



Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senate Meeting Minutes Session 7

FEB. 10, 2016 | HUB 334

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:35 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ted Chen (Bioengineering) moves to approve the agenda.

Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics) seconds.

Elloise Kim (Secretary) objects and motions to add the Muslim Student Association as a guest presentation after the Spotlight.

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Science) seconds.

Ted Chen (Bioengineering) moves to approve the agenda as amended.

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences) seconds.

The amended agenda is approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5:36 pm

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology) moves to approve the minutes.

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Science) seconds.

4. GPSS SPOTLIGHT: ASUW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:37 pm

Elloise Kim (Secretary) welcomes the ASUW Board of Directors to introduce themselves and explain their positions: Elizabeth Price (Personnel Director), Abe McClenny (Finance & Budget Director), Noe Merfeld (Director of Internal Policy), Tyler Wu (President), and Jessa Cameron (Senate Vice Speaker).

Noe Merfeld (ASUW Director of Internal Policy) explains the structure of ASUW. ASUW's Board of Directors oversees and serves as a resource to the various committees which handle campus programming. For example, the Arts and Entertainment Committee puts on concerts, and the Student Senate helps pass legislation.

Tyler Wu (ASUW President) explains the relationship between the GPSS and ASUW. He

meets with Alex Bolton at least once a week to discuss what is going on in each respective body. A lot of the legislation passed by the GPSS is also passed by ASUW. Any University of Washington student is able to be an ASUW senate member so long as they have 15 sponsors backing them. The Board of Directors consists of 8 elected officials and 4 hired ex-officio members. He encourages the GPSS Senate to apply if they are interested in working for ASUW. Check out ASUW.org for more information.

Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer) shares there is a line item on the GPSS budget titled Arts and Entertainment. This line item refers to the funds the GPSS gives ASUW to attract the big artists that come to campus.

5. GUEST PRESENTATION: MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION 5:48 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) introduces Mina Sultana, the Secretary of the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

Mina Sultana (MSA Secretary) shares that the MSA is primarily comprised of undergraduates, but graduate students are welcome to join as officers and general members. The MSA is one of the most active student organizations on campus. They host three large events throughout the year, and many small events each week. On February 19th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the UW Tower, they are hosting an event titled *Faith Talks*. They have speakers from various faiths (Islam, Christian, Hebrew, Hindu, etc.) who will share how their faiths have shaped their life experiences.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) asks whether people have to be Muslim to join the MSA.

A: No, everyone is welcome. The MSA encourages the non-Muslim community to participate in, and bring awareness to the organization.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) asks how many members are in MSA.

A: There are roughly 60 regular members, but the larger events have anywhere between 400 and 500 attendees.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) asks Mina to share information regarding the local mosque that MSA.

A: The MSA owns the Islamic House, which is a mosque located on 21st. It is a great place to hang out and learn about Islamic culture.

6. ELECTIONS TIMELINE 5:53 pm

Elloise Kim (Secretary) reviews the election timeline, and shares it with the GPSS Senate. Tonight they will form the Elections Committee. On March 2nd they will publish the Elections Guide. Monday, April 25th will be the last day to submit a nomination and publish candidates' election materials on the GPSS website. While Senate members are welcome to run without these materials, their materials will not be published and distributed prior to the elections. On May 4th they will vote for the 2016-2017 officers, and candidates will be expected to give a short

speech. The results will be announced by the end of that meeting. She welcomes anyone interested in joining the Election Committee to speak now.

·**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** asks whether this election is solely for officer positions or if the Senate will also be voting on Executive Senator positions.

·**Elloise Kim (Secretary)**: This will only be for officer positions. Executive Senators elections are only needed when there are spots open.

·**Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Science)** asks how many people are needed for the Elections Committee.

· **Elloise Kim (Secretary)**: Four Senators and one Executive Senator are needed.

7. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE ELECTION

5:58 pm

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) nominates herself.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology) seconds.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology) nominates herself as well.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) seconds.

Elloise Kim (Secretary) nominates Elliot Koontz (QUERM), and he accepts.

Adam Bell (Education) seconds.

Max Showalter (Oceanography) nominates himself.

Adam Bell (Education) seconds.

Elloise Kim: Jenn Kirk (Biostatistics) will serve as the ex-officio Executive Senator on the Elections Committee, and will assist Elloise in overseeing the committee.

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Science) moves to approve the candidates as nominated.

John Lurie (Astronomy) seconds.

Alex Bolton: Seeing no objections, we have an Elections committee. Elloise will be contacting those elected individuals to solidify a meeting date.

8. WINTER SOCIAL

6:01 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs): The GPSS Winter Social will be next Thursday, Feb. 18th from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm in the HUB Games Room. There will be free bowling, pool, music, and drinks. Everyone is encouraged to come. The theme will be *Throwback to Your Alma Mater*. Attendees who wish to drink should bring their government ID as well as their Husky ID. She asks for volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and overseeing food. A sign-up sheet will circulate the room.

·**Elloise Kim (Secretary)** asks whether non-UW people can attend.

·**Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)**: Yes, one additional guest per member is

allowed to come.

9. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UW HONORS STATE HOLIDAYS

6:04 pm

Alex Bolton (President) steps down from a chair and hands it over to **Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)** to be part of the discussion as an author of this resolution.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs): This is the second reading of the resolution requesting the University of Washington honors state holidays. The GPSS Senate will vote after they have the opportunity to give feedback. She opens the room for questions and suggestions.

Discussion (Answered by Alex Bolton)

·**Jenn Kirk (Biostatistics)** asks the reason for addressing state holidays specifically in the proposal.

·**A:** If it were broaden, they were worried it would not get accepted. The problem with following breaks as they are indicated on the academic calendar is a lot of programs either start early or end early. Since there was not a universal language for every situation they have decided to focus on state holidays.

·**Adam Bell (Education)** wonders if the resolution had better aim particularly at faculty since the University of Washington already recognizes state holidays.

·**A:** Yes, the goal is for faculty to understand they are expected to observe the academic calendar and not schedule classes on these days.

·**Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** suggests changing the title, as it is misleading. It is requesting that the University of Washington honors state holidays, which they do.

·**A:** Point taken. It depends on a reader's conception. If central administration is honoring it, but faculty is not, then it is not true that the University of Washington honors state holidays.

·**Giuliana Conte (Music)** asks whether there is any information regarding the frequency of this happening.

·**A:** They do not have specific statistics, but he knows of two instances.

·**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** moves to close the debate.

·**Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences)** seconds.

·**Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)** asks all those in favor of the resolution to raise their hand. There were no oppositions or abstentions. The resolution requesting that the UW honors state holidays has passed.

Alex Bolton (President) takes back the chair position from the VP of Internal Affairs.

**10. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
HOSTING TENT CITY III**

6:10 pm

Justin Bare (Computer Science) provides a brief overview of the changes they have made since the last meeting. Most of the changes involved logistical issues that were mentioned, so it includes more details about what it will look like for the University of Washington to host the tent city. There is also more information regarding the background screenings that incoming residents must pass.

· **Vincent Jobin (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences)** asks the reason the duration is between 30 to 90 days, instead of just 90 days.

· **Justin Bare (Computer Science):** This is considered a friendly amendment. The wording is changed to “up to 90 days”.

· **Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences)** asks to remove the GPSS President from the resolution recipient list.

· **Justin Bare (Computer Science):** Seeing no objections, it is removed.

· **Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** moves to close the debate.

· **Michelle Morado-Peters (Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies)** seconds.

· **Alex Bolton (President)** asks all those in favor of the resolution to raise their hand. There were three oppositions and one abstention. The resolution in support of the University of Washington hosting Tent City III has passed.

11. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GPSS AND GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION/GOVERNMENT

6:15 pm

Alex Bolton (President) asks those students whose school, college, or department have a separate student government to raise their hand. He notes that not everyone raise their hands. He shares they are trying to facilitate better communication between the GPSS and the school/departmental student governments. He asks for volunteers to share how their student governments operate.

· **Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs)** asks whether being on diversity committee with graduate students on it counts.

· **A:** Yes, if it is part of the schools internal government.

· **Taylor Soja (History):** The history department has what they call the Graduate Liaison Committee (GLC). It is usually difficult to get people to join, but when there is more interest they do hold elections.

· **Alex Bolton (President)** asks how many people are on the committee.

· **Taylor Soja (History):** They have three officers and the meetings are open to the whole department.

· **Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences):** The College of the Environment has a governance body where one graduate student and one undergraduate student from each of the programs meet with the dean to discuss a wide range of issues, such as faculty recruiting and diversity.

Andrew Prindle (Landscape Architecture) He represents the student chapter for the professional organization for landscape architects. Within this position he serves as a liaison and attends all faculty meetings, but he is not sure if this counts as a student government.

Alex Bolton (President): The GPSS is working to understand what is going on around campus, and want to create better communication between the various student governments within each department or school. They also want to lend themselves as a resource to these departments. They are striving for a stronger overall student government structure on campus. He encourages constituents to email him with any ideas to help open the communication lines. They are also hoping to put together a luncheon to see if there are common issues that the GPSS can help resolve, so he encourages the departments to send the name of the president or chair of their departmental student governments.

Elloise Kim (Secretary) adds that for example, the English department has an inner departmental Graduate Student Organization (GSO). But most of the time they have their own business in which GPSS Senators do not necessarily partake, and vice versa, while both parties work to represent students in the department. The GPSS would like to unify the conversation between these departments and the larger community.

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

6:20 pm

Kirby Conrad (Linguistics) shares that the Senate Bill SP6443 was defeated today. It was meant to repeal anti-discrimination legislation in Washington State. They are working to draft a resolution for the GPSS to oppose further attempts to repeal anti-discrimination legislation. She encourages those interested in helping write or sponsor the resolution to reach out.

Adam Bell (Education) offers to help Kirby. He shares there is a new RSO in the College of Education called Queer Education Collective. They are looking to build coalition around the campus within the graduate schools and undergraduate programs. They are hosting a kick off event in May, titled *Bar-b-Queer*, and are hope to address issues around being queer in the field of education. He passes around a sign up sheet for those interested in getting involved.

Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs) provides a Race and Equity Initiative update. On Friday (2/12) they will be uploading their work plan on to their website for public viewing and feedback. They are looking for facilitators, especially student facilitators. He encourages constituents to email him with any ideas to incentivize being a facilitator for students.

Justin Bare (Computer Science) asks if there is a website where the Race and Equity Initiative information will be located.

Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs): Yes, if you go to the main UW website and type in Race and Equity Initiative it should be the first thing to pull up.

Viviana Garza (Proxy for Evans School) shares that she will be coordinating the National Women's Leadership Institute, and applications are now open for both undergraduate and graduate women who are interested in becoming leaders. They will have a six-day conference in June. She encourages everyone to apply and spread the word. (See Announcements)

Melanie Tate (Philosophy) shares that one of her constituents is heavily involved in the Union, and is interested in getting in contact with someone from the GPSS to discuss the microaggressions clause in the new Union contract. She will provide their contact information to anyone interested in brainstorming ideas or getting involved. (See Announcements)

Elloise Kim (Secretary): The College of Engineering is discussing the possibility of changing their admission process as early as for the 2016-2017 school year. There are more students who would like to major in engineering but fewer spots. Students are unsatisfied because they have to compete a lot to get into school and many are not able to major in engineering. Dean Brian Fabien is considering changing the admissions process by admitting 60% to 80% pre-selected students to the Engineering major. These students would be guaranteed admission to the Engineering major, but there would be no penalty if they later change their interest to study outside School of Engineering. Graduate students may not be heavily affected by this change, but it does not mean that their opinion would not count. She advises those with feedback to contact Dean Fabien.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) shares that program reviews are happening. An outside entity comes to review graduate and undergraduate programs, and conduct site visits. The GPSS is involved by creating surveys to gather student input on their programs. She encourages Senators to provide help when their program are going to be reviewed.

Giuliana Conti (music) asks how constituents can find out when this will happen for their departments.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) will send out this information for any department that will be going through a review this year.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) also shares there is a proposal to have a methane plant in Tacoma. It would involve fracking, which can affect water safety and cause earthquakes.

Seth Bergeson (Evans): The Evans School has been very interested in student mental health and the availability of services on campus. Anecdotally it seems that students are having difficulty accessing these services or are discouraged by the lack of availability. Student anxiety seems to be increasing and reaching higher levels. Right now he is working to gather stories and hear more from students. He is considering a resolution encouraging the UW to allocate more funds to these services.

Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs) extends himself as a resource/confidant for anyone experiencing stress or anxiety.

13. OFFICER REPORTS

6:36 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs): The Husky 100 application period closed; there were over 280 students, both undergraduate and graduate students that applied from all three campuses. They will announce the winners on April 1st. They just finished up the program review surveys for Education and Nursing. They are working on Math, but there are not any Senators from the Math Department this year. She encourages anyone with contacts in the Math Department to have them contact her, and thanks everyone for helping spread the word. The

Science and Policy submit will take place on May 3rd for anyone interested. The GPSS has decided rather than having two large events, the Spring Social and the 40th Anniversary Celebration, they will host several small outings along with the 40th Anniversary Celebration. So far, they have talked about Mariners game and the musical *Kinky Boots*. Any ideas for additional outings should be sent to the Executive.

Brain Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs) via James Moschella (Policy Analyst): Lobby Day was a huge success. There were about 20 graduate students lobbying on higher education issues, and push those issues to the forefront of Senators minds. The Student Loan Bill will likely not move forward this session, but Brian is working on getting the bill in as a budget proviso. They will share any new updates as they are received. The Federal and State Legislative Steering Committees will be meeting in the GPSS office on Friday (2/12) at 3:00 and 3:30 if anyone is interested in talking about these issues and helping develop the GPSS legislative agenda. Senator Patty Murray would like to bring student debt to a more national light, and will be speaking on Feb. 12th; she invites students to share their experiences and stories as a graduate student incurring student debt.

Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer) via Mac Zelle (Budget Specialist): Kerstin will be attending the Senate Meeting on Feb. 24th fully to present the 2016-2017 budget. The goal is to pass the budget during this meeting, which also happens to be the deadline and Kerstin's birthday. Lastly, the GPSS office received new computers! Many of them are from 2006.

Elloise Kim (Secretary): She had a great time during Lobby Day, which was her first time down in Olympia, and invites Senators to come next year for a great experience. Pictures are available on the GPSS Facebook page. There is still over \$4,000 of Diversity Funds available for spending. Any RSO or department is able to apply for these funds, so long as their event relates to diversity. A priority is given to those events led and attended by mostly graduate students. The ASUW has sent out a survey to collect student opinion regarding the University of Washington hosting Tent City III; she will send it out to the Senate body and encourages everyone to complete it. A forum on homelessness that Jennifer Kirk and she has planned will happen from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on February 11th in HUB 334; everyone is encouraged to attend.

Alex Bolton (President): Thanks everyone for participating in Huskies on the Hill; it was a great event! He sits on the Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS) and the Faculty Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB). He is happy to communicate student concerns regarding how money is being spent around campus to these committees. The Regents are meeting on Feb. 11th in the Intellectual House from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Their agenda is currently online; he encourages constituents to take a look and attend the meeting. He met with the head of Educational Outreach. They are interested in putting together a Student Advisory Committee to advise the head of Educational Outreach; if there is someone who is in a fee based program they will likely hear from him. Lastly, James is putting together a tax sheet; there are many tax exemptions that graduate students qualify for that they would like to share.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:50 pm

See the addendum for a full list of announcements. Announcements are collected after a Senate

meeting. Senators who have made announcements may send information including a link and a flyer if available to Elloise Kim at gpssec@uw.edu by tomorrow at noon.

15. MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:56 pm

ADDENDUM: Announcements

Microaggressions clause in the union contract

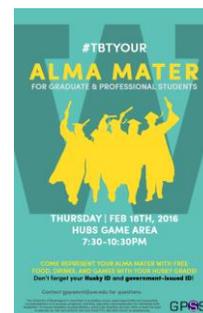
[UAW Local 4121](#) is interested in forming connections with the **GPSS Senators** in order to start brainstorming about the next steps regarding the microaggressions clause in the last union contract. If any Senators are interested in working with people from the union about the microaggressions clause, please contact Sam Sumpter (Philosophy) at ssumpter@uw.edu.

GPSS Winter Social: Throwback to Your Alma Mater #TBT

Feb.18th (Thursday), 7:30 -10 pm

HUB Games Area

Who were you before being a Husky? When was the last time you went bowling? Come on over to the HUB Games Area and show us what you got! That evening, we encourage you to join us and proudly represent your college mascot. This event will provide an opportunity for UW graduate and professional students who come from all walks of life to network and connect with one another. Escape the winter gray with a fun evening of music, games, drinks, and some tasty treats!



Apply for GPSS Diversity Funds

Diversity Funds are to supplement programs or events that are related to diversity efforts of Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and b) departments. Diversity includes but is not limited to consideration of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, class, dis/ability, age, religion, and nationality. To learn how to apply, visit its policy page: <http://depts.washington.edu/gpss/content/diversity-funds>. Any questions about GPSS Diversity Funds, email GPSS Secretary (gppssec@uw.edu).

EVOLVE!

Throughout February 2016

ASUW Black Student Commission presents a month-long program to celebrate **Black History Month**. Check out their events! For more information visit <http://bsc.asuw.org/>.



The _____ Monologues

Feb. 11th(Thu) – 13th(Sat), 7 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

HUB Lyceum

The ASUW Women's Action Commission presents the production of The _____ Monologues. The _____ Monologues is an entirely student written, performed, and organized production. Cast members will share personal stories of survival, identity, and resistance through a range of performances. As a challenge to the widely known Vagina Monologues, The _____ Monologues asserts that people can tell their own stories in their own voices. It is FREE!!!! Check its event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/216094042065136/>

Student Survey for Tent City 3 at University of Washington

Tent City has partnered with ASUW to gauge student opinions on a potential hosting of Tent city 3. Please encourage all constituents to participate and fill out this story for graduate students to have a voice!

[https://docs.google.com/a/uw.edu/forms/d/1DLMH-drOwF7rq\\$ZA0HMDRuSGsoxWv8B7wL7d3MZXX_E/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/uw.edu/forms/d/1DLMH-drOwF7rq$ZA0HMDRuSGsoxWv8B7wL7d3MZXX_E/viewform)

Graduate Student Internship in Student Food Insecurity

Priority consideration for applications submitted by **Feb. 15th (Mon)**

The Division of Student Life is seeking one graduate student for a paid internship to create and implement a pilot program to address food insecurity among University of Washington students on the Seattle campus. The student selected for this internship will have the opportunity to develop the strategy, structure, goals, objectives, relationships and overall model which will shape the success of this new initiative, an on-campus food pantry. Additionally, this intern will have the opportunity to participate in greater campus discussions on addressing food insecurity among the UW community. Visit <http://careers.uw.edu/HuskyJobs/Students> (ID# 99098) for more details about the job description.

Spring course of the Race and Equity Initiative Series

This series creates an important and needed space for graduate students, as well as faculty and staff, to engage in critical inquiry and dialogue about salient and timely aspects of diversity. To learn more about the course, contact Ada C. Onyewuenyi (adao@uw.edu).

Communicating Science 2016 workshop

Application Deadline: Mar. 1st (Tue), 2016

Applications are now open for the Communicating Science 2016 workshop (<http://comscicon.com/apply-comscicon16>) in Cambridge, MA on June 9-11th, 2016. Graduate students at US institutions in all fields of science and engineering are encouraged to apply. The application will close on March 1st. Acceptance to the workshop is competitive; attendance of the workshop is free and travel support will be provided to accepted applicants.

Data Science for Social Good

Application Deadline: Mar. 1st (Tue), 2016

The University of Washington eScience Institute, in collaboration with Urban@UW and Microsoft, is excited to announce the 2016 Data Science for Social Good (DSSG) summer program. The program brings together data and domain scientists to work on focused, collaborative projects that are designed to impact public policy for social benefit.

<http://escience.washington.edu/get-involved/incubator-programs/data-science-for-social-good/>

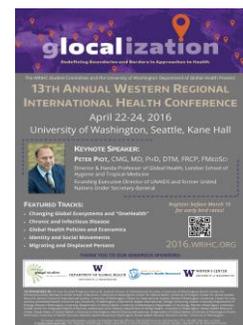
Glocalization

Registration Now Open! Early bird registration ends on **March 15th (Tue)**.

April 22nd(Fri)-24th(Sun), 2016

Kane Hall

Glocalization, the namesake and focus of this conference, emphasizes the interconnected nature of global and local health. Put more simply, *glocalization* shifts health perspectives, intertwining ideas from global and local viewpoints. Inspired by this concept of *glocalization*, we want to initiate conversations about approaching health in a collaborative way, unifying people dealing with similar issues and patterns around the world. We are all locally based on the globe. Find more information at <https://www.facebook.com/Western-Regional-International-Health-Conference-301443029280/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1517907931871637/>



Apply for the Alene Moris National Education for Women's Leadership Institute

Application Deadline: April. 3rd (Sun), 2016

Institute Dates: June 13-18, 2016

The University of Washington's Women Center is gearing up for the 2016 Alene Moris National Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership Institute. Every year, the Women's Center hosts a 6-Day Institute for undergraduate and graduate women to provide them with skills and training to be leaders in their communities to improve women's representation in leadership positions in the non-profit, private and political sectors. Any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year program in Washington is eligible. Out-of-state students with Washington residency are also eligible to apply. [Apply Here](#) & [Nominate a Woman to the Program](#). For more information, visit, [Alene Moris NEW Leadership Website](#).