Call to Order

Alex Bolton
GPSS Senate Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 5:30 pm
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**: 5:35 pm

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

   Ted Chen (Bioengineering) moves to approve the agenda.  
   Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics) seconds.

   Eloise 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

   Eloise 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
GPSS Spotlight: Judicial Committee

Elloise Kim
GPSS 102: Intro to the Bylaws

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 24, 2016
Officer Terms

If elected as a GPSS Officer, when does your term begin?

a) Upon election
b) Summer quarter
c) Fall quarter
d) Upon approval of the Executive Committee

GPSS Officers shall serve a 12-month term, which begins June 16 (Article V, Section B, Clause 2)
Quorum

How many people are required to call a meeting to order or to vote?

a) 1/4 of the Senate  
b) 1/3 of the Senate  
c) 1/2 of the Senate  
d) 2/3 of the Senate

A minimum of 1/4 of all registered Senators or proxies must be present in person (Article IV, Section...
How many meetings are you required to attend a quarter?

a) One  
b) Two  
c) Three  
d) All of them

Senators must attend at least two meetings a quarter; one of which may be attended by a proxy (Article III, Section A)
Bylaw Amendments

What percentage of Senators are required to pass a bylaw amendment?

a) 1/2 of Senators present
b) 2/3 of Senators present
c) 1/2 of all Senators
d) 2/3 of all Senators

An amendment to the Bylaws requires a majority vote of Senators present (in person or by proxy) (Article XII, Section B)
Bylaw Overview

- Article I – Terminology
- Article II – Selection of Senators
- Article III – Duties of Senators
- Article IV – Senate Meetings
- Article V – GPSS Officers
- Article VI – Committees
- Article VII – Special Committee and Board Appointments
- Article VIII – Budget
- Article IX – Personnel
- Article X – Recall
- Article XI – Suspension of Bylaws
- Article XII – Bylaw Amendments
Bylaw Amendment Teaser

- Article VI (GPSS Committees) will be drastically down-sized:
  - To remain in Article VI:
    - Executive
    - Judicial
    - Elections
    - Finance and Budget
    - Ad Hoc
    - Special

- Will be extracted into policy memoranda:
  - Graduate Student Experience
  - State Legislative Steering
  - Federal Legislative Steering
  - Community Outreach and Events
  - Science and Policy
  - Diversity
  - Travel Grants
GPSS Budget

Kerstin Hudon
IT’S THE BUDGET!!!

(And obviously I am really excited)
THE DETAILS...

- Almost $26,000 in cuts
  - Line items that hadn't been used in 2 fiscal years
- Approximately $27,000 in added programming
  - New Staff Position | $7,875
  - Increased Staff Hours | $5,420
  - More Travel Grants | $5,000
  - Increased Support of ASUW A&E Programming | $5,000
  - Office Technology Upgrades | $2,000
  - Travel Budget for VP Internal | $1,500
THE RESULTS

- Total Budget | $524,258
- Total SAF Request | $482,258
  - funds for events not included in this number
- SAF Budget Increase | $1,024
  - this is a 0.21% increase from last year’s SAF award
The Finance and Budget Committee approved on
  ➤ FEBRUARY 12TH, 2016

The Executive Committee approved on
  ➤ FEBRUARY 17TH, 2016

Will the Senate approve tonight?
ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE GPSS TOTAL BUDGET OF $524,258 & THE GPSS SAF REQUEST OF $482,258
GPSS Budget Vote

Kerstin Hudon
Resolution to Protect LGBT Rights under Laws against Discrimination

Kirby Conrod
WA Anti-Trans Bills

• 2006: WA Passes Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination Act
  – Prohibits discrimination in public accommodations and places of employment based on “sexual orientation”
• Took well over a decade to get law passed (Initiative failure in 1997)
• Gender identity and expression included in definition of “sexual orientation” in Revised Code of Washington (compilation of all permanent laws in WA now in force)
WA Anti-Trans Bills

• December 2015, WA Human Rights Commission (HRC) adopts new rule clarifying 2006 Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination Act:
  – Allows transgender people to use public facilities consistent with their gender identity
WA Anti-Trans Bills

• January 2016, 6 Anti-Trans Bills; 2 Moved Forward in State Senate; WA SAFE Alliance forms
  – SB 6443: Repeals HRC Rule
  – SB 6548: “Genital Check bathroom bill” – State Senator Jaime Pedersen, “as a lawyer, I'm just, I'm deeply troubled that we're passing a law that would put us in - by requiring the verification of genitalia for kids - that would put us in direct contradiction of federal law protections.”

• Did not pass, but broad support (over 5,000 emails/calls to legislators!) & initiative campaign has been launched
Proposed Resolution to the GPSS

• Denounces the anti-trans bills and momentum around the exclusion of transgender people from human rights protections in WA State

• Supports anti-discrimination legislation, and current laws, that protect the rights and dignity of LGBT people

• Supports the work of the SAFE Alliance
WA Safety and Access for Everyone (SAFE) Alliance

• 100+ State Organizations
  – Statewide Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Groups
  – Organized Labor
  – Human Rights Groups (ACLU of WA; Lambda Legal; National Center for Lesbian Rights)
  – Seattle City Council

• Steering Committee Includes:
  – Gender Justice League; Pride Foundation; Legal Voice
U-PASS Advisory Committee Report

Alex Bolton
Good of the Order
Officer Reports

Various
Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2016