Call to Order: 5:36pm

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Monica Cortes-Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) moves to approve the agenda. Federico Fabbri (French & Italian Studies) seconds. Seeing no objections, the agenda is approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 5:38pm

Lauren Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) moves to approve the minutes. Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences) seconds. Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved.

3. SPOTLIGHT: INTRODUCING OFFICERS & STAFF 5:40pm

Monica Cortes-Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) assists the President for various internal affairs. She represents the needs, concerns, and more of graduate and professional students to administration and campus partners, and brings relevant information back to the GPSS Senate.

Brian Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs) is the lobbying person, continuing the former VP’s job. He will be representing graduate and professional students in Olympia during legislative sessions in winter. He will do some planning as well on the Federal level because the UW is a fairly large research university. He manages two committees: Federal Legislative Steering Committee and State Legislative Steering Committee. He is actively seeking for members; anyone who is interested in lobbying and legislative business may contact him. One of the main tasks of these committees is organizing “Husky on the Hill: Lobby Day”. It happens in February where the GPSS and the ASUW collaborate to get students to talk to legislators directly.

Elloise Kim (Secretary) has two major roles: communication and diversity effort. As to communication, first of all, she is in charge of the senate registration and rosterer. (Elloise reminds Senators that two time attendance per quarter is necessary for each Senator to maintain their status and encourages Senators to communicate with her when a challenge arises.) She also helps to produce and maintain publication of the GPSS such as minutes, resolutions, the Constitution, and the Bylaws. She works as the GPSS liaison to many committees and boards
such as GO-MAP and OMAD SAB that work for diversity. She runs Diversity Committee and Judicial Committee.

**Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer)** is responsible of developing the GPSS budget every year. She checks and audits the spending as the year goes on, and gives active reports to the Senate. She chairs the Travel Grants Committee and Finance and Budget Committee. These committees regularly gives out travel grants, departmental and special allocations. They already met for the trainings. For those who want to join those committees, there might be a chance in the next quarter. She also sits on the Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAF) and the Student Technology Fee Committee (STF).

**Bryan Namba (Special Assistant to President)** is a first year Evans student, and he is the Special Assistance to the President and VP of Internal Affairs. He handles both Alex’s and Monica’s schedule.

**Austin Kinney (University Affairs Director)** is a first year at the Evans School.

**Cynthia Chang (Director of Communications)** transcribes minutes and designs posters for GPSS events. She also manages the GPSS social media.

**Demi Boe (Office Manager)** is the first year student of Human Centered Design and Engineering. She stewards administrative tasks of the GPSS office and assists all officers.

**Brain Tracey (Executive Senator)** is in the School of Marine and Environmental Affairs. This is his second year with the GPSS.

**Joseph Telegen (Executive Senator)** is a 4th year Ph.D. candidate in the English Department. He considers himself a resolution-oriented person because he likes analyzing and researching. He has office hours this year: 2-4 pm on Wednesdays in the GPSS office.

**Yasmen Hassian (Executive Senator)** is a 5th year Ph.D. student in Biology, and this is her 5th year in GPSS.

**Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)** is the Student Organization Advisor of the GPSS and she keeps them in line with all regulations and rules.

Office hours of all officers have been posted on the GPSS website. People can contact Office Manager when there is any question or concern about the GPSS and she will help people to get to the right contact person.

4. **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

**Monica Cortes-Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)** ask Senators to raise their hands if they are first-year senators and asks them to talk to returning Senators about where they came from. As Senators finish the first round of introduction, she asks first-year Senators to find other first-year Senators to talk about which department they are from and why they are involved in the GPSS. When the Senators finish the second round of introduction, she asks them to move around the room and continue to meet new people to talk about their current obsessions.

As Monica wraps up the conversations, she mentions that one of the things she wanted to accomplish when she accepted the VP of Internal Affairs position was to encourage diversity.
within the GPSS and see more women, women of colors, and art & humanity students in the Senate. She would like to work on professional development because she wants Senators to be more than just scholars and be able to present their idea, communicate, and network with others.

5. GPSS BUDGET UPDATE

Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer) gives the Senate an overview of GPSS budget. She announces that the total SAF award this year was $481,000 give or take, which exceeds the request on our final budget which was $471,000. This is due to a change in the loaning rates. She also shows the SAF eligible funding to the Senate. The majority of the funding goes to paying officer and staff who work to keep the GPSS going. The GPSS also puts a significant portion toward the grant funding, which is about 12% of their budget. Since the SAF fund cannot be used for food and drink, the GPSS uses something called the discretionary fund. The GPSS did obtain the $39K from the Provost this year, and that’s how they will be funding the majority of the GPSS programing and events. The GPSS also has some discretionary fund left over from last year, which they were able to put on all the events. She also gives an update on the Husky Sunrise budget spending. She hasn’t received all the receipts yet, but it is expected that the event will come about $500 under or over the budget.

As mentioned, the grant funding is 12% of their budget. This year they are going to give away $8,500 in Departmental Allocations, which is what department can get to fund an item that enhances graduate student experience (e.g. projector, fridge, coffee maker). Last year, the GPSS gave out $7,000 Departmental Allocations. About 50% of it went to capital items and another 50% to retreat. Funding regulation is $15/person in a program with a maximum of 750, and the biggest caveat to that is that an application must be submitted before the retreat, not after, and retreat must happen on state-owned property. Other regulations include that there is a $1,000 maximum for a capital item. The application is currently open on the GPSS website. The F&B Committee meets every Friday to read applications.

Another thing that F&B committee does is Special Allocation Fund, which is primary for RSOs that are having events. Last year they gave out $20,000, and this year they have $22,000 SAF allocation. The maximum they can give out is $750/event, but the amount can exceed that with the Exec Committee’s approval. An application for RSOs is also already available on the website.

Lastly, Travel Grant is given out to individual graduate students who are attending conferences. Last year, the GPSS ended up giving out $23,000, and most of that was during the academic year with an addition of about $3,000 during the summer as a pilot program. Travel Grant is fairly competitive at the moment with a 32% acceptance rate. This year the GPSS has already gotten 13 applications for Travel Grant, and that application is open until October 23rd. Committee will then take a week to grade them and will take a vote on November 6th.

Some more information about capital purchases: any capital purchases the GPSS makes usually come from the General Fund. So far this year, they had to purchase a new computer for the new VP of Internal Affairs since it was a new position. Other things that they will be doing this year
include working on the technology replacement plan for the GPSS. The majority of the equipment in the GPSS was purchased in 2009. While most of them still function well, some of them are already outdated, so Kerstin will be working with the new Information Specialist on making a plan to update the equipment in the future. Travel Grant Committee and F&B Committee have already started with a training, but if anyone is interested in joining these committees, they are welcome to join them in the Winter Quarter. The full budget is available on the website on the 2015-2016 meeting page.

**Q&A (Answered by Kerstin Hudon)**

- **Giuliana Conti (Music)**: Will the slide information be available to us?
  - A: Yes. All slides will be posted on the meeting document page.

- **Norma Kaminsky (Comparative Literature)**: Is the travel fund for conferences done directly through you or through the department?
  - A: When you apply, it will be Treasurer and the F&B committee who vote on it. The GPSS will then transfer the fund to your department, and your departments give it directly to you.

- **Devin Bedard (Earth & Space Sciences)**: Do you make public the criteria you have for the selection process?
  - A: Travel Grants Committee does not have to be in compliance of OPMA, so the rubric isn’t made available for the public. But what the GPSS generally looks for are people who can clearly explain their participation in the conference, what they are presenting on, people who are looking to bring what they learn back to the UW community. The Committee equally values merits and financial needs. Strong faculty recommendations definitely make a difference.

- **Melissa Liu (Anthropology)**: Can you speak more about summer funding?
  - A: The GPSS saved $2,500 last year to be spent on Travel Grants over the summer. They did it through rolling applications since everyone’s conference date varies. The GPSS takes applications whenever they come in, and at the Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee evaluate and vote on. We had an overwhelming response, so $2,500 did not turn out to be enough and they ran out of funding in July. Next year, they would like to increase the amount of funding available over the summer so they can allow more people to get the funding.

- **Lauren Drakopulos (Geography)**: Is the fund that is available for the retreat in addition to or part of the fund that is available for capital purchases?
  - A: Usually departments ask for one or the other in a single year. But I would say it’s an addition.

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**6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE 6:10 pm**

Elloise Kim (Secretary) introduces some basic parli pro language to help Senators steer
through the procedures during a meeting. She asks Senators to check the back of their name tag for a parli pro cheat sheet. The cheat sheet describes basic actions and tips for parliamentary procedure that are used at the Senate meetings. Elloise Kim, Yasmeen Hussain, Monica Cortes-Viharo, and Joseph Telegen perform the skit that introduces a few common motions.

Skit

Elloise: Our next agenda is “I want some food at the Senate meeting.”
Yasmeen: Our meeting happens at the very late hour to demand an active and intellectual participation. I always feel famished after the meeting after a long day. Therefore, I make a motion to move that the GPSS shall provide the food for Senators at its meetings.
Elloise: Is there a second to the motion?
Monica: I second the motion. I feel starving, too. Having food at the meeting will be also a great booster for a higher rate of attendance.
Elloise: Any objections?
Joe: Point of Information. I have a question about the budget. Kerstin, as Treasurer, can you clarify whether the GPSS budget allows the Senate to have food? Do we have enough money?
Kerstin: No. And the Senate cannot have food because our budget cannot be used for the purchase of food or beverages.
Yasmeen: It is very unfortunate. However, according to Kerstin’s explanation, we can have some refreshment. Dessert is not a meal; it can be considered as the refreshment. Then, I’d like to move to amend the motion by “the GPSS shall provide the dessert for Senators at its meetings.”
Elloise: We are running out of the time set the agenda.
Joe: I move to extend time by 20 minutes. Food is so critical. This conversation must go on.
Elloise: Any one to second? (No Seconds.) Since there is no second move, the time for this discussion cannot be extended.
Monica: We have many others agendas to have a longer conversation. And what dessert we want to get needs a further in-depth conversation. So, I move to table this agenda until the next meeting.
Elloise: Any objections?
Joe: Point of Order. The motion has not been seconded.
Elloise: Thank you, Joe, for pointing it out. Is there any second to Monica’s motion?
Yasmeen: I second.
Chair: Any objections? OK. Seeing no objection, this agenda will be discussed again at the next Senate meeting.
Monica: I raise the question of privilege to close the door. It is hard to concentrate due to the outside noise.
Elloise: The door shall be closed.

7. EXECUTIVE SENATOR OPENING 6:16pm

Alex Bolton (President): Executive Senator Colin Bateson has other tasks to attend, so he won’t be able to continue to serve as an Executive Senator. Therefore, there is currently an opening. The Executive Committee meets every other Wednesday, and comes together as a steering committee to discuss issues and create agenda. The bare minimum time commitment is 2 hours every other week. It’s a great way to get engaged with the GPSS, and also a great chance to learn more about the GPSS if someone wants to become an officer next year. Two of
the five officers of this year started out as an Executive Senator. Senators can seek out Officers and Executive Senators if they have any questions.

Q&A (answered by Alex Bolton)
- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)**: When is the election?
  - A: Soon with a fairly tight time frame.

- **Lauren Taylor (Molecule & Cellular Biology)**: Is an Executive Committee meeting open to everyone?
  - A: Yes. The meeting is open for the public.

- **Brandon Audet (International Studies)**: When is the Executive Committee meeting?
  - A: The next Exec meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Oct. 21 in HUB 303.

**Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer)**: If someone is interested in becoming an Executive Senator, s/he is recommended to send Elloise a brief blurb about her/himself, so it can be put into the slides in the Senate meeting. If one decides to run from the floor, it is totally acceptable as well.

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### 8. COMMITTEE RUNDOWN

**Alex Bolton (President)**: A number of committees that the GSSS runs are open for recruitment. The slides show the committees and the officers who are responsible for each committee. One of the committees that he will be chairing this year is Graduate Student Experience Committee. Senators will have the opportunity to spread out across the room, and find the officer who is chairing the committees they are interested in so that they can have questions.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)**: Community Outreach and Events Committee is for a group of Senators who will decide what the GPSS wants to do in terms of social events as well as any kind of community outreach. This group may be doing some surveys to find out what their constituents want to see for programming. Science and Policy Committee will work on the Science and Policy Summit, and sometimes it gets involved in some of the lobbying efforts to share all great works that has been done on campus.

**Brian Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs)**: If they are looking to dive into policy, that’s what Federal Legislative Steering Committee is for. It groups out together and brings white papers to DC, and advocates based on those white papers. State Legislative Steering Committee will be working on legislative agenda which needs to be approved by this body before the session starts in December. Legislative Committees will be more of an organizing arm for VP of External Affairs, and helps him to get the message out.

**Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer)**: Travel Grants and F&B Committee have started their training for the fall quarter. She would love to have more people, and she will be happy to do another training during the second half of the quarter. F&B Committee meetings comply with OPMA; anyone is welcome to attend.

**Elloise Kim (Secretary)** is in charge of Diversity Committee and Judicial Committee. Diversity Committee works for diversity efforts representing the GPSS. It holds forums that show graduate and professional students’ interests in diversity issues. It is a small committee, but committee
members will have a distinct opportunity to organize events on topics that truly interest them. They meet only a few times a quarter in addition to events such as forums. Diversity Committee also allocates Diversity Funds for RSOs and departments, so people can get some taste of financing of the GPSS. Judicial Committee is comprised of six Senators. Its major role is to review any proposed Bylaw changes before they are presented to the Senate. Also, when there is any grievance arising within the Senate, the Judicial Committee is the body who investigates the case and approves or disapproves it. The Senate has to elect Judicial Committee members at its first Senate meeting of the year according to the GPSS Bylaws.

**Alex Bolton (President)** asks Senators to break into different sections of the room where they can meet with the officers chairing each committee and sign up.

### 9. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ELECTION

**Elloise Kim (Secretary):** As it has been said earlier, two major roles of Judicial Committee are a) when there’s any complaint or grievance that happens in the Senate, Judicial Committee will examine the case and report back to the Executive Committee and the Senate; b) to supervise amendments of the Bylaws and the Constitution. While its work is consequential, the commitment required for its members is very minimal. They are expected to meet two times in Fall quarter, probably one time in Winter quarter, and a few times in Spring quarter depending how much amendments are made. What to note is, however, when someone sits on the Judicial Committee, s/he cannot join other GPSS committees while s/he still can work as an executive liaisons to other university committees and boards. S/he also cannot run for an officer election unless s/he expresses her/his resignation 35 days prior to the election.

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** was on Judicial Committee two years ago. It was a way for her to get involved with the GPSS but be able to have some flexibility.

Senators nominated are (in the order of nomination):

- John Lurie (Astronomy)
- Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences)
- Jason (Jay) Eckard (Drama)
- Yong Han (Noel) Kim (Aeronautics and Astronautics)
- Allen Miller (Drama)
- Norma Kaminsky (Comparative Literature)

**Alex Bolton (President)** motions to approve nominations to be vote on during the next Executive Committee meeting.

**Brain Tracey (School of Marine and Environmental Affairs)** seconds.

Nominations are approved without objection.

### 10. RESOLUTION UPDATE on ENDORSEMENT of THE STUDENT CODE OF
Alex Bolton (President): Last spring, Ellen’s office brought some proposed changes that student had been very engaged in with the Student Conduct Code. The GPSS passed a resolution in support of those changes. However, there have been more updates that have been made, so Ellen wants to share some of those changes with us.

Ellen Taylor (Assistant Vice President for Student Life): Last year, her office promised that if there was any further change, they would come back to inform the GPSS about it. Her office wanted to find a way to make the Student Conduct Code much easier to navigate and user-friendly. They also were in charge of editing the off-campus code implemented in 2007. That code essentially gives the University some jurisdiction to adjudicate a misconduct that happens off campus. They have had much engagement from representatives from all three campuses including the ASUW and the GPSS. There has been a lot of attention to the Title IX and what that means for the University. Particularly with the Jeanne Clery Act, all universities receiving federal funds are obligated to be in compliance with it. They, therefore, wanted to add some additional definition and unpack some of the prohibited behaviors.

She’d like to break what the Student Life office brought to the Senate last year into two phases. Phase one: breaking things into Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and making easier for new changes in the future; adding and clarifying a definition of sexual assault, consent, domestic relationship violence and some other violence. They also reviewed the jurisdiction of violence. The resolution the GPSS passed was a complete rewrite of the Student Conduct Code. What her office is currently doing is writing a whole new chapter, WAC 478130. They will be saving this part for phase two. Phase one is adopting some part of the proposed revision that the GPSS has already seen and there are no substantial changes to that. The second phase will deal with the Student Conduct Board and replace the Faculty Appeal Board with the Student Conduct Board which will function for all three campuses. The Faculty Senate will be reviewing and passing phase one on October 22nd. The UW Bothell already passed it. They are hoping to move it to the Board of Regents for implication of phase one in January.

Alex Bolton (President): The GPSS already passed the resolution on the amended Student Conduct Code last spring. If one has questions or concerns about the Code, one may reach out to the officers or the Student Life office. There will be a public hearing later on about it, too.

Alex Bolton also introduces Kelly Edwards, Associate Dean for Student and Postdoctoral Affairs in the Graduate School, and Lincoln Johnson, Associate Vice President for Student Life and HUB Director as important members of the GPSS.

11. OFFICER REPORTS

Monica Cortex-Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) is in the process of hiring Director of Programming. She will be sending additional information about the position. She is working with the Gradate School on an event called “Communication Skills for International Student” and she will be facilitating the event. Husky 100 is an inaugural event that recognizes 100 outstanding husky students. Graduate and professional students are highly encouraged for nomination.

Brian Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs): Legislators last year passed tuition reduction for undergrads, but to get to that accomplishment it took them three special sessions, which means
they were very tired and they did not want to do it again. It is almost guaranteed that there will be in session only in January and February before they head out to campaign again. This means that the students’ asking has to be very measured this year. Lastly, committees are open to all students, so Senators may let anyone who might be interested in them learn about the opportunity.  

**Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer)** has been keeping track of spending and getting committees up. She has been involved in a lot of personnel process and payroll processing stuffs, too. There is still an opening on the Services and Activities Fee Committee. If they are interested in applying, they can email to the President.  

**Elloise Kim (Secretary):** The GPSS made a presentation at over 40 programs during the orientation weeks. She appreciates Senators who helped it. She reminds the Senators that they can contact her if any questions or concerns regarding the Senate roaster and others arise. The Senate Handbook is available at the GPSS website and it will be sent out along with announcement tomorrow as well. One of her goals for this year is to make the GPSS documents and publication more concise, consistent, and colorful - the presentation slides at the Senate meeting is one of the examples. Diversity Funds are now open for application and the application form is available online at the GPSS website. At the next meeting’s Spotlight, Executive Senator Yasmeen Hussain will explain how to submit a resolution and what the timeline looks like. People who are interested in making a Spotlight may contact her to schedule it. Finally, those who make an announcement need to send their announcement information to her by Thursday, 12 pm if they want to see the information included in the Senate email that she will send out on the following day of the meeting.  

**Alex Bolton (President):** Brain Taubeneck and he were in California for Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) fall summit. UW and UT Austin started SAGE, and they focus mainly on federal advocacy and share best practices on their campus. Also, they are very happy to name Ana Mari their President.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**  

See the Addendum.  

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm
ADDENDUM: Announcements

Annual Constitution Real-Aloud
October 15th (Thu), 12 -1:15pm
Suzzallo Library 3rd floor, outside of main reading room

African/African American Community Dinner
October 21st (Wed), 5pm
Ethnic Cultural Center
Join student leaders, faculty and staff at this community dinner to celebrate the African and African American community at the University of Washington. RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-african-african-american-community-dinner-tickets-17592988101

Workshop on Communications Skills for International Grad Students
October 22nd (Thu), 11:45am - 1:15pm
HUB 214
Workshop on Communications Skills for International Grad Students is a lively and informative workshop for international graduate and professional students who want to learn more about communication skills— in and out of the classroom. From understanding cultural differences and tips for effective communication to presentation skills, this workshop will address common situations international graduate students face in workplace and academic settings. The leading presenter, Monica Cortes-Viharo, is an actor and PhD student in the UW School of Drama. Free refreshments will be provided! This event is a collaboration among Core Programs in the Graduate School, GPSS, and FIUTS. Facebook Event Page: https://www.facebook.com/events/110192849339835/

Spencer G. Shaw Lecture Series: Nadir Nelson
October 22nd (Thu), 7-8:30pm
Kane Hall 220
The Spencer G. Shaw Endowed Lecture Series, hosted by Information school, spotlights award-winning authors and illustrators. Kadir Nelson, an artist, illustrator and author, is a winner of the Coretta Scott King Award and the NAACP Image Award. The ticket information is available at http://engage.washington.edu/site/Calendar?id=126641&view=Detail.

Farm-to-Table Dinner
October 22nd (Thu), 6:30-8pm
NHS Hall: Center for Urban Horticulture
The UW Farm will be hosting the second edition of its farm-to-table dinner with the menu using fresh produce from the UW Farm. Libations will be on sale for guests 21 and older, and the evening’s entertainment will also include games and a photo booth. For more information visit https://depts.washington.edu/sefsblog/farm-to-table-dinner-october-22/.

Elect Her
October 24th (Sat), 10am-4pm
HUB 332
Hosted by the ASUW, in partnership with American Association of University Women (AAUW), this all day event aims to empower women from all communities to run for political office on and off campus. During the day-long conference, attendees will practice hands-on campaign skills through various facilitated workshops, hear from local female politicians about their experience in and around public office, and discuss the challenges of running. For more information visit http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/elect-her-campus-women-win/

Tour for Diversity in Medicine
October 24th (Sat), 9am-4pm
UW campus
Hosted by Health Sciences Center for Minority Students Program. this all day meet and greet is meant to expose students of color interested in the Health Science to other students and professionals already in Health Sciences careers. The goal is to provide helpful tips and hints to the aspiring health sciences professionals. Find more information at http://tour4diversity.org/

Call for Nominations: the 2015-16 Husky Experience Student Advisory Council (HESAC)
Deadline: October 25th (Sun), 5pm
Apply here: https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/katyd2/281981
What types of student-led efforts would improve the overall Husky Experience? What would inspire students to create such a project and apply for funding? The Husky Experience Student Advisory Council is to help create a seed-funding program to award funds to students who propose new projects to improve our campus community. Gain valuable experience developing and managing a new program. The meeting will be held twice a quarter. Contact Katy DeRosier at katyd2@uw.edu if you have questions.

Call for Proposals: Scholars' Studio - 'Translate'
Deadline: Oct. 30th (Fri)
Scholars’ Studio, sponsored by the UW Libraries Research Commons and Core Programs in the Graduate School, is a fun, informal, interdisciplinary event featuring 10 rapid-fire lightning talks (5 minutes each) given by grad and professional students doing research or work related to a specific theme. This event is open to students, faculty, staff and the campus community and will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19th, 4 pm – 6 pm in the Research Commons, Allen Library South on the Seattle campus. This quarter’s theme is TRANSLATE. Submit proposals here, by Friday October 30th: http://www.lib.washington.edu/commons/events/scholarsstudio/proposals/submission

UW Community Priorities Survey
The UW Community Priorities Survey is a joint project by UW Student Leaders, The Washington Student Association, and State Representative Brady Wakinshaw to lean what values and issues unite the UW community, and begin working together to make real progress on those issues. One can participate in the survey at http://www.bradywalkinshaw.com/uw

Call for Volunteers: the 2016 Western Regional International Health Conference (WRIHC)
Two GPSS Senators - Jen Hubber (Epidemiology Senator) and Nazila Dabestani (Global Health Senator) - are seeking graduate and professional student volunteers from all departments and schools to help them in planning and coordinating chairing the 2016 Western Regional International Health Conference (WRIHC), the largest student-led health conference in the country. This conference will take place April 22-24, 2016 at UW. It will be a great chance for students with an interest in global health to actively get involved. There will be many opportunities for networking, and volunteers will receive free admission to the event if serving a substantial amount of volunteer hours. Any interested students can contact either Jen Hubber (hubber@uw.edu) or Nazila Dabestani (nazila@uw.edu).