter calling for the preservation of financial aid!

## 11. Dawg Pack/Stadium Renovations Update

- a. Dawg Pack Task Force held meeting with UW Athletics
- b. Students were being forcibly moved from a very central part of the stadium to the west end zone
- c. Wanted to see lower ticket prices, transportation, concession stands, etc.
- d. Locked in student ticket prices at \$99 until 2013
- e. Established Dawg Pack Advisory Committee to negotiate with Athletics in the future on ticket prices, etc.
- f. Dawg Pack Scholarship Program: 20 complimentary student tickets allocated on a need-basis, DPAC will be working on how to allocate specifically in the future
- g. Students get their own entrance
- h. Complimentary transportation to-and-from Qwest field
- i. Oral commitment from Athletics on reduced concessions for students (soda, hot dogs, etc.)
  - i. DPAC needs to make this come to fruition
- j. DPAC needs two student representatives from GPSS!

## 12. U-PASS Updates

- a. Resolution in support of Universal U-PASS passed November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

- b. Fee set at \$76 per quarter
  - c. Population of the fee imposed on all students, assuming the fee is passed by the Regents, will start to be levied next Fall
  - d. ASUW and GPSS assess support for the Fee via a survey or a written petition
  - e. Establishes an Advisory Board on implementation of the Fee for Fee increases and termination
    - i. Those with transportation interests and transportation training should sit on this committee
  - f. Savings to student over change from \$80 fee to \$76, saves students \$1,328,000!
13. Student-Parent Awareness Day Update
- a. Student-Parent Awareness Day on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Bring your child to class
    - ii. Wear a button of solidarity
    - iii. Attend kid-friendly rally at noon at Red Square
  - b. Childcare is the third-highest impediment to degree-completion
  - c. 1-in-10 students at UW are parents (undergrad and graduate)
14. Spring Social!!!
- a. It's TOMORROW 6:30-9:30 at the UW Tower
    - i. Bring your canned goods for donation, Husky Card, and proof-of-age
  - b. Invite your constituents on Facebook
  - c. If you'd like to volunteer, email Colin at [gpssom@uw.edu](mailto:gpssom@uw.edu).
    - i. Show up tomorrow between 5-6pm
  - d. Dress code: no one will be turned away!
  - e. Free food, booze, and non-alcoholic drinks
15. Elections Update
- a. Completed applications need to get turned in to Kylee and Co. ASAP
16. Announcements
- a. Science and Policy Summit has Ed Miles as the keynote speaker
    - i. FOSEP is cosponsoring, providing awards for posters
    - ii. Looking for representation from the entire campus
  - b. Also looking for student speakers: 4 slots between the panel sessions
  - c. Department allocations need to get in ASAP or the funds will be going to RSO who have been asking
  - d. Post flyers for Rainbow Grads in your departments, we'll be joining up with Student-Parents and GPSS at the Spring Picnic
17. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by **Jessie Bottomly** (ISchool)
    - i. Seconded by **Lauren Berg** (Biology)
  - b. All in favor, motion passes
  - c. Meeting adjourns at 7:42pm