GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2012

Members Present:
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Charles Plummer (President)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator, via phone)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)

Guests Present:
David Wieland, Washington Student Association

1. Call to Order
5:32pm Charles calls meeting to order

2. Approval of the Agenda
Colin moves to modify the agenda. Proposes adding item 4h: Suspending the bylaws for Senate Meeting on May 30th. Action item 10 minutes.
Adam seconds.
No objections. Motion to modify agenda passed.

Megan moves to approve agenda.
Adam seconds.
No objections. Motion to approve agenda passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 4/25/12 Executive Committee meeting
There are several changes to the minutes:

Melanie: In item 4a Budget modifications, add in: “surpluses for the socials in the unlikely event that this is necessary”

Charles: In item 6e President report, the names of the candidates for Student Regent are Ivan Barron, Chris Jordan, and Rai Nauman Mumtaz.
SCPB for 3rd line, not SPB. 5c: add in ‘approximately’ before figure of 3-4%.
5a: Officer compensation and recommendations: Charles’ line about tiers- change ‘fees’ to ‘tiers’.

Melanie: In the Secretary report: Replace “We” with “ASUW Board of Directors” in front of ‘voted…’

Adam moves to approve minutes as amended.
Megan seconds.
No objections. Motion passes.
4a: STF Wireless Proposal
Adam moves to table this topic.
Colin seconds.
No objection. Tabling of topic approved.

4b. Budget/Tuition
Charles explains University budget documents to the Executive Committee members.

4c: GPSS Data Use
Charles: The GPSS Graduate Program Review committee surveyed about 700 students this year, in addition to those surveyed by the VP and staff. Build up a lot of data, been approached by Graduate School to use GPSS data for reports on graduate students by Graduate School.

Question to Executive Committee: How can we leverage some of this data and should we be looking for opportunities to take this data to units? Let’s have a basic conversation about this or other areas to take our data.

Melanie: Who has access to the data on GPR surveys? How can we publicize on our website what we’ve been doing with Graduate Program Review?

Charles: Trying to do end of the year report on the picture we’ve received from graduate students. Can send around recent results with Executive Committee. For example, Foster School review.

Melanie: what is the return rate on our surveys?

Charles: 25-30% (on our larger programs)

Providing them (graduate schools/programs) with our instruments so that they can do their own survey. Additionally, the Graduate School is happy with way the process has gone this year.

Melanie: For institutional memory next year, Rudy asked the committee members if any of them are coming back. So far only one person said they are returning and would like to be on the committee. Also, it will be helpful to have senators from the programs that are getting reviewed next year - Kristen should put an emphasis on finding senators in those departments.

Mateo: Survey and data use: add questions on diversity. Interested in using our questions to develop uniform survey for entire student body. Lack of information on student perspective level regarding important issues.

Charles: Would be happy to share this information with the diversity committee.

4d. Tri-Campus Meeting
Charles: Meeting is June 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 10am to 4pm.

4e. Washington Student Association General Assembly
David Wieland from the Washington Student Association:
General Assembly is May 19th- David will talk about some of the things that will be happening that day.

General Assembly- every campus comes together to decide what will be happening at WSA for the coming year. Items to discuss include:

1. Budget next year
2. Legislator of the year
3. Officers for next year.

1. Budget: 3.5% increase in dues is proposed, as staff is way underpaid. WSU is likely to rejoin with pro-rated dues in August/September. Have carry-over funds from last year which we can use to increase staff pay without increasing dues.

Melanie: Does WSU have an optional fee?

Adam: Proposing putting off the 3.5% dues increase. (Building a short-term unsustainable budget, banking on that it will be viable in the long run when WSU comes on.)

4f. SAF Budget
Colin talks about SAF Budget. Would like to check in with Executive Committee on philosophy. For example, underserved populations on campus- Colin will vote in favor of those, and also employing a more ‘bang for your buck’ philosophy.

Charles: return to aid from the fee- (return to financial aid)

Colin: Hall Health- public fund initiative

Charles: One SAF issue- movement of certain units within the university to come to SAF to make up for budget shortfalls. Generally, opposed to coming to students to bail out units. Consider those people who have gotten funding from bond fees when thinking about the application of units asking for extra funds from SAF. We should also penalize those that try to misuse student funds.

Charles: Campus Sustainability Fund- keep increases there at a minimum. Corporate sponsorship- they have been targeted as a recipient. Hold back with this unit. Pushing back against administrative creep that now want student dollars.

Megan: Raise SAF fee as little as possible.

4g. Transit Funding
Melanie: Last summer I advocated for raising revenue for King County Metro. This temporary measure passed but it will expire in one year (after the next legislative session) and would affect UW students through cuts in transit service. Would like to work on this over the summer and get buy-in from the Senate. Thinking of best way to do this, such as proposing an amendment to our legislative agenda. Proposing this language:
“GPSS supports policies at the local, state, and federal level that improve affordable and accessible transportation options for UW students. Maintaining convenient transit service to the University is a priority.”

Would like feedback from the Executive Committee.

Adam supports this.

Melanie will send this language out to the committee.

4h. Propose suspending the bylaws for May 30th meeting.
Colin will be taking a position with Group Health in the fall and will not be able to fulfill duties of the position of Treasurer.

Proposed actions:
Ask Judicial Committee to meet next Wednesday 5/16. Colin will draft bylaw amendment. Will send out election notice to senators after Judicial meeting on 5/16. Charles or Exec can run the election.

5a. Bylaw Amendments
Melanie: We have one last chance to get any bylaw amendments passed by the Senate this year. We should all look through the officer descriptions and make any changes necessary to reflect the new committee structure. Should send to Judicial by next week.

5b. Committee Recruiting
Melanie: We all need to be finding people to run for the new Committee Chair positions, for the May 30th meeting. Would like to put out an email to Senators about committee positions soon.

Rene: We can set up GPSS email addresses for the new committee chairs. What do you want them to be?
Emails:
gpssfed
gpsswa
gpssstud
gpssgrc
gpssua
gpsssoc
gpssfnb
gpssdiv

5c. Legislative Update
Adam:
- There are a lot of things going on with federal issues right now and not as many with state issues now that the state legislative session has ended.
- Larry Seaquist, Chair of the House Higher Education Committee, is going to be holding a series of higher education stakeholder meetings again this summer like he did last summer. The meeting for May was canceled but there will be one in June.
- Federal Issues:
  1) Sequestration is becoming a big issue as the deadline for congressional action approaches. Sequestration is the process by which if no congressional action is taken, automatic cuts of about $100B per year will occur. This is an issue for graduate students because these cuts could disproportionately hit research grant authorizing institutions like NIH, NSF, the Department of Education, and NASA. This could lead to reductions in grant awards for graduate students.
  2) Melanie has been doing a great job leading an effort on raising awareness on campus and the broader community about the fact that graduate students will lose all federally subsidized loans starting July 1st 2012. We are working on a call to action to get more graduate students involved and reaching out to important members of congress.

6. Officer Reports
   a. Vice President
      State level: Not much development going on in terms of policy.

   b. Treasurer
      Colin: Science and Policy and Summit: good speaker panel.
      Getting ready for the move to the HUB.
      SAF meeting this Friday.

      Adam: I would have liked to see more students at the Science and Policy Summit.

      Charles: Plan to scale back Higher Education Summit. We should think critically about the event and scaling it differently from year to year.

      Colin: One idea is to make the Science and Policy Summit into 3 small events over the course of the year.

      Megan: Will the video be uploaded to GPSS website?
      Colin: Yes.

   c. Secretary
      Melanie: Gave away all the diversity fund money. There will be two other resolutions at Senate meeting – one on the coal terminal in Bellingham and one on travel grants from Daniel Coslett, for starting an ad-hoc committee.

      Charles: Someone may be bringing a resolution about the International Student Fee to Senate.

      Melanie: Looking to set up some meetings with Senators before the end of the year, to get their input on GPSS. Also can do an exit survey for Senators who will be leaving.

   e. President
      Charles:
      College Councils- Business School Council met for first time this week. Talked a lot about budget. Dean walked students through budget. GPSS and ASUW need to help Foster students be proactive.
Sponsorship Advisory Committee- what should sponsorships look like on campus? Met with advancement staff. Where do students want to see sponsorship go. Where should we draw lines when it comes to accessing students, staff, and faculty on campus?

Board of Regents met last week. Capital side- spending down of Sound Transit surplus as mitigation for construction around campus. Budget and Tuition concerns-educational outreach

PACS- conversation on tuition with external leaders could have been more robust, might need to reach out once more to talk about what tuition policy should be going forward.

Good press on International Student Fee. Will send out correction to include mention of PACS in Daily.

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn
Adam motions to adjourn.
Colin seconds.
Meeting adjourned 8:37pm.