Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

Chris Lizotte (President): I will now call this meeting to order at 5:34pm. First of order, I'll entertain the motion to approve the agenda. There's a typo on the agenda. We're not going to take 30 minutes for Previously on GPSS. We don't actually need to amend the agenda since I will just choose to only take 3 minutes out of the 30 but if someone wants to we can.

Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): Motion.


Approval of Minutes:

Chris L: Any opposed? Second, I'll entertain the motion to approve or amend the minutes that were sent out last week.

Patty Gauthier (History): I move to approve the minutes.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): I move to second it.

Previously on GPSS:

Chris L: Any objections? Previously on GPSS. This is a segment where we just have a recap of the previous senate meeting. Do we have any new senators this week? We'll do the ultra lightning fast version of the introductions of the officers.

Elisa Law (Secretary): Elisa Law, secretary.

Chris Erickson (Vice President): Chris Erickson, vice president.

Genesis Gavino (Treasurer): Genesis Gavino, treasurer.

Chris L: And I'm Chris Lizotte, your president. Any executive senators in the room?

Alice Popejoy (Public Health Genetics): Alice Popejoy, public health genetics.

Chris L: Last week, we introduced a segment called ‘GPSS Spotlight on...’. We decided to set aside a time in our agenda to highlight things that are going on around campus in various departments, programs and extracurricular groups. I kicked it off with giving a presentation
about geography since I’m in the program. When people think geography, they think maps so I talked about maps to show how geographers visualize space and we talked it for a bit. The consensus is that this is something we want to keep doing it. It’s open to anyone from any department or in the community. We keep the time to about 5 minutes and it’s wide open for that. We can use the time or not but its there available for us. We talked a little more about our priorities we brainstormed at our first senate meeting. We also had a discussion of caucusing. Last year, we did a lot of caucusing around colleges and schools because at the time we were developing this idea about college councils which are student advising councils that report directly to their deans. We’re still developing those but we decided to shift the focus. We’re leaving it open for organic caucuses to emerge based on some kind of affiliation, some kind of shared interest or shared identity. We encourage everyone to seek out people with similar interests if you want to do this. The opportunity is there. We’re making our office space available after meetings just as a place for that. That’s a possibility and I’ve had some interest from several people already. If you have interest, don’t hesitate to let me know. We also looked at a resolution by our Vice President, Chris Erickson who is in charge of legislative affairs, regarding transit funding. King County Metro is facing a rather precipitous cut in funding if we don’t have the option to renew our local car tab tax. We’ll talk about that more later in the meeting. Any questions?

Executive Senator Vacancy - Final Call:

Chris L: First of all, we have one quick order of business. We’ve been talking in the last few weeks about someone to fill a vacant seat on our executive committee. Larry Huang left after a year of service in GPSS because he was offered a job he couldn’t refuse in public health administration. So there’s an opening. We’ve been putting feelers out but have been getting no responses so we’re laying down the glove. Tonight, we’ll be taking names of people who are interested. Over the next week, if you’re interested, we would like you to contact one of the officers or an executive senator to indicate your interest. If you’re able to, come to the executive committee meeting next week to get the flavor for what we do and ask any questions you may have. If you can’t make that meeting for whatever reason, you can also meet with us individually or however you want to talk about that. Next senate meeting, we’ll be voting from among the candidates who put their names out there. If you contact us and indicate your interest, the executive committee will officially nominate you. That just means that you’ve gone through the process. It’s not an endorsement from the executive committee. It’s just saying that this person has officially identified themselves as a candidate for this position and we’ll take nominations from the floor and take a vote. Alice, do you want to add anything?

Alice: You all have seen me in the last few meeting. We have the opportunity to guide the senate and to sit on the executive committee and field issues as they comes through. It’s a really great opportunity if you want to run for one of the officer position in the future. You’ll get to hear all sorts of cool things. I’ve enjoyed it so far so come talk to me if you’re interested. We’ll also take nominations from the the floor at the next meeting. I decided to run 5 minutes before the elections when Kiana was like, “Alice, I’m going to nominate you.”
Alice: Don’t be shy. If it’s your first year, it’s okay too. We’re all going through the learning process together but it’s a great opportunity. Can we just get a show of hands of anyone that’s interested in running right now? Can we just start from here and say your name and department?

Douglass Tabor (Evans School of Public Affairs): Douglass Tabor, Evans school.

Alex Bolton (Law): Alex Bolton, law?


Chris L: Over the next week, if you are inspired to do so, please let one of us know so we can help you make that determination if it’s something you want to do and we can give you an official nomination. And it is not an endorsement. You are just presenting yourself as a candidate and you can also nominate yourself as well.

Alice: One more thing, I heard a statistic that if you ask an average man on the street, if they think they’re qualified for a position, they will say “Not really”, but if you ask them if they’ll try for it anyway, they’ll say “Sure. Why not?” But if you ask a woman if they think they’re qualified even if they are, they will say that they don’t think they are. Then if you ask them if they would try for it anyway, they also won’t try. The average statistic is you have to ask a woman 3 times to run. It doesn’t matter to me which gender but for the women, consider yourself asked 3 times to run.

Chris L: Any other questions?

Alice: Anyone change their mind?

GPSS Spotlight on...Kiana Scott, Student Regent:

Chris L: Next we are moving on to our GPSS Spotlight presentation and today, we have our illustrious student regent, Kiana Scott. Kiana is a PhD student in the department of Communication who has been appointed by our governor as our student regent for the 2013-2014 school year.

Kiana Scott (Student Regent): My name is Kiana Scott and I’m the sole student member on the UW Board of Regents. I wanted to give you a sense of what the Regents is, who we are, what we do and then I wanted to talk to you about how I got this position and how this position is available to students to apply. I’ll go though a couple slides and lay it out but first, how many are familiar with the Board of Regents? How many are not? We actually have a former regent in the room, Alex Bolton. Can you say when you served?

Alex: ‘04-‘05.
Kiana: Jump in if there’s anything I miss. So background on me. I’m a 2nd year MA PhD student in the department of communication. I study political communication and I also have a masters in public administration from the Evans School where I created a concentration for myself in legislative processes. It was partially based on my experience as the policy analyst in GPSS and I was also a senator in GPSS for two years so it was very sad to resign my position in gpss to be in the regents. In the past year, I was also one of our SAGE delegates. So that is a representative for the Student Advocates for Graduate Education. I’m originally from Washington in the San Juan Islands and am registered to vote here which is pretty important. So big picture. The UW Board of Regents is the governing entity of the university. I’ll talk about this more in a second but this overly simplistic map of the internal structure of the highest level in UW is to give you a sense of where it is. President Michael Young, the Provost Ana Mari Cauce who’s also the executive vice president answers directly to the president. Deans answers to the provost. As you may or may not know, UW has 3 campuses in Bothell and Tacoma. We have a president and Bothell and Tacoma each has a Chancellor, the highest administrator at their campus, directly answers to the provost as well. The president exists in different capacities around the university. There’s the vice president for student life, there’s a number of vice presidents to these things. They answer to the provost and president. Everything there moves up to the Board of Regents. It is the highest thing of existence in the university so in many ways the buck stops with us. So what is it? We are the 10 member governing entity of UW including the 3 campuses, 53,000 students, numerous faculty, thousands and thousands of hardworking staff across these 3 campuses and 4 hospitals. I didn’t realize until I joined the Board that we also own an airline. It’s called Airlift Northwest which does a lot of emergency medical transportation. Other real and intellectual property. The Board of Regents are the license holders for KEXP. That means the license for KEXP that we give to the FCC every year is partially in my name, which is pretty cool. Our main responsibilities are supervising, managing and regulating UW according to state statute. The regents are all appointed by the governor. I represent the state of Washington. It’s crazy to say out loud and crazier that it’s true on a daily basis. So, ultimately the people of Washington are my constituents. Students are not my constituents and I’ll talk that in a moment. But we are here to make sure that UW, which is a state agency, is managed in an appropriate fashion. This includes overseeing the budget and setting the tuition for undergraduates and graduate and professional students. We oversee at the highest level the welfare of students. This doesn’t mean that we’re looking at how courses are scheduled or which are being offered. We’re looking at the large macro-level pictures across all 3 campuses. We approve capital projects. When you see new buildings going up, that has gone through the Board of Regents. We also grant degrees. So you’ll have the signature of Orin Smith, the chair, this year on your diploma if you are graduating. In order for any student to get a degree, the Regents have to vote on it in favor for granting degrees. We also approve faculty appointments. So what’s the student regent? Student, undergraduate or graduate student. There has not been an undergraduate student on the Board of Regents since 2005 and it has been a graduate and professional student since then. I’m actually the first academic as opposed to a professional student who has been on the Board since 1999. So those of you academic students out there, it’s been pretty cool and have been able to bring a new perspective on the board. For any of the 3 campuses, the students who served in 2005, he was from Tacoma and was is the only
student regent that was not from Seattle. And I’m a regent. I’m a full member of the board. There are two key differences in how I function and how the others function. I have full voting power with one key exception that I take extremely seriously. I’m now Michael Young’s boss. It’s been very interesting having meetings with the upper leadership levels of the university knowing they ultimately answer to me. As the student regent, I abstain on all personnel decisions and discussions. That is mandated by state law. That’s to protect me. I’m in my 2nd year of a 5 year program. If I voted against granting a professor tenure and I had to be a TA for that professor next year, that will not go so well for me. I’m also appointed on July 2nd by the governor for a one year term. My appointment will end on June 30th and I serve until the next student regent is appointed so if that appointment is made later, I will serve until then. The other regents are appointed for 6 year terms. How is the student regent appointed? And I’ll have time for questions at the end. The student regent appointment process starts on campus. The applications are opened and the process starts on April. All students across the 3 campuses, undergrad or graduate student coming out from gpps and asuw can fill out an application. You'll write a mini essay and short answers that make you think seriously if this is something you want to do and why you want to do it. Then you submit your application to a committee of 10-15 students that represents different constituencies across the 3 campuses. They will select a number of students to interview for half an hour. They will ask you a lot of question about their constituents and how you see the entire UW functioning. After that, the committee will convene and they will name 3-5 finalists. This is again set by state law. We are required to send at least 3 students down to the governor’s office. When I applied, I was one of 3 finalist. To my knowledge, we’ve never had not more than 3. Once our names are put in, the application and all the paperwork that went through the process is sent to the governors office and we wait for 6 very long and frustrating weeks. By the end, of week 5, and know that things won’t start moving until June, I was antsy. I finally got an email setting an interview that I would have conducted by the governor’s Director of Boards and Commissions and the governor’s Higher Education Policy point person. They interviewed me on the phone for about an hour and a half then I waited again for 2 or 3 weeks then the governor’s Chief of Staff interviewed for a final time. It lasted about 25 minutes and at the end of that phone call I was offered the position. So my appointment was effective July 2nd. The waiting part sucks but then the appointment is made and you immediately jump into a lot of orientation processes. There’s a lot more about what we do. My role consist of attending monthly board meetings. There is a board meeting coming up next week on Nov. 14th in the UW Tower in the 22nd floor. This week, there is a strong focus in the student academics committee where I serve. I’m a member of the academic student affairs committee, all regents are, and I’m a member of the full committee. They meet separately. They’ll have a strong focus on diversity. The agenda hasn’t been released yet so I don’t know what time the academic student affairs committee meets but it will be put on the website: washington.edu/regents. You can also just Google it. It will be up by noon on November 8th, which is this Friday. If this is something you’re interested in whether you want to apply or you want to learn more, check out the Board of Regents website. There’s a lot of information. You can find Alex Bolton’s old bio and my current bio. You can look at all of our minutes. Every meeting is an open public meetings, which means you are always invited. Whenever the 10 regents sit down together or on the phone, it’s an open public meeting so you can attend at any
point. Check out the website for more information or email me. My email is stureg@uw.edu. I’m always happy to set up coffee to talk about the position or the issues that are going on in your departments, in your constituencies. If there’s anything that is happening that I should know about, please reach out to me. With that, let’s open it up to questions.

Chris L: We are at time so I’ll have to entertain a motion to extend time on this.

Alice: I move to extend by two minutes.

Alex: Second.

Chris L: Any objections? Okay, any questions for Kiana?

Seyda Ipek (Physics): What are the requirements?

Kiana: It’s unclear actually. There’s nothing hard and fast. The committee will decide every year what they are looking for. Generally they’re looking for something who’s been active on campus and has a good sense of how different groups across campus works, who understands the internal structure of the university, who’s been involved. If you’re a graduate student, they’ll make sure you have an understanding of the undergraduate experience here. The flip is true. If you’re an undergraduate, they’ll want to make sure that you understand how professional and graduate students function. Advocacy in Olympia is really important. I know that my advocacy experience helped me a lot. I was able to say that I been to Olympia and talked to legislators. I’m looking forward to doing that again. I’ll be doing a lot in this role. It really depends on the year too. Sorry that answer is so vague, it just is.

Seyda: There must be some sort of requirements though.

Kiana: You have to be a full time student.

Seyda: In Washington state?

Kiana: You do not have to be a Washington state resident. I would be very surprised if the appointment was made to a student that wasn’t a Washington state resident. It is ultimately a political appointment so it is up to the governor’s discretion. The governor, Jay Inslee, democrat, will appoint someone that will make his constituency groups happy. I had the endorsement of my labor union and Enslee is a strong pro-labor governor. That probably made a difference for me.

Eddie: Can you speak more to what you’re going to be doing in Olympia. Since you said before that you’re necessarily not an advocate for students so how does that play into advocacy for the university?
Kiana: It means that I’m there to advocate policies that will best serve the university not at the expense of students necessarily. There will be a lot of times where Chris and I will be very aligned in what we're looking for. There might be some times where it's not true. One of the benefits for this position is that it’s the highest appointment that the governor’s office makes so it’s met with a tremendous amount of respect and it’s easy to get meetings. I have access to a lot of access to the legislature and the governor’s office and can sit down and say these are the issues that we’re concerned about at UW. Let’s talk about how to fix them. I’ll be working with Chris very closely and Lucas from ASUW’s office of Government Relations but we won’t always be aligned. There may be times when I recuse myself from something because I wouldn’t want to advocate for something that the students are not advocating for. I’m just not sure how that would work out yet. So ask me again when session’s over.

Steve Carlin (Chemistry): Are you term limited?

Kiana: No. No one has ever run for more than one term. It would be really interesting to see what that would be like. There is an obvious frustration that the student regent’s role is only one year. If someone really wanted stonewall me in the administration, they can wait me out. That hasn’t happened yet. I haven’t met with that response at this point. It is crazy for me to realize that my term is a third over already. There’s a lot I want to accomplish. Two of my priorities are looking at college councils and how the university handles sexual assault and making sure it’s something we’re looking to prevent and handling it correctly. A year isn’t a lot of time to do that. Since my term started in July, a majority of student groups didn’t start up until just a couple weeks ago. So it’s tough. You’re going all out from day one.

Chris L: We’ve exhausted the two minutes at this point.

Kiana: My email address is stureg@uw.edu. Please feel free to email me. Always happy to meet. This is a really important position. You have a tremendous influence on what the university decides. It’s something that should be taken very seriously and it’s also a tremendous opportunity so I really encourage you to be active in the Board whether it’s applying for the position, if its participating, coming to meetings or just paying attention to what going on. Thank you.

Chris L: We can still extend time if anyone wants to ask more questions. Are we all set? Okay. Thank you! So as Kiana said, the full meeting starts at 1 and for the academic and student affairs committee, those committees meet in the morning before the board so those times will be posted when the agenda is released. Our next item is a presentation from the Move King County. Chris, you want to explain a little about that?

**Move King County Now Presentation:**

Chris E: Before we jump into this transportation initiative, we have Robert Knoll with us tonight from Move King County Now. It’s a coalition of business people, city, county and all over the
place to try and figure out how were getting a transportation package passed that includes a local funding option. He will be able to explain some of these things to you. He'll keep it nice and sweet. If you do have questions, we'll make sure you guys are aligned and he will be able to get what you need. So Robert.

Robert Knoll (Move King County Now): Thanks for having me present. How many of you take the bus to school or use something other than a car? That’s why I’m here. A lot of you might be familiar with the cuts coming to Metro and unfortunately we’re in a position now where those cuts are coming unless we get action from the state legislature. Obviously, since I’ve agreed to talk here, we’ve had some movement on that which is a good thing. I just want to talk a little bit about the threat we’re facing if Metro actually cut to the degree that is potentially going to happen. First of all though, Metro is funded by the sales tax. As you are well aware, we had a recession that impacted sales tax disproportionate to what other states and other transit systems are experiencing because Metro is funded 60% by sales tax. So it’s happened in the last 5 years of the recession even though our sales tax has ticked up. It has failed to meet the rising demand because King County is growing. We’re adding jobs and we’re growing well so it’s really counterintuitive that we’re going to have to cut it. What we’re facing next year is 17% of overall cuts. That’s a $75 million shortfall every year. That’s about 500,000 hours of service reductions and will affect 4 out of 5 Metro customers. So that’s equal to 14 million passenger trips per year. It’s not something we want to do. Currently, 30 routes serve UW directly. Our coalition sat down with the county on Monday and previewed some of those cuts and it looks really bad for UW. This is all happening at a time where independent studies have shown that we should be increasing Metro funding by 15% to keep up with the demand that we have with the growing jobs and the overall economy doing well in King County. So you probably heard that the governor called a special session yesterday afternoon so we have gotten some movement on this. He has requested that in addition to the package of some taxing senates for Boeing that we have a transportation revenue package considered in the next 72 hours. So now is the time to turn up the heat. You guys have been really present at the table and we really appreciate that but for you to get in contact with your legislatures will certainly help. So I will now talk about what the county is doing. They are in a 3 step process. Tomorrow, the cuts will be made public. We’re having a press conference with the county, Del Constantine and King County Metro to announce those cuts so I would stay tuned and look at what those are. They are going to be devastating. The announcement will be followed by King County actually making decision on the cuts and on public outreach to decide and let the public know what coming down the pipe. Early next year, the King County Council will have to decide based on what the legislature does whether or not we move forward with a local tax increase or an MVET. They’ll have to decide on that by February and move forward regardless of what happens in the legislature. King County will have to go to voters with our newly authorized MVET and if we do not get that, then we’ll have to basically go on our own and basically ask the voters on taxes based on existing authorities that we have. So thanks for staying with me. So Move King County Now, we are coalition of business and labor and everyone. It’s a very broad coalition to prevent something that’s going to harm our economy and hurt people who rides the bus and need to get to work. Del Constantine in one of our meeting described it as everyone and not in the coalition is a handful of senators
and Tim Eyman. Don't be in that crowd. GPSS has joined our coalition so thank you. So in closing, our goals are simple. We want a special session. We have that. It starts tomorrow so crunch time now. In that special session, we want a transportation package that gives us an MVET with a 1.5% taxing authority which will raise about $500 million a year. 60% or more will go to Metro. The rest of it will go towards the backlog of road improvements, bridge repairs and bike and pedestrian infrastructure that King County needs to move on. I have sign-in sheets that I’ll leave outside if you’d like to get involved in our coalition. We can really use your help especially if we really want to move forward with a ballot initiative which can be as soon as April and moving forward in February. Hounding your legislators. If you live on the east side and I want to make this a non-partisan pitch as I can given my political background but if you do live on the east side and have senators in that area, these are our captive audience and they are the ones that can make this happen. So that’s the story. I can answer questions that you guys might have now.

Chris L: Rober, just a clarification, if the legislature approves the local funding, that means they’ve only approved our ability to approve it, correct?

Robert: Unfortunately, we are in a position where we need to ask the legislature for the ability to tax ourselves. The MVET or the motor vehicle excise tax is the best way to do that. It’s proportional based on the value of your vehicle and allows us to raise what we need to make sure Metro can continue what we’re doing now and not the 15% increase that we need.

Nathaniel McVicar (Electrical Engineering): I’m just wondering, what if they don’t approve the MVET, what are some existing taxes that we can still use?

Robert: The things that we have access to right now is not as great frankly. We have a sales tax that we can go after and some transportation reordering areas that we can do. Without the MVET, it will not raise enough to keep the current level of service with the addition of the roads and bike and pedestrian improvements that are needed as well.

Eddie: I was under the impression that over the last two years, we had an MVET temporary authority. How does the proposed MVET compare to that one?

Robert: What you’re talking about is the commute reduction charge. That was added on to your vehicle renewal fee. That’s another one local option I forgot to mention. We do have the authority to do fees but only up to $40 right now. The MVET is better because it’s more proportional and with King County’s existing sales tax that is over 10 percent, coalition members regard that as one of the worst options as far as taxing is concerned. I would add that as far our coalition is concerned and moving forward, regardless of whether we get the transportation package or not, the taxing authority we need from votes or the taxes we get from voters are not a homerun. It’s going to be in April or the primary election in August or the general election next year. It’s a heavy lift so obviously we’re getting started early. We’re more of a behind the scenes coalition right now trying to get movement and meeting with legislatures right now.
Steve: If the cuts go through as they are currently projected, how much will come in service cuts and how much will be in fare increases?

Robert: Fare increases are not being contemplated right now. In the last 5 years since the recession, the fares been increased by 80%. I think there’s a sense in which there’s a ceiling at which the fares is going to impact ridership and road usage negatively. What was the other part of your question?

Steve: That was it and the service cuts.

Robert: A little bit more about the service cuts. The King County Council will have to start deliberating these pretty soon. It will go into effect on a tier basis in a quarterly basis next year. The commute rundown chart runs out in June. There’s also tens of millions of dollars of mitigation funds which will go away as well and will affect West Seattle terribly. There’s actually 22,000 new trips per day on the viaduct transit daily which runs on the mitigation funds and those runs out also early 2014. So all of this is very urgent and that's what's happening.

Chris L: Any more questions?

Robert: Thanks for bearing with me. If you visit our website and we have places where you can sign up and hopefully you'll pass your resolution here today and to stay involved with your legislators and spread the word.

Transportation Resolution:

Chris L: Thanks Robert. So now we are going to take up the resolutions, the text which was sent to you a week ago. We will very quickly explain the process by which this will happen. Do you want to go through this at all Chris?

Chris E: I think that you were going lay out the ground rules.

Chris L: Because the situation has changed from the time that you receive this resolution and now, the special session already has already been called and this resolution calls for a special session so certain changes has been made. Chris has already prepared these changes. Because he is making amendments to his own resolutions, he can do that and take them as friendly amendments. Chris'll be making these changes in real time. We'll put the text of the resolution on the screen and she’ll make them. After that, we'll open up to the floor for amendments from anyone that has amendments to make. There's one inaccuracy. What we are doing is to make the amendments orally. When we put the resolution text up, if you want to make an amendment, please reference the line number and what you want to amend. If Chris objects to the amendment because he feels that it changes his resolution substantively, then we'll have to debate it and vote on the amendment itself. If not, we can take as a friendly amendment which means that he just accepts it. At the end of this process we'll vote on the
resolution as a whole. We'll vote on it as one document and we’ll vote up or down. Any questions?
Chris E: As Chris said, were some changes and we went through and cleaned it up. Obviously you liked what we did because we didn’t get a lot of amendments except for the the idea to put in citations.

Chris L: For this version, the text is identical to what you receive except for at the bottom, there are citations of some of the facts that are presented at the resolution. So our bylaws said we need to send to you the text we vote on a week before, which we did but we added these citations not to the main text but on the end. So to keep it procedurally clean, I’ll entertain a motion to suspend the bylaws to accept that we have a version of the resolution that is not technically identical to the one you received.

Seyda: Motion.

Colin: Second.

Chris L: Any objections? Now we can proceed.

Chris E: So hopefully can see these things. The first edit is in lines 4,5 and 6. Where it reads ‘an appeal by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate’. The words in question is ‘to call a special legislative session by governor Jay Inslee.

Chris L: Wait a second Chris. Elisa still needs to find the file.

Elisa: Okay, I’m good to go.

Chris E: Where the words ‘to Washington state governor Jay Inslee to call a special legislative session in November 2013 and call’ will be deleted. So it reads ‘GPSS to the Washington legislature to pass a transportation package that includes the option for the local funding of transit. Next one is, ‘after that’ in lines 9 and 10, there will be the insert of the stanza ‘whereas the Washington state governor Jay Inslee has called a special session to commence on Thursday, November 7th, 2013.’ So that will stay. Do we want to take care of articles thing now too?

Chris L: No, later.

Chris E: The next change is strike lin 21 and 22 as it pretty much just reasserts what it says in 24, 25 and 26.

Chris L: Keep in mind that the line numbers have changed since you’ve looked at it.

Chris E: We’re looking at 23 and 24 now. So after ‘the sustainability and economic prosperity of
the surrounding region and common good and’ it says stifling so after the point would be deleted.

Elisa: So no and?

Chris L: Keep the and.

Chris E: Then there’s a footnote. So already in line 27 needs to be removed so it reads ‘approximately 10% stifling.’ The next change is after in line 29. So it says ‘King County Metro faces a 17% budget cut. That should read service reduction. Then, it’ll be 30 with a $75 million budget shortfall. So adding the word budget. Line 33 now. ‘Providing approximately 65 million trips instead of over.


Elisa: Over?

Chris E: Should be approximately 65 million.

Yasmeen: Can I move to suspend the bylaws to just put Chris’s version up?

Chris E: I’d be really cool with that. I was told that this is how to do it.

Yasmeen: I agree it is since it’s in the bylaws but we already suspended the bylaws. Why don’t we just do it again?

Chris E: I’m for it.

Douglass: Second.

Chris L: Any objections?

Jason Sanders (Jackson School-Middle East Studies): Can we do a comparison copy?

Alice: I just object just on the grounds for those of us who have some amendments already it would be helpful to see them. Rather than typing them, I like the idea of just having them side by side so we can just copy and paste so we can do it fairly quickly or go through and accept the changes in this document rather than having them changed directly. Rather just having the blanketed and not go through them.

Yasmeen: That’s what it looks like is up there.

Chris E: So actually we can do that but it just be put through there. Especially in the aspect that these aren’t tied to accept for not accept. These are just comments. We can do it. I’m all for it.
I want to put these side by side and go through them.

Chris L: It’s my fault. I was stickling.

Elisa: We’re moving forward with this version. We stopped at over 65 million changed to approximately.

Chris E: Excellent. The next line would be ‘and has’ instead of ‘already exhausted.’ Or ‘so has exhausted.’

Chris L: Rather than making the changes, we can see them.

Chris E: After that, we actually have a document. If you just accept all of these, we can just pull up the document with all the changes made on it in a nice clean version.

Elisa: We have to go one by one.

Chris E: If you want, I hoped to go through this and say ‘Let’s have it read this way.’ And if anyone had an objection, we could do it. On the other end, we got ‘Whereas the University of Washington students depend on King County for over 5.6 million.’

Chris L: It should read ‘the University of Washington student population depends on King County Metro’

Chris E: Yes. ‘for over 5.6 million rides per year.’ Next, so one just takes out a comma and changes the date to November 2013.

Chris L: Then add in the November 2013 special session.

Chris E: Correct. Next one. We changed ‘formally recommend to the governor to request of the Washington legislature.’ So we’re going to strike that because it’s already been said in the initial statement. Lines 57 and 58. ‘GPSS formally recommends that’, that sounds redundant so just to say that of the local option funding for the transit being included in the approved transportation package. Then 61 ‘that state legislature take into consideration that would be felt in the Puget Sound regions and the King County Metro proceeds with budget cuts and the ripple effect it would have on the economic health of Washington state.’ And then, this is the interesting one right Jake?

Jake Parduhn (Policy Analyst): Yes.

Chris E: Where it says ‘which’, it would jump to the top. So it would say, ‘that state legislators take into consideration the contradictory message that they would be sending to students if they don’t find a sustainable solution to fund public transportation. What would jump ahead of that is
‘that public transportation is an imperative component to increasing access to higher education which many state politicians has made an assertion that they’re committed to.’ That line there would jumps ahead of the other. Does that make sense? So it would read after the 61 and 62 stanza, ‘that public transportation is and imperative component to increasing higher education which many state politicians had made the assertions they are committed to’ and after that we will join in with line 64, ‘that state legislatures take into consideration the contradictory message they would be sending to students if they don’t find a sustainable solution to fund public transit.’ The last line 72, ‘the King County Council and that the Vice President names the necessary to GPSS.’

Chris L: In other words anyone else who you think should see this.

Chris E: That is correct. Does that make sense? Did you see anything that didn’t seem right or not make sense?

Alice: I’ll say too that this probably won’t happen next time. The reason it’s rushed through and you guys are seeing this process is that we had to do it right now. The one thing I would say is that ‘the GPSS urges’ at the beginning of the back clauses. I feel like we should leave in there because we can’t pass a resolution that states legislatures take into consideration. Right?

Chris L: So typically a resolution would read, ‘Therefore be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student in the University of Washington: that’ and you put a verb in every clause. However, the way it reads now ‘Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Senate formally requests to the Washington state legislature.’ The verb is already in there. It’s not totally 100% standard operating procedure but I think it’s fine the way it is because there’s a verb in the therefore clause and everything that we urge them to do follows after. Sorry, a little technicality.

Chris E: I would just like to reiterate that what we’re really looking at is content. I’ll entertain an amendment for anyone who questions style and I’ll accept it. I think what we’re talking about is content. I’m stressing that that is a good thing.

Patty: I would recommend that we keep ‘their constituents’ in line 65 because this stresses their responsibility more than the word students.

Chris L: Do you accept or not accept hat?

Chris E: This is my reasoning on this so it’s not an accept or a non-accept. My reason to that is specific to students and there is a question of constituents and how they think of that. In the scope of things, i’m good with that.

Yasmeen: Student constituents?
Chris E: I'll take that too as long as everyone is okay with that.

Alice: I have one amendment. At the very top where it says ‘includes the option’, can we say ‘an option’? Or is there just one option that we’re asking them for?

Chris E: We can say ‘an option’ but I think we are talking about the 1.5% motor vehicle excise tax but I'll accept that as well.

Alice: Just to leave it a little bit more flexible. And then somewhere in article 1.1, I don’t know the line, ‘decreasing emissions and congestions’. These are from Evan by the way. Disclosure for the record that Evan Firth couldn’t be here so I’m sponsoring them. So ‘decreasing emissions and congestion’. Can we specify greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestions.

Chris E: I’m going to defer to Jake. Is that a quoted thing?

Jake: No.

Chris E: Okay, I’m good with that.

Alma Khasawih (Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies): The issue on constituents is that I think we should keep it as wide as possible because GPSS is the graduate senate but we also talk about everyone that comes to campus and I think it’s important that we include that somehow. It’s not just about students. It’s about the workers on campus and who facilitate us being here. So I think it’s important to include that somehow. I understand the necessity for students but constituents to be more inclusive.

Alicia Clark (Mechanical Engineering): What about constituents of the University of Washington?

Chris E: We could even say constituents traveling to the University of Washington. One of the overlying issues is that we are the largest customers so to say and we have a lot of options to choose to use our student fees to pay for that. One of the bigger things as a community is that we want this to go through because of all the other people that King County Metro affects and gives services and opportunities for out of students. While we are students, I will accept that as friendly.

Kimberly Schertz (Law): I have an amendment.

Chris L: Before we move on, can we have precise language for this line? Does anyone have concrete language?

Jason: ‘students and their constituents.’

Eddie: Just say students and constituents.
Yasmeen: Can we have a vote? I'm okay with constituents. I would just like to argue that with all the questions that been brought up about constituents and who we include in that. I think we can leave it at constituents and leave it up to interpretation.

Chris E: I'm going to accept that as a friendly amendment and if no one objects to that, we will keep it as that.

Chris L: At this time, we are out of time so I'll entertain a motion to extend time.

Alex: So moved for 10 mins.

Eddie: Second.

Chris L: Any objections?

Chris Svolopoulos (Civil and Environmental Engineering): I think it's easier to be broad and say students and constituents so everyone is included and can guarantee that no one is excluded.

Chris E: So that is the objection. What is before us now is to vote on the movement of just having constituents there. So everyone raise your hands if you are for constituents.

Chris L: You'll have to accept or reject it.

Chris E: I want to be democratic on this. I do understand both sides and we’re going to go with what the majority wants. I can do that but in light of seeing that there was a large amount of people for that I think we should take a quick poll. So all those who want just constituents raise your hand. All those who are opposed to just constituents raise your hand. I think just constituents took it so I will accept the amendment for just constituents.

Chris L: It’s actually the same language as before. Any other proposed amendments?

Kimberly: At the very end of who the GPSS is directing, I wanted to add Randy Hodgins, the Vice President of the UW Office of External Relations. This is consistent to what ASUW does with their resolutions.

Chris E: I accept that.

Elisa: Where would you like that Kimberly?

Kimberly: At the end.

Chris L: Any other amendments?
Derek Sutherland (Aeronautics and Astronautics): Two things. First the greenhouse gas emissions statement. Though i know the point, it’s a trigger word and we’re not just talking about greenhouse gases. We’re talking about air quality emissions like nitrous oxide. So I think just leaving it at emissions is the best way because it encapsulates greenhouse gases and air quality as well.

Chris E: So now that we have two different things on that, show of hands of people who want to go back to the original statement.

Alice: It’s fine. I withdraw my amendment.

Derek: One more thing. Line 63, ripple effect. It’s a cliché term or jargon. Can we say widespread effect?

Chris E: I’m good with that. I’ll get back to you Eddie. Alice?

Alice: I want to say, where it says ‘the cuts’, I don’t know what lines it is now but you say it twice. Can we say proposed budget cuts? Are they proposed or effective?

Chris L: They actually aren’t technically publicly proposed but will be very soon.

Alice: Potential?

Chris E: On this I’m just going to get real. People aren’t going to be reading this that close. I’m not going say we aren’t taking it seriously but come on.

Chris L: Are we okay with proposed?

Alice: I mean we’re almost done. I think if we’re going to be precise, we should be precise.

Chris E: Sure.

Alice: It’s in there twice. One is just the cuts in line 34. ‘Whereas the proposed budget cuts’

Chris E: Isn’t that the same where we just say facing 17%? because we’re facing cuts.

Chris L: That’s the wrong place. Line 34.

Eddie: I apologize in advance for this one but one the very first ‘whereas’, not the one that’s cut. ‘Whereas Washington state legislature.’ Can we change representatives to members to avoid ambiguity?

Chris E: Yes, especially because it does take away from the fact that it’s from senators.
Kimberly: I don't know if this is an amendment but making sure the line numbers stay in the gap.

Elisa: Those will go away.

Chris L: I have one. I was waiting for someone to do this but typically we do not enumerate articles in it's resolution. I propose to taking them out. That is not typically how we do this. It's not a huge deal.

Chris E: It's good. I accept.

Chris L: Any other amendments? If there are no other proposed amendments, I'll entertain a motion to accept this resolution as it is.

Dustin Schmidt (Philosophy): I move that way.

Melissa Steele-Ogus (Biology): I second.

Chris L: Any objections? We have adopted this resolution. It was our first resolution of the year. Congratulations, we are just under time as well.

Chris E: I want to make one quick follow up to that. That by not having objections to this resolution, we do have a cover letter to send on this. Our hope is that we can list people’s names on that.

Chris L: If you would like your name withdrawn from that list as a member of GPSS please let Chris know.

Eddie: Are we just gonna take the names straight from the attendance?

Chris E: I guess the proper way to do it is just send an email and tell people to take their name out if they don’t want it in there. Even though people were here to vote, generally people that were here voting speaks for everyone that was not.

Chris L: They relinquished their vote on this resolution.

Chris E: We’re good?

Higher Education Summit:

Chris L: We’re good. So we wanted to briefly tell you about the Higher Education Summit. I believe it has been going on for 7 years now. GPSS puts on a summit with panel discussion to explore issues with higher education. For the past several years, we’ve typically done panels on funding because that’s obviously been an major concern for us. This year, we’ve turned a
corner with the state legislature actually adding new money to UW so we’re talking about some other things. We have the luxury of talking about some other things than funding. We have one coming up which is on Pay it Forward, which is an alternative funding plan. The basic idea is that you pay no money upfront and there’s a trust fund held by the state that pays for education and they take a fixed percent of your income for a certain amount of time after you graduate for people that come after you. Representative Larry Seaquist of the House is enthusiastic about this idea and will be introducing a bill for it. Oregon has commissioned a study to see if it’s a viable option. We’re also going to be talking about online education at UW. There’s one existing undergraduate completion online which is Early Childhood Education and there’s another one in the works with Integrated Social Sciences. So if you already have the equivalent of 2 years of college credit, you will be able to enroll in these programs and get a bachelors from UW. So we will be talking about that and the curriculum for it and how that’s going to be a shared governance is working to ensure quality. The last thing we’re going to be talking about is the Affordable Care Act and what impacts it’ll have on student health care. Particularly if you are not eligible for the Graduate Student Insurance, you will buy SHIP. That’s UW’s other insurance plan that you can purchase. It’s very likely that given all the new things that are coming up online, that will be altered significantly with other options available to students. So it’s Nov. 18 and 19. If this is something you’re interested, please talk to Chris and I. We’ll be putting out a call for volunteers. Any questions on that?

Yasmeen: Point of information, 3:30pm to what time?

Chris L: 5:30 for both days.

Yasmeen: Is that going to be on the poster?

President’s Update:

Chris L: Yes. The first day coincides with the ASUW Legislative Reception. They invite local legislators to a large banquet and you can hang out with them. Grad students are also invited so we’ll put out information on that too. Okay, so I have another little update. So you heard Kiana talk about the president’s task force on sexual assault and they have just released their report.

Kiana: Did i mentioned that?

Chris L: You mentioned that that is an interest.

Kiana: It has not been officially released.

Chris L: Right, the president has commissioned a sexual task force last year that Kimberly Schertz was a part of which will soon publicly release their report. It has already been released already to specific people and we don’t know exactly what we’re going to do but I have promised the full support of GPSS to implement it. So in that end, community affairs is one internal
organization that i oversee and interest has been lukewarm for it but I’m here to tell you that this committee will be taking on GPSS's implementation of this report. This is a really good way to get involved if you’re interested in this issue. Please send me an email or talk to me. The second thing is graduate and professional student wellness, particularly mental wellness. There are many initiatives taking place around campus that have to do with this topic and it’s all coming together. What I imagined was a modest graduates and professional peer mentoring program but it turns out that there is potential for this to dovetail with a lot of other programs. I’m talking to Ellen Taylor, the director of the Counseling Center and the Associate Vice President of student life and she’s extremely excited about this. So I’ll be coming back to you as soon as i can given all the procedural things we follow to come with a resolution to authorize an ad hoc working group on graduate and professional student wellness. In the mean time, if you’re interested, please tell me. Consider this a call for interested parties. The working group has to be approved by the senate but I won’t be just sitting on my hands so please let me know. I know the report is not public yet. The goals that the sexual assault task force has laid out to give you an idea for the kinds of things we’ll be working on. A lot of them are straightforward and self explanatory. Whatever we can do as GPSS to enhance graduate and professional participation is what we’ll be doing. That’s all I have.

Events Recap:

Genesis: Really quickly we had a very successful first panel with the Science and Policy steering committee. I-522 panel was packed to the gills. The video is up on our website if you look under the science and policy legislative menu, there’s 5 parts to the video. Nightmare at the museum. Our most successful fall social ever. We just got a report today that the Husky card swiping counted 690 students. That’s not including guests who are not UW students.

Chris L: I want to put this into perspective. Our socials typically have an attendance of 250 to 300 students. This is by far the most successful social event we have ever put on. All of your applause should be directed to Genesis and Elisa and their staff. They did a brilliant job.

Genesis: Thank you to our volunteers who helped us out. We couldn’t have done it without you so thank you so much. It’s greatly appreciated.

Chris L: I think you have one of the costume winner in one of the pictures.

Genesis: All of our prizes are donated. We don’t buy prizes for our contest so thank you to the EMP and the bookstore. And the winner is Freddy Kruger and her victim. Good times had by all. We’ll be sending out a survey to everybody who came since we swiped your Husky Card and we have your email. Part of the survey is partly what we should do with our spring social.

Elisa: Anyone want to say anything? Good comments to go on the record?

Seyda: It was amazing.
Announcements:

Genesis: Announcements. If you are in the travel grants committee, I have your packets here that you need to score.

Elisa: The diversity funding is now open. We’re accepting applications. The application and the information to see if you are eligible is on the website and Facebook. I’ll send out a reminder afterwards. Also the first diversity forum is planned for the end of November and early December. We have chosen to focus on the international graduate student experience. We are interested in people giving a 2-3 minutes story or presentation about their experience as an international graduate students. You can volunteer someone if you think they’ll be good for this and I’ll reach out to them. If you’re on GPSS and an international student, I highly encourage you to speak or at least sign up to be the mailing list. We would love to hear your voice during the planning process. I’ll have a sign-up sheet so if you’re interested, you can put name and email here. I’ll send out a reminder for that as well so you can reach out to the international students in your program. Tell the diversity constituents that funding is available. Finally, the university wide committee on student safety is looking for a representative. They only have two more meetings this quarter and they meet on Fridays at 12:30. They plan and implement campus crime and prevention policy for the Board of Directors so it’s a high profile spot for you. If you’re interested in doing that, come see me.

Adjourn:

Chris L: Any other announcements? Then I’ll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Douglass: Motion.