Call to Order: 5:06pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alex Bolton welcomes everyone to the meeting. First item of business is approval of the agenda. Do I hear any objection to approve the agenda? Joseph?

Joseph Telegen says to amend the agenda so that the part of his executive report can be varied again. Can someone steer me through this?

Kerstin Hudon motions to add an agenda item in regards to labor relation and the $15 minimum wage above item number 4. Motions to have the agenda item last for 15 minutes.

Seconded

Seeing no objections, the agenda is approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 5:08pm

Yasmeen Hussain moves to approve the minutes

Monica Cortes-Viharo: Seconded

Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved.
Joseph Telegen introduces Bob Hodges of UAW 4121 Bargaining Team. Last year he served as a steward and I asked Bob to come to our meeting. What I observed at the last week’s Union meeting was how we were going to proceed with what I think should be a priority for the Senate, which is the $15 raise. I’ve wanted to have Bob here so you can hear his perspective.

Kerstin Hudon asks whether Mac said there was a meeting earlier today and whether they have already made that decision. (Yes.)

Joseph Telegen: The University authorized their representatives to propose a raise to $13/hour for all employees with the exception of non-unionized student employees by January 2016. Then that amount would go up to $15/hour by January 2017. If the offer includes all employees, this would be a better deal for the University employees, however that is not the case. Joseph handed out information and says: this is the language that the coalition proposal. It mirrors almost exactly the resolution we passed last year. Here is the problem, yet. UAW 4121 will pretty much cover everybody. So, if you are a member of the union, you will be bumped up to $13 by Jan. 2016 and $15 by Jan. 2017. However, 85% of 6,000-10,000 student workers at this university would be uncovered by this policy. Many workers would not see the increase based upon what’s being offered. Fortunately the other two unions that do not represent students are standing with us in favor of the universal increase. It was good that there was someone from the GPSS in the room. I believe it is one of the first things, if not the very first thing, that we should tackle. First of all, we already made it clear that we were in favor of the $15 increase across the board. In my opinion we have to take advantage of this particular moment.

Yasmeen Hussain: The resolution we had was in support of the city standard, which was by 2017, right? But this coalition says “by 2016.”

Joseph Telegen says that the distinction would be that by 2016 by the university’s offer. The $15 increase would be only for those who are covered.

Alex Bolton says that this statement is not paired up with what the City policy actually is.

Joseph Telegen: But the city policy is suppose to incorporate all. We are not involved in this particular statement. This is just reporting on what happened. This is not a GPSS gesture at all.

Bob Hodges: Unfortunately I was not at the bargaining session for not being a bargaining member yet at that time. But, it’s a traditional tactic of barging to have a more aggressive proposal.

Alex Bolton: Based on that information I would want to push forward as well. We have been told in conversation that the school plans to proceed to go to $13 for all by this coming year and $15 for all, including student employees, in the following year. The discussion the bargaining group had was different from the discussion that we had.

Evan Firth: You might be referring to the discussion on feasibility we had last year. Everyone seems to be on board that all SAF funded units seem to be planning for $14 and $15. All SAF funding student employees will go up to $13 in January this year, and we are expecting them to propose budget.

Bob Hodges: In conversation with the university administration, they tend to be indicating their
plan to go to $13 by 2016 and $15 by Jan 2017. Did those conversations happen in the unofficial context or would it be on record?

**Alex Bolton:** The discussion I had this summer was more informal. But what I heard today, I would want to verify it more. But I was told that we should do something in the next few days.

**Joseph Telegen:** Bob, do you want to add any other information?

**Bob Hodges:** Three quick points. First, under the proposal at the bargaining table all units represented by the union will be getting the extension. That means all AES’s who are members of 4121. Second point, I wanted to thank everyone for their hard work last year, and quickly respond to the University last year. Third, I hope the Senate can continue to be the advocate for making the University in compliance of the Seattle city law. The important thing for the coalition is that the Seattle schedule be followed and improved upon. That will be all and thank you so much.

**Joseph Telegen** says follow up meeting on October 8th. He will attend the meeting and we will talk to make sure we clarify a few more things.

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**HUSKY SUNRISE UPDATE**

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** says Husky Sunrise is on next Monday. Here are the posters. Please take them if you would like to put them up at your department. Alex needs to send an email to all students, which will be the last piece for the event prep. At this point, we have all details worked out. Unfortunately, Dubs is booked, and we haven’t heard back from Harry, either. Instead, we have the University President, the Provost, and the Deans. Student Regent also has agreed to be there. I will be picking up card readers on Friday. The last piece is security. Kerstin, will you still be able to do it? (Kerstin says that Coop said it’s not okay.)

**Alex Bolton** says that there might be some miscommunication. Ceremony has been in conversation with the UW Police. Police are fine with it. They just want your name and contact information, and when you are doing it. (**Monica Cortes-Viharo** says that Alex and she went to the last logistic meeting and the Police were there.)

**Kerstin Hudon** says that she can still do security but she needs somebody to stay with her.

**Brain Tracey:** I will be willing to stay to do security. I just need to know the time I need to be there.

**Kerstin Hudon:** I was planning on showing up around the sunset after dinner time and stay overnight. Maybe 8:00 or 7:00 pm.

**Alex Bolton:** I will be checking with Ceremony to make sure what time they will be comfortable with. I will just need your partner’s name too.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo:** Perhaps you two should talk off line about potential payment and methods. We will negotiate it. The next step is volunteers during the events. Last year at the main entrance we had two lines and two card readers. I think it would be helpful to have one
person at each card reader and maybe a third person floating to keep the line civil. I was thinking of setting up shifts. I wouldn’t want Alex to do it because I want him to be at the front when any dignitary person shows up he can welcome them. I won’t be doing the card reader for the first hour because I want to be there when the table people show up and walk them to their space. Are there any volunteers to do 8:30 -9:30 card duties? (Hands raised.) We are no longer doing wristbands because to get their drink people just have to go the bar and show their IDs. One bar tender will be checking it.

**Evan Firth:** Should we have a line for someone who doesn’t have a Husky Card? Last year we let them write their names and emails or maybe UW NetID.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** says that that’s maybe what the floater would do. (2 floaters are recommended and they should have a big voice.) Also, we are not going to have barriers this year. Last year they did it because we only used half the tent from Convocation.

**Alex Bolton** says that there was talk to make it harder for people to come in aside from the main entrance.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** says what she was envisioning was that there would be three people checking cards. Anyone else will be handing around the perimeter of the tent to eliminate the concern on people entering from entrances other than the main one.

**Yasmeen Hussain** asks if we can hand them something (like a pamphlet) at check-ins.

**Alex Bolton** says the brochure will introduce general things about the GPSS. Last year the scavenger hunt was more teamed up with the Dawg Daze. We are not doing the scavenger hunt this year.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo:** Do we have people who will do have a GPSS table at the event? And the table cloth?

**Kerstin Hudon** says that we don’t have table cloth, but we have 8 banners that we can tape along the edge of tables. We should have plenty of volunteers. She would just suggest to encourage all our volunteers to show up and stay through the entire time.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo:** Should I be reaching out to ASUW for volunteers?

**Elloise Kim:** I reached out to the Board of Directors and two people already signed up. There should be more to sign up. (Kerstin says Abe already committed to this, too.) Okay, so we will have at least three people and there is a high chance that more people will join.

**Alex Bolton** says that last year some of their officers volunteered and helped us out. Christina and Jack did.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo:** Can you [Elloise Kim] send me the contact info of them? Everyone, please raise your hand if you cannot be there by 7:30. We are paying to have the space
converted from the set up for Convocation to Sunrise. That took a long time last year. I will be there by 7:30, but maybe everyone else can get there by 8:00. Wear something presentable, but wear comfortable shoes that can get wet.

**Elloise Kim** says that it might be easier if someone just assigns tasks.

**Kerstin Hudon:** I can volunteer to coordinate volunteers during the event. If you give me the list of volunteers and just tell them when to arrive and when they can leave, I will manage them once they get here.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo:** Let’s meet at the location at 8:00. At 7:30 I will be here. Kerstin, Matt, Joe, Brian, Alex, and Elloise will also be here at 7:30 and we will load things in my car and bring it down to the event. I will send you names of the volunteers and I will coordinate with you.

**Kerstin Hudon** says yes. All currently hired staff including Cynthia, Mac, and Demi will be there.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** says that Bay Laurel will be bringing the champagne. She ordered champagne through Wine World and they are delivering it to Bay Laurel, and Bay Laurel will bring them in. Any other questions about Husky Sunrise?

**Brain Taubeneck:** As far as tabling goes, have you confirmed with all of them?

**Monica Cortes-Viharo:** I have been talking back and forth with individuals. So let me double check and I will let you know. Also one other thing Kerstin can coordinate is who will be at out table. (**Kerstin Hudon** says we can talk after this meeting to see what task needs to be done.) As to card readers, they ask what kind of report we would want. They would come a few days after the event. I asked if they could give us what department people were coming from, but they said they would not be able to give us that. (**Kerstin Hudon** says that they gave it to us last year.) What they can definitely give us are name, NetID, student number. (Officers say that really want to know people’s department.) To clarify, we are not doing drink tickets. They can have as many drinks as they are willing to stand in line for. But I will make sure to talk to Bay Laurel to make sure they know they can only give one drink per NetID. (**Evan Firth** says maybe also we need to get the time of attendance.)

**Evan Firth** asks about the last year’s tabling. Last year we have forms that ask what people would want to see or whether they want to be a senator and so on.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** says that the list of what should be on the table includes brochures.

**Joseph Telegen** suggests parli-pro cheat sheets cards. (Officers agreed that it might be better to have them at the Senate meetings.) Based on my observation, the brochure didn’t talk about what happen during the meeting.
**SCHEDULING DECEMBER SENATE MEETING**

5:35pm

Alex Bolton says that part of the reason why the schedule got a little weird was due to Veteran’s day that is on a Wednesday. It complicated our schedule.

Elloise Kim asks whether everyone got her email about the fall quarter meeting schedule.

Alex Bolton: Elloise and I have been talking about if it would make sense for us to change things around. We didn’t notice the last senate meeting was scheduled for December 9th and that is getting close to the end of the quarter and exams. A lot later than last year’s final meeting. Playing with the calendar we thought we could do our final senate meeting at December 2nd instead if we move the exec meeting to be earlier. We have two Wednesdays that are Veterans Day and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. So we have a senate meeting 8 days before thanksgiving and we want to have another meeting after the thanksgiving. So the question would be when to have the exec meeting. Are people comfortable to try to squeeze that in?

Yasmeen Hussain says that historically the last week of class haven’t been a problem. The only problem was a meeting scheduled during the finals week.

Elloise Kim says that last year we had our first meeting on October 1st and our last meeting as a special meeting on December 3rd. So if we have the last meeting on December 2nd, it would be not much different from the last year.

Alex Bolton says considering the traditional calendar the school begins a week late this year. He doesn’t know if that is going to put more pressure on people who are trying to leave town, so that was part of the consideration. With being so much closer to the finals week, people might be trying to get out quicker than usual. But we had the last December meeting to have a legislative agenda. He thinks a huge difference to have it on the 9th or the 2nd to have the legislative agenda presented. We could cancel an exec meeting between the two senate meetings as Rene mentioned. Any concern about changing the schedule to the 2nd?

Monica Cortes-Viharo says she would appreciate getting the dates now.

Alex Bolton proposes to move the Senate meeting from Dec. 9 to Dec. 2 and the Exec Committee approve. As to the change of the Dec. 2 Exec meeting schedule, the doodle will be sent out and the Exec Committee will decide its schedule in the next meeting.

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**BUDGET UPDATE**

5:45 pm

Kerstin Hudon: I made copies of our current budget. Currently we spend about $14K on the event. We haven’t yet received the full cost of publicity and signage as well as equipment and the tent. Even when I add up all the numbers it still comes up as less than the total budget amount of 20K. I will pass these copied around so people can look at it.

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**FEEDBACK ON RETREAT**

6:00pm

Alex Bolton asks for suggestion for the next year and feedback on this year’s retreat.
Monica Cortes-Viharo: I would love to have had just an earlier retreat in the summer. If it had earlier in the summer maybe we could have had the whole day together and had more time together.

Yasmeen Hussain says that she actually liked the short program and it was really helpful. (Elloise Kim agreed.)

Evan Firth says that she thought it was productive and relaxing at the same time. Her only suggestion would be to have any available hired staff along the side. We didn’t come up with mission statement for the year.

Joseph Telegen says that one thing that would have made it better for him was a variant of the physical environment. There were certain activities that could have been better for a different environment.

Kerstin Hudon says that she really liked the facilitator.

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**EXECUTIVE SENATOR REPORTS**

Yasmeen Hussain: I came up with a resolution time line. I don’t have it complete enough to have it as an agenda item, but I can email it to you. The general idea is the author sends the draft to Secretary a few days before the meetings so that the Secretary still can have a few days to do the formatting. And then Secretary sends it out to Senators and we have a scheduled discussion at the senate meeting. The only difference is that the resolution will be present in hand in some kind of text form for discussion.

Evan Firth: I volunteered at the TA/RA conference. I am fairly certain that we didn’t have any material to hand out, so we might want to work on that next year. We were talked about, but it would be nice if we can have some kind of brochure in the folder that everyone can receive. There was no GPSS, no union, no counseling info. I heard they had some problem officially in discussing micro-aggression over the course of an hour. So I gave them Brian Tracey’s info. I did facilitate one of the orientations, but they didn’t know that I was coming. On the topic of wellbeing, I have an email that was specifically for Astronomy about imposter syndrome. I will forward that to Elloise.

Joseph Telegen: In addition to the union negotiation, I also had a chance to plug GPSS to Neurology and to the new FIUTS grad student population. That was an incredible experience. I would like to announce what my exec senator office hours would be: 2-4 pm Wednesdays somewhere in the HUB, depending on whether the GPSS office is open. (Elloise Kim asks Joseph to email the information to Demi Boe, the Office Manager.) I also have some ideas for resolutions which I would like to float around. (Alex Bolton reminds Joseph of being careful doing things around email because it may potentially violate public meeting.) I will ask people to give me quick scores on potential resolution items in the next exec meeting. I have been asked by Elloise to go to Anthropology orientation that is during the Husky Sunrise. Should e go? I felt uncomfortable to be absent.
Elloise Kim says that for Electrical Engineering Department’s request came too late, she had to kindly decline their request. However, in the case of Anthropology Department, they had contacted the GPSS very early even before the Husky Sunrise date was set and thus she would like to honor their request.

Monica Cortes-Viharo: I think that is fine. 8:30 -9:30 would really the crazy hours. But I think around 10 should be okay. (Yasmeen Hussain says that she went to one of the orientation in the past year during the event, too.)

Yasmeen Hussain says that we also need to take an OPMA training at some point. (Elloise Kim will forward the information to Exec Committee members.)

OFFICER REPORTS

Monica Cortes-Viharo: I have been working on Husky 100, a recognition program that is going to be launched in December. I was at the last union meeting where they had someone from Seattle School District Union. I want to thank Joe. He helped me with tabling at the residence hall move-in for people moving in graduate housing. I talked to people at the Residence Hall and they will be attending Husky Sunrise with groups. I also did the TA/RA conference. Residential Living does the leadership training for all student employees that work in the residence hall. I did a workshop for them on public speaking. Also I talked a lot about graduate student resources. We went to GSES today.

Kerstin Hudon: I am going to coordinate all the volunteers at Husky Sunrise. Monica and I are going to talk about what that entails. We got 65 applicants for the Director of Veteran Life. I am reading all of those and we will have our first committee meeting on Monday afternoon. Active budget is up to date. And the budget specialist started. I also have enough people for both my Finance and Budget Committee so we will be able to have quorum for our first meeting. Both committees will have their first meeting on October 6th. Travel Grants application will open on the first day of the quarter. Special Allocation opens on October 5th. We will be assessing and giving out fund on October 16th. Once you hire you staff and they fill out their paperwork with Rene. It takes 3 days to put them on payroll, and she will need their either driver’s license or passport and social security card. Second, officers, as of September 20th, your payroll has been switch to salary instead of hourly. Please do not click any hour after September 20th on ESS.

Elloise Kim: We have a new brochure. The first 500 will arrive tomorrow afternoon. It would cost us about $400. Yet, another 1000 would cost only $139 as we are going to use a different online service. The email about Husky Sunrise has been sent to GPAs. Demi will begin to have regular hours from the next week. She will be at the office from 1 to 4 after the Husky Sunrise to help distributing orientation materials. Officers, send your office hours of the fall quarter to Demi. Everyone needs to do doodle for the November exec meeting date and it already has been sent out. If you have not checked the GPSS home page, the front page now has a new photo from the retreat. I asked Demi to work on officer job description and committee description. She is also working on updating diversity committee materials and she is checking with other committee chairs to see how she can help. I attended TA/RA conference partly upon the
invitation of Center for Teaching and Learning. They are very interested in working more with the GPSS.

Alex Bolton welcomes former Treasurer Douglas Taber in the room. (Doug Taber congratulates on everyone’s hard work on events.) Gearing up for SAGE Fall Summit. We talked about best practices for childcare such as getting an inventory on what other schools have. The week of October 8th through October 12th is when Brian VP and I will be gone. Monica will be stepping in at the Regent meeting for us then. I had a meeting with the Bookstore. There has been a community rebate program based on some of customers’ feedback that wants more instant reward. It’s called Pack Awards. Then we had our meeting with Graduate School Executive Staff. I have been working a lot on Husky Sunrise with the Regent office and the President. They all have forms that we need to fill out. Ceremony has been a huge advocate for Husky Sunrise. Husky Sunrise would not have had happen without Ceremony office. They started Husky Experience last year. Part of the reason they want us to participate is because they want to hear more from grad school. People on the committee will actually be giving grants out. Their idea is to try to make people entrepreneurial.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:41pm