Members Present:
GPSS President Alex Bolton
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs Monica Cortes Viharo
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs Brian Taubeneck
GPSS Treasurer Kerstin Hudon
GPSS Secretary Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim
GPSS Executive Senator Evan Firth
GPSS Executive Senator Yasmeen Hussain
GPSS Executive Senator Joseph Telegen
GPSS Executive Senator Brian Tracey
Graduate School Associate Dean Kelly Edwards
ASUW Director of University Affairs Roy Taylor
GPSS Director of University Affairs Austin Kinney

Call to Order: 5:35 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alex Bolton makes a motion to add an information item on staffing, and move the state legislative agenda to be placed after the Senate meeting agenda setting. Brian Taubeneck will be slightly late.

Yasmeen Hussain moves to approve the amended agenda.
Roy Taylor seconds.
Seeing no objection, the agenda is approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 5:36 pm

Roy Taylor moves to approve the minutes.
Yasmeen Hussain seconds.
Seeing no objection, the minutes are approved.

HUSKY 100 5:37 pm
Sean Ferris, Student Affairs Specialist for the Division of Student Life, has been invited by Monica Cortes Viharo to come to the GPSS to talk more about Husky 100. Husky 100 program started when Provost Jerry Baldasty gathered a group of people to talk about a new kind of leadership recognition on campus. The program aims to recognize students who are engaged in the Husky experience, strive to inspire their peers, and take advantage of their education and be purposeful about it. This is a unique opportunity to recognize a large group of students on campus in comparison to other programs while they understand that it still does not represent everyone on campus.

Kelly Edward says that Husky 100 looks at the holistic experience and tries to give recognition to those who are giving back in alternative ways to ensure that the University is not just celebrating scholarship, academic excellence, and financial success.

Sean Ferris says that the criteria for a good Husky 100 candidate is for someone who can connect dots in one’s education experience holistically, flexibly exercises one’s learning from class, and is committed for more inclusive engagement. Good candidates will be those who are interested in doing things with a community rather than just for the community. They may be students who have capacity for leadership but are not necessarily always sitting in front of a room. They are ready for what is next such as their job, transition, spiritual journey, and even helping their family. Successful candidates know how their experiences at UW help them be successful at their life. They want to go for as broad representation as possible and they’d like to make sure that there is a great mix of race, gender, sexuality, interest, and more. This is a pilot project, and therefore the program has been putting lots of effort in organizing. They are looking for helpful feedback from graduate students as well.

Evan Firth asks what some challenges are in shaping the program.

Sean Ferris: There is a challenge when students have to apply by nominating themselves. The program has been working hard to ensure that the nomination process is as inclusive as possible. Students who may not necessarily see themselves as leaders but are contributing greatly to the community should be able to feel that they can apply for it.

Yasmeen Hussain asks why they try to put ownership on students in the nomination process.

Sean Ferris: Candidates are the ones who are most familiar with their own holistic experience at UW. Nomination made by faculty and staff functions more as an encouragement to apply while nominators can act as supporters for their nominees. In addition, Jerry Baldasty’s initial thought was to help students learn through the process itself.

Kelly Edwards: Many transferable skills can be gained from this experience.

Elloise Kim asks for a clearer definition and a process of nomination and comments that the program may need to promote on what holistic leadership means.

Sean Ferris: The program is looking for people who can nominate others and give them some advice as well. In November, the program will start promoting, emphasizing that this program is not just for leadership but for a more holistic view including other kinds of criteria. Currently, an incentive package is being put together. Having repeatedly received feedback on wanting more network opportunities, they will include it in an incentive package for sure.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Graduate students seek for more professional development
opportunities. They are often unsure whether they have all the skills needed for a job market. They also want to be able to expand their professional network.

**Evan Firth** suggests on narrowing down the criteria and making the language more specific to reduce confusion.

**Sean Ferris** says the reason that they keep the language broad is to make the program as inclusive as possible.

**Evan Firth** asks what a selection process would look like.

**Sean Ferris** says two people would get together to score an application. If having a graduate student on the board is preferred, they can definitely take it into consideration. They are expecting to have around 400 to 500 applications.

**Monica Cortes Viharo** says that she has talked with Elloise Kim about inviting Sean Ferris to the one of Senate meetings to introduce Husky 100.

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**STAFF RESTRUCTURE**

5:58 pm

**Alex Bolton** says that the GPSS is adding a new staff position, Director of Programing, to help with programing effort like academic program review and the work with the Core Programs.

**Kerstin Hudon** asks how many hours are assigned to the position.

**Monica Cortes Viharo**: 15 to 18 hours per week.

**Evan Firth** says that the job description includes two fairly specific projects besides general staff duties. With that in mind, she wonders how expandable this position’s work might be.

**Monica Cortes Viharo**: This position will collaborate with Special Assistant to the President for program reviews, and coordinate with Director of Communications and Director of Events for event planning and promotion. The person will have lots of guidance and support along the way.

**Kelly Edwards** says the G3 workload is currently significant while it may shrink later on. The program is in a rebuilding phase.

**Evan Firth** asks if there is an equivalent of this role at the Graduate School.

**Kelly Edward**: Rebecca (Becky) Aanerud does the program review and she handles the G3.

**Elloise Kim** adds that the job description is flexible and may change from year to year depending on the workload of the position and what the GPSS focuses on each year.

**Rene Singleton** says the name of the position is confusing and asks the Officers to consider having two positions instead of one because programing goes for many things.

**Alex Bolton**: Last year, Patricia Deng, Special Assistant to the President covered everything by herself. It would be better if there is someone else who can lessen that burden.

**Jennifer Kirk** says that the program review and other job duties do not seem to fit very well under one job description.

**Monica Cortes Viharo** says that they will try this out this year. She will personally support the
new staff working on the program review and she hopes to gather enough data by the end of the next year for enough justification for having two positions if it is necessary.

**Yasmeen Hussain** asks if it is possible to have two positions with 10 hours/week respectively.

**Alex Bolton:** Kerstin Hudon may have to look into the budget for that option. But for now, he hears people’s concern and he would like to propose this option as a try and then modify it along the way.

**Rene Singleton** says it will be important to make priorities of tasks among program review, G3, and many other job duties suggested.

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**FALL BALL DEBRIEF**

**Monica Cortes Viharo:** The food delivery from Safeway was late and bartenders did not show up, but people generally had a great fun at the event. She gives recognition for volunteers who helped at the event and contributed greatly. She has reserved the Burke Museum as a venue for the next year’s fall ball as well.

**Alex Bolton** expressed gratitude to Roy Taylor for getting an amazing DJ for them.

**Kerstin Hudon** says that they are on track of keeping their budget. They spent $500 for a photo booth and $1600 on the Burke Museum venue. They did not need to pay the bar tenders since they did not come. Overall, their whole spending will come slightly under $4000.

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**THE U WAY PROJECT**

**Brian Tracey** raises the concern that the recent University District drug bust by SPD seems to target homeless people, especially those of color.

**Elloise Kim** cautions that they also need to acknowledge that the want for eviction of drug dealers has come from small business owners who have been highly affected by the drug business in the district, while homeless people should not be targeted unjustly.

**Joseph Telegen:** Randy Siebert came up with the idea of advocating for local governance at the Legislative Steering Committee meeting. He is in favor of putting together a committee or a group working for the idea.

**Roy Taylor:** He sits on the University District BIA Ratepayers Advisory Board. One of things that he concerns is that they are combating drug dealers in U District, but not drug-users. ASUW is working with Seattle U on this issue and he would love to have the GPSS on board with this discussion. He supports the idea of keeping U District clean without criminalizing the homeless.

**Kelly Edwards** mentions the collaboration with URABAN@UW. She sends a follow-up email with the following information.

“This initiative is now live, and they have a map outside the U Bookstore on the Ave where you can vote for where
the public restrooms could be installed. The Urban@UW projects are just getting started. The NextSeattle was the 4-day multi-stakeholder and student project development experience that occurred recently. “

**Monica Cortes Viharo**: U District partnership has a lot of opportunities on collaboration for programming in a place like University Heights Center. She encourages everyone to take a part in U District planning and pay attention to community issues.

**Roy Taylor** asks Brian Tracey whether he wants to include the entire city on this topic or rather focus only on U-district issues.

**Brian Tracey** says it is best to keep it in U District.

**Jennifer Kirk** says that there seem to be a culture gap in understanding homeless culture. Some students from foreign countries and different regions may have a tendency to generalize the homeless population. It would be great to include Seattle’s history, event, and culture during the orientation to prevent such disconnection but instead encourage a sense of compassion for the homeless people.

**Brian Tracey**: They have to bring the issue of homelessness to a larger community.

**Monica Cortes Viharo**: The Husky Experience is giving out seed funding for entrepreneurial ideas. If anyone has any idea on homelessness education and community awareness, they should apply for the seed funding.

**APPOINTMENT & NOMINATION**

6:49 pm

**Alex Bolton** asks the Executive Committee to review the proposed appointments and provide feedback on the list. Nominations are as follows:

**Campus Sustainability Fund Committee**
Lauren Drakopulos, Arts & Sciences, Geography

**Dawg Pack Advisory Committee**
Tyler Quillin, Law

**Institutional Review Board A (Biomedical)**
Peder Digre, Evans School of Public Policy & Governance

**Task Force on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response**
Kaitlyn Berger, Evans School of Public Policy & Governance

**ASUW Student Senate**
Joseph Telegen, Arts & Sciences, English

**GPSS Diversity Committee**
Shuxian Chen, Arts & Sciences, Economics
Ada C. Onyewuenyi, Education

UPASS Advisory Committee
Monica Cortes Viharo, GPSS Vice President for External Affairs
Srihasha Garuda, Information School
Hester Serebrin, Evans School of Public Policy & Governance

Joseph Telegen moves to approve.
Kerstin Hudon seconds.

Appointments of all committees are approved without any objections.

GPSS FUNDING INFORMATION 6:51 pm

Kerstin Hudon calls attention to funding cap for RSOs. In an effort to help RSOs with multiple small events, they have a new funding model. With the traditional model, a big RSO like TSA with a big event can come and ask for $700. However, that model does not necessarily work for all RSOs, especially for smaller RSOs with multiple events of a smaller size throughout the year. The Finance & Budget Committee has come up with an alternative model that allows RSOs to apply for one event per quarter with the maximum $400 per event and the maximum 3 events per year. So, some RSOs, when they have multiple events, can get as much as $1200 per year. For evaluation, the committee would like to see graduate students on their planning committee and it is also highly encouraged for the groups to come to GPSS meetings to speak about their events. On the other hand, they will stick to $1000 per quarter per capital item funding a departmental program. That said, they are changing the policy for a department retreat with a cap at $700 and $15/person.

Yasmeen Hussain raises a concern on whether $15/person can be too low for smaller programs. Smaller programs can be put into disadvantage. For example, it is hard to book a venue with a small budget.

Kerstin Hudon asks whether Yasmeen Hussain would propose adding a minimum for smaller programs.

Yasmeen Hussain says that they should find a way to allow smaller departments to ask for more for booking a venue and others logistics.

Kerstin Hudon says that they will be more thoughtful with programs that are smaller in size. On that condition she moves to approve the new funding policy.

Yasmeen Hussain moves to approve.

Monica Cortes Viharo seconds.

The new funding policy for special allocations is approved.
STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA  

Brian Taubeneck says there are two new things added to the Legislative Agenda. One is teacher compensation and the other is having a study conducted on the State Graduate Loan Program. The program will give graduate students an additional option that is not a plus loan. This legislative session does not have money, so we are just looking to conduct a study or survey on this. In regard to sexual assault prevention, when we asked for student representation, there was not a lot of responses from students in public universities.

Yasmeen Hussain: Point of information. Grad students do not have access to the State need-based grant. If the State fulfills more need-based grant, the UW does not need to fulfill as much the Husky Promise, which may free up some money.

Joseph Telegen says that ASUW has made some changes to its agenda template, to which Roy Taylor adds that ASUW is bringing back a position statement.

Yasmeen Hussain asks whether this is this internal document and whether people can edit it.

Alex Bolton says that he is unsure whether they should treat this as an internal document. Minor language edits will be welcome.

Evan Firth asks if they have a simple one page to distribute rather than the whole document.

Roy Taylor: ASUW has a few different versions of presentation such as infographic slides for students and general public, and a full version for legislatures.

Joseph Telegen proposes a change on student wellness to emphasize not only their physical wellness but also mental wellness.

Elloise Kim says that the GPSS address on the document is incorrect. The correct address is HUB 314, 4001 NE Stevens Way, Seattle, WA 98195-2238.

Brian Taubeneck moves to approve the Legislative Agenda with some amended wording.

Yasmeen Hussain moves to approve it.

Monica Cortes Viharo seconds.

The new edition of the State Legislative Agenda is approved.

11/18 SENATE METTING AGENDA  

For the November 18 Senate meeting, Student Legal Services comes for spotlight and Vanessa Kritzer, Student Regent, will also come to talk. Joseph Telegen adds a resolution item titled “Urging the Improvement of University of Washington’s Preparedness in the Event of an Active Shooter”. Joseph Telegen and Giuliana Conti have been working toward a document for this resolution, and he welcomes others to provide input. Alex Bolton will present a resolution titled “A Resolution Regarding the Use of Student Tuition for Capital Projects.” In regard to a resolution submission process, Rene Singleton suggests that the GPSS should consider putting a resolution on the official website and streamline the editing process to increase accessibility.
Monica Cortes Viharo reminds the officers that Sean Ferris from Husky100 would come to the meeting to present the program for inputs from graduate students.

Alex Bolton asks the officers their opinion about the last “Good of the Order.” Most officers agree that it was a good discussion on important topics and Joseph Telegen believes that they can strive to diversify the topics even more. Yasmeen Hussain and Elloise Kim say that they should not allow time extension for each topic and recommend to have about 5 minutes per topic. However, they encourage Senators to email the Executive Committee if any topic that requires longer discussion arises.

Elloise Kim brings the attendance issue to the Executive Committee’s attention. There seems to be some people who show up to a meeting almost at the last minute. She will continue to monitor Senators’ attendance to assure the quality of the meeting.

Alex Bolton says that last year the PACS proposed a MOU for any capital project that would use any of student tuition as funding had to be lobbied for three consecutive quarters. He also brings up some concern about PACS acting as a student governing body rather than an advisory board. Moving forward, he wishes to see the PACS presents topics at the GPSS and ASUW and then have these student bodies either endorse the proposed resolution or create a new policy. It is important to bring issues to the GPSS and ASUW because they are the bodies that represent the official student voice.

Elloise Kim moves to approve agenda for the Nov. 18th Senate meeting.

Jennifer Kirk seconds.

The agenda for the Nov. 18th Senate meeting is approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Monica Cortes Viharo says the Italian and French Studies program review is coming. She sits on the student panel and the review board. She addresses about a consistent concern regarding graduate students’ professional development. The Department of Oral Health Sciences review is on Nov. 16th and the 17th. The survey that Bryan Namba and she worked on has been sent out. The Office of Planning & Budgeting will review it, and they will be sending it out to Students. The G3 has a new active email, UWG3@uw.edu. On Nov 12th, there’s a conference for mentoring coming up. She has interviewed some great candidates for Director of Events and will make a final decision soon.

12/2 SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Alex Bolton remind the Executive Committee that Provost Jerry Baldasty will come to the Senate meeting on December 2nd. He also explains that Alice Popejoy, PACS chair, will report regularly to the GPSS and ASUW and will make more effort to promote the PACS. During this meeting, they will also the second round readings for the resolutions proposed in the previous senate meeting. Joseph Telegen will present a resolution titled “A Resolution Urging the Adoption of More Effective and Inclusive Language Concerning Students with Disabilities in UW Emergency Evacuation Communications.”
Yasmeen Hussain moves to approve the agenda.

Jennifer Kirk seconds.

The agenda for the Dec. 2nd Senate meeting is approved.

EXECUTIVE SENATOR REPORTS  

Joseph Telegen: A chess resolution session will be meeting on Café Allegro on Friday at 3 pm. They will work on two resolutions that he has mentioned today. In addition, the GPSS has a new liaison from the ASUW Senate, Patrick Old.

Yasmeen Hussain says she talked to some people about OMBUD and the Student Tech Fee Committee is going to have a talk with the Executive Committee on November 23rd meeting. They have to approve Request for Proposals (RFP) as a student government body. Voting technology research is still on-going.

Jennifer Kirk is researching on an alternative for a resolution collaboration. Google Drive has some limits on editing and commenting processes. Jennifer will look for other platforms that can encourage a more interactive discussion.

OFFICER REPORTS  

Brian Taubeneck: The state legislative agenda meeting is next week. They might start a new city meeting strategy.

Kerstin Hudon says the Student Tech Fee Committee is having a lot of challenges. The biggest issue is insurance. By pushing them forward, there will be other policy changes. No more Special Allocations meeting. The Travel Grants Committee meets this week, and the result notification will go out next week. Abe McClenny, ASUW Finance & Budget Director and she will attend the Services and Activities Fee Committee meeting on Friday. Their Budget Specialist is doing a great job.

Elloise Kim: For the GPSS website reconstruction planning, Demi, Aparna, Cynthia, she met earlier. Demi is creating a survey to be sent out to Senators about their user experience of the website. Diversity Committee’s meeting last week went well. As a chair, she will try to reach out to other organizations to collaborate on events and programing while. Sara Al Mughairy and Brian Tracey, who have volunteered to serve as co-chairs, will help her and work on specific projects. At the first Senate meeting, with 106 registered senators 71 Senators showed up. It means the 67% attendance rate. At the second meeting the attendance dropped slightly to 57%. However, there were some Senators who showed up in a very last minute and there was even someone who checked in and left immediately. Based on the conversations the officers had this afternoon and the Executive Committee’s shared understanding for good participation, they may present a clearer definition of attendance: at least 45 minutes of presence at the meeting counts as a fair attendance record. The email for Information Specialist has been successfully fixed up; people now can send an email to gpssweb@uw.edu.

Roy Taylor has contacted Seattle University about Tent City 3. Their campus was supportive of
it and will have a legislative session on this. Seattle University would like to have the GPSS’s participation in meetings as well.

Alex Bolton says that he has been interviewing candidates for Director of Programing and is working hard toward the staff restructure. He also mentions that there are some ideas to turn the office into a more welcoming place with an addition of furniture like a couch.

Austin Kinney: Experimental College really wants graduate students to get more involved with them. They are looking for more people to teach. It could potentially be a Senate conversation.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm