Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Executive Meeting Minutes Session 22

JULY 27, 2016 | HUB 303

Members Present:
GPSS President Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim (via phone)
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs Sarah Loeffler
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs James Moschella
GPSS Treasurer Michealla Rogers (via video call)
GPSS Secretary Randy Siebert
GPSS Executive Senator Joseph Telegen (via phone)
GPSS Executive Senator Laura Taylor
GPSS Executive Senator Brian Tracey

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:44 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   James Moschella moves to strike “Travel Grants” from the agenda.
   Laura Taylor seconds
   James Moschella moves to approve the amended agenda.
   Laura Taylor seconds
   Seeing no objections, the amended agenda is approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 5:45 pm

   Sarah Loeffler moves to approve the minutes.
   Laura Taylor seconds.
   The minutes are approved.

4. GRAD SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL/GPSS GSE COMMITTEE 5:46 pm

   Sarah Loeffler: She met with Graduate school Core programs and discussed bringing back the Graduate Experience Committee (a committee that was originally meant to support the Graduate School and support their events). Now the Grad School is hoping to restart the Graduate Experience Committee in order for the Grad School to have a voice in budgeting and administration. So the Grad School is now bringing this idea (Graduate Experience Committee) to GPSS.

   Elloise Kim: Explains what the Graduate Experience Committee did last year.
Laura Taylor: Suggests the idea of sending 1 liaison, instead of a whole committee.

Elloise Kim: Explains the conversations that happened last year in regards to the back and forth that GPSS had with the Graduate School.

James Moschella: Decides to table this conversation until we have Kelly with us in the meeting in order to get a better understanding of what they want.

Elloise Kim: She states that is is really our decision on what GPSS wants to do with the committee and liaison.

James Moschella: Explains that it sounds like the Graduate School is looking for more of a 1-time person to help with budget decisions.

Brain Tracey: Moves to table the discussion

James Moschella: Seconds

5. G3

Sarah Loeffler: Met with Kelly and the role of GPSS and what they want to make it look like in the future. Currently it is current mentors training new mentors and this might not be the best training. Also puts a lot of stress on current mentors. This program last year ended with 26 mentors and 22 mentees for the whole graduate school. This doesn’t seem very useful of our time or energy. The solution for this issue is 1) bringing on a staff member to help train and run G3 or 2) dissolve G3 and work with other departments who have great mentor programs already.

James Moschella: Any financial stuff involved with this?

Sarah Loeffler: We would have to hire on specific staff. But even if we get good staff and double our participants, is 100 students enough out of 15,000 graduate students?

Joseph Telegen: Since GPSS is represented by various departments and that is how the senate comes together, G3 might be more successful if GPSS supports the Senate and the departments the senators come from.

Sarah Loeffler: G3 could potentially be more successful partnering with other departments and might make more sense for GPSS Senate.

Elloise Kim: Has contacts and networks that could help with training and setting G3 up more successfully.

James Moschella: It seems that the group is leaning more towards option 2, but if Exec could get more logistical options on these two, it might be more helpful.
6. STRENGTHENING STEM THROUGH DIVERSITY

Sarah Loeffler: A group on campus is hosting a conference/workshop that would benefit diverse groups of graduate students. She is looking for funding now to use for this conference.

Laura Taylor: Suggests using diversity funds.

Sarah Loeffler: This conference already has a lot of funding and donations from other campus organizations, but the only thing they are really looking for is a room rental and that is time sensitive.

Elloise Kim: Aside from Diversity Committee, the Secretary has about $2,000 in discretionary funding that could be used for this. GPSS can also help with promotion materials and stuff. Goes on to explain how the Creative Director can help with promotion and the cost will only be about $80 for printing and the rental of the room should not be too much. The Secretary can use this money at her discretion.

Sarah Loeffler: She reiterates that the Secretary can use her money.

Joseph Telegen: Supports everything that was said.

7. TRAVEL GRANTS

8. SAGE + HOSTING

James Moschella: Explains that he is in the process of planning the SAGE Fall Summit. Opens the room to suggestions for ideas or comments on communicating with what happens at SAGE to Graduate Students.

Joseph Telegen: It might be really good to have an understanding and communication on how to achieve optimal results and be pragmatic when going back and forth between students and policy.

James Moschella: Has a plan to create a “Best Practices” guide for people and also has the plan to set up a Lobby day that people can use to find out more info about it.
9. EXECUTIVE SENATOR REPORTS 6:17 pm

Brian Tracey: Is thinking of the tabled resolution. Looking forward to that. Working on the edits for it.

Joseph Telegen: Main plan for the summer is to go knocking on doors, do some grassroots campaign for GPSS. Getting GPSS’s name out there.

Laura Taylor: Has nothing!

10. OFFICER REPORTS 6:19 pm

Sarah Loeffler: Starting to plan Husky Sunrise. Getting stuff together and networking.
Elloise Kim: Has invited Anna Marie Cauce and Jerry to come to Husky Sunrise
Joseph Telegen: He will contact Rainy Dawg Radio to get the Husky Sunrise promotion information out.
Sarah Loeffler: She has zero information about a panel that Monica supposedly set up and gave zero info to Sarah, the incoming internal VP. So we are in a sticky situation.

James Moschella: Working on SAGE. Sarah & James met with President and counterpart from Washington State, want to stay in communication with them for policy advocating. New people coming in.

Michaella Rogers: Working on Travel Grants

Elloise Kim: Reaching out to people, getting networked.
Brian Tracey: Working with UW Police and advisory board to work with minority students and making it a better environment. He also discussed

Randy Siebert: Working on hiring staff, orientations for the fall, getting the office set up for the coming year.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS 6:30 pm

None

12. MEETING ADJOURN: 6:31 pm