Call to Action:

Chris Lizotte (President): Call this meeting to order at 5:36 pm. First order of business, we have a guest with us today that is not on the agenda so I will entertain a motion to add 10 minutes after introductions for Julianne Behar from the Washington Student Association to give a presentation.

Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): Moves

Duru Altug (Near Eastern Languages and Civilization): Second


Approval of Minutes:

Chris L: Now, I will entertain a motion to approve minutes from last senate meeting, which was in May 22nd. Those of you who are senators hopefully received this and of course poured over in quite detail.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): Motion

Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): Second

Chris L: Any objections? Extensions? Excellent, thank you.

Introductions:

Chris L: By the way, for those of you who are new, our returning senators are demonstrating excellent form for stating their name and department for the minutes when you raise your hand to say something or second. Now we are going to introduce ourselves, the officers as well as our executive committee. So I guess I’ll start. My name is Chris Lizotte. I am your president for the 2013-2014 school year. I’m from the department of geography where I’m a 5th year PhD student and will be taking general exams in 2 weeks. I’m very happy to be here and have been working all summer and ready to give you a great year. Chris Erickson is on way but we’ll go on to Genesis.

Genesis Gavino (Evans): I’m Genesis and I am your treasurer. I’m in my 2nd year in the Evans School of Public Affairs. I look forward to give away money this year.

Elisa Law (Museology): My name is Elisa Law and I’m your secretary this year. I’m a museology
2nd year student.

Chris L: When Chris gets here we'll put him on the spot and embarrass him. Also, I would like to introduce our executive senators. For those of you who are new, there are 4 senators who are elected at large from within the body of the senate and they sit on the executive committee along with the officers and set the agenda for meetings. So Alice.

Alice Popejoy (Public Health Genetics): Hi, I'm Alice Popejoy. I'm a 2nd year PhD student in Public Health Genetics. It's a separate institute now but I think we're with biostatistics now. It's interdisciplinary.

Evan Firth (Oceanography): Hi, I'm Evan Firth and I'm a 2nd year PhD student in oceanography and 2nd year senator here.

Chris L: Kimberly's not here now. I do want to point out that we actually have four spaces. Unfortunately, one of our senators Larry Huang was offered the job of a lifetime and had to step down. We'll be looking for another executive senator so if you are interested or if you know of someone who would be a great choice, feel free to talk to one of the officers or any executive senators at the end of the meeting and we will tell you what its all about. Now, staff introductions?

Elisa: Sure. We have, under the secretary this year, Tina White, our communications specialist. She will be taking minutes and designing our posters. Mackensie Hotz is our archivist this year. Those of you who were senators last year might remember we had a special allocation to have an archivist to come and clean up our records to make sure that we are operating to standard and all of our documents are available and accessible this year.

Genesis: I have 3 people who work under me. Natalie is our office manager. Sanne is our events coordinator and Dan is my budget specialist.

Chris L: I'll introduce the people that work under me. We have Laura Hidalgo. She is the special assistant to the president. We have Joey who is our development coordinator. Also if you remember from last year, we requested a special allocation from the student activities fund to pursue online efforts so that is what we'll be working on this year. Austin Wright-Pettibone who is our university affairs director is not here tonight but I'm sure you'll meet him at some point. And again, once Chris comes we'll make him do his introductions as well. Also one more member of our executive board, Evelina.

Evelina Vaisvilaite (ASUW): Hi, I am the representative from ASUW. I'm majoring in communication, business and sales certificate.

Chris L: So before we begin with Julianne, you may remember that we had a classroom style setup that we thought was too formal and sterile so we decided to put all the chairs in a U-shape
and it made it more democratic and more ancient Greek-style participation. So we thought it would be good for you to get up and move the chairs into a horseshoe shape.

(Everyone moves chairs.)

**Presentation from WSA:**

Chris L: Fantastic, so let's reassemble. One of our executive senators just walked in. Kimberly Schertz, want to introduce yourself?

Kimberly Schertz (Law): My name is Kimberly Schertz. I am a 3rd year law student and 3rd year on GPSS.

Chris L: Now we'll have Julianne come up. Julianne Behar is the organizing director for the Washington Student Association, which is a consortium of all the public universities and increasingly, some of the community colleges in Washington that work together to do legislative advocacy and will tell you more about it.

Julianne Behar (Washington Student Association): Thank you for giving me a few minutes of your time today. I really wanted to come and introduce what and myself the Washington Student Association is and what your role as GPSS might look like. I'm the organizing director in WSA and we're student run, student led and student-funded organization. WSA has been around for 31 years and have a long history of student power, lobby and presence in Washington state. What that looks like is that we have a board of directors at each of the student governments and is a voting member on our board. Each campus also has a legislative liaison that goes to Olympia and actually meets with legislatures on issues of higher education. We pass our own legislature every year and the issues really run the gamut. Typically they're issues on controlling tuition hikes, protecting financial aid, student veteran issues, and undocumented students. One of our big campaigns was to raise awareness and advocacy of student debt. And so we really focus on building student presence in Washington state and making sure we're able to protect public education. I'll be on campus quite a bit this year so if you're interested in getting more involved please contact me. I'll leave cards at the back of the room. Both chris' will be good sources of information and they're really into what we have going on. We would love to see as many people possible to come to our events. We have a big lobby day in the winter in Olympia so we would love to see support from grad students. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

**Committee Poster Session:**

Chris L: Thanks Julianne. If you remember the campaign that was run last year to sign a petition to put WSA on the registration page this is the same organization. We will be working with them closely this year to coordinate on issues of legislation. So the next thing we're going to do is to introduce some of our internal GPSS committees. We have a different approach this year. We'll have a poster session where we're going to ask chairs and also members from the past to
come up and grab a signup sheet and grab a run down of responsibilities and functions of the committees. People who are looking for opportunities to get involved can go around the room and ask questions. So, Colin will take finance and budget.

Elisa: I will take Community Affairs.

Chris L: Keolu and Alice will have science and policy steering committee. Anyone from federal or state legislative steering community? Diversity? Community Affairs? Communication and outreach?

Genesis: That is the same as social committee last year. For Travel Grants, this is the first time for this year for this committee. If you want to give away money for travel, see me.

Chris L: I will take Academic and Student Affairs. Someone from student life? Someone from state legislative affairs? So if all of you could position yourself around the room. Everyone get up and go talk to people you are interested.

Unknown: How many committees are there?

Unknown: lets write them on the board.

Alice P: Can everyone that took a paper raise your hand? Let's go around and say your committee again and a brief description. We're science & policy and we started as a steering committee for an event about 3 years ago on campus to bring people together who want to talk about science and policy. There's a lot of science policy events, groups, conversations on campus and our goal is to bring it all together. We host workshops on science communication for scientists of legislature which we then tie into lobby day with wsa so if interested please sign up.

Keolu Fox (Genome Sciences): I would like to add that we're having a big event on the 28th for GMOs so I hope everyone can make it.

Genesis: Travel Grants. We brought it back and we have $20,000 in allocations for travel to promote personal and professional development. It's $300 domestic and $500 international. This committee reviews the applications. And, Communication and Outreach Committee. We plant the big socials and smaller events in between and I share with the secretary.

Elisa: I'm Community Affairs. We work to build relationships between GPSS and the broader community outside of UW. We make grad students more aware of university auxiliary functions, environmental impact and others.

Joey Hunziker (Rainbow Grads): The diversity was started last year. We foster conversations and forums around diversity issues on campus. We also grant $4000 in funds towards diversity
efforts on campus such as grant proposals. We also work to find out diversity issues on campus and possibly informing the GPSS of what legislative actions should be taken.

Alan-Michael Weatherford (Comparative Literature): We’re looking for multiple perspectives and departments so we encourage everyone to come up and join.

Matt Portwood (Jackson School China Studies): The Federal Legislative Steering Committee meets on a needs basis. We set the agenda on federal legislature and vote on it. We basically set our views on federal policy that affects grad students and sends 2 representatives to Washington DC to be represent us from UW for SAGE.

Unknown: The state legislative steering committee is the same as federal but on state level. We help to set the state legislative agenda explain why the items are of importance to grad students. The Vice President lobbies in Olympia for state government issues that are important to all students, helps grad with research, helps with input from students and organizes lobby day in Olympia.

Chris L: Chris Erickson will be full time lobbyist during winter quarter in Olympia and will be there every day. He'll need a guiding set of principles.

Unknown: Historically, we’ve meet weekly but maybe a little bit more in the fall.

Unknown: Student life committee deals with student life issues including fees, athletics, student healthcare, student parent childcare and etc.

Unknown: Finance and budget committee’s primary thing is to review funding applications from RSOs. We give them money to put on events or buy stuff for your departments. We also assist the Treasurer when we redo the budget for GPSS each year. We meet more regularly than most like almost every week for an hour or every other week depending on how many funding applications we get. It’s the best committee.

Chris L: Last one is Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee, which reviews issues of curriculum and builds relationships between students and faculty and students and admin. It includes disputes resolutions, issues on graduation and course work and things like that.

Alice Popejoy: One example is a professor that would not allow to change the midterm date for students going to a professional development opportunity. Sounds like the most boring but it’s a really important. It’s a good opportunity to network and meet people who could get you jobs and to be an academic liaison for students to help connect them to administrators and faculty.

Chris L: Its an advocacy committee for students to admin and faculty. So look around, sign up for some committees and we’ll reassemble after that.

(everyone breaks)
Budget Presentation:

Chris L: Let’s start reassembling please. Thank you very much. Tonight is not the only opportunity to join a committee. if you are interested go to our website and we have a handy organizational chart which shows which officer oversees the committees and so on. Go to supervisory info and contact that officer for more information. Next on agenda is the budget presentation.

Genesis: GPSS has several accounts. I’m just going to highlight some important ones. This is how much we have in our account. $300,000 is from saf and $20,000 is from chris’s fundraising this summer that comes from provost, president and other department. This is an important account because it is where all the money for our social events comes from and this is where we also pay some of our bills. Small events went up this year to $6000 and we moved money from the picnic to small events. Fall and spring social went from 6k to 5k each. This is the president’s fund. I highlighted this because of the summit. This is where the science & policy summit money comes from and we also have a new line item of advancements efforts from alumni. This is my account. I don’t have a lot of money. They go all to bills. 10000 to arts and entertainment. Some of you might remember the t-pain resolution. This hub annual fee is new to us this year. $2000 for reservation for rooms and healthier snacks. Secretary funds. I highlighted this to show that there is more money allocated for diversity grants and events. These are my other accounts I give money out of. This is the Travel Grants account of $20,000. We’re making an effort this year to advertise this to other departments and group since we found that only people who know how to apply for it keeps coming back. We want other RSOs and smaller departments to access it as well. And I’m done!

Chris L: Just to contextualize that, we gave you this quick presentation because this is your money and your budget. We inherited this money from previous years of senate and administration. Every year, we go through a process where we allocate funds and move things around like Genesis was saying. For those of you who are new, it’ll make sense from last year why we move from one account to another and things go away. These are decisions that we have to make every year to shift money from things that we haven’t been doing to more exciting new initiatives like diversity and it’s important to have a big picture of the budgets. Between February and March is when we get to the nitty-gritty of the budget. Any questions about particular elements of the budget please don’t hesitate to ask Genesis or the other officers.

Judicial Committee Elections

Chris L: One committee that is special because it sits independently from all the officers and has no oversight but itself is the judicial committee. They make bylaw changes, constitutional changes and they have the power to remove officers or senators and is a very important committee that must be filled by the first meeting.

Alice: Can you explain the responsibilities?
Chris L: Could someone that was on the committee last year explain to us what it is that you do?

Michael Hutchins (Earth & Space Sciences): So we look over bylaws to get an idea of what they are and new amendments of bylaws and make sure everything is done correctly when bylaws are amended. We want to make sure to not give them too much power. They meet once a quarter. Usually nothing happens so I don’t foresee that much time commitment.

Chris L: Only under extraordinary circumstances does the judicial committee remove officers and such but that hasn’t been an issue recently.

Michael H: Also, if you’re on the judicial committee you can’t be on any other GPSS committee.

Chris L: Is that any standing committees?

Michael H: Yes.

Chris L: Okay, if you already put your name on a list and want to join the judicial committee, you are not sentenced to that. Can you tell us what the membership is?

Michael H: They have at least 5 members.

Alice P: There’s a cap of 9 senators.

Michael H: More the better so we can get things approved quickly.

Chris L: So we’ll ask for volunteers now. If we have more than 9, we’ll do some run-off elections. So do we have people from before that want to do this?

Yasmeen H: Put my name in.

Duru Altug (Near Eastern Languages and Civilization): Duru Altug, Near Eastern Languages & Civilization

Michael H: Michael Hutchins, Earth & Space Sciences

Devin Bedar (Earth & Space Sciences): Devin Bedar, Earth & Space Sciences

Eunice Kim (Classics): Eunice Kim, Classics

Chris L: Thank you. Anyone else? If you decide at a later time that you want to be involved, you still have opportunity. Let me introduce our VP, Chris Erickson. Can you tell us where you were just now?
Chris Erickson (Evans): I was down at the chamber of commerce meeting with a transportation group and looking at how we can push the legislature to make a deal and/or pass a transportation budget. We want to do that in November. It’s a now or never thing. If we don’t do it this year who knows when they will. So I’m working on a lot of things beyond that. Sorry i was late.

Chris L: Rene, are you here? This is Rene Singleton, our tireless and fearless SAO. Please buy her a beer.

Summer Updates:

Chris L: This segways pretty well into our summer updates. Each officers will briefly talk about what they were up to this summer. Hopefully they will peak your interest. And we will start with Chris.

Chris E: So I’m the vice president. Hopefully you voted for me. So this year we’re talking about propagandizing this new idea to get more people involved and to be seen out in public, make a name for ourselves and someway equate that to value to legislatures and the community showing that we actually care. Over the summer i wanted to touch on a student health care initiative. There’s a group that’s working on health insurance statewide founded by a member of the uw med team, josh, a senator from the med school. So when you get a bill from the doctor they send out explanation of benefits. Now with ACA coming through, students are being covered through their parent’s insurance. When those explanations of benefits are sent out, they can be sent to parents and that might dissuade you from getting certain health things such as sexual stuff, mental health issues, or domestic abuse. We don’t want any barriers for students going in for any kind of health services. So we feel that as a rule change that is being proposed right now is a good thing. It would make carriers aware that you can have your information private to you or be automatically private. I feel like that’s a good thing. Now we’ll jump to transportation. We want a special session in November that does a comprehensive statewide transportation package that includes a local option for transit metro. What we’re looking at is going to come out in 3 weeks is proposal from King County Metro is that 17 percent budget cuts. Roughly that equates to 1 bus out of every 5. There’ll be a lot about this. Next Monday, the 14th, there is a forum on transportation in Seattle. There’ll be senators there and best case scenario, maybe we can have panel of people to talk about how the cuts affects them. You will see an email from me about this soon. We want the most people we can do because if you ride the bus can send in written testimonies since we make up 70% of upass holders. People might not read it but it ‘ll be on public records and we’ll have strength in numbers. Next, the higher education summit. This is our big deal. We will work in conjunction with asuw. We are working to plan this right now. This is taken care by the state and federal legislation committees and we do have the most people signed up so we’re awesome. Transportation is one thing we’re looking at, funding is another issue, pay it forward is another one as well. Logistically setting up panels and we are looking for science and policy to help us out there. So we just need to make 3 or 4 panels and
invite keynote speakers and faculty to come and talk. Last thing is my committees, the state and federal legislative groups. We’re really focusing on is to get involved in different areas. You could care less about what i do but you will care about your program and your research. We hope to match people up to what they care about. There’s a bill that has to do with engineering, biology restrictions and have students work on them to fight back. The main point is to come out and show up and be involved and get something out of it. Its up to you to make it worth your while and make grandma proud. Also, we might do stuff and we have to tell people about it so write this down: gpssvp@uw.edu or join facebook (facebook.com/HuskyAdvocacy) and go to the website

?????: Can I get that sent out on the minutes?

Genesis: They’ll be posted on website.

Chris L: Next is Elisa.

Elisa: This summer we allocated a special budget line for an archivist to clean up our records. Mackensie Hotz has been working tirelessly to go through the many different locations of our documents to put them into one place and make them accessible and to make sure we’re following the rules. Our goals is to have at least the last 10 years of GPSS activities bound in albums including annual reports, minutes, resolutions, bylaws, and constitution. In the future you can go back and look what happened in one year and instead of going through archives. You can get the scope of how big these books will be. We’re really excited to have something to show at the end of the year. Another thing is that she was allocated for the summer, and instead of a research analyst we will have that funding allocated to Mackenzie to archive paper documents in Rene’s office and our office to make sure we know what’s in them. Lots of progress has been made there. We are also developing guidelines for future officers when we turn over our staff. Part of this process is to make it simple enough for anybody to figure out and is just intuitive. Next, I’d like to thank all the senators that helped made orientation possible. Scheduling all these through campus is a challenge and could not have done it without them. Can I have you raise your hand if you organized an orientation? A round of applause! It might not be a big deal for one senator to give a talk out of your day but for the officers, we would go all day long. Thank you so much and I think that’s it. Historically this year, partnering with uwpd for the safety orientation was extremely successful and the cooperation there was really inspiring. I think we can continue doing that to get these safety orientations going. It’s required for undergrads and when most of us are out of state and out of country its good to know our resources and where we can receive help if we need it.

Chris L: Thanks Elisa. First thing that is a priority of mine is college councils. They are councils of students that report to and interact directly with the dean of their school. We want students to have eyes on the budgeting process, on curriculum issues, on the creation and reorganization of programs. It’s have been successful in some colleges. For example, the college of arts and science has a very robust college council. By the way we will need a GPSS representative in
there so if you’re in that college and you’re interested and free from 3:30 to 5pm please let me know. We have a robust council at the college of environment, school of social work, and the college of built environments. Over the course of the year, we will be working to establish one in engineering, business, public health, education and anywhere else that doesn’t have one.

Alice P: Actually, Public Health already has one. A bunch of senators from a bunch of departments within public health worked to draft bylaws and the constitution. We have a model to start them up so if you don’t have one we can help you. It’s not as hard as it sounds.

Chris L: If you are from one of the colleges I listed that doesn’t have one, please contact me. We’ll be working in conjunction with ASUW with this since these college councils will be made up of both undergrad and grad students except for programs that only have grad students.

Moving on, advancement efforts. I mentioned briefly that Joey who is our Development Coordinator and will be helping us develop our strategy to reach out to alumni that participated as GPSS senators or officers. The idea is to help our longevity as an association by establishing a source of revenue that is independent to the student’s activites fees. Last year, we established an endowment where we were able to make a $100,000 initial investment to that and that’s money that we’ll be able to draw from for a little while. Eventually we hope it’ll be a source of revenue that we have as a safety net for ourselves. The third thing, the President of the university, Michael Young, has established and made it a personal priority for a task force on sexual assault that I have pledged GPSS’ full support for. The task force is about to release its initial findings. Once they do, we’ll be able to know how to get involved as a senate so I can’t tell you much about it now. This work has the backing from the highest levels of administration and I believe its extremely important that we participate, help and weigh in. And finally my last major initiative for the year is graduate student and professional peer mentoring. We have found that there is not one other major university in this country that has a system where graduate professional students can link up together to talk about graduate and professional issues. There are programs, for example that exist for students in medical school, business school and students for law school. There are programs for certain constituency groups, for example for women and for students of color but there is no model for graduate students to talk across campus with each other and that is something that I would really like to establish. What that will involve is creating a system of volunteers to can help other graduate students to navigate aspects of graduate and professional student life. The idea is to make the bar of entry extremely low. In other words, remove all the stigma and not like you’re going in for a mental health visit. You’re just going into talk to peers about stuff that you deal with everyday. But these people will have some basic training that will enable them to recognize when a situation needs to be referred up to a professional. That’s my vision. Please let me know if interested. I’ll be assembling a team over the course of the next few months or so over at the counseling center to work on this project. That is my update.

Genesis G: I have worked this summer contrary to the lack of slides but I learned how to spend our money this summer. So that’s all I did.
Chris L: Genesis kind of gave you her update on the budget presentation and despite what she’s saying, she has worked very hard to get our financial practices and policies in line among other things.

**Priority Brainstorming:**

Chris L: The last thing before we send you all away is, we wanted to hear from you what your priorities are for the year. You heard from the officers what we’ve been doing and working on all summer and what we think are important but what we like to do is to do a bit of crowd sourcing of things that you think the senate should work on this year. What we'll do is we'll write them down, we’ll take them down on the minutes and we’ll email them out. We’d like you to take them back to your constituents, if you have a graduate student meeting, and talk to them, share them and ask them if they have idea. Then next time we’ll come back and compile a list of priorities that GPSS will work on for the year. We’ll take 3-5 minutes to do this.

Keolu: I think we need to work on publicity. Its dismal, our marketing and our brand. I think asuw has a proportionally larger presence and our events could be better attended based on understanding our brand and our network. Also, facilitating collaborations with the Amazons, the bill and melinda gates foundation, etc. I think we should work a lot harder to do that so everyone here can get job.

Chris L: So maybe put that under sponsorships?

Keolu: We, the science & policy committee, just took a step forward in doing that by cosponsoring an event with fosep (Forum of Science and Policy) and its going to be awesome. They focus on similar issues and so we decided to go together for the genetically modified food labeling initiative which we’re going to have an event for on the 28th of this month. Hope you all can make it.

Chris L: Great, do you have one more?

Keolu: No, that’s it.

Ellita Williams (Nursing Sciences): One of the things I’ve been thinking about is perhaps to have a session once or twice a quarter for everyone from their respective schools to present something that’s been going on so we can all know. Perhaps that would allow us to integrate more because i know at the school of nursing, we would be really pumped for that and we really need this model to help unite. Maybe this could be a formal presentation of some sort or a fun or a serious thing. Just to help us to get together more.

Chris L: Great, that’s a fantastic idea. We do have a section for announcements but that’s not nearly enough time to do the kind of thing you’re talking about so that’s fantastic.
Edward S: I was talking to Matt in terms of the federal legislative steering committee. The sequester signs are really big impact on the University of Washington because UW is number 1 for receiving federal grants among public university so this really hurts us. If we receive over a billion dollars and that’s knocked out by 10%, that’s over $100 million loss to the university. We should definitely advocate and include this in our legislative priority and raise awareness in students that will be affected by it.

Chris L: Anyone else?

Chris E: Want to quickly throw it out there, we have a quick turnover in a lot of programs so its one of those things that holds us back for being able to retain good brains and knowledge of this organization and what it should do. It gets lost every year so how do we want to cultivate that? I think there was a real telling thing that was brought up a lot last year in meetings in how do we get more people involved whether that’s through diversity of gender and programs. How do we get more people to feel like they have access and/or the skills or knowledge they need to be able to jump into fire to take the lead on some of that.

Chris L: Excellent, any last words?

Joey H: Related to the first comment about more sponsorship and networking events, that’s on my to-do list. If you guys know of any contacts, send it to me. My information is on the website. I would love to amplify any resources that you have into something larger for the entire gpss or the entire graduate student body. So these ideas are fabulous. If you know of anyone or unsure of how to approach someone or something about funding opportunities, come to me and I can help. I also have a background in grant writing so if you want to write a personal grant or a fundraising for grad students there are resources here but I can also help.

Thomas Edwards (Chemistry): I think it would be cool there was a way to facilitate to collaboration with other departments more efficiently. Maybe like a Google Doc where we could keep track of say what labs or departments have what equipment to help people with. I know right now there’s a lot of redundancy of equipment and technique across campus and sometimes you need expertise on something you don’t have at your fingertips but maybe someone else has it.

Kimberly S: Also along the lines of more collaboration, more collaboration between GPSS senators and the asuw members. I know higher up, the officers and executive senators have a little more interaction with asuw but the senate as a whole doesn’t communicate with them.

Pattie Gauthier (History): Assignment of rooms for TAs can be insane. It takes them forever to change those and there should be more efficient way for them to take into account of this.

Chris L: Thank you. I think that’s a fantastic suggestion. It’s also something the academic and administrative affairs can take up!
Alice P: I was just going to make the point of the mechanism of which we do things, the resolutions. Were we going to talk about that? Brainstorming is great but when there’s all these little specific things that you think are important that we should be doing when departments are working together with GPSS, that’s an opportunity for you to write a resolution and get some other people who are interested in the same topic. We have previous resolution on website if you’re not familiar with the “where as” statements and legal language but it’s pretty simple to put one together. We will review those as the executive committee and we will work with you on that. So if there’s something that you’re really passionate about, come talk to anyone on the executive committee and we’ll talk to you about your concern and point you to some resources so you can start drafting resolutions so we can have it built in to the agenda and have you present it to the full senate. The rule is that you have to present your resolution 2 weeks before we vote on it. So that’s the process. You put together a resolution of something you care about and present it to everyone who will have 2 weeks in advance to read and we’ll vote on it. It’s a simple process but its the mechanism in which we do things and have an impact. We can't do everything obviously and some resolutions dies in the process but its an important process to be engaged and everyone can do it. You don’t have to be on any committee, you just have to write something about it so please get involved. We really need the people suggesting these to take a leadership role. That’s why you’re here since it won’t happen by itself.

Elisa L: If you have any ideas for resolutions, you can send them my way and I can filter them to the execs.

Chris L: Great. So I want to wrap this up since we are out of time but we will type these ups, and send out the minutes or in the email we'll send to you and send them to your constituents. A lot of these will have to do with internal GPSS functioning which might not be of much interest to your colleagues. So ask your colleagues what’s important to them? Thank you very much. I will now entertain a motion to adjourn.

Elisa L: Wait, a really quick announcement. So Nightmare at the Museum is going to be our Halloween fall social at the Burke museum.

Genesis G: We encourage you to dress up.

Elisa L: There’s going to be music, movies, games and its on Halloween, on a Thursday and everybody will be there.

Genesis G: There will be booze but it won't be the center of the event. We’re gonna work out the details with communication and outreach committee. We’re looking for volunteers for setup and takedown and through the event. Please sign up. This is only going to be successful if you help us out. Thank you. We also have one more announcement. Tailgating, this weekend from 10 to 2 pm. This is our second tailgating.

Chris L: We provide grills and the Evans student organization will be providing light snacks and
beverages. Please feel free to bring any meats. It's a good time. We'll have some lawn games and music.

Kimberly S: Just to clarify, he’s asking you to bring it because we can't provide it because of student regulation.

Chris E: Most importantly, remember to tell the people in your programs about it. You guys asked for events that draw all the programs together to hang out and this is it.

Rene Singleton (SAO): Also, ESPN sports center activities that will be on campus starting Friday and Saturday. They’re coming on campus early in the morning and will be getting emails about it.

Elisa: Last thing, raise your hand if you’re a new senator. There is a senator welcome packet at the door for you with some merchandise and a letter signed by all of your officers. They’re especially to help orient new senators so please on your way out, see me and Laura and we'll give you one.

Adjourn:

Chris L: I will now entertain a motion to adjourn.

Kimberly Schertz (Law): Motion.

Seyda Ipek (Physics): Second.