GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2012, 5:30pm, Condon 401

Agenda (revised)

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Members Present:
Charles Plummer (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)(via phone)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Trond Nielsen (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)

Others Present:
Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)
Sara Celms (Senator, Special Education)
Joseph Salama (ASUW)
1. Call to Order
Charles calls meeting to order at 5:37 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda
Melanie moves to add 2 items and approve the agenda: new item, 4a, U-PASS Fee Name Change and new item 4b, Senate Meeting Schedule.
Evan seconds the motion.
All in favor; motion passes.

3. Approval of the Minutes from January 25, 2012
Colin moves to approve the minutes.
Mateo seconds.
All in favor; motion passes.

4a. UPASS Fee Name Change (Melanie)
Melanie explains that there has been talk of changing the name of the Universal Student U-PASS fee for quite a while, to make it more accurately reflect its benefits to all students. Josh Kavanagh from Transportation Services proposed the following language for the Executive Committee:

“The GPSS Executive Committee directs Charles to work with Transportation Services, ASUW, and Student Life to implement a name change to universal UPASS program that clarifies the nature and intent of the fee as a broadly based fee on the student body rather than a fee for service.”

Mateo: Do we have to bring this before senate?

Charles: original resolution gave the Executive Committee latitude to make a name change, not the program itself. I don’t think we need a full vote from the senate.

Melanie: make the name of the program a little broader to reflect broad nature of the fee.

Charles: we used the same process when we negotiated the MOU last year.

Melanie moves to direct Charles to work with Transportation Services, ASUW, and Student Life to implement a name change to universal UPASS program that clarifies the nature and intent of the fee as a broadly based fee on the student body rather than a fee for service.

Adam seconds.
No objections, motion passes.

4b. Senate Meeting March 7th
Melanie: Do we want to schedule a new Senate meeting for March 7th? This would be primarily to have the Senate pass the GPSS budget for next year. We also don’t want to wait until April.
Colin: checked in with SAF to see if they can give us more time. SAF has not yet set a deadline for budgets. Asuw and gpss would go dead last in order of budgets to approve. Give an initial budget proposal.

Melanie moves to table discussion.
Colin seconds.
All in favor; motion passes.

4c. OCHA Funding
Colin: The Off-Campus Housing Affairs Office has requested $3,750 from GPSS. This was not in the budget this year but there is certainly room to do so.

Melanie: What is the current budget?
Colin: $30,000- most of it is wages

Colin: In past, GPSS has had additional expense items, and has come out of the general fund.

Melanie: Do they help people when they have landlord problems?

Evan: they don’t have the power to adjudicate. They do help students transition students from on-campus to off-campus housing.

Charles: they are often in contact with grad students over summer when they move to Seattle for the first time.

[Joseph Salama from ASUW, past OCHA Director, enters the meeting.]
Joseph gives talk about OCHA, addressing need for next year.
Joseph: need for pamphlets for next year. Gave out 750 in 2 quarters (when in HUD) and the budget was only for 1000 pamphlets over 2 years. They also give them to transfer students.

Melanie: Do you know if your new website is getting any new traction?

Joseph: The website launched 3 days ago. It is a big step in the right direction.

Melanie moves to fund OCHA for $3,750.
Colin seconds.
No objections. Motion passes.

4d. Senator Responsibilities (Mateo)
Mateo: During the last Senate meeting in the break-out groups, a lot of Senators mentioned they did not know what to do as a Senator.

Melanie: See this as three issues: First, bringing up policy ideas to the Senate. Second, bring Senate issues back to constituents. Third, how Senators help do the work of GPSS.
Evan: On every agenda, we leave spot to write down bullet points from meeting.

Colin: having spokespeople for various committees, restructuring- people are doing a ton of work, so I think it depends on the type of work.

Charles: it's all about the framing- if people feel like their work has purpose, they will work hard. Perhaps a mistake with DRAC (the Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee) is that it does not have the same drive or appeal.

Melanie: (DRAC) gave them tasks, and the problems don't feel urgent. However, the Graduate Program Review has clear objectives, tasks, and that also loses Senators.

Adam: Why do we think that people become senators?

Charles: highlight this to restructuring committee.

Melanie: talking to constituents about GPSS, and talking to GPSS Senate about constituent issues. We might also want to encourage Senators to write resolutions. Do we want people to come to the Executive Committee first to bring up policy issues? Also, bringing resolutions to Senate meetings will make meetings longer.

Trond: GPSS is not good at getting other people to tell us what their problems are.

**4e. Board of Regents Meeting** (Charles)
Asks Executive Committee to highlight things they want brought to the Board of Regents Meeting. Special Board of Regents Hearing: GPSS can highlight programs whose tuition has risen drastically and have students speak on this topic. Charles opens it up to Executive Committee for suggestions.

Adam suggests that GPSS communicate what a challenge is for students to be taken seriously and make their voices heard down in Olympia. He would like to see the Regents get more involved in the legislative arena to support students and hear their reactions to how they can get more involved.

Colin: this will help GPSS become more prominent as a player in this area.

[Megan Gambs joins meeting.]

**5a: Student Councils** (Charles)
Charles and Evan have embarked on a mission to get a student advisory committee at every college and school. ASUW and GPSS both appoint reps to ASUW Course Fee Committee. Every 4 years, there is review of every course fee set during the previous 4 years.

There is idea that students be involved in the structural component of how university is run. Propose student financing and budgeting council which would advise deans on budgeting
matters, be involved in short and long-range planning of school, monitoring, reviewing and providing advice on program fees, survey students on these related matters.

Charles is following what the faculty they have in the faculty code says every Dean has to go to its college council with budget before it goes to provost. Not every Dean does this. Starting with College of Built Environments and College of the Environment. The current plan is to present to Board of Deans on Feb 22nd and build support and pressure for Deans who may be less student sensitive. Asks for feedback from Executive Committee.

Megan: College of Environment: How do you see it relating to programs within the school? Concern as to how that will trickle down to individual programs and schools.

Charles: Still working on best practices. How they decide on representation is going to be different in each case.

Adam: How will these student councils interact with each other? We have PACS in place, will there be a formalized relationship between PACS and these students councils?

Charles: We do want them to be integrated with PACS, they will be reporting budget narratives to PACS annually, but we need to strengthen the links between these councils and ASUW and GPSS. How to talk to each other- should explore some way to exchange best practices and information. Faculty councils may not be linked to each other, but definitely linked to faculty senate. Faculty has said they don’t really use these committees.

Evan: Lay out what is in faculty code. We want to make sure PACS takes on ownership to get these groups started up. Student groups will generate ideas and stories. Colleges have enough flexibility to set these up, but that ASUW and GPSS representatives have ability to provide their resources.

Colin: Relates this to getting GPSS senators involved in their own programs and localized networks.

Charles: Responsibility of Senators to sit on these committees in their department.

Rene provides historical perspective of senators and these committees.

Committee adds an additional 10 minutes to discussion.

Melanie: In regards to fitting each college, suggest getting buy-in or touching base with any existing student councils in these colleges, if possible.

Mateo: School of Public Health established a student council.

Charles: Law School, Evans, Arts and Sciences already have student councils.

Evan: Business and Engineering already have these.
5b. Legislative Update (Adam)
Update on Legislative process in Olympia. From past lobby day, a lot of the students’ ideas were rejected. One common idea is about bill that deals with differential tuition. Would like to attach some language about shared governance, but there is skepticism that this could move forward. Shifting away from policy development to budget talks. Trying to protect work study (for graduate students).

Need to mobilize students. Would like Exec Committee to collectively think of ways to get more students involved—writing emails, letters etc. need to get the attention of legislators. Adam wants students to come down and participate on more than just lobby day.

Melanie gives suggestions for ideas—email action alerts for large volume. Generate more ideas for postcards.

Evan gives recommendations based on ASUW strategies. Mini-lobby days during policy session that sent email blasts and provided transportation for students to go down when needed.

Colin: Can we send out emails that create a sense of urgency for each department?

Adam: Deans don’t want to say what cuts will be until budgets are passed.

Charles: refers to Interim President Wise’s example to name programs and GPSS can make educated guesses about budget cuts.

Melanie: How to motivate students and what message should we use? We also need logistics system to get this going.

5c: Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Update (Sarah Celms)
Sarah: Surveys were sent to RSOs. Have also done interviews with students on the various committees.

Melanie goes over dates and deadlines for next steps.

Sarah: Feeling sort of nervous about the timeline. Kristen is getting familiar with the bylaws and the budget.

Melanie: The budget and bylaws are 2 documents that we would be changing and want to have concrete proposals.

Megan: I thought that these suggestions would be brought to Executive Committee first before Senate?

Charles: It is collaborative, ad-hoc committee comes up with types of changes you would like to see and various committees will work to make that a reality. The system in place will filter these
concrete suggestions from the ad-hoc committee. We are very appreciative of what you are doing.

Melanie: Thoughts on the last Senate meeting?

Sarah: There were a lot of Senators who replied on the survey that they became Senators because they wanted to help.

6. Officer Reports
a. Vice-President (Adam)
Adam: Shifting from policy to budget and a lot happening behind closed doors. Will think about strategy going forward as legislative session progresses. Thinking about tax loop holes, mobilizing people on campus through a unified strategy.

Last Executive meeting, we voted two people to the Provost Advisory Committee for Students, one that has tremendous experience with budgeting and one who has a lot of experience at UW.

Update about SAGE. End of March will be Day on the Hill. Further developing the white papers and this year will be a difficult year.

b. Treasurer (Colin)
Speed Dating update. Vora Savengseuksa (GPSS Event Planner) gives a summary of how the event is going to work tomorrow. Vora is doing an excellent job!

c. Secretary (Melanie)
Senator Open House: 5 senators came, produced suggestion to have senators submit items for senate meeting agenda. New Senator Orientation: no Senators came to this. Diversity effort: gave $450 to Native American Pow-wow. Would like to use rest of funds.

d. ASUW (Evan)
Lobby Day: 230 students in total. Also doing some internal tweaking. Launched a big campaign for safety on campus. Improving policy for elections in spring. Planning for Regents meeting.

e. President (Charles)
New executive assistant started. PACS and SCPB will start advising on funding and budgeting issues with the Provost. Faculty retention and merit raises are on the table, faculty are generally not very happy. Provost and president have indicated that this will be the last year of no raises for them.

Attended WSA board meeting on Saturday. WSA is now moving to focus on revenue. Capital gains proposal: money earmarked for higher education. New director- get out the vote campaign. Transportation issues.
Student Code of Conduct Commission: Looking at student defender model and making sure there are more students on the adjudication process. Meeting with Elizabeth on Friday. Elizabeth went out to look for schools that have a higher burden of proof, but there aren’t any.

Met with Eric Godfrey about several issues.  
1. Baby changing station proposal is linked to pro-life group. Baby changing stations are important for student parents so this is going forward.

2. UW Police Site: With re-design of 520 bridge, WA State is taking away part of the Arboretum. We are getting $10 million to relocate campus police. Preferred site is right across from the ECC.

3. HUB ECC fees next year. Messaging this issue and making sure SAF knows this is happening.

UW Technology will be presenting to the Regents soon to overhaul payroll at UW. Plan is to do 10 year internal financing at about $40 million overhaul of payroll and HR system. This is going to Board of Regents and fiscal impacts of this are important.

7. Adjourn 
Adam moves to adjourn at 7:43pm
Mateo seconds.
All in favor.