Senate Meeting

January 25th, 2017
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda
Questions to consider

What is your role as a senator?

Why did you become a senator?

Why did you choose to return for a second year?

How can you be more involved?

What are your expectations for the senate?

What is your role as a GPSS committee member/liaison?

Why are resolutions important? How can I start one?
Joanne Harrell
Board of Regents
Divestment Guidelines
A Resolution in Solidarity with Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Good of the Order
Officer Reports
Vice President of External Affairs

OLYMPIA UPDATE

- **Fee-Based Programs**: Progress on both the website changes as well as investment in graduate education.
  - Bills have been dropped that invest support for graduate students at UW (Rep Pollet)
  - We are working with the admin to change websites.
- **Mental Health**: Incremental progress on fixing problems for students.
  - GPSS and CWU have worked with Senator Wilson and Rep Volz to drop a bill that gets a mental health counselor for student vets.
  - Suicide Prevention Bill from Rep Orwall on its way.
- **Sexual Assault**: No progress and no update. ASUW leading the way.
- **Capital Budget**: Slow drive on this, b/c we’re waiting for budget updates. We NEED students to help testify, asking for the T-Wing renovations, seismic improvements, and Parrington Hall.

LOBBY DAY IS FEBRUARY 7TH, SIGN UP WITH THE CATALYST LINK!

If we don’t raise our voice, it won’t be heard.

Federal Lobbying/SAGE Day on the Hill

We are sending a delegation to lobby for federal issues and support at the end of March. Let us know if there are any specific issues that you want us to push for in DC!
VP of Internal Affairs

Remember to fill out the Senator Feedback Survey!!!
https://goo.gl/forms/DGemvte3alvxLvdo2

Upcoming Program Review Site Visits:
● Department of Scandinavian Studies - Jan. 30 - 31, 2017
● School of Medicine – MEDEX Northwest - Feb. 13-14, 2017

Upcoming Events:
● S&P Steering Committee, White Paper Project - Feb. 9th
● GPSS Winter Social in the HUB Game area - Feb. 16th
  ○ Volunteers needed!
  ○ Contact: Tori - gpssevnt@uw.edu
Upcoming Events
- Polar Plunge on February 4th! Join our team and help fundraise for Special Olympic Athletes in Washington State!
  - Contact Randy at gpsssec@uw.edu
- Indigenous Feminisms Series at the Intellectual House
  - This FRIDAY, Jan. 27th at 3pm!!

General Updates
- Updating Website, getting organized.
- Diversity Committee has already funded 4 separate events on campus!
- We have consistently had at least 50% of senators present at each meeting!
  - **PLEASE SIGN IN. THIS IS SERIOUS.**
Treasurer

- **Finance and Budget Committee** - reviewing RSO and departmental allocation applications - busy season

- **Travel Grants** - Winter application is OPEN
  - Deadline is Feb. 1 for conferences Feb. 16 - April 22

- Working on FY18 GPSS budget and updating current year expenses
1) reassess our roles within the university community
2) insist upon our dedication to academic freedom
3) assert our commitments to equity & safety of marginalized people
Announcements
Finding Native Feminist Pleasure in Film: Indigenous Queens who Refuse to be Princesses

University of Washington — waʔabʔaltxʷ Programming

Join us for the second presentation in a series on Indigenous Feminism’s co-hosted by Dr. Luana Ross and Dr. Dian Million. Indigenous women have complex identities and complex gender relations with deep histories in our nations and places. Join us in exploring three great women artists and thinkers who present Native women’s current resilient, resistant and critical repositioning of their sexuality, gender and community relations.

Dr. Chris Finley, Ph.D. (Colville) Assistant professor in American Studies at USC and is the lively co-editor and contributor to Queer Indigenous Studies: Interventions in Theory, Politics and Literature. Chris’s work explores the decolonizing possibilities of a sex positive pedagogy, the legalization of gay marriage in the Colville nation, and the affects of sexualized images of indigenous peoples in popular culture.

Marcella Ernest, Ph.D. Candidate (Anishinaabe) Doctoral candidate in American Studies at the U of New Mexico and is a rising star in innovative electronic media, film, and sound design, as well as an artist and writer. Marcella presents critical examinations of gender, family, memory and sexuality that deliberately challenge racist representations of Native American women to embrace Native women’s complex identities. Marcella has a Master’s degree in Indigenous Documentary Research and Film Production from the American Indian Studies Native Voices Program at the University of Washington.

Rachael Nez, Ph.D. Candidate (Navajo) Doctoral student in Native American Studies at UC, Davis and has a Master’s Degree in Indigenous Documentary Research and Film Production from the University of Washington. Rachel is a passionate filmmaker, academic, and teacher and is creating a series of animated shorts for children in an attempt to enhance heritage language maintenance. Her present academic research includes the presentation of Navajo language during the 1960s—especially in the realms of music and film.

January 27, 2017
3:00PM—6:00PM
waʔabʔaltxʷ—Intellectual House
Adjournment