GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/12/2011

Members Present:
Aaron Naumann (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)

Others Present:
Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor

1. Call to Order
   - Aaron calls to order at 6:07pm

2. Approval of the Agenda
   - Moved by Evan, seconded by Trond
   - All in favor, motion passes

3. Approval of the Minutes from 9/28/11
   - Trond moves to strike all of 4e and replace with: “The Executive Committee members reviewed the questionnaire, discussed validity of design, and made recommendations to change the survey.”
   - Melanie seconds.
   - Adam moves to approve the minutes as amended
   - Seconded by Megan.
   - All in favor, motion passes

4a. Introductions from new members
   - Amy Winter, Dentistry
   - Mateo Banegas, Public Health – Health Services
   - Aaron briefly explains the role of executive committee to Amy and Mateo with more relaxed parliamentary procedure.

4b. GPSS Committee Appointments
   - Finance and Budget
     - Colin recommends to approve all of the students who volunteered, which is less than the number of available spots.
       1. Catherine Mangum, JSIS-REECAS
       2. Karl Starns, JSIS REECAS
       3. Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering
• Melanie moves to approve the 7 members to the Finance and Budget committee
  • Colin seconds
  • All in favor, motion passes.

• State Legislative Steering/ Federal Legislative Steering
  • Adam says that only two people specifically requested being on the Federal Committee, he recommends approving them:
    1. Bonnie Lau, Speech and Hearing Sciences
    2. Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering
  • Adam also recommends approval of the following Senators for the State Legislative Steering Committee:
    1. Amber Trout, Built Environments
    2. Skylar Olsen, Economics
    3. Cara Bilodeau, Social Work
    4. Russ Hugo, Linguistics
    5. Sarah Crumb, Public Health Genetics
    6. Sam Jessup, Statistics
  • Melanie moves to approve the 6 Senators mentioned by Adam to the State Legislative Steering Committee and to approve the 2 Senators mentioned by Adam for the Federal Legislative Steering Committee
  • Mateo seconds
  • All in favor, motion passes.

• Graduate Program Review
  • Aaron has a list of 10 students who want to be on the committee.
    1. Jennifer Griffith, Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences
    2. Sanjay Hari, Chemistry
    3. Amy Mehrton, Jackson School- Middle East Studies
    4. Daniel Cortez, iSchool - MSIM
    5. Runze Yu, Civil and Environmental Engineering
    6. Adrienne Sussman, Psychology
    7. Abbas Hooshmand, Civil and Environmental Engineering
    8. Alina Schimpf, Chemistry
    9. Jessica Lozano, Anthropology
    10. Ginger Farrell, French and Italian
  • Trond moves to approve the names
  • Melanie seconds.
  • All in favor, motion passes.

• Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee (DRAC)
• Melanie recommends picking persons interested both in disputes and in defining a vision for this committee.
• Melanie moves to approve the following names for the DRAC committee:
  1. Chris Lizotte, Geography
  2. Heidi Berge, Jackson School-South Asian Studies
  3. Ginger Farrell, French and Italian
  4. Brigit Stadler, Jackson School – Korea Studies
  5. Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering
• Mateo seconds
• Trond abstains
• All in favor, motion passes.

• ASUW liaisons
• Melanie moves to approve Ted Chen (Bioengineering) and Kiran Alluru (Aeronautics and Astronautics) as liaisons to the ASUW Senate.
• Evan wholeheartedly seconds.
• All in favor, motion passes.

4c. Ideas for Senator Involvement (Melanie)
• Melanie introduces a few ideas about how to involve GPSS Senators and build on the enthusiasm they showed in the first meeting:
  • GPSS Open House- a short introduction for new senators. Also a chance for senators to bring their ideas
  • Open Forum: a half hour before the start of senate meetings, so senators can speak to officers and executive committee members
• Colin proposes to build in a question section into the Senate meetings.
• Megan suggests changing the announcement section to announcements/questions/proposals/suggestions
• Adam says the small group discussion in the first senate meeting was successful in that the group were random and therefore cliques were not formed.
• Melanie: what should the format of the open forum be? Are we all in one big group the whole time?
• Trond seems to think that the forum can be more experimental, or have it change over time.
• Aaron suggests having the forums be more organic and free form.
• Colin suggests having topics emailed as potential discussion topics during the forum
• Adam suggests having comment cards passed out during senate meetings.
• Trond and others like this idea
• Melanie brings back up idea of Open House: the date will be Friday October 21, 2011. Melanie will send an email to senators.
• Trond makes suggestion of lunch Friday forums between officers-senators
4d. Senate Voting Process (Mateo)
- Would like to brainstorm a way to document how senators are voting and representing constituents
- Rene: clickers for voting: good to document, but do you want it to be public or not. Renee warns that the technology will take longer to set up, it will actually slow the process down.
- Trond likes the piece about going out and polling constituents on their views as a practice for senators.
- Rene brings up issue of accountability and how the senators are appointed in different departments.
- Melanie suggests adding role call votes as an information point at a senate meeting and working with Mateo about how a senator can interact with constituents
- Rene: should know this information about how senators are appointed before bringing this issue up.
- Melanie: do we want to do the survey about how the senators are appointed?
- Trond and Aaron agree to wait on this
- Rene suggests putting it off until after other major issues (legislative agenda, funding)
- Conclusion: no survey for now, encourage senator/constituent interaction, mention roll call votes

5a. Higher Education Summit Update (Aaron)
- Aaron notes that panels 2 and 3 will be rotated
- Close to getting internal UW panelists/speakers finalized
- Need ideas about how to get in with some businesses- are businesses hiring UW students? Hiring out-of-state
- No one from the state or federal legislative level
- Next week: giving guests questions and asking for data requests from guests
- Working more on logo (not just poster design) perhaps with just the wording and maybe putting in Mt. Rainier

5b. Fall Social Update (Colin)
Colin gives an update on the GPSS fall social tomorrow night.

5c. Staff Hiring Update (Colin)
All new staff is hired and there is a new staff orientation document

6. Officer Reports
a. Vice President
- Went to Seattle University event on higher education; there was a big focus on STEM. Adam engaged with legislators and asked them to attend the Higher Education Summit.
They said they would be willing to rearrange their schedules in order to participate in student activities.

b. Treasurer
- Travel Grant system is online
- Working to get special allocation system online as well
- Worked with Rene over the summer to track GPSS spending and will work to prepare regular reports
- Fall Social
- Hired an event planner
- Will start planning Science and Policy Summit

c. Secretary
d. ASUW
e. President
  - Higher Ed Summit has been dominating time
  - Work on the UPASS. We now have GPSS reps appointed to UPASS advisory board. A couple of students have asked to speak at an advisory board meeting.
  - Differential tuition model is under review for undergraduate schools. It seems that the winds for differential tuition have died. It is a different way as implemented by departmental fees. It does not get covered by financial aid. We need to understand fee-based programs better. The switch to fee-based programs took away 2 million dollars that stayed with the departmental. Aaron: 2 models struggling against each other. The ABB program has already started to be implemented
  - Commercialization focus group tomorrow coming out of UW marketing office. A real big push to centralize the commercialization of the UW. Administration is trying to centralize the sponsorship issue. Also touched on the intellectual property rights

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn
- **Adam** motions to adjourn
- Seconded by **Megan**, all in favor, motion passes
- **Aaron** calls the meeting to close at 8:00pm