GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes
Oct. 5, 2011

1. Call to Order

Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering: moves to bring the meeting to order. 
Motion passes. Meeting called to order at 5:43pm.

2. Orientation

Introduction to GPSS

Aaron Naumann, President: Gives general introduction to GPSS and welcome. He talks about how this year there are both new, exciting opportunities at UW as well as continuing challenges, especially budget cuts for higher education

Introduction to Officers

1. Aaron Naumann: President
   Gives introduction to the role and responsibilities of the President.

2. Adam Sherman: Vice-President
   Introduces the role and responsibilities of the Vice-President, highlighting Higher Education Summit and placing students on University committees.

3. Colin Goldfinch: Treasurer
   Introduces the role and responsibilities of the Treasurer.
   Finance and Budgeting Committee, Travel Grants committee, oversees human resources and IT internally, social events, Science and Policy Summit.

4. Melanie Mayock: Secretary
   Introduces the role and responsibilities of the Secretary.
   Work on Senate roster, communications, recordkeeping, liaison to ASUW, diversity.

Parliamentary Procedure

Aaron Naumann: explains parliamentary procedure and how a senate meeting is run.
Melanie Mayock: explains a run-through for a practice resolution on cake.

Practice on Cake Resolution:

Trond Nilsen, Industrial Eng: Explains how to be a sponsor for a resolution.
Jonathan Kocarnik, Public Health Genetics: Moves to stop reading resolution.

Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering: Seconds.

Megan Gambs, Oceanography: Who is Renee and is she really going to buy us cake?

Melanie Mayock: Rene is our Advisor, and yes, she will buy us cake.

Melanie Mayock: Question for the sponsor: Did you solicit input from other Senators about the type of cake to get?

Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering: Yes, I spoke with other Senators.

Melanie Mayock: Moves to amend the resolution to replace the word “carrot” with the word “chocolate.”

Ginger Farrell, French and Italian: Seconds the motion.

Athena Pantazis, Sociology: “What bakery is the cake coming from?”

Melanie Mayock: We don’t know that right now.

Aaron Naumann: All in favor of the amendment to replace the word “carrot” with the word “chocolate”? All opposed? It’s not clear if the amendment passed.

Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering: I move to amend the resolution to include one carrot cake and one chocolate cake.

Megan Gambs, Oceanography: Seconds.

All in favor.
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The resolution passes.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering: Moves to approve the agenda.

All in favor. Motion passes.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Karl Starns, Jackson School-RECAS: Moves to approve minutes.

All in favor. Motion passes.
5. Provost Search

**Dan Schwartz:** Introduces himself as member of the Provost Search Committee and a Professor from Chemical Engineering.

**Aaron Naumann:** The Provost search is an internal search. President Young is still new here and wants to learn the culture of the university. He was advised that the best candidates for a new Provost are on campus. There are community forums and targeted meetings to find out what the community would like to see in a new Provost. The Provost has two major roles:

1. Executive Vice President
2. Chief Academic Officer

The Provost has an internal focus and works closely with the President.

**Dan Schwartz:** Talks about how the Provost affects students’ daily lives. Shares an example about the creation of the College of the Environment that helped create synergies between undergraduate and graduate programs. He explains to Senators how they can nominate someone for the position of Provost.

**Conor McLean,** ASUW President: Talks about the phase of collecting feedback from the community.

**Aaron Naumann:** Asks if there are any questions about the provost.

**Alice Pedersen,** English: Can we tell our cohorts that they can nominate someone?

**Aaron Naumann:** They have to hold the position of tenured professor.

**Jonathan Kocarnik,** Public Health Genetics: In health sciences, we are physically removed, but I would suggest someone who has worked with creating inter-disciplinary studies.

**Onyinye Edeh,** Global Health: How long does the professor have to have been at the UW?

**Aaron Naumann:** There is a preference for someone who has overseen a large budget.

**Sarah Bergman,** Earth and Space Sciences: Since it’s an internal search, will the person elected have to give up their position in their department?

**Aaron Naumann:** Looking at Chairs or Deans of colleges, which would also leave a vacancy.

**Dan Schwartz:** Gives example that shows how the professor/dean would be formally removed from their position.

**Aaron Naumann:** We’ll now have Senators break up into groups to discuss the Provost search.

Senators break into small groups to discuss the Provost search. Aaron then calls on a speaker from each group to share what the group discussed.
Jonathan Kocarnik, Public Health Genetics: Make sure the Provost is someone who judiciously makes decisions on departmental budget cuts. Rumors about programs getting cut affects student and faculty retention. Budget is going to be the biggest problem for everyone.

Ginger Farrell, French and Italian: Ditto what Jonathan said. Also, balance between academic and professional programs

Dan Schwartz: Is ditto about transparency?

Ginger Farrell: Ditto is towards budgets, funding, and transparency.

Jonathan Kocarnik, Public Health Genetics: Using metrics that are tailored to each department. Making sure same metrics aren’t used in the same places.

Brigit Stadler, Jackson School- Korea: Loss of tenured faculty, funding, lack of faculty diversity, lack of TA/RA positions

Jennifer Griffiths, Aquatic/Fisheries: Communication is really important, lack of inter-departmental communication, getting student feedback to their ideas, a vision for the university.

Aaron Naumann: Reminds everyone that GPSS helped create the Provost Advisory Committee for Students last year.

Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering: Cost of living situation in Seattle, someone who is more in touch with what graduate students go through today. Transparency of capital projects. Ambitious vision and plans.Someone willing to engage student body- eg town hall meetings, and a successful teacher/mentor.

Dan Schwartz: Someone who gets the critical role of the graduate students.

Ted Chen, Bioengineering: Departments feeling that decision-making autonomy is being diminished, course availability, administrative experience, regular forum for communication.

Aaron Naumann: Summarizes Ted’s statement, as a candidate for Provost is able to advocate for university as a whole, not just their own department.

Catherine Mangum, Jackson School Russia: Support of outreach programs

Michael Hutchins, Earth and Space Sciences: Not putting departments together just because of size. Awareness of emerging disciplines.

Sara Crumb, Public Heath Genetics: Ditto on everything that has been said, finding a Provost who can also see long-term goals, find someone who has experience dealing successfully with major budget cuts but has still maintained integrity and quality of program.
Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering: Making decisions that are not just politically convenient.

Daniel Coslett, Built Environment: A provost that is not from STEM, and also looking at a positive outlook on difficult financial situations.

Aaron Naumann: This year UW got local control of undergraduate tuition.

Russ Hugo, Linguistics: Sole-focus on UW or more transparency.

Aaron Naumann: comments on the commercialization of the university. There are many who want to see this in a centralized place. The conversation is beginning and looming.

Dan Schwartz: Legislature last year added to our mission, economic development.

Nicole Secula, Music: Focus should be on candidate’s vision of role of the university, what is going to be their focus.


Alice Pedersen, English: Questions the role of the public.

Aaron Naumann: What are we and what do we do.

Sarah Bergman, Earth and Space Sciences: There can be ways to do anonymous surveys if we are looking internally.

Aaron Naumann: Debate on whether candidate names will be made public. If a Dean is turned down for Provost, would they leave the university? Transparency as a double-edged sword

Jennifer Griffiths, Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences: find people who have been decided against during the process.

Abbas Hooshmand, Civil Engineering: list of primary accomplishments

Alex Fry, Astronomy: moves to close debate.
Trond Nilsen, Engineering: seconds.
All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

6. GPSS Committee Appointments:

Executive Committee:
Aaron Naumann: gives brief introduction of what the committee does, its role and responsibilities. Two vacancies.


Mateo Banegas: “I have been a Senator for 4 years. I worked on our own search for the Dean of the School of Public Health.”

Aaron Naumann: nominates Amy Winter, Dentistry.

Amy Winter: “I was on Elections Committee, was in Health Sciences and would like to have representation for these departments.”

Michael Hutchins, Earth and Space Sciences: Nominates himself. “Last year I served on Graduate Program Review Committee, and this is my third year on the committee.”

Vote is conducted. The Senate elects Amy Winter and Mateo Banegas to the Executive Committee.

Judicial Committee:

Melanie Mayock introduces the Judicial committee’s role and functions. Looking for 6 senators.

Daniel Coslett, Built Environments: Can you be on the Judicial Committee and also sit on a University Committee?

Melanie Mayock: Yes, that’s allowed.

Seven nominations:
1. Daniel Coslett, Built Environments
2. Michael Hutchins, Earth and Space Sciences
3. Wes Kovarik, Jackson School & Law
4. Eder Sousa, Aeronautics and Astronautics
5. Blake Hovde, Genome Sciences (nominated by Keolu Fox, Genome Sciences)
6. Matt Eliseo, Business
7. Buddy Rutzky, Law

Kevin Johnson, Jackson School- South Asian Studies: Can anyone un-nominate themselves?

Daniel Coslett: I withdraw from consideration.

Current nominations:
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2. Wes Kovarik, Jackson School & Law
3. Eder Sousa, Aeronautics and Astronautics
4. Blake Hovde, Genome Sciences (nominated by Keolu Fox, Genome Sciences)
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Karl Starns, Jackson School-RECAS moves to approve the six nominations.
Kevin Johnson, Jackson School-South Asian Studies: Seconds.
All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Finance and Budget:
Colin Goldfinch, Treasurer: introduces the roles and responsibilities of the Finance and Budget Committee.

Nominations:

1. Catherine Mangum, JSIS-REECAS
2. Karl Starns, JSIS REECAS
3. Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering
4. Ted Chen, Bioengineering
5. Kiran Alluru, Aeronautics and Astronautics
6. Keolu Fox, Genome Sciences
7. Kristen Hosey, Nursing

Members will be voted on by the Executive Committee.

Travel Grants Committee:
Colin Goldfinch introduces the roles and responsibilities of the Travel Grants Committee.
Nominations.

1. Tennille Thelen, Immunology
2. Nicholas Cain, Applied Math
5. Jenny To, Oral Biology
6. Onyinye Edeh, Global Health
7. Bonnie, Lau, Speech and Hearing Sciences
8. Brigit Stadler, JSIS Korea Studies
9. David Scoville, Environmental and Occupational Health

Legislative Steering Committees
Adam Sherman introduces the roles and responsibilities of the State & Federal Legislative Steering Committees. Takes volunteers for both combined.
Nominations:
1. Amber Trout, Built Environments (State)
2. Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering
3. Skylar Olsen, Economics (State)
4. Cara Bilodeau, Social Work (State)
5. Russ Hugo, Linguistics (state)
6. Dan Coslett, Built Environments
7. Sarah Bergman, Earth and Space Sciences
8. Nathaniel McVicar, Electrical Engineering
9. Sarah Crumb, Public Health Genetics (State)
10. Ted Chen, Bioengineering
11. Sam Jessup, Statistics (State)
12. Jessica Bottomly
13. Matt Sousa, Business, State
14. Colin Bateson, Mechanical Eng (Fed)
15. Bonnie Lau, Speech & Hearing (Federal)

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**Graduate Program Review Committee**

Aaron Naumann introduces the Grad Program Review Committee, its role and responsibilities.

**Jenn Tippins**, Jackson School- China: Do they know the depts. up for review this year?

Aaron Naumann: Yes, we have that information.

**Nominations:**

1. Jennifer Griffith, Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences
2. Kristen Hosey, Nursing
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

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**Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee**

Melanie Mayock introduces the roles and responsibilities of the Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee.

Trond Nilsen also helps to explain its role and why it was created.
Nicolas Cain, Applied Math: Must a student be a senator at the time of the appointment?

Melanie Mayock: Yes, but they don’t have to be a Senator to be nominated.

Keolu Fox, Genome Sciences: Can we create a forum on science and policy?

Melanie Mayock: You are free to make an informal working group. GPSS already has a group working on the Science and Policy Summit, including Treasurer Colin Goldfinch. If you want to create a standing committee, the bylaws require a Senate vote.

Nominations:
1. Ben Crockett, Applied Math (not an official Senator yet)
2. Ginger Farrell, French and Italian
3. Heidi Berge, Jackson School - South Asian
4. Brigit Stadler, Jackson School - Korea Studies
5. Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering
6. Meredith Slota, iSchool - MLIS
7. Chris Lizotte, Geography
8. Vicki Wilmes, Art History

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ASUW Senate Liaisons:
Evan Smith, ASUW: Gives introduction of ASUW Senate Liaison.

Nominations:
1. Kiran Alluru, Aeronautics and Astronautics
2. Ted Chen, Bioengineering

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7. Announcements:
David Scoville, Public Health-Environmental and Occupational Health: Would like to be on Travel Grants committee.

Aaron Naumann: We’ll add you to the volunteer list.

Colin Goldfinch: Announces Fall Social.

Aaron Naumann: Announces Higher Education Summit on November 4th.

Becky Edmonds, LGBT Students: Rainbow Grads, Fall Social on October 13th at 4:00pm.
**Renee Singleton**: Asks senators to project more when they speak.

**Noralis Rodriguez**, Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies: Brown Bag lunch meetings in her department.

**8. Adjourn**
**Jenn Tippins**, Jackson School- China Studies: Moves to adjourn.
**Trond Nilsen**, Industrial Engineering: Seconds.
All in favor. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.