1) Call to Order
Adam Sherman (GPSS President): Call to order at 5:32pm. We have a short meeting today. We want to get to fun things upstairs.

2) Approval of the Agenda
Moroni Benally (Native American Students): moves
Michelle Dillon (iSchool): seconds

3) Approval of the Minutes
Chris Lizotte (Geography): moves
Duru Altug (Near Eastern Languages and Civilization): seconds

4) Temperature Reading
Vera Giampietro (GPSS Treasurer): Anything anybody wants to announce? To share from your department?
Allan-Michael Weatherford (Comparative Lit): Diversity committee had their final event. It was very productive. People from many different departments. Lots of feedback. I would like to ask for people here next here to keep communication going.
Vera: How to get involved?
Allan Michael: Communication. If you have diversity things rearing its head, let us know.

5) Year in Review
Adam: This is a slideshow and music to let us know what we’ve done this year. We’ll be talking more about this in year at the end celebration upstairs. In year past, we’ve done officer reports.
Kristen Hosey (GPSS Secretary): [Shows slideshow]

6) Legislative Update
Melanie Mayock (GPSS VP): There is not a lot new in terms of higher-ed funding. The legislature is not doing a lot now. In recess. At this point its an insider negotiation. Transit funding event. Thanks to Alex, Kimberly, and joseph and other people. 10-15 grad students there. Good media attention. Raise attention and get state legislature to give us ability to vote on transit funding. This year GPSS will be giving out legislator of the award. It was a recommendation from SLSC. To thank someone who was there for us. Recognize those who are supportive of grad students. Incentivize other legislators to support grad students. Gerry Pollet went above call of duty. He was basically stalking senators outside of chamber to move vote in senate. We want to show appreciation. This is representative Gerry Pollet. 46th district. Directly north of UW. Wedgewood. Kenmore. Lastly, I don’t see Chris Erickson here. He is VP for next year. He has good ideas for next year. My two cents. Some sort of financial aid on state level such as subsidized loans. If you have other ideas. Please talk to Chris Erickson. That’s all I have.

7) Executive Senator Elections
Trond Nilsen (Industrial Engineering): As you heard of last meeting we have openings for two executive senators. Two lucky volunteers. Exec is the main committee outside of the senate. We discuss a lot of issues that don’t come before senate. Important commitment but not onerous. If interested in student government but didn’t run for officer this would be a great time.
Kiana Scott (Communication): Do you accept nominations?
Melanie: yes.

Melanie: The process for the bylaws?
Trond: Normally, the officers nominate people for exec but people can run from floor. There are two nominations. They are Kimberly Schertz and Alexander Kaufman. Anybody else want to run? The commitment over summer is one meeting and during school year once a week.
Alexandra Kaufman (Nutritional Sciences): I did run for presidency. I’d like to be executive senator. Do you have questions? I could talk about wellness policies public health.
Melanie: What kind of food do you see at public meetings?
Alexandra: There are guidelines and I am working on adopting them at different levels. It would have to do with no sugar sweetened beverages and limited access to high salt foods.
Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): I’m wondering how your distinct agenda of health policy would tie into the greater needs of exec committee?
Alex: Health policy is my personal agenda. I’m on finance and budget committee also. Working in public policy. Where we get money. Right now were revamping application process to have money more widely available to grad students. That is a primary concern. I ride my bike everywhere. Too many cars on the road.
Adam: Other questions?

Melanie: You all remember Kimberly from two weeks ago. She has out of town fellowship opportunity. She wrote a senate. Dear members of GPSS. Firstly I apologize from not being there. My speech for vp conveys my passion for grad and professional students. For last two years I spend my time on youth advocacy and soon will work on sexual assault task force. I want to advocate for grad students. I’m excited to serve 3rd and final year.

Trond: We have two candidates for two positions.
Moroni: I would like to nominate Alan-Michael.
Kiana: I’d like to nominate Alice Popejoy.

Alan-Michael: I am from department of comp lit, first year here. I work in French dept. Lots of information on how university works. Issues have come up that we should work on. I’m working on diversity committee. With that committee we’ve put on several events. With that I like this opportunity because I care about the people I work with. Education is very important.
Yasmeen (Biology): You’ve been on diversity committee. How do you see that personal agenda fitting into great agenda?
Alan-Michael: I always have those diversity glasses on. However, in that I will approach issues as they have come. Otherwise I’ve encountered others things about students and authority. And new faculty. I’ve worked with other issues to improve life of students.
Stephen McKeown (Mathematics): You’ve encountered certain issues?
Alan-Michael: I’ve found new faculty from different universities to help them interact with grad students. Positions of authority are not being used appropriately. Thank you.

Alice Popejoy: I want to apologize for my attire. I had opportunity to sit in on one meeting. I had schedule conflict. It was part of my responsibility to meet as a department. That was why I didn’t want something to conflict. Public health genetics. Next year our seminar is on Tuesday. There won’t be a conflict. I want to continue the work I’ve done with officers. Olympia and Capitol Hill. I am passionate
about professional development. I feel like being on exec would give me opportunity to act as filter. Hear everything that is going on. Bring important issues to you all. Also I’m going to be operating from science and policy lens.

Trond: Since we have four candidates. We will hand out paper and then count them.

Adam: Write your name then your top two candidates.

Trond: Danny and I will go away and count.

8) Summer Activities

Chris Lizotte (Geography, Incoming Pres): Over the summer there is a lot of important work that happens with GPSS. A lot of planning with events. Officers get to know people. We start grappling with issues. And try to make plans for how to we want senate meetings to go. We also have several committees that we think could do productive work over the summer. I’ve listed them and the overseeing officer. First, the communication and outreach committee. Combines social and communication and outreach. The fall social comes very fast. Second we are trying to do a GPSS sponsored event at the new husky stadium. Also start thinking about overall marketing strategy. We are looking to improve and make robust. Next, higher-ed summit in November. Planning needs to start in the summer. Guests and themes. Community affairs will be working on GPSS presentations made to each grad program. Also, we’ll be working with UWPD to do campus safety presentations. Also be working with first football game vents. Academic and admin affairs, right now we are trying to talk to provost about student input on fee based programs. We would like people to start that conversation.

SLSC- the summer is when the VP starts connections.

Chris Erickson (Guest, Incoming VP): The big thing is that I’ve started facebook. Getting involved with legislature. Finding what you want to work on. Starting to make connections. I also know that I will work Kiana and matt on federal stuff. The other idea that came up is to make things run smoother. Over the last few meetings things have come up. How to get people other than white guys. This group would be to find people and ask them if they want to work with us and build skills. Communication with genesis. If you have ideas, this is the place you want to be.

Chris Lizotte: A way to refine stuff from restructuring. Lastly, the science communication and policy committee. Working on topics and themes for one shot events and thinking about the large policy and science summit in the spring. Themes and topics and wish lists of panelists. If you will be around this summer. And you want to get involved, we encourage you to contact the appropriate person. Also if you are going upstairs afterward. Questions?

Jasmine Pando (Microbiology): Can the days that those committees meet be on website?

Chris: They have not established.

Liana Wood (Pathobiology): The communication and outreach committee is responsible for GPSS orientations.

9) Final Endowment Resolution

Adam: Hopefully you’ve had chance to read this. I’ll give overview of this. As I mentioned there are a few projects that we used reserve fund to spend. Development coordinator. There is management information specialist. For institutional memory. Third, was travel grants $20,000. We voted to spend down reserve fund to pay for those. This resolution says that if our grants get approved, we can invest them in the endowments. Extra funding will go in endowment. All this does is gives executive committee to make authority only if we get additional funding from services and activities fee. Is there a motion to approve?
Kiana (Comm): move  
Seyda Ipek (Physics): seconds  
Adam: all in favor please raise hands. Passed.

10) T-Pain Resolution
Joseph Burton: I tried to think of other names for this resolution. The first I heard of this was a poster. I found out GPSS gave 10,000 to the spring event. I don’t want to make it about T-Pain or the music. It really looked like there wasn’t a transparent process to deal with this significant chunk of change. For upcoming year, the 10,000 is about what we spend on all socials. I’d like to see some sort of process that is clearly started with more people weighing in. To bring use of that money that is in line with us. There is a long history with this that GPSS has done. Rather than cut off the tap.
Vera: I will take a moment to explain the history. GPSS and ASUW work close together. At some point there was established that we will help with that show. Decision making is facilitated by ASUW and they spend the most money. And we help out. In the past, it has been process where ASUW plans event and GPSS says this is what we are willing to contribute. Instead of going forward with that process. I propose a resolution where there is a committee to steer that money. I’d like to ask Michael Kutz that say a word or two about relationship between ASUW and GPSS.
Michael Kutz (ASUW): I am incoming ASUW president. This resolution will create good debate about relationship between GPSS and ASUW. Spring event is a good opportunity to put on big programming that is targeted at all students. I want to make sure that this process is one that GPSS is included in even more. Ultimately we have to listen to our cosponsor. We do want to make sure any cosponsors are listened to. If that could be in more open process I would be willing to see a better process. I do think that coming together on events is a good opportunity.
Joseph: Basically I'm laying out the facts. The nature of future arts and culture spending should be enumerated in the future. Much more explicit. Future arts and culture spending should take in some sort of feedback from general senate. It would come to you in some way. I'm prepared for any friendlies. To set up some sort of working group. If next year's GPSS overwhelming says lets get Chingy and Chamillionaire that's fine but lets have discussion.
Moroni (NA Students): The budget and finance committee will approve large budget. The friendly delineates that exactly.
Vera: This is quite specific and much longer. I move to offer friendly and strike 2nd that and replace with “THAT No later than the end of fall term 2013, an ad hoc exploratory committee shall be formed to make recommendations for how the Arts & Entertainment Funds shall be used. It shall be comprised of 4 - 6 people, to include GPSS senators, and may include one officer and Executive Senator. The committee shall make recommendations to the Senate, Finance & Budget Committee, and Communications & Outreach Committee by the end of Winter quarter. Keeping in mind the history of the Arts & Entertainment gift fund, the Committee shall consult with the ASUW director of programming, the VP for Student Life, the GPSS Executive Committee, and shall survey GPSS senators about how best to allocate these funds. The Senate shall vote on recommendations for guiding these funds in the future.”
Moroni: The third one is included.
Joseph: I will accept as friendly
Stephen (Math). Would officer automatically be on committee?
Vera: Not necessarily
Kristen: Ad hoc committee is under the supervision of the secretary.
Joseph: This is not about not liking ASUW spring event. I look forward to GPSS continuing to have productive relationship with ASUW.
Gary Hothi (Social Work): The undergrad makes up the larger population.
Alexandra (Nutritional Sciences): Motion to approve
Nathaniel McVicar (Electrical Engineering): Seconds
Adam: Alright it passes

11) Diversity Resolution
Kristen: I don’t know if people remember conversation from last meeting. For last few years – and really a few decades - ASUW and student body have been pushing for diversity requirement for undergrad students. This is the same resolution. The diversity requirement was passed by faculty committee. This is a way to show our support for this requirement.
Matt Portwood (China Studies): Can I offer friendly amendment for striking title and spell checking the title
Stephen (Math). What requirements count for classes?
Adam: It allows existing classes to be reclassified.
Kristen: They don’t have a diversity requirement now. It would be 3-5 credits. Then they have general term to describe would diversity is. Its very broad.
Adam: I can’t imagine this would hurt any classes. Its an additional requirement.
Liana Wood (Pathobiology): The areas of knowledge acquirement does not apply to honors program.
Adam: If that is true that would be great project to work on. Given its taken 25 students, if you are supportive of this.
Michael (ASUW): I’m pretty sure honors students have to do this. The code requires this for all students. The honors program here is pretty liberal arts heavy. There wasn’t any data on grad student TA’s. The classes just have to make a certain criteria. The goal is to work to create more diversity classes.
Stephen (Mathematics): Any idea about what diversity class in STEM would be?
Michael: There is one seminar I’m familiar with. I don’t know if that is the best example. There will be work.
Kristen: If you look at definition in the resolution. It can be inferred from that.

Moroni (NA Students): moves
Chris Lizotte (Geography): Seconds
Adam: 2 opposed, 3 abstentions: It passes.

12) Announcements
Trond: We had several votes without peoples names on it. We would like to congratulate Kimberly and Alice.
Chris Lizotte: GPSS needs to appoint a representative to sit on arts and sciences council. Talk about budgeting process and governance for arts and sciences. I am stepping down. If you are interested, I can connect you to the right people.
Will comp lit. Do you have to be senator?
Adam: It’s a GPSS representative so the ideal person will be a senator so they can report back about how the committee goes.
Chris Lizotte: Given that, there is no requirement.
Onyinye Edeh (Global Health): Friday seminar from global health. Engage peers on mental health.
Adam: We can put those things on our events calendar
Alice Popejoy (PH Genetics: The emerging leaders in science and society. UW was selected as pilot. We need people to apply for leaders. The application is very simple due by June 14th. Then they send second applications. Please forward it on. Kristen to forward it on.
Kristen: I think its on our facebook page.
Chris Erickson: The Evan’s research symposium is tomorrow.
Adam: Immediately following this there is beer and wine in room 334. There will be at least 10 former GPSS officers. Hopefully we can enjoy awards. A giant poster. Please come.

13) Adjourn
Mary Solbrig(Math): motion
Will Scott (Computer Science and Engineering): seconds
Unanimously approved.