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Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 5:30pm
Location: Bagley 154

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GPSS Senate Meeting April 4, 2012
Meeting Minutes

1. Call To Order
Charles calls the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda
Kiana Scott (Evans) moves to approve the agenda.
Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy) seconds.
None opposed. Motion passes.

3. Approval of the Minutes
Buddy Rutzke (Law) moves to approve the minutes from February 29, 2012.
Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) seconds.
None opposed. Motion passes.

4. Finance and Budget Committee: Call for Volunteers
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer) announces there are two vacant seats on F&B committee until end of quarter. Meetings are not longer than an hour. If interested, email him. Small amount of money to give out for departmental allocations. Edward Schwieterman (Astronomy) is interested.

5. Spring Social: Call for Volunteers
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer) invites senators to participate as volunteers at the Spring Social on April 12th. Ted Chen (Bioengineering) is interested. Also Ryan Shanderay (in Law school, not a senator) and Will Arighi (Comparative Literature).

6. GPSS Budget
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer) walks through the budget proposal, which has been recommended by F&B, Exec Committee and Restructuring Task Force. Once it is approved it goes to the Services and Activities Fee (SAF) committee. Total budget is pending allocation from SAF.
Resolution in Support of UAW 4121 Bargaining Efforts

4. Resolution in Support of UAW 4121 Bargaining Efforts

UAW Local 4121
The Union for Academic Student Employees at the University of Washington

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Title: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UAW LOCAL 4121 BARGAINING EFFORTS

Sponsored by: Jean Dinh (Medicinal Chemistry), Charles Plummer (GPSS President), Trond Nilsen (Industrial and Systems Engineering), Nicolas Cain (Applied Mathematics), Louisa Harding (Aquatic and Fishery Sciences), Michael Hutchins (Earth and Space Sciences), Nathaniel McVicar (Electrical Engineering), Mitchell Kaufman (Philosophy), Runze Yu (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Ted Chen (Bioengineering), Alden Denny (Oceanography), Marvin Lai (Pathology), Eder Sousa (Aeronautics & Astronautics), Kevin Cummings (Educational Psychology), Keolu Fox (Genome Sciences), Adrienne Sussman (Psychology), Henry Hunter (Biology), Heather Arvidson (English), Maroni Benally (Native American Studies), Indre Baronina (Foudation for International Understanding Through Students), Julia Morris (Sociology), Aaron Zimmerman (Statistics), Tobias Gruenthal (Germanics), Kiana Scott (Public Affairs), David Scoville (Public Health- Environmental and Occupational Health), Jonathan Huang (Epidemiology), Megan Gambs (Oceanography), Adam Sherman (Vice President), and Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)

Written by: Jean Dinh (Medicinal Chemistry)

Resolution Number: 01.11-12
Resolution in Support of UAW 4121 Bargaining Efforts

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WHEREAS UAW Local 4121 represents approximately 4,500 graduate and undergraduate Academic Student Employees (ASEs) at the University of Washington (UW), many of whom are constituents of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS); and

WHEREAS ASEs (Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, Tutors, Graders and others performing similar work) are responsible for much of the critical frontline work that makes the UW an internationally recognized institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS ASEs conduct research that is critical to $1.5 billion\(^1\) in grants and contracts revenue at the University; make the curriculum more accessible by providing over half of the instructional contact hours to the 36,555 undergraduates who attend UW; and help to make UW competitive in attracting first-rate students and faculty from all over the world; and

WHEREAS investment in ASE positions helps the University achieve its core missions and helps thousands of students improve their time-to-degree; and

WHEREAS tuition and fee increases have uniquely affected this critical workforce; and

WHEREAS mandatory unaowed tuition/fees are a condition of employment, and therefore an integral part of an ASE’s overall compensation package, such that increases result in a \textit{de facto} pay cut; and

\(^1\) \url{http://www.washington.edu/research/SITEPARTS/documents/reportsGCSummary/Summary_-_Fiscal_Year_2011.pdf}
WHEREAS lower compensation for ASEs hurts the University’s ability to remain competitive, such that UW is now second-to-last in overall compensation for graduate employees compared to other flagship institutions in the Global Challenge states; and

WHEREAS the cost of waiving fees for TAs/RAs not paid by grants is equivalent to less than one-half of one percent of the UW operating budget; and

WHEREAS the budget for grants and contracts, which funds approximately 60% of ASEs, has increased by $363 million dollars since FY 2009, with continuing grants already budgeting annual increases for ASEs; and

WHEREAS the Washington State legislature – in response to action by GPSS, ASUW, UAW 4121, and various other higher education stakeholders - did not make any further cuts to the higher education budget for the 2012 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the lack of sufficient family-friendly policies prevents ASEs, disproportionately women, from entering or remaining in the academic workforce; and

WHEREAS Local 4121 members voted overwhelmingly (99%) in favor of the bargaining agenda;
Resolution in Support of UAW 4121 Bargaining Efforts

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT GPSS supports the efforts of the UAW Local 4121 bargaining team and their proposals for: improving ASE overall compensation and standards of living; improving health care benefits to protect ASEs from extraordinary costs and adequately cover vulnerable and under-represented populations; improving childcare and leave benefits to increase access to higher education, and maintaining or increasing instructional funding to support ASEs; and

THAT GPSS urges the UW Administration and the University bargaining committee to come quickly to a fair agreement on the new contract that prioritizes access and quality at UW; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to UW President Michael Young; UW Provost Anna Mari Cauce; the UW Board of Regents; Mindy Komberg, Vice President for Human Resources; Peter Denis, Assistant Vice President of Labor Relations; and David Parsons, UAW Local 4121 President.

Presented to GPSS for approval on May 2, 2012
Approved on

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Science and Policy Summit
May 3rd and May 8th

May 3rd at 2pm
Presentation competition
Burke Museum

May 8th at 2pm
Summit
Walker Ames Room
Kane Hall

Graduate & Professional Student Senate
Presents:

Science & Policy Summit 2012

Panel Sessions:
Preventive Medicine, Health Promotion, and Ethics
Science Policy in Presidential Campaigns

Reception after each event
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Student research poster competition

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Provision Advisory Committee for Students
Overview of Activities
1st Quarter 2012 | January 1 – April 20

• PACS Report of Activities (13 meetings)
  – Studied Undergraduate Differential Tuition Policy
    • Reviewed ASUW Senate Resolution R-18-20
    • Reviewing College of Engineering differential tuition proposal
    • Studied and developed safeguards in the event of differential tuition implementation
  – Developed official Budget Principles
  – Monitored and received updates from the offices of Financial Aid (Kay Lewis) as well as Planning and Budgeting (Paul Jenny & Sarah Hall)
  – Budget Process
    • Reviewed University Units’ Budget Narratives and provided Provost with concerns
    • Noted growth of consolidated program fees in lieu of tuition increases (e.g. College of Built Environment tech fee at $150/qtr)
  – Reviewed International Student Fee and provided official recommendations
  – Evaluated an alternative income based repayment funding model for the UW developed by the EOI (Economic Opportunity Institute).
International Student Fee Timeline

- Very accelerated, informed in early April
- April 9th first meeting, saw proposals from units, Provost asked 4 questions:
  - Should there be a fee?
  - What units should be supported?
  - How much should it cost?
  - How should the fee be levied?
- PACS was created for situations like this
  - Analyze proposed policies and give recommendations back to the Provost
International Student Fee Timeline

- April 19th, second meeting of committee
  - Of constituencies represented, students were the only ones publicly opposed to an immediate implementation of fee, had grave concerns with current proposals.

- Next day, Provost informed PACS she decided to table fee
  - Implementation was occurring too quickly
  - Needed more concrete proposals
  - Gave PACS credit for raising important issues and cautions
Summary of PACS Recommendations

• Instating a catch-all international student fee would not be prudent in the near term
  – Further study in student life and academic support areas is needed.

• ISS: compelling needs, but fee not necessary
  – $262,000 should be found elsewhere to expand office

• Academics: blanket fee problematic
  – Language proficiency: widely disparate levels of assistance needed by international students, yet all would pay same fee.
  – General academic support services: targeted course fees or tuition dollars seem more prudent.
• Student Life: counseling, disability resources, career center, CSSC (Student Conduct).
  – Appears to be need among all students, hesitant on fee for subsection of user base.
  – Additional resources need to be further specified

• Overall, PACS agrees there is need among the international student population in academic and student life support
  – “More time is necessary to properly identify the scope of the need and to untangle the structural deficits that have led to reduced service capacity for all students seeking support through student life and other units.”
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*Committee appoints committee to appoint committee*

By Meghann Ackerman

Several School Committee members, including Geoff Epstein, said getting the word out about the committee would be the best way to attract people with expertise in many areas.

"I think there's a great interest. There's a lot of people out there with great talent who aren't part of any identifiable group," Epstein said.

Last week, the School Committee talked about a tentative...
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