Senate Meeting
November 7th, 2012
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**Approval of Agenda**

**GPSS Senate Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 7th, 2012**  
**5:30pm in HUB 145**

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Approval of Minutes

GPSS Senate Meeting  October 17th 2012

Call to Order
Adam Sherman (GPSS President): calls meeting at 5:35pm. Who is a new senator?

Approval of Agenda
Adam: Does anyone want to amend the agenda?
Adam Goch (Political Science): Item 10.5; “Discussion of UW employment contract for academic student employees.” It is an information item, 10 minutes.
Adam: I entertain motion to item 8. “Discuss a new senator rather than elect”
Titus Butcher (Civil Eng): moves
Alexandra Krakow (Law): seconds
Adam: Call for a vote on adding UAW arbitration item. Item added to agenda by majority vote.
Chris Lizotte (Geography): Add item 3.5 discussing new senator to agenda
John Huang (Epidemiology): moves
Kimberly (Law): seconds
John (Epi): moves to approve agenda
Everyone: seconds

Approval of Minutes from 10/3/12
Kimberly (Law): moves
Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): seconds

Officer introduction
Melanie Mayock (GPSS VP): I am the GPSS VP, a MUP, and an MPA student
Vera Giampietro (GPSS Treasurer): I am in 1st year with GPSS, I work as the treasurer, and I am looking for volunteers for the fall social.
Kristen Hosey (GPSS Secretary): I am the secretary, and a 3rd year nursing student. I sit on many committees. I also work on diversity efforts and science and policy discussions.
Adam: I am the GPSS president, and the central advocate to University administration
New to Senate Meetings!

**TEMPERATURE READING** by Vera

5 Minutes

**What:**
- Upcoming events
- Departmental / College issues, concerns, celebrations

**Why:**
- Learn about each others’ departments
- Learn each others’ names
- Share concerns, develop interdepartmental coalitions

**How:**
- State your name
- Provide your email address, if you want to follow up

**Comment Cards:**
- Pick them up when you sign in
- Leave them with us when you go
- Tell us about some issues you’d like the senate to discuss
- Provide feedback on the meeting
Previously on GPSS....

GPSS Priorities
PACS Introduction
New Executive Senator Info
Fee-Based Programs
UAW Resolution Discussion*
Presentation of the Budget
Executive Senator Vacancy

What does an executive senator do?

- Assist in setting Senate meeting agendas
- Work with officers and other executive senators to address issues and concerns identified by the Senate
- Acts on behalf of the Senate between meetings
Resolution in support of UAW

Key Provisions:
- Recognizes invaluable role of ASEs in achieving UW’s mission
- Reaffirms students’ statutory authority to levy fees on themselves
- Urges swift resolution of dispute within due process as outlined in the contract.
What it is:
• Statement by the Senate of its legislative priorities.
• Guides VP in legislative advocacy.
• Internal document

Process:
• Drafted by VP and State Legislative Committee
• Shared with Government Relations Committee
• Discussion at Nov 7th Senate Meeting
• Vote at November 28th Senate Meeting
State Legislative Agenda

Background
• Legislative session runs January through April
• Two-year budget cycle; 2013-2015 budget will be decided this session

Major Changes from last year:
• Bigger focus on new revenue
• Includes revenue options like capital gains tax
• Calls for reasonable & predictable tuition
  • Notification for programs moving to fee-based
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GPSS 2013 Priorities

1) State Funding. GPSS supports:
   - Returning higher education funding to 2008 levels.
   - New revenue that creates dedicated funding streams for higher education. Revenue options that should be considered include but are not limited to the creation of a state capital gains tax and closing of unnecessary tax exemptions.
   - Funding for Teaching Assistants to support educational instruction.
   - Funding programs that will reduce the time it takes to complete advanced degrees.

2) Reasonable and Predictable Tuition. GPSS supports:
   - Policies supporting reasonable and predictable tuition rates, which is crucial for student retention and degree completion.
   - Requirements that all proposed tuition increases be presented to students in a transparent manner for input. Proposals to move programs from state-supported to fee-based should have additional notification and student involvement requirements.

3) Financial Aid. GPSS supports:
   - Restoration and expansion of financial aid programs that have been cut or eliminated in recent years, including the Washington State Work Study Program, the Child Care Matching Grant, Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship and Loan Repayment, Health Professions Scholarship, and Graduate Fellowship Trust Account.

4) Student Voice in University Decisions. GPSS supports:
   - Direct student involvement in University policies to ensure students are fairly represented in decisions that affect them.
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Additional GPSS Position Statements
Academic Excellence. GPSS supports:
- The recruitment and retention of diverse world-class faculty and globally competitive students.
- Comprehensive efforts to recruit, retain, and support underrepresented students, faculty, and staff in graduate and professional programs.
- Maintaining the quality of instruction and research by providing academic student employees with competitive compensation.

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Student Wellness. GPSS supports:
Policies that increase the general health, safety, and well-being of the University community.

Transportation. GPSS supports:
Policies that improve affordable and accessible transportation options for UW students. Maintaining convenient transit service to the University is a priority.

Sustainability. GPSS supports:
Efforts to increase environmental stewardship and sustainability on campus.

Voting Accessibility. GPSS supports:
Increased student voting accessibility, including ballot drop boxes on or near college campuses.
State Legislative Agenda

How can you help?
• Student testimonials
  • Value of your research
  • Impacts of budget cuts
• Attend Lobby Day
• Contact your legislators
• Hold letter-writing events at department happy hours, gatherings

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Feedback?
Student College Councils: Breakout Session

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