Senate Meeting

January 16th, 2013
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## Approval of Agenda

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Wednesday, January 16th, 2013  
5:30pm in HUB 145

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GPSS
Senate Meeting
November 28th, 2012

Adam Sherman (GPSS President): First, a couple of things. If you have comment cards or want comment cards, please pass these around and fill them out. Also, its important when you speak to stand and say your first and last name and department. Also, if you want to stay after, there will be socialization in our office. Finally, please don’t walk off with your nametags.

1) Call to Order
Adam: calls meeting to order at 5:34pm

2) Approval of agenda
Adam: I entertain motion to approve agenda
Alexandra Kaufman (Nutritional Sciences): moves
Will Scott (Computer Science and Engineering): seconds

3) Approval of Minutes
Kimberly Schertz (Law): move
Kiana Scott (Communications): seconds

4) Temperature Reading
Vera Giampietro (GPSS Treasurer): Last temperature reading we didn’t have anyone with comments or issues. This is a time to do so. In lieu of anyone’s suggestions, I may read some comments. Does anyone have anything to bring to attention? Comments from last meeting 1) quieter food...
Valerie Tung (Rehabilitation Medicine): Maybe switching food would be good.
Vera: We had UAW discussion before breakout session. There was a suggestion to reverse the order.
Meaghan McCallow (Special Ed): The caucuses are focusing on college councils and with my program that breakout is not that relevant.
Edward Schwieterman (Astronomy): If we a have resolution on the table, then we will have guests and it’d be good to have it at beginning so they don’t have to wait around.
Vera: Final comment: a request for senators to do reading beforehand to keep discussion on the issue rather than on information gathering that should have been gleaned from what we sent out beforehand.
Adam: It was also mentioned that it might be preferable to have communal style seating arrangement.
Alice Popejoy (PH Genetics): The idea that we were going to have more of democratic seating, U shape. Are people in favor?
Alexandra K (Nutritional Science): I’ve been in communal setting in senate before but it leads to talking amongst ourselves and not paying attention.
Welcome back senators!

Comments from last Senate Meeting (11/28):
• 1 request for Quiet Coyote

Thoughts/Announcements/News from Departments

Comment cards
• Fill them out. Give us feedback.
Previously on GPSS…

Guest Speaker: Rep. Pollett

Executive Committee Appointments

Travel Grants Committee update

Approved State Legislative Agenda

Committee Chair Updates

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   - No Upfront First- and Last-Month Rent Payments
   - All-Inclusive Monthly Billing
     - no cable or utility bills
   - Individual Agreements for Each Student
     - no roommate money worries

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**We make life simpler**

- **Help When You Need It**
  staff available onsite 24/7

- **A Secure Community that Supports Academic Success**
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We offer value

Proximity
- 20 minutes or less to walk anywhere on campus

Convenience
- Grocery shopping within walking distance
- Almost every location in the Seattle Area is conveniently reachable by public transportation with the U-Pass
- Access to fitness center for on-campus residents
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We offer safety

- Electronic key pad entry
- Apartments patrolled by UW Police
- Free and secured indoor bicycle storage
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We focus on the student’s success

- Neighbors will be at similar phases of their university career
- Students can live with others in their program
- An a la carte menu of social and networking opportunities

Housing & Food Services
University of Washington Division of Student Life
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**MERCER COURT**
The newest addition to our West Campus neighborhood offers stunning views of Portage Bay, rooftop terraces, community rooms and a café.
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Mercer Court Pre-Lease

Wish you were here...

- Begins January 10, 2013
- Graduate Students can Pre-Lease and receive one month free rent!
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CEDAR APARTMENTS
Open-center building design offers ample spaces to relax, study and socialize. A sleek, sustainable building for an urban, independent lifestyle.
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Starting at $778

STEVENS COURT
Spacious units in shared apartments with plenty of storage, light-filled rooms, and a vibrant, inclusive community.
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RADFORD COURT
Ideal for the nontraditional student, whether married or single, with children or without. Our most flexible and unique property. Pets are welcome.
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Family Housing

Affordable Living, Supportive Community!

- **Commodore Duchess**
  - Classic charm of a 1920s building. Most units have hardwood floors and all receive natural light thanks to large windows and high ceilings.

- **Radford Court**
  - Ideal for the nontraditional student, whether married or single, with children or without. Our most flexible and unique property. Pets are welcome.

- **Stevens Court**
  - Spacious units in shared apartments with plenty of storage, light-filled rooms, and a vibrant, inclusive community.

- **Laurel Village & Blakeley Village**
  - Combining the independence of apartment life with the support a busy family needs. Families thrive in this special environment.
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- Graduate student application opens Friday, March 22nd
- Graduate students who apply between March 22nd – April 11th will receive highest priority
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Questions?
Elections Committee
CALL for Volunteers!

• At least 4 senators

• Duties:
  – Develop the GPSS Elections Rules
  – Elections Packet to be voted on by the Senate
  – Conduct the GPSS Election in May
Legislative Update

Session: Jan 14th – April 28th

State Budget:
- Shortfall
- K-12 funding mandate
- Gregoire proposal: $52m cut for higher ed if no new revenue
Legislative Update

New Revenue?

- Inslee and Senate mostly opposed
- Options: extend beer, business taxes from 2010, school levy swap, possible federal online tax
Universities proposal: freeze in-state undergrad tuition if state increases funding by $225 million

- Roughly $80m for UW
- Primarily for faculty/staff pay increase
- Graduate tuition limits not included
Legislative Update

Goals

- New revenue/funding for higher ed
- Financial aid for grad students
- Support for TAs
Legislative Update

Get Involved!

- Lobby Day: Friday, Feb 15\textsuperscript{th}
- Student testimonials
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} lobby day: President’s Day (2/18)
2013 Social Calendar

Speed Dating

- Participants must register online.
- Monday 1/28 – Speed Dating
- Thursday 1/31 – Speed Dating & LGBTQ Mixer

- Free
- Drinks
- 7pm
- Gould Hall
  40th & The Ave
2013 Social Calendar

Spring Social

- Thursday, April 25, 7 – 10pm
- HUB North Ballroom
  - Still considering themes... write to us with your suggestions (vintage Olympics?).

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   - What sort of issues is your department facing that GPSS should know about?
   - Discuss options for how GPSS (or other resources) can address those issues
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Senator Bio Request

Trond Nilsen (Industrial and Systems Engineering)

Trond is entering his 5th year as a PhD student in the Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, where he is working on the design and construction of intelligent educational games for teaching human anatomy. He has been part of GPSS since shortly after his arrival at UW in 2008, and an Executive Senator since 2009. In addition, he serves from time to time as technical advisor and web monkey for the organization. An international student from New Zealand, Trond revels in travel, seeing new things, and above-all learning - no topic is too nerdy. In addition to his academic pursuits, he enjoys cooking, photography, game design, and classical music. He keeps a blog called Meme-Hazard.
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