Call to Order & Approval of Agenda:

Chris Lizotte (President): I will call this meeting to order at 5:34pm. The first item on the agenda is to approve the agenda so I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Colin Bateson (Mechanical Engineering): Moved.

Steve Carlin (Chemistry): Second.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chris L: Any opposed? Thank you very much. Now we'll approve the minutes from the previous meeting which took place on November 6th. Are there any amendments made?

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): I move to approve the minutes.

Dawn Keenen (Communications): Second.

Previously on GPSS:

Chris L: Any objections to that? Next is Previously on GPSS. We did a GPSS spotlight on our own student regent, Kiana Scott from the Communications department. Kiana talked about what the student regent is and the Board of Regents in general and how they act as the governing entity for UW. She also talked about what you can do if you want to be the student regent. She outlined the application process and really emphasized talking to former regents. That is a very important and exciting position. It’s appointed by the governor and it’s never too early to think about it. We then moved on to a presentation by Move King County Now. They talked about the upcoming potential cuts to King County Metro and what we can expect if we don’t have a local funding option by June of next year that has to be approved by the legislature. So in recap, the leg has to give King County permission to tax itself to raise money for its own transportation services. We then moved to the transportation resolution which was prepared by our legislative lobbyist and Vice President Chris Erickson in which we originally urged the governor to call a special session to resolve the funding issue. Since that already happened and if you follow the new, they did not talk about transportation. Instead they gave the largest tax subsidy that was given to a corporation in history to Boeing. We requested for them to call a special session and then come up with a transportation solution which I believe has been forwarded to relevant parties. Chris, maybe you want to mention who that got sent to?

Chris Erickson (Vice President): Yes, that got sent to everybody. They’ll be some follow-up on that since it’s still a conversation moving forward. In the hindsight of time and relevancy,that
was sent to every legislator on Saturday during that special session.

Dawn: Point of information, if Boeing leaves can you request that that be made to UW?

Chris L: If someone would draft a resolution, that would just make me happy as a clam so yes please. I just want to say that there’s a possibility of a second special session? Chris, do you want to say anything on that?

Chris E: Sure. So yes, there’s possibility for everything. Supposedly people are talking which is a good thing. There’s going to be a press conference for tomorrow that would talk about a plan B that King County might move forward with should there not be anything done. But right now, it’s looking like people are liking this idea and there’s this deal on the table that the senate might actually approve. The theory is that give them some time for negotiation. We were at a point last year that any taxes was a hell no. Anything in 2013 was a hell no. Now we at least have people at the table talking about things and it’s a bit of moving forward on the 11.5% gas tax and how that would be tied to maintaining and/or building new roads and Metro is being considered in that or in one that could be tied to the tab fee or this motor vehicle excise tax. Right now details are thin but people are talking. There is still an opportunity that the governor might call another special session since five is better than four. So that’s where that stands but it will definitely be something that we’ll be talking about, moving it forward. There’s a big push on this. This is part A. I just want to remind people that once we do have options or have decided that it’s going to the voters on a plan B basis just brought out by the taxing authorities that are available now, we’ll have to go get people to vote. We’ll look at that when that bridge needs to be crossed but for right now, we’ll look at the next two weeks and see what pans out. In a little bit, we’ll see that this is priority #1 on our legislative agenda.

Chris L: Thanks Chris. That was our first resolution for the year. Give yourself a pat on the back of parliamentary magic. Then we talked a little bit about the Higher Education Summit which we’ll give a brief recap, which happened on Monday and yesterday. That was pretty much it. If you have any questions or if you missed something or want something explained, don’t hesitate to ask to us later. Now I’ll turn to Elisa Law who will introduce to you another topic.

**IT Presentation on Student Net IDs:**

Elisa Law (Secretary): So a couple of weeks ago, I received an email from a senator that brought attention to the disablement of some UW Net IDs on October 22nd after a phishing security threat. One person who’s net ID was disabled at the time was concerned that they were unable to turn in assignments via Canvas and Catalyst. I would like to introduce Daniel Schwalbe who’s the Assistant Director of the Chief Information Security Officer who will speak about how his team handles suspicious activity and how they decided to disable the net IDs.

Daniel Schwalbe (Assistant Director of the Chief Information Security Officer): Thanks for reaching out. This is part of the mission of the Chief Information Security Officer. We do
education or try to put information out there. It’s worthwhile to visit our website if you have the chance. It’s www.ciso.washington.edu. We have a fair amount of training material out there on what’s currently threats that face our constituents. One of the great challenges that were facing and have been for several years has gotten much more prevalent in last year and a half. I’ve been working in UW Security since 2003, and its always been there but it has rammed up in the last couple years. There is a, for a lack of better words, an underground economy that deals in stolen credentials that may give access to resources of major institutions of higher education. We occasionally do a bit of research and a valid UW net ID password together with the corresponding username is $25-$50. So people do sell them as commodity and in order to have something to sell, these individuals need to collect passwords that go with net IDs and they do that by phishing. Is there anyone that doesn’t know what phishing is? In a nutshell it’s usually done by email. I’m going to send it you and pretend to be someone you know or expect an email from. All the words in the email in the text is something that is entirely believable and it’s going to compell you by threats or by reviewing documents. The idea is to get you to visit a website that usually has a mockup of the UW login page. We usually don’t pay close attention to what is actually in our address bar. We hit enter and typically what happens is that it sends you to the real login page. You log-in again, hit log-in and never think twice about it. The first time around, the phishers have collected your username and password and usually in a few minutes or up to a few days, they do bad things with them. This is done by sending various types of spam or they may collect the credentials and they’ll test them to see if they actually work and sell them to make money and a very popular way aside from sending spam for the UW credentials to be used is to gain access to library proxy research. The university spend a lot of money subscribing to various research journals and there might be countries that don’t have access to these journals or have governments that do not like anyone to have access to these journals. We’ve seen countless cases of that happening and someone on the other end has downloaded a few gigs of documents and journals and makes off with them. We get contacted by the license of the journal that tells us to knock it off. This is one examples of how it is used. We’ve seen examples of stolen net IDs were used to access MyUW in cases of faculty and staff. We’ve seen cases where personal information has been changed. It’s not unheard of that direct deposit information has been changed. That’s luckily not very common but there are indicators that this is a thing that they may do. The reason that we are cut and dry when we detect that an account has been compromised is to really protect the institution and to protect the legitimate owner. If you do not realized that your ID has been stolen, some bad things may have already happened. Another example that is more prevalent in the undergrad realm but could happen to you guys is if you are registered for a popular class that is hard to get into somebody might sell your UW net ID password, drop you from that class and another student will take your place. I’ve had 15-20 cases in the 10 years I’ve been working here. It’s not super common but if you’re in that position good luck trying to prove them wrong. Maybe it’s the one you need to graduate or something. Typically we try to work with Undergraduate Academic Affairs but it’s not always easy to prove foul play. We have various detection methods in play. I have a team of currently 2 and also 2 open positions if anyone is interested in a job, of security engineers and we do various inbound monitoring. Quick side note, we don’t spy on anybody or look at your email or look at your web browsing. We don’t have that capability of doing such a thing on a routine basis despite what you may have heard. This is a massive network. There
are 750,000 valid net IDs out there. This is not really a possible scenario. Be that as it may, we
monitor net ID authentication logs. If the IP address or where the net ID came from is on what
we call our suspicious list and we generate those lists by various means, they are 99.9% of the
time outside the US, that raises a flag. If there is some other behavior that’s going on, like for
example, if someone logs in from China then logs in 2 seconds later in Nigeria, chances are it’s
not the same person and that raises a flag. Once we have enough evidence that there might be
foul play, we will shut off the net ID. Now I understand that may have inconvenienced some of
you so who here in the room has had their net ID disabled and had to call to get their access
back? It can inconvenience people. If you have a deadline in the middle of the night and can’t
turn it in, that is unfortunate and we do feel bad. If that ever were to come up and someone
missed an important deadline, please reach out to us so we can work with the instructor since it
wasn’t your fault. Also, if it ever happens to you that you get phished, don’t be ashamed. It
happens to the best of us. Number one way it happens is on our mobile devices because on it,
it looks like the real thing. The browsers in mobile devices do a very good job hiding the
address bar. A vast majority of people that do end up falling for these phishing runs tend to do
that from the mobile device. If you realize that you may have been phished, immediately
change your password. It will typically prevent us from disabling your net ID since we check the
log. If the phish has been submitted, chances our the users themselves and not someone from
china. we phish has been submitted and the user has changed their password in a minute or
two, chances are it was the user itself. Now, if it has been changed from China, we still might
disable it but if the password was changed from a UW address, we might still reach out to make
sure but for all intents and purposes it happens fairly immediate. We have not had any false
positives yet but if it happens in the middle of the night, and creates a situation that might impact
on your studies, please reach out and try to work with the faculty member to sort it out.

Elisa: Are there any questions at all?

Alex Bolton (Law): If we think we have fallen for a phishing scam or get an email that we might
think is one, is there someone we should forward it to or contact?

Daniel: If you think you have fallen for it, the first thing is to try to change your passwords from a
known good computer and not someplace like a hotel lobby. From a laptop or from campus is
usually better. It’s worthwhile for statistical purposes to let us know. We’re actually in the
process of setting up is-spam or is-phish@uw. It’s not ready yet but our email is
security@uw.edu. You can send it to there. There are typically phishes that get recorded.
They are good for statistical purposes since we keep track of those but it may not necessarily
have a response since we do get a fair amount of these. Reporting it is good though.

Dawn: How many people did this affect? Like across the undergrad and graduate students
because it was my constituent that came to me and talked to me about this. What was the
population like that was affected and can you discussed why they weren’t warned before the
shutdown? Also since they did go to the site and couldn’t login, why can’t they change their
own password at the time?
Daniel: Because the phishers can do the same thing. We don’t warn people because at that time the password is in possession of the phisher, they are reading your email. So if I send an email to you, the phisher will be on to it and do something very bad to the net ID. It needs to get disable as close to the point where we detect it to get the bad guys out of the account. It’s the same with the self password reset. The bad guys at that point may have collected enough information about you to get inside to change the password again and they can go right back in. Expediency is the utmost importance in this situation. As for how many people, I’m hesitant to say an exact number since this is a public meeting and the minutes do get published. We know for a fact that our adversaries are doing their homework and know our infrastructure as well as we do. They figured out how our internal mail system works. They build capabilities to figure out our security and its a constant cat and mouse game. It is unfortunately lots and lots. Percentage wise, a well-crafted phishing scam is 10-25% effective and it depends on how many it gets sent to. very rough terms, the effect of the number fluctuates and depends on the time of people it gets sent to. We did a test run to a population about a thousand and up to 20,000. The effectiveness fluctuates and it all depends on the day, time of year, what the message is like and how believable it is. We still see phishing pages that look nothing like our page but people still login with that page. When their mimicking our web login site, we can get some research out of that but if they use a Google doc or something else, it leaves us in the dark. At that point, we have to be reactionary and wait for them to use the IDs. If they use a web log-in page, we can typically identify and change the password before they log-in.

Dawn: So recently Adobe just had a massive attack. Have you guys checked those records for the emails that were attacked and warned some of those students? I just talked to a student that didn’t know that Adobe got hacked and had to go change their information. Since they are so local to us and many of us use their programs.

Daniel: We have not done a comprehensive check against the list since it’s technically illegal to possess. It’s available for download but it’s gained by computer trespassing so we shouldn’t have it. Adobe has put up a website for people to check their own email but it’s really up to the individual to do that. It’s problematic for us to check against the list since there are hundreds and thousands of net IDs but there was an email sent out by us that was geared more towards the technical support people that indicated that there was a problem. Adobe has sent out an email that here was a problem. There are around 150 million accounts so they have been taking some time to get through all of that. There is no good way to do a mass notification. The biggest problem is if we send out an email the phishers will also read those email since they have access and they send one just like it.

Chris L: We’re at time, so I will entertain a motion to extend time if you guys want to keep asking questions.

Steve: I move to extend time for 2 minutes so I can ask a question.

Dawn: Second.
Chris L: Any objections?

Steve: Due to the black market value and the public nature of UW emails, is it normal to expect more frequent spam than a private gmail account?

Daniel: Yes.

Steve: Okay, I frequently see some on my UW email but not on my gmail. I didn’t know if it was specific to me or generally speaking.

Daniel. Yes, we participate with various security communities so I talk to Google security on a regular basis. A Google account does give you a fair amount of access but it typically doesn’t give much beyond just signing up for a free gmail account unless you’re part of some closed group that your account gives you access in. There is a term called spear-phishing which means they target you specifically and they find everything about you and send you a very believable email. That does happen but it’s much more limited but if they knew that you were working on some cutting-edge research and you happen to use your Google account to share files or send emails, they might target you specifically to get into your account. In general, since anyone can sign up for a Gmail account, it’s not that interesting to phishers because the access that it provides them is not that great. Here it’s much higher since we have all these fringe benefits that come with net IDs, the value is much higher.

Devin Bedard (Earth & Space Sciences): Could you give us a quick couple of bullet points of things to look out for when you are on your phone or computer?

Daniel: Sure. UW IT, the central UW organization should not ever send you email that says, “Unless you do this your account is going to get shut off.” They will sometimes will have links to their log-in page but it’s typically not coupled with a compelling statement. So with any email that you get that says “Unless you do this, something bad is happen,” immediately be suspicious. On most mobile devices, you can push and hold your finger on the link and it’ll show you where it will go to. So if it’s non-UW related that’s a red flag. If you think about it, check the url. It needs to say log-in.washington.edu. A fake one is not that. If you see anything but that up there, don’t log in. Those are some basic things you can do but understand that we are busy and fast paced. In general be suspicious of compelling email and check where its taking you. And don’t enter your information in a fake URL. Otherwise, check out our website, contact us at security@uw.edu or for general non-security things, you can email us at ciso@uw.edu. Check out our education materials and we can speak at your departments or any small groups that you think are relevant. We’re always happy to do that.

Executive Senator Elections:

Chris L: Thank you Daniel. We are now electing a new executive senator tonight. During the past two weeks, we had two individuals come forward and declare their official candidacy. Alex can you stand up and is Doug here?
Alice Popejoy (Public Health Genetics): I can call him.

Chris L: In the mean time, we can have Alex get up and he’ll have 2 minutes to give his speech.

Alex: Should we maybe table this and give him a chance to come first?

Bjorn Hubert-Wallander (Psychology): I rather vote for the guy who showed up.

Yasmeen: We have to wait for candidates from the floor too.

Alex: I’m just throwing it out there. I move to amend the agenda to move it down.

Steve: I want to make a clarification. I didn’t receive an email about this week’s meeting and I notice that there aren’t a lot of people here than usual and I’m just throwing this out there that maybe some people thought there wasn’t a meeting this week? I figured this out by going to the website.

Yasmeen: I got an email.

Chris L: Did anyone not get an email from our mailing list?

Yasmeen: Can I clarify something? I got an email last week but not yesterday. We usually get one before the meeting.

Chris L: I belive a reminder didn’t go out so this would be the one from last week.

Ragan Hart (Public Health Genetics): It was sent on the 14th.

Chris L: Yes, who did not get that one?

Steve: I didn’t get that one.

Chris L: Okay, check with Elisa to make sure that you’re on the roster.

Yasmeen: I’d like to move to move to the next item until Alice and Doug come back.

Steve: I second that.

GPSS Spotlight Presentation:

Chris L: Any opposed? Seeing none, I will temporarily table this item until we can ascertain the whereabouts of our candidate. So again, you forced me to do the GPSS spotlight so if you get sick of me, you should step up and hear another voice. In the meantime, I thought I would use
this time to talk about one of the big initiatives I’m working on and other units on campus, it turns out. It is a real push to build an infrastructure for graduate student mental wellness. The slides a little bare and that’s actually sort of deliberate. When mental health and wellness are the topic of discussion, there’s always stock images of people being sad and there’s something to be serious for just a second that it doesn’t sit very well with me and I don’t like that use of stock images to portray something serious so that’s the explanation for the sparse slide. I wanted to do was go through few points, a little bit of date and outline how we will be moving forward with whoever is interested. I think we can all speak to our own experience of how graduate school and professional programs affect our own mental well being which comes in many forms. It goes in up and down in waves, but overall we do know a few things about the graduate student populations. Statistically, mental health problem whether they’re minor or severe tend to surface in late adolescence or early adulthood so you see a lot of these things right before college or during college. I believe suicide is if not the number 1, definitely the number 2 cause of death among college age people. A recent survey of college counseling service directors say that 91% of them have observed a significant increase of people coming through their doors. That’s really a recent phenomenon. There are a few things that could be contributing to that. One is that there is less of a stigma and people are more comfortable seeking help. There are also factors in world right now that contribute to higher levels of stress. At the same time, resources are becoming scarcer. Compared to 5-10 years ago, resources for all sorts of things including student wellness are just fewer. There’s not too much research but I did a brief overview but there’s not a lot of specific research on graduate students as opposed to the overall college age cohort. There is some research to suggest that we as a population that we represent experience of higher rate of mental health problems than the general student population. We experience a unique set of stressors. We tend to have families and long term commitments and things and so on. That’s the base information broadly speaking about graduate student mental wellness. That’s what we know. What don’t we know? I would say that we don’t know a lot about us and what our state of mental wellness is at UW. That’s what this initiative is meant to address. In the graduate school, there’s also a desire to understand this and think of a way for graduate students to talk to each other and also for graduates to talk to undergraduates. This is all to, first of all, help identify issues and identify resources for these issues. Right now, the Office of the Senior Vice Provost, Jerry Baldasty, who is kind of the top university official for academic and student affairs for the Provost is circulating a proposal to the Provost for a feasibility study to look at a university-wide graduate student peer mentoring program would look like. This is perfect because one of the things I wanted to do was a university wide graduate student peer mentoring program. It’s been very serendipitous that there’s a lot of institutional support right now for this. I mentioned this a couple times before and a couple of you had come to me expressing interest to be involved in this with me and what I’m announcing is the creation of the outline of a task force that will work with the units on campus: the graduate school, the Senior Vice Provost, and Student Life, to really put this together. This will be a multi-year project but at least for right now, outline the shape of what a comprehensive peer mentoring program would look like. So if you are interested or if you want to know more, please contact me either through email or after the meeting. We’ll actually have a few minutes after this for questions but this is happening. We are putting resources to this. There is interest across campus. It is personally important to me so I will eagerly take any
support or questions.

GPSS Spotlight Discussion:

Gary Hothi (Social Work): Are you including under the banner of mental wellness or illness, substance abuse as well?

Chris L: That’s a very good question. I think I explain this very briefly but I’ll outline it right now. I’m thinking to casting the net as wide as possible and the vital point is that the bar to entry should be as low as possible. So in other words, things ranging from problems with advisors or time management up to more serious problems. And for these serious problems, we would have mechanisms to refer to actual professionals since the fact is that most of us we are not professionals and not equipped to handle these kinds of things. The fact is that we can learn to identify these things and know when they need to be passed on.

Gary: All I know is that between the ages of 18-24, the leading cause of death is drug overdose and not car accidents. So you’re right. The student population and the graduates would be the cut-off. So good job. Thank you for doing this.

Kimberly Schertz (Law): Are they looking at implementing complementary or existing programs and mentors such as putting more full spectrum UV-ray lamps on campus or other activities like yoga for example.

Chris L: Yes, I don’t want to give the impression that here are no resources. There are many resources across campus. One issue is that they are segmented. For example, the counseling center in Schmidt Hall, I didn’t know existed until my second year on campus. I thought Hall Mental Health was the one shot for all mental resources. Part of the idea is not to duplicate existing services and not to crowd out things that are working well. That’s why doing a feasibility study before rushing ahead and putting a program in place is good since whatever is built is integrated into what already exists.

Dawn: So that’s cataloging all these resources to one place?

Chris L: I imagine so. I’m actually talking to Jerry tomorrow. My hope is that it’s not anemic but a time to figure out a plan.

Evan Firth (Oceanography): Is there any initiative to put pressure on UW administration to increase funding or feasibility on counseling in both Schmidt hall and Hall Health? I’m understanding now that especially during the holiday season, they are both overloaded.

Chris L: To address that last point first, the counseling programs have busy periods which tend to be beginning and end of the quarter and holidays. So there could be. Part of the reason to convene a task force within our organization is to get a specifically graduate student perspective with these services and where they’re working and where they’re not. In terms of funding, I
think there’s actually really hopeful signs. I think across campus, there’s a really strong commitment to adequately resourcing these places. Last year's undergraduate class gift was a cash gift to the counseling center which I think is fantastic. They usually want to do a statue of Husky pride but they raised money to give to the counseling center.

Bjorn: I was wondering, we started with mental health and then specifically a peer mentoring program and funding for that and going out to a wider scope of mental health. I’m curious to what the scope of what is about to happen and what they’re actually interested in. I think mental health is a great cause for us to pay attention to and I’m curious about what they’re actually going to do or what they’re interested in doing.

Chris L: My understanding is that there’s interest in the graduate school, central administration and Student Life to specifically implement a peer mentoring program. I’m approaching my vision of peer mentoring from this notion of mental wellness. We can do peer mentoring from a wide variety of topics that are not necessarily tied to that. My initial vision was people talking to each other in order to keep tabs on psychic well being. That’s what the task force and I will be pushing the administration for a framework that they will implement. Does that make sense?

Bjorn: Yes, that makes a lot of sense.

Chris L: Any more questions? Great, thank you for your questions and interest. It really heartens me to see people engaged on this issue. Any word on Doug?

Alice: Yes, could we move it to the end of the meeting?

**Committee Recruitment:**

Chris L: I think we sort of tabled it indefinitely so we can do it when he gets here. Next thing on our agenda is a committee pitch for recruitment. We have three committees that are a little short handed in and the officers that oversees these committees want to make a sustained pitch to generate some interests and to pass this information along to your constituents. So Genesis will lead off with the Student Life committee.

Genesis: So for the Student Life committee, you don’t actually have to be a senator for it. So if you know someone in your department or program who would love to be in this committee, you can forward their information to me or tell them to contact me. This committee oversees student life broadly in technology, transportation and health. One of the main things for this is Service and Activities Fee, Student Tech Fees and also issues as it pertains to student and childcare issues. If you’re interested please join my committee. We already have two appointees for the Student Tech Fee and Student Activities Fee. We have 3 more spots open and there are 2 people who signed up at the beginning of this quarter but we can’t meet since we don’t have quorum. So please contact me if you’re interested.

Erica Deal (iSchool-MLIS): Are you open to participation from online students?
Genesis: Yes, if we can manage it with their schedules. They're still students right?

Chris L: I'll just mention briefly that I was chair last year for the committee and one of the things we dealt with was drafting a resolution opposing the international student fee.

Dawn: What issues will you be working on for this year? For recruitment purposes.

Genesis: It's all up to the committee members. I don't dictate what the committee pursues. It's whatever the committee decides. Once we talk about what is pressing on campus right now, the committee can brainstorm priorities and set the agenda. It's very open and as long as it falls under these purviews, it is a possibility.

Alice: I was wondering if we could get this lovely summary you have here in our minutes or in the email you send out so when we forward it to our constituents, they know specifically what they're doing.

Genesis: It's also in our bylaws but yes. We can do it in our email as well.

Chris L: This is also a condensed version.

Genesis: Just by a show of hands, who think that someone in their department or themselves will be interested? Thank you.

Chris E: My question is to pertaining to bylaws and some of them stipulates that some of the committees need to meet every quarter. The question would pertain to a motion if quorum isn't found on these, that we suspend the bylaws to forgo having to meet fall quarter.

Genesis: All it says in the bylaws is to meet a minimum of twice per quarter. I think we can still make it if we form the committee now.

Dawn: I'll move to do what Chris just said since we're getting into finals week.

Yasmeen: Chris, can you forward that to Judicial committee? That would be run by Elisa so we can actually discuss it and I can put it in the bylaws since we can't just put it in the bylaws.

Chris E: I’m very okay with the knowledge that this would also be added to business that’s needs to be taken care of on the meeting for December 4th, further from approving the legislative agenda before people get to party.

Chris L: I think Chris’ initial recommendation was to suspend the bylaws which doesn’t require that. If you didn’t catch what is going on, there is a stipulation in the bylaws that many of these committees that haven’t yet would still need to meet twice per quarter. Chris was just proposing that we suspend those particular bylaws to take that pressure away from the committee.
Chris E: We could just do that for fall.

Alice: So just a point of information, there are a number of things outlined in bylaws that have not come through yet. For example, the committee coordinating. I think to suspend the bylaws to take pressure off a committee to meet is less relevant than say some other things in the bylaws that haven’t come to fruition just yet. I feel that we should just give ourselves a break this quarter as we’re trying to implement bylaws. If we suspend the bylaws for small particulars, we’re going to be sustaining the bylaws a lot more than serving our duty.

Rene Singleton (SAO): This is something by the virtue of your history, you guys all passed bylaws last spring and you’re trying to implement them. Sometimes they’re a little too strict so if you don’t have the number you can’t fulfill it anyway. You can suspend it anyway but if you want fulfill it but you don’t have quorum, it’s the same thing.

Eric Scheufler (Germatics): What would happen if the committees don’t meet twice? Does the committee automatically dissolve?

Chris L: We would just be out of compliance. What I would now informally propose is that we still have meetings from now until the end of the quarter and we resolve this during executive committee?

Chris E: Just one more final point. The appointment that I was suppose to make on November 1st didn’t get done so we were out of compliance with that but it was brought up at that point during the executive meeting that in the chance that we aren’t going to be in compliance we should do things like that. Not necessarily in the idea that we done everything perfectly but on the line of following the bylaws to a strict consideration as much as we can. That’s where we came from.

Chris L: Okay. Are you all set Genesis?

Genesis: Yes.

Chris L: So now, I will talk about Community Affairs. Community Affairs dovetails to Student Life. The difference is that Student Life deals with things on campus but Community Affairs deals with both on and off campus. To give a little more concrete example is one of the things that Community Affairs did was work with UWPD to include in them in the GPSS orientation for the departments. Community Affairs is also tasked with looking at issues with public safety. My hope is that Community Affairs will take on the implementation of the recommendation of the sexual assault task force. Also if for example, any ADA issues that would come up will go through CAC. I just jotted down a few possible projects that the Community Affairs might take on. The overseeing officers don’t dictate the agenda but I put down the sexual assault task force recommendation, international graduate student outreach which we have struggled with as a body, coordinating orientation that take place at the beginning of the year with UWPD and also Community Affairs is tasked with maintaining relationships with alumni. So they would be
helping the Development Director to do that. These are just a few things that I thought up. Also, Elisa will tell you about a project that they did last year since she was chair then that would give you an example of the flavor of the committee.

Elisa: So these are just pictures of the what they did. They have a representative for the North Ave Mural Project which was a partnership between the Department of Neighborhoods and The Sanction of Art located in the U-district to put a mural up in the parking lot outside of Jack in the Box. Has anyone seen it? Putting up that mural, choosing an artist, doing the community paint days and having an opening with the mayor there was coordinated by several different organizations from the U-District. It included the Gargoyle Sanctuary, Shultz's, University Heights, the Farmer's Market Alliance and GPSS through Community Affairs all worked together to put this mural up. The mural project was a way to make that corner safer through community art and to brighten up the piece of the U-District. This is an example of how we make relationships. Now we have a relationship with all of those partners through that project. Moving forward we have those relationships to build from and that's an example of GPSS getting out of UW to the surrounding community.

Karen Michael (Public Health - Environmental and Occupational): Are all three committees open to non-senators?

Genesis: No. Our next one is not.

Chris L: The two that we have seen are open though

Karen: And those two will get sent through the email?

Chris L: Yes.

Elisa: The 3rd one is Communications and Outreach committee which is not open to non-senators. This is not from the bylaws. I just wrote this up. We currently have 4 members, 3 of which are GPSS staff and we’re looking for a few more. The bylaws says we should have 5 to 9 members. The function is to plan all the social events that we put on and judging how successful the Nightmare at the Museum was, we had a great time planning that, hosting it and seeing the fruition of planning and it doesn’t make sense to be a part of this committee. It’s probably one of the funnest committees to be on. There’s an arts and crafts element to it sometime and brainstorming themes, activities and games and have GPSS engaged and have the most fun we can during the events. So if you’re interested in being a part of this or know another senator that would want to be a part of this, we would love for you guys to join us. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Genesis or I. Does anybody have questions now? We meet once every two weeks and leading up to big events, once a week. I have sign-up sheets for all these committees that we talked about. Also for those for those of you who were not here at the last meeting, the Diversity committee is putting on our international student focused forum on December 5th. It'll be in the HUB during lunch time and we have a few speakers who are interested in speaking about their international experiences and were still
wanting as many as we can get. So if you’re interested in speaking or know of someone who would be interested to speak for like 2 minutes, I would love your contact information at the bottom of the sheet.

Dawn: Are you only looking for current students? She’s from Denmark.

Elisa: Yes, that would be great. If you could put your name and email, I will email you and follow up on that.

**On-Campus Smoking Designated Areas Survey**

Chris L: So the next thing we have is Yasmeen Hussain and Ragan Hart who are going to talk about on-campus smoking designated areas survey.

Yasmeen: Yes. So some of you may remember last year, there was a push for a 100% tobacco-free UW which I was against and still am. Part of my reasoning for why I was against a 100% smoke free campus was that we already have these sites, they’re already away from people. Let’s use the existing resources that we have so we can make sure that people can comment on these sites and also that these sites are enforced so people are not wandering around Red Square in big packs smoking. Somebody will tell them right? So over the summer, I had a problem with a smoking site and I figured I would contact EH&S and ask them why it was moved to somewhere that I thought was inappropriate. Turns out there’s not contact in EH&S. You can’t just call or email somebody directly to comment on a smoking site or ask a question. There’s only 1 person that makes the decision in EH&S.

Ragan: EH&S stands for Environmental Health and Safety.

Yasmeen: They’re in charge of implementing the law of smoking on campus but there’s only one person to make that decision. Ragan and I went through a chain of 15 people to get to this person. That seemed a little weird. I talked to this one person and they disagreed with me about the site and that’s fine. So instead we’re trying to collect some data. Maybe it’s not just me having this issue but maybe there’s other people on campus who have been able to contact the person in charge of the smoking sites or think that the smoking sites are fine where they are or don’t have an opinion or are smokers who use these sites and there are some particular sites that would be detrimental for that community to lose. We need some data and currently there is zero data. We’re trying to send out a survey that has some information about demographics. So are people students or staff, are they international students, are they in campus housing since the place where you can’t smoke is the place where you live. So that’s an issue. We also want to ask some questions on how tobacco use on campus affects the people taking the survey. Are they smokers who use sites? Are they smokers who don’t use sites? Are they people who had recently quit and are affected by the sites? Are they people who don’t smoke and don’t care? We don’t know. We are trying to find out which smoking sites are problematic and if there are smoking sites that actually do get used. Maybe there are some that are not actually used so it would make sense to pare it down from these 35 sites. What are campus
attitudes from smoking? Are there people that come from communities where smoking is totally acceptable and okay and feel like they're being shut out? Are people coming from communities that smoking is not okay at all and people are offended by them? We're trying to find out what the attitudes are right now. Also, we're providing an incentive but the incentive comes with a price. This survey is completely anonymous unless you put in your an email address to be in a drawing for two bookstore gift cards.

Ragan: Just to add on additional motivation for the survey, she mentioned that our point of contact that we finally got a hold of the end-all for eliminating sites, he disagreed what Yasmeen found about a particular site. His response was that he reviews them every six months and we felt it necessary to generate some data to move this along so that he will review more sites if that is an issue on campus.

Gary: Just for fun, tomorrow’s the Big American Smoke Out as well.

Yasmeen: What does that mean?

Gary: It means that smokers aren’t suppose to not smoke for one day.

Yasmeen: That sounds hard but okay.

Gary: I could send this information to Elisa. I think we should probably send it out university wide. It’s an awareness deal.

Alex: You mentioned your issues. Could you explain?

Yasmeen: Sure. A smoking site was in one location and was moved to another that was basically on Stevens Way which is a route that many of my students and I take everyday and I thought that was an inappropriate location. It was moved there in the middle of the summer so I thought that the issue was that EH&S surveyed the site since nobody is here but we checked again in the fall and they were adamant that the wind never goes toward Steven’s Way which I’m sure you know doesn’t actually make sense. Does that answer your question?
Alex: I was just wondering because I know there’s some who's worried about where it is relevant to buildings and where the smoke goes and I have issues with where some of them are like public shaming where they’re right out in the open.

Yasmeen: Right. So this was closer to a building before and they said it caused problems for that building. I agreed with them. It was moved to a place for more out in the open but I think it actually hits more of the public since it has a high volume of traffic.

Dawn: With this, now that smoking pot is legal, is there any questions about that? I have a friend that is allergic and has to actually move around people.

Yasmeen: So smoking pot is not legal on campus at all. So that will not be allowed.
Chris L: That will not be an issue. It would be the same as the fact that you couldn’t carry an open container through campus.

Yasmeen: But we haven’t included a questions particularly for that. Is there a suggestion you have for that? Maybe tell me after the meeting that would encompass that?

Dawn: I wouldn’t know how to do that either. I was just asking because there is someone in my program that had to walk another way to class because she’s allergic.

Yasmeen: There’s actually a question about changing your route to somewhere because of smoking. That’s in the ‘How does it affect you?’ section.

Chris L: There was a communication from the administration about this topic. Even though marijuana is legal in Washington, it is not permissible to smoke on campus.

Chris E: I want to ask a question about 15th Avenue where I think it actually extends pass that. As far as boundaries go, that’s the de facto smokers line in a lot of aspects. So it goes up to Parrington and 43rd and the lack of cigarette butt or trash receptacles out there makes it prime for being it being a butt field. I like to know about if that is captured in their views about the fact that we should have more access to not have littering.

Yasmeen: That’s a really good point. Unfortunately since there’s only one person in EH&S who controls this, you’d have to contact him. That’s why we’re gathering data. There’s two questions in the survey. One is what smoking sites are actually used and there’s a comment section so that would be the place to ask that question.

Steve: Is tobacco use specific to cigarettes? Or does it include other things like hookah?

Yasmeen: So currently this survey is looking at cigarettes since people usually don’t trek out a hookah to a smoking site but if you do, it’ll encompass that.

Karen: Would you guys be open to links to tips on tobacco cessation at the end of the survey? Since you are already reaching out for that population.

Yasmeen: Yeah, that would actually be great. It can be with an informational thing that says ‘For more information on smoking on-campus’ and it would include links to smoking sites and also to Hall Health website on smoking.

Bjorn: That may be countered to the goal here. We’re trying to collect data and the presentation so far has been relatively objective and it seems like that’s how you guys are presenting yourselves. It seems like including that kind of information will undoubtedly alienate a good amount of people you want to collect data from. This is coming from a person that deals with this kind of data and has expertise on collecting it. I’m generally in favor or quitting smoking but in this case, it might not be the best idea to do that.
Yasmeen: That’s a really good point. Thank you Bjorn.

Gary: What do you need from us?

Yasmeen: The reason we’re telling you this is because you’ll get an email soon hopefully over the weekend or next week before finals. Also a reminder for next quarter, the survey will be due sometime early next quarter so we’re hoping you can emphasize that this is a data collection thing to improve the community around smoking and to start implementing laws on smoking on campus.

Ragan: So we’re here to use GPSS so we can reach a bigger population.

Genesis: Shameless plug. You can use Student Life committee for this.

Alex: Will this be going out to all students? Or senators?

Yasmeen: Currently, we’re not sure who we can access. We can get it out to GPSS for sure and maybe ASUW. We’re not exactly sure how to reach people that aren’t in any of these but we’re working on it.

Chris L: So generally we do rely on senators to disseminate information that we generate. It’s not a perfect system since not every department is not represented. The first I want to say is that there have been problems with our communication to you, please let us know about that so we can help you do your job better. When we do get this information to you, we do depend on you to disseminate using the listserv. Having said that, we do have access to an all graduate student list if that will be helpful to you. We can talk about that after.

Yasmeen: Thank you for all the comments and questions. If you have other questions or ideas or want see it before it gets sent, talk to either Ragan or I or send me an email at h.yasmeen@uw.edu. Thank you for helping us be impartial and collect data.

Executive Senator Elections

Chris L: Thanks Yasmeen. So I think we can process with our election at this point. What we will be going to do is we’ll have both candidates make a 2 minute speech about their hopes, aspirations and dreams and what they hope to accomplish as a senator. If there are any nominations from the floor we’ll give those people a chance to speak. Then we’ll open it up to questions and we’ll give each candidate 2 or 3 minutes to answer the questions and we’ll vote. You’ll find ballots in your nametags. So Alex, would you like to start?

Alex: Hi everybody. My name is Alex Bolton. I’m a first year law student. I had a lot of experience here and had a variety of roles. First I was in ASUW and was on the ASUW Board of Directors. I got a radio station started so that’s now Rainy Dawg Radio. I was a graduate
student in the Evans School and was a part of GPSS then. Then I served as student regent. Then I also was staff and worked for the Faculty Senate Office where I advised faculty leadership. I was also involved with the Professional Student Board which is kind of a government for staff to work with administration. I’ve been involved with a lot of things on campus and understand how things work around here. I done that because I’m passionate and care a lot about this place. I want to focus on things that build communities so like the Nightmare at the Museum was a lot of fun and had a great turn-out. It was the best GPSS event I’ve ever been to. Things like that and the radio station and improvements to the IMA. I want students to have a better experience here. We have a lot of important issues coming up and it’ll always come down to money. Budget is a big thing and this year’s a unique opportunity with the college councils and having students involved in the budgeting process is something that is very important to us and making sure that’s implemented well. Also making sure that PACs are working together. That’s not something necessarily for me to do but something we all need to be more aware of and recruiting people. I’m just getting my feet wet as a student again so I’m not sure necessarily of what we need to do or what we want but I’m still learning to hear what’s important to current graduate and professional students.

Chris L: Thank you. So then Doug, take it away.

Douglass Taber (Evans School of Public Affairs): Hello everybody. I’m Douglass Taber of the Evans School. I’m a first year senator of the Evans school. I’m extremely proud to represent the Evans School as their senator and I am just extremely excited by everyone I meet and all the graduate schools. The thought of being able to tie them all together and think of ways to welcome future student in coming into these programs is something I want to do. I’m very enthusiastic with working in GPSS and learning the processes that take us to the next level and where we need to be and getting programs and manifesting them. I love listening to different students from different organizations and different schools and putting their ideas in. I sprinted here where I have been staring at excel sheets for four hours has made me a little rough and tumble on here but Alex, he’s such a formidable opponent. It’s not often that you get to run against someone that is so well-qualified. Everyone I meet, I’m just am dumbfounded and excited to work with. That’s all I have to say about that.

Chris L: Now I will open the floor to nominations. These are the two candidates that have declared to us their nominations. Seeing none, does anyone have questions to ask either of our candidates?

Alice: I want to know specifically, both of these candidates came in and sat on an executive committee meeting which is appreciated. My question to you is what did you find particularly cool at the executive meeting and why you want to serve on exec?

Alex: I thought the exec meeting was interesting and is an important body. It serves as the gatekeeper since this body is too large to deal with everything so we have to figure out what’s important and drill down to a deeper level. I have some insight to bring in dealing with administrators and faculty and help you guys be as effective as you guys can be.
Douglass: I was just excited to see where you form the agenda and what we bring to the table here and have them rounded out beforehand so its prepared and not just slapped together like this speech I’m doing now. It’s interesting to see the other people that come to the exec meeting and it’s the first step of working outside the GPSS and see how everyone works together to do that. I’ve worked with California local and state politics and consulting firms and I understand that constant battle between interests there and it’s interesting to see the grassroot level in a university.

Yasmeen: I was wondering what you think will be your biggest challenge or what you’re least looking forward to as an executive senator?

Douglass: I can’t think of anything. Maybe answering question i don’t have the answer to. That’s tough. Other than that, maybe sometimes I’m overwhelmed with people from where i’m out of my league. If I’m talking to someone about a budget, I don’t know what that means. So being upfront with my lack of knowledge in certain situations.

Alex: Sorry, what was the question?

Yasmeen: What you’re least looking forward to or will be your biggest challenge.

Alex: I think its something we all face as graduate and professional students is trying to balance our school work and other activities and trying to get involved in the university wide level. Also, to try to do the best job we can for graduate and professional student body, the university and not neglecting our studies. We tend to do that and sometimes fighting our nature and walking the best line as best as we can and figuring it out as we go.

Evan: Both of you spoke broadly to what your goals are. Are either you on committees and regardless of that answer, where do you think your specific interests lie within the scope within these committees between committee coordinating, science & policy, diversity, and with organizing events etc.?

Chris L: Is it okay if I refine the question?

Evan: Yes.

Chris L: Can you speak to a particular initiative that you would like to pursue as an executive committee member?

Alex:I’m not sure if I have any specific initiatives. I’m on the state legislative coordinating committee so I’ve always been passionate about that. I’ve been involved with a lot of state politics and I’ve interned down at Olympia for former governors. Externally our relationship with governors is the most important thing we can do and then internally with ASUW, administration and faculty. I care. My normal initiative is generally governing things but anything we can do to
help community building and making sure our social events are successful.

Douglass: Specifically, I’m on the state and federal steering committee. Initiative wise, I can’t think of anything specifically but I would like to find initiatives that represent the graduate school and basically all that.

Chris L: So now you will find your ballot in your nametag. I believe Genesis has the ballot box. If anyone need a pen we have some. This is the time where you now lock in your votes if you remember from America’s Funniest Home Videos.

**Legislative Agenda Overview**

Chris L: So while they’re doing that, Chris will be giving an overview of the legislative agenda.

Chris E: So in a couple of weeks you’ll see a legislative agenda that SLSC will be putting together in the next couple of weeks. This is our staff listed here. Any input from you guys, we are open to them. I want to go through a broad overview and go into some specific things. Again, this is your committee. We had a discussion of if we need more people, I might come back to you guys later for that. I’m limited to nine people but I would say that the more people that would like to be involved, I think is better personally but I’ll come back to that. This is a bit of a mix-up kind of showing senators and where people are from. Some people have worked on the legislative agenda before and some people are new but I’ll be going through and lay out a roadmap for what we want to work on. It can be very broad. If something comes up that we want to look at, then we’ll have the ability to do that. We do want to be very focused on things that we want to highlight. My idea would be that we will follow the ASUW and WSA legislative agenda and at least on WSA, we are somewhat binded as a group on that since we have two members on the executive board on that group and we put our life on the line to get transportation funding on there.

Chris L: It was a debate.

Chris E: Yes, but we got that on there. So in trade for that we need to work on some things like the DREAM Act. However, with a lot of these things, they don’t have a lot to do with graduate students. Differential tuition is a prime example of that. It doesn’t affect us but we can go through these and we’ll see how some of this might jump up on to our radar. Again the strategy would be broadly supporting ASUW and WSA. Then work on this thing that we talked about in the elections of putting a face to UW through students through issues that don’t have to do with funding and instead, finding other things that we’re interested in. On another level, if you look at that list of people, there are 2 or 3 people that aren’t from the Evans School. This is a big thing. How do we get people involved that are not from the Evans School? Obviously, we’re dealing with policy which is great and if we can tie the policy part with what other people are doing with work and research and can actually speak to legislators and showing them that we care and are passionate, I think that’s awesome. I talked with several legislators especially at the legislative reception the other night and they all come back and say the same thing that that’s what we
need to be doing. This is a really great thing and that they’re happy for us and help us in any way they can. This will obviously at the discretion of the legislative steering committee now. Also this will be the first time you’re seeing this now but if you think of something, you should send stuff to me.

Chris L: It will be sent to you as well.

Chris E: This deciding process will be over the next couple of weeks. So when we do it, it’s more of a formality that everybody will know what’s going on. So a couple other things, transportation is obviously a big thing. We talked about it a bit. The next one is voter access. 1267 would extend the voter registration deadline to 8 days before the election or actually up to the day of the election.

Chris L: Up to day of election if it’s in person.

Chris E: I’ll come back to that in a second. The other ones are a little less higher up there since they’re actually from WSA. Fee based programs is still up there. We did that last year. A couple folks from public health.

Chris L: Library of Informational Sciences.

Chris E: Someone who is really influential and getting that far is Representative Pollet. He has in on his radar and we hope that’s a slam dunk. There’s two veterans bill. People say that their campuses are veteran friendly and they recruit when they aren’t so this is a check to do that. The other one would be for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, to receive that, you have to be in-state. Or to get in-state tuition, you have to be in that state. This would mean that if somebody was honorably discharged, within a year if they move to Washington, they would automatically get in-state tuition instead of waiting for a year. We feel that that is a good thing and will be advocating for that. Our other focus is some conversations I had with some people. We’ll talk about this in the state leg committee. Definitely pass us your stuff that you think will be interesting. Social impact bonds. Have you heard about those? This is an idea that a private company could pay for a partnership with a city or a company. In New York, the big thing is prison prevention. Wells Fargo paid 9.4 million dollars to run this program. If it’s successful, the city would have to pay them back with the savings that they got from it working. That’s the idea behind it. This guy, Han Zeiger, he’s 28 and has a lot of energy. So he’s really excited about that and would be something cool to look into as well. Another one is from Representative Riccelli. He’s a second year guy from the Evans School. He’s proposing a tax holiday on textbooks from university bookstores. I think that’s a pretty cool deal and might actually make people buy from bookstore than from Amazon. Another interesting thing which will be a bit of a stretch will be the state bank. Right now, we bank with Bank of America. That is where all of our money sits. If you’re interested in other opportunities a state bank would be an interesting thing. This also would be somewhat of an impact since it would be where we hold our marijuana tax money if we ever collect it without the feds seizing it. One thing I will talk about is through our voter drives this year, we had some come back and the system we had in place to
get people registered didn’t work so we came back and we had some people that didn’t get their ballots so we’re working on that. Then there is this idea of a path to residency. Last year, we heard a lot of people talk about how do we get involved as out-of-state students. I think this is an interesting conversation to start having. Especially in light of how do we want to keep our graduate students, our doctoral students, our Ph. D students here? I think this is an interesting argument where among others with Frank Chopp who’s the Speaker of the House and I spoke to this with him the other night. He had a lot of questions but he continued to talk to me about it. We also talk about funding messages all the time. Most of the money coming in is from the feds. If that ever happened that we get cut with things like sequestration, what will happen? When all these things start to impact the pool of money to UW, what will we do? So there’s an impetus I think for talent recruiting for the best professors and best students period to make sure UW is at the top of the list of universities and research. I think that will be an investment from the state if that ever happens. He said that with the latest revenue forecast, that is looking favorable as a supplemental budget discussion that we could talk about. I want to leave that open and SLSC as well as FLSC can hash through all that. I think I’m running late here so we’ll call it good. If you do have questions, reach out to me or to the members as well. We’ll let it come down from you guys and let it rain from the top.

Chris L: If anyone does have questions for Chris, I’ll entertain a motion to extend time but if not, we can move on.

Chris L: So just wanted to give a quick review of the Higher Ed Summit. It’s something that the GPSS does every year.

Alice: I’m sorry. Could you go back one slide? We glossed over it. That’s an important piece that we have an action item at our next meeting.

Yasmeen: We don’t have a meeting that day.

Chris L: We will have a very brief meeting that day.

Yasmeen: Sorry, it’s not on the calendar so it’s not on the website so you can’t actually call a meeting. Are we calling an impromptu meeting? Because I think these are scheduled in a year in advance.

Chris L: I do have the power to convene the senate but we will rectify that. It will be a very short one with one agenda item to approve the legislative agenda.

Alice: Just to clarify and as a point of information, we will get a copy of this state legislative agenda to review a week in advance with adequate notification since people have not known about that meeting?

Chris L: I apologize for the confusion.
Alice: But we will get a copy of the agenda a week in advance so when we approve it, it won’t be a surprise. And so with FLSC, will we meet soon?

Genesis: Can we discuss this after?

Chris E: The people on the committee know who they are and we’ve been talking to get a meeting together.

**Higher Education Summit Review**

Chris L: So recap of our Higher Education Summit which was on Monday and Tuesday. We had an informative panel on Pay It Forward for which is an alternative funding model for higher education that the Oregon state legislature commissioned a study on and there has been a lot of interest and energy in the Washington state legislature to have a study and moving to a pilot program with one institution in one field with one program. That was really interesting. Yesterday, we heard from the director from the up and coming Integrated Social Sciences degree completion program, Dr. Matt Spark about online education and then we had a panel talking about the Affordable Care Act and our insurance as students which was actually really informative. I know the Department of Public Health also had an event on that as well so we synergistically had similar events on the same day. It’s really important and I encourage you if you have questions to contact us so we can put you in contact with people from the panel. So now announcements. Oh, do we have the results?

Genesis: Yes.

Chris L: So ladies and gentlemen, your next senator will be Alex Bolton. Congratulations Alex and thank you everyone for voting. Now for announcements.

Joey Hunziker (Development Director): I have one. There was the aforementioned meeting on December 4th. There is also, after that short meeting, down in the HUB games area where we will have our holiday mixer as well as our alumni reunion. We’ve invited about 200 and I’m still finding more to invite. If you know of anyone from recent or as far back as the 60’s or 70’s you’re welcome to bring them. It’ll be a night of food, games and drinks. We’ll have unlimited free play for the pool table, the foosball table and air hockey and the Wii and xBox. It’ll be a great chance for current senators to mix with our alumni to celebrate the end of this term and going forward for the rest of the year. I have invitations if you want something to give out. You can email me at gpssdevl@uw.edu. Elisa will put it in the notes.

Gary: It says 5 on the website for the event. It just needs to be clarified. What time is the meeting?

Chris L: 5:30 for the meeting and by 6 at the latest, we’ll have the party.

Gary: Is it open to all graduate students?
Joey: No, this is specifically for senators and alumni but if you have people on committees or other people in some capacity, they are free to come as well. The main point is that we want more opportunities for networking with our senators to meet with alumni and this is our first step and we’ll have more events like this throughout the year. If this is successful we’ll welcome through the Community Affairs committee for participation for the next steps.

Yasmeen: I want to point out that Chris is correct. He can call a meeting but we must be informed that there is a special meeting and that there is a time, place and reason for the meeting. That’s going to happen in a couple weeks. There also has to be a quarter of us there to vote on this so I don’t know how that’s going to happen if people hadn’t been informed before.

Chris L: I believe that that has been on our calendar since the beginning of the year.

Alan-Michael Weatherford (Comparative Literature): Tomorrow at the UW Research Commons there is a bunch of graduate students that are showcasing our research in a series of TED style talks. I’ll be one of them. It’s 4-530pm tomorrow in the Research Commons which is in the Allen South Library. I will be talking about the trajectories of power in torture so if you guys are interested, please come by.

Elisa: The GPA of the Year award is something that GPSS organizes and gathers nominations for and we awarded two GPAs last year, Betsy Mao and Elizabeth Coons. Awards were given out at the Donuts with the Dean event this Monday. Since they didn’t have awards ceremony that they usually have at June, they will be announcing the winners from this last year as well as whoever wins this year at the awards ceremony in June 2014.

Chris L: Any other announcements? I would entertain a motion to adjourn but I’m not sure we have quorum.

Alice: Motion to suspend the bylaws so we can have a motion to adjourn the meeting without a quorum.

Kimberly: I don’t think we could do that either.

Chris L: Motion to adjourn?

Evan: So moved.

Alex: Second.

Chris L: Any opposed? Thank you.