Senate Meeting
October 5, 2011
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2. Orientation

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Provost Search

6. GPSS Committee Appointments

7. Announcements

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Introduction to GPSS

- Officer Introductions
- Committee Opportunities
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How to participate in meetings: Parliamentary Procedure
Resolution Number: Practice-1  
Date Submitted: 10/5/11  
Sponsor: Trond Nilsen, Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Cosponsor(s): Colin Goldfinch, Treasurer

A Resolution in Support of Cake  
WHEREAS cake is, in the opinion of many, among the best things in the world, edging out pie, scones, tarts, muffins, cream puffs, and cheesecake, and;  
WHEREAS cake is a delectable treat, and;  
WHEREAS cake is a common symbol of celebration, therefore;  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:  
THAT the GPSS wholly pledges its support for cake, and;  
THAT GPSS formally requests that our Student Activities Office Advisor Rene Singleton provide a carrot cake at the final Senate meeting of the 2011-12 academic year, and;  
THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to SAO Advisor Rene Singleton.
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Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is responsible for advising the Officers on various issues and policies; recommending an annual budget to the Senate; approving GPSS appointments to several committees; and acting on behalf of the entire Senate whenever it is not in session, including over the summer.

Members: The four Officers, four Executive Senators and an ASUW Board of Directors member. The Executive Senators are nominated by the Officers and approved by the Senate. Nominations may also be made from the Senate floor.

Meetings: At least twice monthly, on Wednesdays at 6:00pm (Fall) or 5:30pm (winter & spring).
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**Judicial Committee**

The Judicial Committee is the standing investigative body of the GPSS and has the right to review all Bylaw amendments before they are presented to the full Senate.

**Members:** The Judicial Committee is composed of 6 Senators, **elected by majority at the first Senate meeting**, and the Secretary as a non-voting, ex-officio member.

- Voting Judicial Committee members cannot sit on any other internal GPSS committees.

- Judicial Committee members cannot run for GPSS office and must resign from their committee position at least 35 days prior to the officer election if they choose to run.

**Meetings:** At least once per quarter.
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**Finance and Budget**

The Finance and Budget Committee has three primary responsibilities:  1.) Overseeing and approving the annual GPSS Budget; 2.) Allocating funding for the Special Allocation Fund (special projects funding for Registered Student Organizations); 3.) Allocating funding for the Department Allocation Fund (special funding to build student communities in the UW’s various departments).

**Members:** The Treasurer and 5-9 Senators.

**Meetings:** Thursdays at 2pm. Twice per month to once a week depending on work load.
Travel Grants Committee

The Travel Grants Committee oversees the allocation of funding to support graduate and professional students to travel to domestic and international conferences. The committee sets metrics against which to judge applications, rates applications, and decides how much funding to allocate to top scoring applications. The Committee is a great way to promote excellent research and help students build new networks between University of Washington researchers and the global academic community.

**Members:** GPSS Treasurer and 4-6 Senators.

**Meetings:** Thursdays at 4pm on: November 10, January 12, March 8, and May 10.
State Legislative Steering Committee

The State Legislative Steering Committee assists the Vice President in developing the State Legislative Agenda, which informs what issues the Vice President presents to the state legislature. Because the legislative session occurs during winter quarter, the committee will meet more frequently during fall quarter, to establish legislative priorities.

**Members:** GPSS Vice President and **up to 10 graduate and professional students**.

**Meetings:** At least once per quarter during the academic year.
Federal Legislative Steering Committee

The Federal Legislative Steering Committee assists the Vice President in developing the Federal Legislative Agenda, which informs what issues the Vice President presents to the U.S. Congress. To amplify the voice of UW students, GPSS has partnered with student governments at other top tier public research universities from around the country; representatives from these governments meet in late fall or early winter to establish a collective agenda. The bulk of this committee’s work occurs during fall quarter.

Members: GPSS President, Vice President, two SAGE delegates, and up to 3 graduate and professional students.

Meetings: At least once per quarter during the academic year.
Graduate Program Review Committee

The Graduate Program Review Committee ensures graduate student experiences are included in the academic program review process conducted by the Graduate School. Committee members help administer a survey of graduate students enrolled in the program and participate in focus group discussions. The results of these activities are summarized and presented as reports to the Graduate School and Reviewing Committee and become part of the permanent departmental record. These reports also help the Reviewing Committee generate its final report that critically evaluates the program and sets the course for the future direction of the program.

Members: GPSS President (or proxy – Chief of Staff) and 6-10 Senators.

Meetings: At least once per quarter during the academic year.
Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee

The Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee members act as “process advocates” for students who are in disputes with other members of the university community. Members act as neutral observers for those students who request such services in the formal or informal hearing of a dispute.

Members: GPSS Secretary and 3-5 Senators.

Meetings: At least once per quarter during the academic year.
ASUW Senate Liaisons

GPSS has two Senate seats in the ASUW Senate. The Liaisons are expected to represent the graduate and professional student voice in ASUW Senate meetings.

Meetings: ASUW Senate meets Tuesdays at 5pm in Gowen 301.
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Higher Education Summit

Save the Date! Friday, November 4, 2011

Who: Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)
What: 5th Higher Education Summit
When: Friday, November 4, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Where: University of Washington, Kane Hall, Walker-Ames Room

This year’s summit focuses on the ability of Washington residents to attain an advanced degree at a public institution given the ever-increasing student debt burden.
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Next Meeting:
Wednesday, November 2, 2011
5:30pm
Condon Hall Room 109