Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senate Meeting Minutes Session 9

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Call to Order 5:35 PM

1. Approval of Agenda 5:36 pm

Adam Bell (Learning Sciences & Human Development) Moves to amend agenda and move the Resolution on UW Sanctuary to after Elections Committee.

Erika Keim (Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences) Seconds.

Andrew Prindle (Landscape Architecture) Moves to approve the Agenda as amended.

May Tran (ASUW Senate Liaison) Seconds.

2. Approval of Minutes 5:35 pm

Julian Helmer (iSchool ALISS): Moves to approve the Minutes.


3. UW President Ana Mari Cauce 5:36 pm

President Cauce: Wants this to be mostly Q&A. She is aware that as a country, and therefore as University, we are in uncharted territory. She doesn’t think they have ever been in a situation where they get so much coming at them all at once, whether it is Executive Orders or new policies. It is difficult to gauge the seriousness of things as well. We have a president, and his entire team that is less politically experienced than others have been. It has been anxiety provoking for a lot of people, and some of it is about the policies. The travel ban was something that happened like that. She hopes everyone knows that the UW played a critical role in the attorney general’s case on that issue.

We are all concerned about things like what might happen with science funding. A lot of scientist are concerned about funding of things like NIH etc. Certainly, some of the rhetoric around Muslims, around women, around people of color have people concerned as well. Our undocumented students are especially concerned about what might be coming down. Although, he continues to say that he has a soft spot in his heart for DACA students, no one really knows what that means. This is one of the things that herself and other leaders of this University are trying to figure out, that is part of why she is here. They are trying to figure out how to communicate while they want to communicate enough they don’t want to over communicate. If they send you stuff all the time they know that you stop reading it. This is a marathon not a sprint
and they can’t react to everything like the sky is falling, and they have been trying to walk that balance. On the one hand, they want to be reassuring about the issues they can be reassuring about on the one hand not give false reassurances because there are lots of things that are not under their control that they are having conversations about but are not sure how to respond to, like funding. There are some things they can step up and plug the hole for, for a year or two but if research funding were to go away that’s a billion dollars and a half. They can do some bridge funding but they can’t make up for that. She is here to take questions, hear a little bit about what your concerns are and answer them to the best of her ability.

Maxwell Nelson (Guest): GPSS will be looking at a Resolution tonight about sanctuary campuses and how we feel about that as a body. What is it that is at stake exactly if there are punishments for being a sanctuary campus, such as withholding of federal dollars. What would the exact consequences be or the University of Washington?

President Cauce: She has seen the amendment and the UW has actually already agreed to almost all of it. If you look at her website, you will see that the University has agreed that they don’t release information to ICE without a warrant. The UWPD will not cooperate with ICE on raids, and they don’t stop people for immigration violations. If they stop someone for something else, they don’t ask about immigration status and if it comes up they don’t report it. Those are the three basic tenants of what a sanctuary campus is. She has already agreed to those three publicly. Some of the others on there, such as in state tuition and scholarship dollars, those are controlled at the state level. They are not things that are controlled by the federal level. It is possible through Executive Order that he could take away DACA for example. However, it is our state that gives in state tuition, not just to DACA students, but to HB1079 students as well. There is already a proposal going around, Drew Hansen is the sponsor in Olympia that is trying to preemptively say that if this happens the state will continue to give in-state tuition for undocumented students and that they will continue to have undocumented students qualify for the college need grant and for the Washington scholars grant. From the university perspective they have already run some numbers on what would happen if they did take away tuition. Undocumented students already don’t get Pell grants we are the only school in the state that makes up for that. Undocumented students are covered under the husky promise so the University makes up for the fact that they are not eligible for pell grants. She doesn’t make a big deal of this, because she doesn’t think its to the benefit of our undocumented students for us to highlight this information. On average we have about 400 undocumented undergraduate students on campus and on average they get about 16,000 dollars a year of financial aid. On average they don’t pay tuition. We have looked at what it would cost us if the state need grant was also pulled and unless there is a law against it we are pretty much prepared to continue any student that is already here until they graduate with similar financial aid package. Like I said I have every reason to believe that at the state level the resolution to have DACA students and undocumented students as well as HB1079 students to be eligible for the state need grant was a bipartisan decision. She has every reason to believe that regardless of what happens at the federal level that we will continue. There are some rules, you have to have gone to a Washington state high school. The other thing that the Resolution had in it was that if someone from ICE came on campus we would notify people. That is easy enough to do, the truth is it would be against ICE
policies to come on to campus. Their policies say that they don't enter sensitive areas. Amongst those are elementary schools and among those are college campuses. If they do come here, and that would be against their policies, we would not be able to stop them from coming on to campus because this is an open campus, but we would be perfectly prepared to not let them come into dorms and classes. That is something we would not cooperate with them with, unless they had a warrant. The other thing in the GPSS Resolution was providing services too and can't say in truth that they ant offer individualized services to everyone. However, they have been doing know your rights workshops for undocumented students and immigrants more generally. In terms of the immigration ban our office of international students very much reached out to everybody to let them know that they could come to the workshop and get a limited amount of legal aid. One of our students, a graduate student, was stopped on the border and within 24 hours there was a letter from her. He was allowed to enter after that. We do provide legal information and make that available to our students that are undocumented and that are immigrants. We plan to continue to do that. Most of what is in the resolution, has been publicly agreed to. She doesn't like using the word sanctuary because it has no meaning. There is a meaning to a sanctuary city, but there is no legal meaning to a sanctuary campus and she thinks that it can be misleading. The truth is they have limited ability to protect folks, we saw that Seattle is a sanctuary city and we saw someone that was a DACA student get arrested. Yes, we can do certain things to stop but you can’t bring your relatives in here to be taken care of. So, sanctuary may convey more than it means. Also, she doesn’t necessarily want to put a target on UW in terms of federal funding. We can do our work without necessarily using that word. We have already agreed to the basic tenants of a sanctuary campus in November.

Andrew Prindle (Landscape Architecture): One thing that has been brought to my attention is the loss of access to data, whether it is in terms of GIS information or census data. Some researchers are worried about the 2020 census. Given that UW is a research university our work depends on open access to this information, so he is curious on what is going on at the University leadership level to ensure that continues.

President Cauce: There are a couple of things she can talk about. People may not be aware of this but UW actually does have a federal office, it is not very big but we do have an office in DC that is staffed. What the staff does is work on federal policy the woman who staffs it. We are also very lucky that both of our state senators are fairly senior. Seniority matters a lot in congress in terms of what committees you are on. They have both been very helpful for us in the past in terms of little issues around NIH funding that we have been able to work with them on. Both we are working with directly. Maria Cantwell in particular is a tech person and is very savvy with these issues. The issues we are facing in terms of data and research, every research university if facing it. So, we are working on it through our professional organizations. By the way our professional organizations have spoken up about the Bridge programs which is to continue DACA and we have been a signatory along with those. The two organizations that are probably the most active on these issues, one is the AAU (The American Association of Universities) it’s a group of about 63-65 top universities. The other one is APLU (American Association of Public Land Grant Universities) that is a much larger in terms of Universities that are a part of it and includes more non-research universities. We are a member of that as well. Through these
organizations, we are trying to be as proactive as we can. Through these organizations, with the immigration grant, UW, WSU, and the community and technical colleges have filed declarations. They are all filing amicus briefs as the lawsuit continues on, they have been very active. It is one of those situations where we are trying to play offense, and make it clear why it is important to us, and making it clear that this is important to business. There are a fair number of business men in the Trump administration. We are trying to come at it from various angles. Until something happens we can’t start the defense. He may introduce a different kind of travel ban, but the courts have been our friend and we will continue to use them.

The other thing is for people who are very concerned about this, there are midterm elections and the composition of congress is very important because congress are the folks who hold the purse strings. Can’t say there won’t be any problems, but we won’t be alone. This will affect universities around the country. Right now, the thing we are most concerned about is the affordable care act first of all you may be very concerned about that individually. However, as a University with a medical school that also runs the counties trauma center we do the bulk of the indigent care in King county and if the ACA were to go away that would mean Millions of dollars for us. What they are saying is they are going to put something else in its place but we don’t know what that is. We are quite concerned about it. Climate scientist are also very concerned about funding. Trump has also talked about defunding the national institute of humanities, that has a very small budget. A factoid that she believes is real is we are spending more for security for his family in New York than we are for the NEH and NEA together. Those aren’t big budgets, so defunding it would not be about saving money it would really be about making a statement about the humanities and she thinks that would be awful.

**Maxine Savage (Scandinavian Studies):** Related to the point you brought up about the National Endowment for Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts, her questions is more related to campus concerns around the erosion of humanities programs and the College of Arts and Sciences. For next year, we are facing a 10% decrease in TA positions. It took us over a year to get approval to hire an endowed professorship position. She is wondering what her strategy is to bolster humanity support.

**President Cauce:** There are a couple of things that are going on, some of it are things we need to do as a community not just coming from her. One thing that is going on, is the budgeting model is changing this year and it will be putting more into arts and sciences. Quite frankly Arts and Sciences is too big to fail, and we are not going to let it fail. The Provost in particular has been working closely with the dean of arts and sciences. Herself and the council of presidents, which are the 6 presidents of the 4 year universities, this is the first year in a very long time that they put together a proposal together to send to Olympia. They said the State need grant in particular was very important, and they did ask for extra funding for STEM positions because they cost more. They did also make a statement about the importance of the Humanities and Social sciences because they believe they are incredibly important. With the population health initiative one of the things they will be doing shortly is putting out some small grants, and the small grants will be for folks who are doing work that cuts across the social sciences and humanities, and the health sciences. She is working on an editorial about the important role of universities, the
critical thinking and analytical skills, that the humanities do very well are very important for this day and age. We also need to have the critical analytical skills to figure out what news is real. She was an English and Psychology major. She probably used her English major more overall.

She thinks there are two or three things that are involved students moving out of the humanities and social sciences. One is the recession, there was a time when people just weren’t getting jobs, and there seemed to be a few fields that were. It seemed to be generalized as the Humanities and Social Sciences were the ones that had little job opportunities, which was not entirely true. The second is the Atticus Finch effect. Law schools bottomed out. A lot of people majored in different humanities with the hope of going to law school, and as law schools became less attractive that decreased the number of students in the humanities. We will know better by the end of this year but there is a lot of talk about the Atticus Finch effect, lawyers are becoming sexy. They are going out there and fighting the good fight. The third is the perception in the public. A lot of the myths about jobs are not true, a lot of CEOs of fortunate 500 companies are humanities majors. Universities are both about jobs and educating citizenry. Very few people have the luxury of not worrying about where they are going to work. So, we shouldn’t put that down but the larger scales are going to be very important as well. We have to get that message out collectively. It is a lot of parents telling their kids they won’t pay for college if they get those degrees.

**Nicholas Graff (Epidemiology):** Can I get an update, a few of our faculty wrote an open letter to you a few months back with specific demands with reforming UWPD. He was wondering what she was doing to implement some of these changes, specifically in establishing an independent community lead oversight board. As well, as a zero-tolerance policy for bias incidents.

**President Cauce:** There are a few things we are doing. One, Alexis Harris in Sociology has been working with a Graduate student to look through the last three years of data to look for bias so we can understand what is going on instead of making assumptions, before we can decide how to tackle the issues. In terms of boars we have two boars we are working on. One that is up and running is the student advisory board it has Graduates and Undergraduates and work directly with Chief Vinson, they are meeting once a month an talk about policy and how things happen. They are working on making a second committee who will probably co-report to her and Denzel Sweet who is the VP of student life who the police department reports to. They will report to me rather than the chief. They will definitely have on the committee members of the community that are not students or staff. The person they are talking to right now is someone who was a lawyer. They will ask for representatives from ASUW and GPSS probably and that committee will look primarily at policies. There have been a number of issues that have been raised. Some people think we should not have police dogs, if you ever have parked underneath the stadium police dogs sniff the cars and check for explosives. There is not really anything that can replace that, however she is more than willing to look at if they should be used for other things. To what degree and where should policemen be carrying arms is another issue. The committee cannot make sanctions but can report to them and they can make sanctions.
Another she can follow up on that is a bit difficult right now, it’s a societal problem and therefore a UW problem. Some people feel a lot safer with police around, and there is heightened police presence on campus mostly with bicycles because of some of the posters we have seen around the campus. However, for some people police make them feel the opposite of safe and that is where we are at as a society. We are trying to figure out how to deal with both of those things, because people are more scared right now because of some of the events around us that have found their way into our campus.

Aaron Carpenter (Germanics): Is there any discussion about what to do about cyberbullying and how to report it?

President Cauce: The FBI is working with us, you should know that there is a range of cybercrime that we always involve the FBI with. They are not always as helpful as you would think they would be. If someone is using a computer on campus, we can trace that. There are number of ways to cyberbully that are difficult to trace. She has been talking to the computer science department and they have put together some guidelines that they are looking at and will likely share. However, the guidelines are mainly about staying off of X, Y, and Z and avoid using certain words. The truth is that she would hope that people will not decide to stop living their lives because of this, because at that point the bullies will win. An example is that when she went to Cuba she was a bit worried because Cuba does not recognize US citizenship so if she gets arrested the US can’t do anything about that, however Cuba is her homeland and she decided that was a risk she was willing to take. On the other hand, she was invited to do some travel related to global health right after she became president to a country where they had been arresting gay people. Given that every article about her had that in the title, she decided that might not be a good time for her to travel to that place. She may travel there in the future just not then. People need to decide what their risk tolerance is, and she also wants to recognize that some people are more vulnerable than others. She also hopes that was can all still live our lives.

However, if you do experience cyberbullying, most sites are good about monitoring for cyberbullying and dealing with those issues. She personally had issues on Facebook that she reported and it was taken care of right away. The more important issues seem to be the doxing and doxing is when people actually reveal your home address and number. Her address and phone number have been posted by animal rights groups and they have been to her private home numerous times. It not that easy to deal with doxing.

We can do things to help people who feel threatened on campus. In one case, there was a person who was doing some public talks and was worried for her safety for a number of different reasons so there were some police in the back of the room during her talk. We can provide police escorts etc. We can work with you, particularly if something is interfering with your ability to do your job. It’s not that we are ignoring them, but it’s hard to find a solution. Minnesota did just catch someone that was putting swastikas around campus. She feels somewhat confident that if it is going on from a student account we can get at it.

Marcus Johnson (Guest): Recently we had a visit from Milo. His book deal fell through, and he has been catching flak from Bill Maher. Is the University doing something to distinguish the
difference between hate speech and freedom of speech? There is a lot of individuals concerned with their safety on campus and a lot of people concerned with Milo coming due to their safety. Is there anything being done that constitutes the difference between hate speech and freedom of speech under the trump administration.

**President Cauce:** No matter the administration there is no difference between hate speech and freedom of speech. Freedom of speech protects hate speech. The supreme court has allowed the KKK to speak at a rally. That doesn’t mean we can’t have guidelines about what happens in a classroom and between students but if a student organization decides to invite someone as a public university in this state we cannot disallow them from inviting that person. She has talked to the College of Republicans and they are not planning to invite Richard Spencer apparently, there is some talk about WSU doing so but she doubts he will come just to go to WSU it’s not as big of a platform. Richard Spencer’s language is not as awful as Milos but he, himself, is more awful. The only thing that could be done, and quite frankly she doesn’t think it would get anywhere, is it may be possible to introduce a resolution to the legislators that says that public universities should be treated more like private universities and be able to not have speakers that violate the student conduct code. Doesn’t think there is a lot of appetite for it right now. Right now, we have a president of the country that would love to do away with free speech. She found what Milo said as offensive as anyone else.

**Jaron Reed (Guest):** Curious if after the election, you have heard from faculty or students and increased desire for media literacy? She is curious especially from the undergraduate population. Is there an interest to integrate some media literacy in the undergraduate curriculum?

**President Cauce:** There is a class called “Calling Bullshit in Sciences” and is co taught by a Biology professor and a professor in Information Sciences. It filled up fast, so she thinks there is an appetite for that. She thinks if there was a course that was directed to more than just science students it would do well.

**Reed Sorensen (Global Health):** He was just notified that Trump has removed protection for transgender students to use bathrooms they are most comfortable with. What are we doing as a campus to protect Transgender students’ rights?

**President Cauce:** He can say things at the Federal level but at the State level we have regulations and at the university level the protections won’t change. What he said is the federal government won’t require protections not that he will punish those who have protections. Also, thinks we are all a little worried that he may take away LGBTQ rights at the federal level. Again, we have laws at the state level that protect us but there are some states where things will change immediately. Apparently, the secretary of education was against this. Generally, a president’s policies are informed by the people around him, but he doesn’t seem to be very influenced by those around them.

**Merzamie Cagaitan (English):** She has appreciated the letters that President Cauce has sent out to the student body reaffirming the safety of marginalized groups on campus. However, she did attend a College of Republican meeting after the Milo event but there was a sense of that group
feeling like they are being ignored and not a part of that web of safety on campus. What’s being done to make the UW community more inclusive, diverse, and bridge our differences?

**President Cauce:** This is definitely an issue. Conservative students feel that they cannot make voice their opinion and don’t feel like they are listened to. That people will assume because they are a Republican they believe X, Y, or Z. In Olympia, many republicans didn’t support Trump but some did. At the time, they invited Milo the group was down to around 10 people, they are now a group of 40 to 50 students. She knew the group when there were about 100-200 students involved. It became hard for the middle of the line republicans to identify as republicans. They have been talking to the faculty, especially political science, to get a sense of what is going on with students. It’s important not to build a false equivalency. Being a conservative student and feeling not comfortable sharing your views in the class is not the same as being an undocumented student who is afraid of being deported. So, we don’t want to have false equivalency. We have been talking to faculty about how to create a better environment. A few of their members have been fairly mean spirited in a visible way and that has not helped if they are concerned about this they need to control their image as well.

As a final note, she has a blog on her website that she updates about issue on campus. You can subscribe to the blog.

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4. **Elections Committee Election**

**Elloise Kim (President):** Randy will introduce the procedure for the election committee.

**Randy Siebert (Secretary):** Officers are graduating in June so we need to elect new officers. The elections committee needs 4 people in addition to an Executive Officer, Michelle Brault has volunteered to be our Executive Officer. You will meet as many times as the chair deems necessary it is just to go over necessary documents that are turned in on time and make sure each officer meets the qualifications for running for their position. It’s an important committee, and we need at least four people.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Those four people would not be able to run for officer positions in the Spring. Also, the Judicial committee members cannot sit on this committee either. Basic duties are updating the elections guide, processing candidate applications, and running the elections on election day and counting votes on election day.

**Randy Siebert (Secretary):** Are there any volunteers?

**Volunteers for the Committee:**

**Julian Helmer**-Information Sciences

**Erika Keim**- Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

**Assad Haris**-Biostatistics

**Jared Rowe**-Jackson school

**Michelle Brault (Chair)**-Molecular and Cellular Biology
5. Resolution in Support of Establishing the UW as a Sanctuary Campus
6:32 pm

Randy Siebert (Secretary): This is the second reading, so the Resolution is 99% done. Hopefully we will be voting on it tonight. There was a catalyst site that she sent out to the Senate last week that was opened for a few days. That was the place to do big amendments this is more a place for smaller amendments like spelling errors.

Adam Bell (Learning Sciences & Human Development): From the last time, there has been a lot of changing the scope around the word sanctuary. The idea was they scaled back some of the language around other minoritized individuals and focused this mainly on undocumented students and immigration issues. They started a separate Resolution for other things. This has been altered quite a bit. There was a couple of minor changes from catalyst that were spelling issues that were all incorporated into the Resolution.

Bucoda Warren (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance): For Lines 25-26 it states “yet has neglected to” he would like to understand the use of the line that states President Cauce has failed to protect them [Undocumented students and immigrants] from persecution at a federal level seeing as how she has policies in place already and there is only so much she can do between her and the feds.

Meixi Ng (Learning Sciences & Human Development): This is when we looked at the policies that were on both the UW police and UW. At the time there was not a plan for what the action would be, there is talk about protection.

Bucoda Warren (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance): Does policies are already in place for UWPD, those are already tenants that they follow at the president’s direction. Why is it that we have to state that she has neglected to implement policies? It seems unnecessary to state that she has neglected to do so when she has done so. I would suggest striking line 25-27 where it starts at “Yet has neglected to”.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Since they are the authors it is up to them to decide whether to accept an amendment, you as a Senate have a voice through votes.

Adam Bell (Learning Sciences & Human Development): We haven’t found actual documentation that has these policies in place. Its more talk, it’s not actually on paper or published or disseminated. So that is the neglect he feels. That was the theory behind the clause.

Jaron Reed (Guest): One of the reasons it may not be codified University policy is because it is codified federal policy that ICE is not allowed to do some of these things she talked about. So, the reason you might not have found it is because it is pre-existing federal policy. Just as a clarification.

Adam Bell (Learning Sciences & Human Development): Accepts the friendly amendment to “neglect to implement written policies” on lines 25-27.
Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): He does like that the language has become more specific. Just with the point that was just brought up. Some of this language he is concerned if it is doable, if it isn’t then we as a GPSS body look uninformed on the law. That’s concerning to him, not because he doesn’t support these things but because they are asking for things that are not possible due to the law. Particularly, line 56-57.

Jaron Reed (Guest): They absolutely can. The difference is between statue and policy. For ICE policy, can be subject to change at any time, ICE is not allowed not to go to public school campuses, which is a policy that could change at any time. In some sense, she can see the value of having a document like this asking for some clarification form the University. As it stands right now that is a factual legal statement.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Because we are an open campus, do they [ICE] need a warrant to be on our campus at all?

Meixi Ng (Learning Sciences & Human Development): In terms of policy for ICE, schools and churches are sensitive areas that ICE policy does not allow them to go into. To require a warrant that is something that the University can make as a statue.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Can we legally require a warrant from ICE as an open campus? Doesn’t think we can say that ICE can’t be on campus at all.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Can we identify the campus as a sensitive space, so the UW leadership can deny access to ICE agents access to the UW campus as a whole without a permit. There is nothing that we can do to kick ICE agents off campus.

Meixi Ng (Learning Sciences & Human Development): I hope that in that case, that some of us would hold a more rigorous stance against having certain people on campus.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences) In the interest of new information that has come to light from President Cauce meeting with us he moves to table the resolution and reopen the catalyst link for suggestions.

Kelly Brown (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance) Seconds.

Adam Bell (Learning Sciences & Human Development) Objects.

The objection motion wins. Discussion continues.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Moves to spend five minutes to have an open discussion.

Bucoda Warren (Evans school): When a motion is objected, it should go to a roll call vote then we should vote on whether the motion gets objected. Should the roll call pass then the motion to table passes.

Sarah Loeffler (Vice President of Internal Affairs): We have an expert in the back, the rules you mentioned are Roberts rules. GPSS follows Sturgis Rules.
**Renee Singleton:** After you hear the objection you need to vote on tabling. You need a majority in order to table the resolution.

**Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences):** Can we agree as a body to talk more about this during Good of the Order?

**Elloise Kim (President):** You can bring it up then, but that may not be a good motion to make now.

MOTION DID NOT PASS, WILL ENTERTAIN MOTION TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION.

**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** Moves to have an open discussion about this resolution.

**Natalie Lowell (Aquatics and Fisheries Sciences):** Seconds.

**Christie Aesquivel (Museology):** Objects, people had enough time to look at this online, they had a whole week. If we could just give people time to work on it again, we could meet next time and work on this again. Takes back her objection.

**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** I think the point people are trying to make is the worry is about the legality of what you are asking. If we are making asks that are impossible for UW to comply with then they can’t do anything with this Resolution.

**Jaron Reed (Guest):** Happy to take it to the bar association review this. Makes a motion to table the resolution and bring it to the student bar association.

**Asad Haris (Biostatistics):** Seconds

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**6. Officer Reports**

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**Vice President of Internal Affairs**

Had our quarterly social last Thursday, it was in the HUB games area. Tori was able to get some donations so they raffled off some prizes. The Science and Policy Steering Committee is launching their white paper project tomorrow at 5:30pm in Parrington hall. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Sarah or their chair, Scott in the back. One of the big projects she is working on this year is professional development. They are in the process of developing programing around that, if anyone is interested in that talk to Sarah. This quarter they are doing an officer/GPSS open house on Friday from 2-4pm. They will have snacks, refreshments, and coffee. It’s a good time for senators to come and hang out, and chat with Senators, as well as check out the office.

**Vice President of External Affairs**

Olympia updates. Last week was policy deadline. Fiscal deadline was this week. No new bills will be introduced. Our veterans mental health bill has passed both Ways and Means committee and Appropriations Committee. Victim advocates is doing well. S&A decoupling is looking good. We are following these closely. James is working closely with legislators in Olympia.
trying to keep support for these bills high. On a federal level we had meeting with Representative Pramila Jayapal this morning as a part of a stakeholder discussion on higher education issues. Basically, everything on our radar is on her radar. All stakeholders reemphasized that these are issues that need to be worked on. The big emphasis were on: research funding, mental health, sexual assault, and immigration policy particularly how it will affect Universities. Delegates for SAGE are gearing up for SAGE at the end of March. If you are interested in being a part of The Federal Legislative Advisory Board we meeting every Friday at 8:30am unless otherwise states. Everyone is welcome to join, we meet in GPSS office. We need help of GPSS on calling leadership. Rep Ormsbee, and Senators Rossy, Barn, and Brown are the biggest ones they are trying to get support from. These names are very important for these bills progressing. Lastly, there is a FASA, WASA workshop Saturday February 25th, this Saturday, from 10-12pm at Seattle Central College, Edison building 102A. Does anyone have any questions? (No.)

Secretary

She sits in on ASUW Senate meetings, and she wanted to give a brief update on the Yacht club resolution. They have not sent her an updated version; however they did write a different type of Resolution for ASUW. ASUW Senate passed it, then it was rejected by the Board of Directors so it’s going back to Senate next week. They have a presentation. She is working on getting better graphics handouts for what GPSS is. She is working on the elections guide and organizing GPSS archive, getting records in order. Planning for another community outreach, volunteer type vent. She has been spending diversity funds. Definitely check emails.

Treasurer

Working on the budget, it is coming along and should be finished shortly. Finance and Budget committee is meeting a lot. She still encourages people to apply for departmental allocations. Services and Activities Fees is beginning to hear budget proposals. They heard from Rec Sports last week. Will be hearing from them for the rest of the year and allocating money for fiscal year 2018. The student technology fee committee will be voting on winter quarter funding soon. She hasn’t been going to those meetings this quarter because she had class believes they will be voting Monday. Please talk to her if you are interested in applying for funds.

President

PACS is the provost advisory committee for Students. They meet weekly with the provost and the committee provost, ASUW representative, and GPSS representative to enhance the tri-campus effort. The committee visited both the Bothell and Tacoma campus recently and saw some really great things at both campuses. For example, the UW Tacoma campus has done a really good job on diversifying the faculty pool. The chancellor cannot appoint who is haired, but they can look at the pool of candidates for every unit and if they don’t see enough diversity. They can bring the candidates back to the academic unit and demand a more diverse pool of applicants. That policy came from student demands to diversity their faculty members to match the student to faulty diversity ratio. Faculty senate meetings next week and class d resolution concerning general assignment of classrooms is an action item. You may have gotten the email from Jerry about the classroom schedule so we can utilize the classrooms more efficiently. There
is a lot of use of classroom during golden hours, but not much at all during some of the other hours which makes the University lose money. So they are looking at how to better that process of classroom assignment. That will be passed in the faculty senate probably. Other items are Student conduct code revision, open access policy, and pro doctoral…read by Kelly Brown.

FY18 budget and job descriptions are what officers are working on. We are thinking forward about what makes our job most efficient and useful. The GPSS conference is coming up, and she really wants to see more people apply. WE intentionally made the conference really generally so many people could apply. The Seattle council yesterday approved the U district improvements.

Q center also had its 13 birthdays today. John Lewis will be on our campus tomorrow.

7. Good of the Order

Natalie Lowell (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences): Race and Equity initiative has a bias reporting tool. She was wondering what happens with the data that gets used. Apparently, there is a committee that reviews it and has a GPSS representative. Does anyone know who that is?

Elloise Kim (President): Bias Report committee has been formed recently. Ellen Taylor is leading it, she is the Vice President of Student life. Currently we do not have a liaison. Elloise is in conversation with Ellen Taylor about how we can have a liaison on the committee. The bias Report is very new and only opened last quarter. They are getting lots of reports and are trying to figure out what to do with the data that they have. She will update GPSS when she knows more.

Jay Eckard (Drama): Other institutions have a person whose job it is to be a parliamentarian whose job is to be on top of Robert’s rules and be on top of it right away. (We use Sturgis’s Rules.)

Elloise Kim (President): The Secretary is technically the parliamentary procedures person.

RandySiebert (Secretary): She did read the book, and there was nothing she saw on roll call.

Elloise Kim (President): In general, they try not to be too strict about Parliamentary Procedure as it prevents some people from participating because they don’t really understand how to motion.

Amanda Robb (History): Recently, had a member of the history talk to her. There has been a lot of discussion for international students, particularly graduate students over the summer who are unable to find work and who can’t necessarily go home now for fear that they can’t come back. Right now, there is an ongoing effort to constitute an international student commission that would highlight these problems. They met with eight different department heads and teachers. Right now, that body is currently undergoing review pending approval by ASUW and the Board of Regents. He was wondering if GPSS would be interested in getting involved in that and showing our support. Or are we already involved in that?

Elloise Kim (President): GPSS is not actually participating or contributing to the constitution of the commission itself. However, for the last few months she has suggested concerns of international Graduate students. She has made suggestions for a central budget to help those students out. Right now we do not have a definite plan for what can be done. She met with Pam,
the director of housing and food services, two weeks ago if UW housing could offer reduced or free housing options for students that may need help over the summer. She said she would discuss the idea with her team. Right now, there is not definite plan.

**Amanda Robb (History):** Is there any way that we as a body could collaborate in what they are already doing and things they are already discussing.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Commissions are often lead by ASUW only. Lots of commissions are undergraduate centered, and it really gets complicated when we try to intervene.

**Sarah Loeffler (Vice President of Internal Affairs):** If the general ask is for us of a body to get involved we can do that through Resolutions. If you want to talk to officers to see if we can do that in a roundabout way let them know. Yes, we can do that.

**Meixi Ng (Learning Sciences & Human Development):** Was in a discussion about canvas and privacy and was wondering if your departments have had discussions about canvas and privacy. This was a discussion at the faculty council of teaching a learning. She knows they are starting privacy talks with Canvas. Is that something that would be of interest to the Senate.

**Andrew Prindle (Landscape Architecture):** Doesn’t think that many students know that some student information on Canvas is being sold. The only place he has heard pushback or concern is from faculty members. There is an interest but just lack of clarity.

**Reed Sorensen (Global Health):** What information is being sold by Canvas?

**Meixi Ng (Learning Sciences & Human Development):** Its profiles, and classes students take. They have access to papers and discussions posted.

**Arna Elezovic (History):** Was unaware of that, would like to make this a discussion item at some point. One of the things she has discussed with professors is that they pull data from the registrars.

**Meixi Ng (Learning Sciences & Human Development):** It was a surprise to her as well.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Thank you Meixi for bringing that to our attention. The University is bringing up policy for how to protect ourselves from cyberbullying.

**Meixi Ng (Learning Sciences & Human Development):** She brought up to the committee that students need to know this. They said they may bring it up with students once policy is finalized.

**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** She sits on the student safety advisory committee. There has been a lot of inference that students don’t feel comfortable with police on campus. If you have an suggestions for how they could be doing a better job please let me know.

**Bucoda Warren (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance):** The Security camera advisory committee is meeting again in two weeks just before spring break. The taskforce is looking at creating procedures for campus surveillance. The University itself does not have written procedures for putting security cameras in place. Housing and food servicing does have
procedures. The current UW policy is that no cameras record they just stream. Their intent is just
to create a policy for future cameras that may be set up.

**Elloise Kim (President):** UWPD does not know exactly where all security cameras are set up. They want to build a policy that shows how much authority UWPD can have in installing and monitoring security cameras.

**Adam Bell (Learning Sciences & Human Development):** Does each department then have control over own security camera policy?

**Bucoda Warren (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance):** Yes, the university wants to standardize these policies.

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### 8. Announcements 7:17 pm

**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** Part of the advocacy group 500 women scientists, let her know if you want to get involved. There will be a Rally downtown called “Dress like a woman” in Westlake from 4-5pm. Apparently, there has been some pushback about a sexist tweet Donald Trump sent out, so people are coming to the rally dressing up how they normally dress.

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### 9. Adjournment 7:19 pm

**Bucoda Warren (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance):** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** Seconds.