Senate Meeting

January 27th, 2016
Call to Order

Alex Bolton
Approval of the Agenda

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GPSS Senate Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5:30 pm
HUB 334

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Approval of the Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:37 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) moves to approve the agenda.
   Mahdi Ashrafi (Mechanical Engineering) seconds.

   Seeing no objections, the agenda is approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 5:38 pm

   Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) moves to approve the minutes.
   Mahdi Ashrafi (Mechanical Engineering) seconds.

   Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved.

4. GPSS SPOTLIGHT: OFFICE OF THE OMBUD 5:38 pm

   Presenter Emma Williams
   The Ombud office serves about 100,000 students, staff, and faculty at each of UW’s campuses (Bothell, Seattle, and Tacoma). Anyone with contact with the University can use the services of the Ombud office. Yet, 60% of those currently utilizing services are faculty/staff, while only 30% are students; they would like to see more students making use of their services. The three basic tenants of the Ombud office are: confidential, impartial, and informal. Students can rest assured that whatever they discuss within the Ombud office will be kept confidential. They help students to advocate for themselves without resorting to legal action. When students come to see them, they will ask what happened and what they would like to see happen. Some common areas they hear complaints are: job security, institutional status, evaluative relationships, and career progression.

   Q&A (answered by Emma Williams)
   • Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences) asks what is the best way to contact their office.
     • A: Call 206-543-6028 to make an appointment.

   • Eloise Kim (Secretary) asks how long it takes for a case to be resolved.
     • A: It varies. Their office tries to get people in within 24 hours to begin working on it. It can take...
GPSS Spotlight:
UW Police Department

Chief of Police John N. Vinson
Judicial Committee Elections

Elloise Kim
Memorandum on Attendance and Proxy

Elloise Kim
A Resolution Requesting that the UW Honors State Holidays

Alex Bolton
Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UW HONOR STATE HOLIDAYS

Sponsored by: Alex Bolton, GPSS President

Written by: Alex Bolton, GPSS President

Resolution Number: 04. 15-16

WHEREAS the UW academic calendar clearly includes state holidays; and

WHEREAS UW is a state institution; and

WHEREAS some faculty desire to schedule make up classes that otherwise would have been held on the state holiday; and

WHEREAS some faculty have considered scheduling make up classes on said holiday, essentially ignoring the holiday; and

WHEREAS concerns about doing so, may lead the faculty member to consider having the make up class on the weekend with less than 24 hour notice

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT no classes shall be scheduled on state holidays; and

THAT no classes scheduled during the week can have make up classes scheduled on a weekend.

THAT copies of this resolution be sent to University President Ana Mari Cauce, Provost Gerald Baldasty, ASUW President Tyler WU, ASUWT President Sophie Nop, and ASUWB President Dominick Juarez.

Presented to GPSS for approval on
Approved on
A Resolution in Support of the University of Washington hosting Tent City III

Justin Bare
Title: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HOSTING TENT CITY III

Sponsored by: Justin Bare (Computer Science & Engineering)

Written by: Justin Bare (Computer Science & Engineering)

Resolution Number: 05. 15-16

WHEREAS access to shelter is a fundamental human right and should be facilitated by any society that claims to care for the welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS according to a King County Survey, an estimated 10,047 people are homeless on any given night in 20151; and

WHEREAS in 2015 the annual One Night Count found 3,772 sleeping outside without shelter in Seattle, a 21% increase from 20142; and

WHEREAS over 7,000 people in King County are faced with finding shelter night after night, or are on waiting lists for transitional housing programs3; and

WHEREAS on a single night in 2012 at least 214 children and 152 adults looking for shelter were turned away4; and

WHEREAS 67% of people living in emergency shelter and transitional housing are people of color, as opposed to 35% of the general population of King County5; and

WHEREAS less than 5% of all apartments in King County are affordable to households earning less than 30% of median income ($26,400 for a family of four) and 45% of all renter households in King County pay more than 30% of their income for rent6; and

WHEREAS Tent City III offers a temporary fix to the problem of homelessness in King County by providing temporary housing to those without shelter for a minimal cost; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Task Force on Unsheltered Homelessness recommended in its December 2014 report that the City of Seattle permit camps to be located on public land or privately-owned, non-religious property7; and

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1 http://www.homelessinfo.org/what_we_do/one_night_count/2015_results.php
2 http://www.homelessinfo.org/what_we_do/one_night_count/2014_results.php
3 http://www.homelessinfo.org/what_we_do/one_night_count/2015_results.php
5 http://www.cehlc.org/scpe/cost.aspx
6 http://www.cehlc.org/scpe/cost.aspx
U-PASS Transportation Fee Forum

Monica Cortes Viharo
Good of the Order
Officer Reports

Various
Adjournment

Next Meeting: Feb. 10th