

GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
July 17, 2008
HUB 300

Members Present

Jake Faleschini, President
Dave Iseminger, Vice President
Danielle Magnussen, Treasurer
Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor
Ching Ping-Lin,
Richard Nobles, Psychology
Yutaka Jono (by phone), Secretary
Noah Benson, GBLTC

Others present

Liz Williams

1. Call to Order at 6:41 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by **Richard**.

Seconded by **Ping**.

Approved by general consent.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by **Jake**.

Seconded by **Rene**.

Approved by general consent.

4. Dean Antony, Graduate School - tabled

5. Bylaws Amendments: Officer Voting Issues

Dave: Do we feel that officers have a role in voting in general? Whether it's a resolution, officer elections, etc.

- Pass this along to Judicial committee
- Officers have same rights as senators

Jake: Using neutrality (not voting) to your advantage; if you don't think you need to, why do you feel you'd have to lose this privilege?

Dave: If there is a precedent for chairs voting on US Congress level, than chair should be able to vote especially in case of a tie

- There's a precedence that chair should not vote, but have the right to vote

6. Senator Election System

Richard: Review committee: How are we assured senators will be around for the Fall quarter?

- Does committee have to consist of senators?
- As ad hoc committee, anyone can join
- Under what jurisdiction is the review committee under?
- Ping and Yutaka will work on this

7. Building Naming Issue

Jake: Policy for naming buildings after big donors/corporate donors

- If it's a significant donor that gives a large amount of money, we can name the building after them (after they pass standards)
- If there's a "scandal," we have right to revoke the name of that building

Richard: What about corporations that are associated with a "bad" image, like Wal-Mart, Coke, etc. ... do we want to become the right arm of Starbucks?

Ping: Are they using objective standards, or is there politics involved in the decision?

8. Washington Student Lobby

Dave: All of the 4-year institutions and some CC's come up with legislative agenda, and work together to push that agenda.

- Legislature wants to hear from WSL and not the individual constituents.
- Restructuring of WSL in last two years – UW led WSL a few years ago and there's bad blood left behind.
 - UW left because they felt they could do more on their own
 - Affordable Tuition Now is the result of that separation
- There's a significant amount of money from the ATN radio button, which no longer exists
- WSL was hurt because UW left, UW was hurt because they were just one group – so UW rejoined in 05-06
 - Issue about voting structure arose
 - More like a House of Representatives – proportional voting
 - We need to pay more for member dues -- ~\$30,000
 - We don't have a sustainable funding method to pay for our dues – apparently pulled it from ATN, partly from ASUW, partly from GPSS
 - Get the radio button back so we start getting revenue for UW WSL dues
 - When we had the radio button we averaged around \$40k/quarter
 - Alternatively, GPSS can pick up part of the dues and become a part of WSL
 - Do we want to make an ad hoc committee to push the issue through?
 - WSL can be a RSO – the officers of the WSL RSO can be that committee

9. Gold Star Award Revisited – postponed until September

10. Guide to Life on the web

Danielle: We can reprint up to \$500. There's a backorder that never got delivered.

- Since we've been losing revenue, we could put the info onto the web – increase traffic, searchable, links, etc.

Dave: Selling ads is out of the question

Yutaka: Concerns: For this year it wouldn't be prudent to do it until after Fall quarter – we don't want to upset departments that have already purchased it.

- Link to the Guide to Life at the bottom of MyUW sites

11. Seattle City Council and Transportation Issues

Dave: Wants to talk to GPSS at some point

- Councilman Drago – wants to talk about the transportation is not so good (light rails, streetcars, buses, etc.)
- Whoever's opposed wants to come talk to us
- Someone who's for expanding public transportation would be better.
- Question of whether or not it affects UW

Jake will contact and ask if it's a pre or post-election issue

- We can't endorse them, but we can endorse policies

Jake: Should invite everyone to be a part of the meeting

Dave: Concerned legislative agenda won't be set

- Wants to push leg agenda to be created earlier, so we can go out in election season and speak to candidates
- Need to inform the legislative steering committee
- We need to do it as soon as senators are elected
- Have agenda set as early as possible, before Nov. 5
 - We could come up with a draft
 - Could have president call an emergency meeting and vote on it

12. Officer Reports

- **VP**
 - Work on cleaning up committee stuff
 - **Rich** went to committee which was to form an agreement – create a performance agreement, which would get sent to Provost and Board of Regents, eventually sent to legislature
 - How UW would perform on certain academic standards over the course of 5 years
 - Legislature mandated that 4-year institutions come up with contract to place standards on academic performance, etc.
- **Secretary**
 - Stuff we talked about today
- **Treasurer**
 - The usual
- **ASUW**
 - No rep
- **President**
 - Started planning on Summit
 - Public Interest – role grad students play in health

- **Rich** would like to recognize Jean-Paul as our Student Regent, **Jake** formally congratulated him on the record.

13. Adjourn

Ping motioned, **Yutaka** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
August 14, 2008
HUB 300

Members Present

Jake Faleschini (by phone), President
Dave Iseminger, Vice President
Danielle Magnussen, Treasurer
Yutaka Jono (by phone), Secretary
Noah Benson, GBLTC
Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor

Others present

Liz Williams

1. Call to Order at 6:19 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by **Noah**.

Seconded by **Dave**.

Approved by general consent.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to change wording in minutes by **Jake**: “p2 Jake questioned.”

Motion to change wording under topic 11 by **Dave**.

Seconded by **Jake**.

Approved by general consent.

Motion to approve May 21, 2007 by **Jake**.

Seconded by **Noah**.

Approved by general consent.

Motion to approve July minutes by **Dave**.

Seconded by **Noah**.

Approved by general consent.

4. UW-T/UW-B Representation

- **Jake**: UW Tacoma and UW Bothell
 - Student from Bothell wanted to get involved in GPSS but GPSS is only in Seattle since students pay student fees here
 - More representation the better
 - Want them to be participating, but can't give them a vote – some sort of position as senators?
 - To what extent can we recognize UW-B and UW-T as voting members of GPSS?

- **Yutaka** agrees they should have representation – as non-voting members; the meetings are open to the public anyway.
- **Jake:** We're expanding T and B also, so it'd be good to be ahead of the game.
- **Dave:** When Tri-campus topics come up, can't we pull them into these discussions, especially since they can attend public meetings; might not necessarily need another title.
- **Yutaka:** There will be at least one senator who will be in contact with UW-T and UW-B.
- **Noah:** Are they large enough to have a GPSS?
- **Danielle:** Tri-campus Policy Committee – T and B voted down Seattle representatives as voting members because they felt Seattle had too much representation.
- **Noah:** Not really the fault of UW Seattle that we have a lot of representation.
- **Dave:** There's obviously some sort of cross-over between campuses (ASUW in Tacoma, GPSS in Seattle).
- **Jake:** Feels comfortable having someone in T and B to communicate with.
- **Danielle:** We have committee rep for GPSS to talk to us about it.
- **Dave:** Worried that we have non-voting members from T and B who come in and want to push policies for their campuses – we'd love to have them as ex-officio, non-voting members.
- **Jake:** Because they're not paying the Student Activity Fee, they can't vote.
- **Yutaka:** Encourage them to follow our model and their ASUW representation.
- **Dave:** Volunteered Yutaka to act as the bridge.
- **Rene:** Thinks this is the right track – originally ASUW was the only representation with GPSS as a branch of ASUW, but they petitioned to be a separate body.
- **Dave:** We're more than willing to welcome them, but they should also start working towards their own entity like UW-S did.

5. WSL

- **Dave** had a meeting today and learned exactly what we needed to do; timeline to work through.
 - First thing is going to be getting people to join the new RSO he'll be forming so we can get a funding source
 - Go through ASUW's judicial committee; can Yutaka help Dave?; getting same exact wording for the ASUW approval process to go on the petition and have ASUW go through it first (We don't want this to get killed at ASUW before it gets approval)
 - We need to have an all-state encompassing voice in Olympia, so we need to get that sustainable funding somehow (RSO is the way to do it)
- **Jake:** Directed by WAC?
- **Dave:** Not by WAC, but by University Handbook and Bylaws; none of it is actually administrative policy
 - Two open spots on the STAR system: Wash-pirg, and there's one open spot (the RSO can apply for that spot, so we need to act quick)

- Will speak to Anttimo and Richard Lum from ASUW; form a committee to spearhead this (5 person committee, draft constitution, etc.)

6. Orientation Schedules

- **Yutaka:** We have an excel sheet of the schedule; will send out email to GPAs to confirm the schedule
 - Are we using Oracle? Not all officers are. Let Liz know of the schedules.
 - Will send out a reminder to GPAs to send us information
 - Not all departments have senators at this point – some graduated, some didn't get appointed again, etc.
- **Dave:** Do we have a script to present GPSS?
- **Yutaka:** We do have a script with 5 or 6 different points that we can discuss
- **Dave:** Wants a full script with discussion points just to make sure he covers everything
- **Yutaka:** Will hand out speaking points to all the officers; senators have spoken up to attend orientations on our behalf (need to check with them to make sure they cover all the points)

7. Guide to Life printing

- **Yutaka:** received more requests for the guide; files should be in the office somewhere – Doug has them
- **Danielle:** According to Debi, as long as it's under \$1000, it's okay to print with the same people as last year; more efficient to go straight to the printer
- **Jake:** Are we going to be within the \$500 limit?
- **Danielle:** So far, yes, we are within that limit.
- **Jake:** Do we know how much it's going to cost us to print them?
- **Dave:** What have we been telling people is the price of the Guides?
- **Yutaka:** The quote is \$2.50/guide
- **Dave:** If we don't have a big enough order, are we taking a hit on them?
- **Yutaka:** Can send an email to GPAs stating we're out of guides
- **Jake:** We can even email saying we're not offering them at the sale price anymore
- **Yutaka:** We're also offering the sale price because guides have "2007" on them
- **Jake:** We can still offer it up at the non-sale price; just because we have money to lose, we shouldn't necessarily use it
- **Noah:** We should charge them how much it costs to print them
- **Dave:** Let's discuss this via email!
- **Jake:** Are we all in agreement that we shouldn't offer the sale price anymore?
Yes, everyone's in agreement

8. Seattle City Council and Transportation Issues

- able topic for next meeting

9. Travel Grants

- **Rene:** Asks everyone if anyone knows the applicants

- Everyone: No one knows the applicants
- **Danielle:** Everyone's votes have been counted, now everyone present has to vote
- **Yutaka:** Concerned about people including food into the budget
- **Danielle:** Spoke with Krislyn and it doesn't really matter because food amount is less than the amount being given to them
- **Yutaka:** Concerned that two applicants are going to the same conference, but they have completely different amounts of money
 - Might be airline fees?
 - **Noah:** It might actually be the conference fees; these two are the ones with the same recommendation letters too
- **Jake:** One of them was wrong in their calculations (Celeste going to Haiti), by \$150 in their favor
 - She inflated her numbers on housing and travel (Jake looked it up on Federal website)
- **Noah:** Celeste doesn't have a recommendation letter, so she's disqualified
 - Voting consent that Celeste is out
- **Dave:** \$12,000 budget for travel grants this entire year
 - In calendar year we're going to get somewhere around 160 applicants; we should only give out a proportional amount
- **Noah:** We have \$750 for the summer session, if we did it proportionally
- **Danielle:** We have 10 applicants
- **Rene:** Anticipate that we're going to have a lot more applicants this year when depts. change their policy on providing funding for travel; they're going to come to us
- **Danielle:** Process is, we come in with the list of scores and voters discuss them
- A few minutes while Dave and Danielle calculate the averages
- Elimination process:
 - Celeste
 - Maccines
 - Shonick – **Noah** thinks the personal statement wasn't so good, faculty letter too long; **Yutaka** thinks we can't really fault them for faculty's mistake; score was 5.25
 - **Dave:** Thinks we need to have a cutting line below 6; feels we should give high amounts, since this is a one-shot opportunity; for those who didn't have such good applications, they can always apply again if we rejected them this time
 - **Noah:** We shouldn't take into account their age
 - **Yutaka:** Not about age, but about where they are in their experience
 - **Danielle:** Just start from the top and give money to the high scorers and work our way down; give out three awards to Zhang, Hall, and Ryan
 - **Yutaka:** Thinks we should give low-scorers 10 dollars
 - **Rene:** Thinks it would be a slap in the face if we only gave them 10 dollars
 - **Yutaka:** Should we be giving a dollar amount according to their scores?
 - **Noah:** Just explain to the ones who are rejected that they can apply again in the future

- **Yutaka:** Question about Templeton – does it really cost \$400 to fly into Utah?
 - **Noah:** Might've bought ticket late
- **Noah:** We should vote on application, not on need necessarily
- **Dave:** Choose between Ryan, Cabeen, and Templeton
- **Yutaka:** Could we give partial of \$250 to each of the three?
- **Noah:** Still not comfortable with that; **Danielle** in agreement to give larger amounts
- **Dave:** Doesn't want to give less than \$100; feels okay with giving \$200 to two of the applicants and going over a little of our estimates
- Molly Ryan: Encouraging pharmacies to stop selling tobacco; but we're trying to give money to people who are not presenting; **Yutaka** liked her application (looked solid, well put together, letter of recommendation was good); **Noah** has personal bias against her research but that can't be counted
- Cabeen: Transgender Dance; **Noah** feels he doesn't know enough of the topic to really go in-depth, can't really evaluate the information; **Danielle**, we should base our opinions on the applications, not the topic itself; **Jake** also thinks if a person is willing to go to Roanoke, VA then they have to be very interested in the conference; **Yutaka** thought the statement was very clear on the focus, high-caliber application
- Templeton: Tracking bird songs; **Noah** thought it was a cool topic; **Yutaka** found a grammatical error in the application; **Noah** was forgiving of the grammatical errors, since they might necessarily be native English speakers; **Yutaka** how is this going to help with his professional development?; **Dave** thinks that's a good way of looking at it – how people are going to use this experience
- **Noah** thinks we should give them the option in a letter – inform 3, 4, and 5 that they can take \$100, or they can take a rejection and they can apply again in the future
- **Rene** recommends that they call us back
- **Noah** motions to give Templeton, Cabeen, and Ryan a letter informing them that we can give them \$100 or they can reject and apply again for a future grant. Seconded by **Danielle**, approved by **general consent**.
 - **Yutaka** thinks they should have until the end of the month to respond
 - **Jake:** we're subsequently denying everyone else

10. Officer Reports

- **Dave:** Going to WSL Retreat on Saturday (Let's Talk About Legislation); is on the search committee for HFS for the new Paul Brown; Eric Godfrey appointed him to the position; wants to give Eric an unranked list of candidates by Thanksgiving; whoever is the new director will act as a press secretary/ambassador who is open to student ideas
 - **Jake** and **Dave** got invites to meet Connie Kravitz

- New first year student who's been acting about GPSS involvement; she's in a program where she's not here for most of the year (Sports Medicine); we should have a student list-serv to have students on-call, who can help out
- **Danielle:** Nothing big to report except just travel grants; usual stuff for the summer, responding to emails, etc.; Fall Social – a lot of the basics taken care of, lots of leftovers from Spring that we can use for the fall, food lined up, poster is set, band is confirmed
- **Yutaka:** Due to family situations he's been in and out; orientation scheduling with Liz
- **Jake:** Hiring freeze directed by the Governor (last week), all non-essential personnel have to run their hiring justification by the higher ups; we are only hiring essential positions; how will this affect RA/TA positions so we can announce to the Senate how that's going to affect them and graduate students, and how we're going to address this at orientation

11. Personnel

- Closed-session by **Yutaka** and **Danielle**.

11. Adjourn

Noah motioned, **Dave** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
September 10th, 2008 – HUB 300
Approved October 28, 2009

Members Present:

Jake Faleschini, President
Dave Iseminger, Vice President
Phuong Nguyen, ASUW Representative
Danielle Magnussen, Treasurer
Yutaka Jono, Secretary
Ping-Lin Chen, Executive Senator
Richard Nobles, Executive Senator
Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor

Others present:

Liz Williams
Jamie Andrus
Matt York

1. Call to Order at 6:45 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Yutaka moves to add GPSS Officer Orientation to item 14.5.

Dave seconds.

Motion passes.

Dave moves to approve the agenda.

Yutaka seconds.

Motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

Richard moves to approve the Senate minutes from May,

Dave seconds,

Motion passes.

Yutaka moves to approve the Exec minutes from August.

Richard seconds.

Motion passes.

4. Public Transportation

Jake reports that a couple of the council members want to speak to Senate about public transport in U-District; expansion of light rail, and expansion of S.L.U.T.; none of them

are running for reelection – we have one confirmation (Licata); this might come up in our next Senate meeting.

Richard asked if they plan on talking about expansion of transportation services in U-Dist, outside of the light rail.

Jake said that they would discuss bus services as well; anything that affects the student population.

Dave said that the November meeting is after elections, so there are no concerns about ballot measure discussions.

5. Web Redesign

Matt wants to show us possible redesigns for the website and asks if there are any functions that we want. The big thing is that it'll be more interactive – blogging, comments, forums, etc; senators can speak to each other through threads; calendars for each officer.

Jake said that he wanted calendars so that officers have more transparency – who we're meeting with, etc. He asked that Matt send out a link to all the Exec members to get feedback.

Dave said that he's frustrated by the committee part: has to go to MyUW to access UW directory info to get the beginning part of everyone's email address so that people can get in contact with these people, without the threat of committee members getting spammed. He was wondering if there is an easier way to contact the representatives.

Dave suggested an active template for a resolution; where people can fill out a form and it goes to Yutaka – Yutaka says we already have one.

Yutaka asked if we could post active budget expenditures on the website.

6. HUB Redesign

Jake said that they have scaled back the cost from \$180 mil to \$140 mil. They had three layouts, Silver Gold and Platinum, and have scaled back to Gold LEED Standards. It is 40-50% more energy efficient. There will be a new façade, not as drastically differently as the Platinum design. The overall cost of the building is about \$140 mil and we're going to ask the school to pay for about \$20-25 mil of that, and a private consulting co. to see if we can do a capital funds campaign for it – maybe raise about \$20-25 mil. He will work with Anttimo on this and see if they can get the cost down from \$140 mil to \$90 mil, with the savings being passed on to the students.

Dave asked if we are going to go to the legislature to ask for 50/50.

Jake said that it will be completely on the students to cover the \$90 mil.

Dave said that, in the past, the admin paid for half the entire building and he wondered if there was a reason that wasn't happening now.

Jake said that we're going for a number that the University is comfortable with; right now the faculty supports the HUB to about half a mil a year because they pay for all the utilities. We're going to knock down the cost of the utilities by conforming to LEED standards and we'll be saving them about \$15-20 mil in the long run.

7. Appointing Interim Treasurer

Jake asked the Exec Committee to appoint Jamie as the interim treasurer until the next treasurer is elected. He entertained a motion to approve this.

Dave moved to appoint Jamie as interim Treasurer.

Yutaka seconded.

Motion passes.

8. Treasurer Transition

Danielle said that she will be leaving her office due to funding from her grad school and will be working with Jamie to train as the Interim treasurer.

Jake said that we have a transition schedule on the board and he will have Yutaka announce to the Senate that the search is going on. He wants to make sure that we catch all the entering students for potential candidates.

Rich had a logistics question. He wanted to know whether, when we're announcing, we would be announcing to the Exec Committee since they act as the full Senate for the summer.

Jake explained that we would be announcing the position to the current senators for upcoming fall.

Yutaka asked about departments without senators.

Jake said that we will address this on the 24th.

Jamie says that candidates must have the information by 9/26, but that we are making the announcement on 9/24. She asked if we will accept applicants before then.

Yutaka and **Dave** agreed that we would have to.

9. Local Control

Dave is evaluating where we should stand on local control. We want a cap-system for grad tuition; we can't continue to take an inordinate hit in program after program and need more correlation and predictability. Right now he is leaning more towards cap-system, not who has control, just how much that rate is going to be raised.

Dave said that, in regards to having a cap, realistically that is our underlying issue – not to say the legislature isn't going to turn around and give us 10% hits every year

Jake said that he spoke with Jean-Paul (Student Regent) and Anttimo (ASUW president) and they're both in line with this.

Yutaka pointed out that when rate of tuition increases, and rate of scholarship increases – it's not equal.

Dave said that financial aid isn't increasing in line with tuition increases – we get a gap with every percentage each is raised. He said that this is a related legislative agenda item. He wants to appoint legislative steering committee members and develop the legislative agenda. They should discuss the importance of the different models of local authority, and finish it by the 1st to have a draft ready for our Voting Party!

Rich asked if there will be a Sunset Clause on the cap.

Dave said that they will be modeling it very similarly to the undergraduate tuition law – through 2014

Yutaka said that the concern is if we bring up the cap, there is the fear that they might come up with different numbers for graduate and professional programs

Dave said that we have to pay close attention to the graduate and professional rates.

Rich said that we have to remember that the university is somewhat “poor” compared to our peer institutions.

Jake said that this has the potential to drive a wedge between us and the undergraduates—and amongst ourselves. It has the potential to drive a wedge between the grad students and the professional students

10. WSL

Dave gave an update on WSL. He is developing a more stable financing system to pay our dues. He emailed all the relevant people to talk between WSL, ASUW, and GPSS. He is trying to get everyone into a meeting to create a funding mechanism. He heavily suggests that it be an RSO, a more grassroots activist organization for students who want to get actively engaged, so that the student lobbyists can work with them. He wants to make sure that we can get it through the ASUW Judicial.

Rich asked if the ballot measure in May 09 will be about the star-system.

Dave confirms.

Jamie said that RSOs require a minimum of 4 officers to function and asks how we will go about doing this.

Dave said that he wants to have about 9 officers: maybe co-chairs to help manage it; 4 or 5 spots which are general student membership. We need someone in the chair position who understands that we need these funds to pay for these dues.

11. Gold Star Award Revisited

Yutaka entertains the motion to award the Gold Star Award to Astronomy this year.

Rich asks for justification.

Yutaka says because astronomy is great!

Jamie points out that it's the “Gold Star” award and it's the astronomy dept!

Rich said that they were the only nomination submitted on the floor – there was a mock nomination that went up against it, so we tabled this because there was only 1 real nomination, there's really no basis to judge the astronomy department – we should table this award until next year until we get more departments

Jake understands this concern, but this award needs to be built up and we need to build up momentum about it – there was one serious nomination, so we should recognize that, and maybe give more incentive.

Rich wouldn't say that he is ‘giving up’ but just thinks we should postpone it – but he sees the point of building momentum.

Yutaka entertains a motion to award the gold star to Astronomy.

Dave moves.

Jamie seconds.

3 in favor, 4 abstentions, 0 nays; motion passes.

Jake wants to get the Bookstore to give a \$100 gift certificate.

12. Summit

Jake says that it is currently planned on Nov. 21 – two weeks earlier than last year, because the Graduate School has something going on in the 1st week of December and wanted to get involved in the Summit. He confirmed for the Conibear Shellhouse and is shooting for about 100 guests again.

Dave suggested recognition of the public servants attending the University and pumping in all the work to the community.

13. Voting Party

Dave has learned that the U-District has one of the ten lowest voter participations in the state. He is looking for some ways to promote voting. He suggests that any time officers go to an orientation, they talk about voter registration. Another idea is to have a voting party so that people can bring in their ballots for admission, or bring a canned food. They might be able to get a drop box from King County for voter ballots. He was wondering about scary political puns, a haunted house theme, making it a family-friendly event. He considered a band, things for children to do, but not too childish to turn off graduate students. We are going to try and get a stipend from the USSA that would pay \$1200 for a support staff person to help with voter registration. If we get the most voter registration in the state we could get a Death Cab for Cutie concert.

14. Gmail/Oracle

Jake entertains a motion to table until the next Exec meeting.

Rich motions.

Dave seconds.

Yutaka objects and wants to discuss it because it hasn't been discussed in a while.

Dave also thinks it would be a good idea to discuss it quickly.

Jake asks for objections to closing the debate.

No objections; debate is closed by general consent.

Motion to table this topic until next meeting: 3 ayes, 4 nays.

Dave said that the concern is whether administrations relied on Oracle to look at our officer schedules.

Rene said that some administrators do rely on Oracle, others really don't rely on it. It's very individually based.

Danielle asks why the officers weren't asked about switching to a different system.

Jake said that there isn't a switch over to Gmail – there wasn't an order for people to switch over.

Danielle asked why they should switch in the first place.

Dave said that they can't incorporate Oracle into Blackberry.

Jake said that expense is also a question.

Rene thinks that this is an office matter, and should be discussed at another time.

Rich moves to table the discussion.

Dave seconds.

Motion passes.

14.5. GPSS Orientations

Yutaka said that we need to have an officer orientation at some point

Rene said that we just need an hour collectively with all the officers at some point.

15. Officer Reports

Dave said that everything for him has pretty much been covered.

Jamie said that she is finalizing travel grants.

Yutaka is updating the roster and updating the orientation schedule.

Phuong has her first meeting on Sunday.

Jake had the officer retreat this past Sunday and is working on Health Care.

16. Adjourn

Dave moves to adjourn.

Rich seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
September 24, 2008**

Members Present:

Jake Faleschini, President

Dave Iseminger, Vice President

Jamie Andrus, Interim Treasurer

Yutaka Jono, Secretary

Richard Nobles

Ching Ping (late at 6:08)

Noah Benson

1. Call to Order 5:35pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Noah moves to amend agenda – would like to only do emergency items in emergency meeting due to agenda exceeding 120 minutes.

Richard seconds.

Approved by general consent.

Yutaka moves to strike item 4 from agenda.

Noah moves to strike item 3.

Dave seconds.

Richard moves to strike 9.

Dave seconds.

Dave moves to add item 12.5 on appointment of University Bookstore trustee

Richard seconds.

Yutaka moves to approve the agenda.

Dave seconds.

Approved by general consent.

5. Treasurer Election Planning:

Yutaka explains to Exec the treasurer transition; application deadline has been moved to the 30th.

Jake explains that on the off-chance we have to suspend the bylaws it would be good to have support from the senators, will be sending out emails to senate and the students

8. Legislative Assistant Job Duration:

Dave explains that the current duration is 20 weeks long, session is 17 weeks, and we've always had them stay on for 20 weeks, but there are instances where we might need to have them for a longer duration – spoke to Jamie about extending the duration by 10 weeks during long sessions, and less during short sessions. **Dave** thinks it's important since he'll be in Olympia during session and needs that back-up.

Jamie asks if Dave needs them for 15 hrs/week, every week.

Dave says probably not, so **Jamie** explains that the hours can be reduced to 10 hours, etc.

10. **Funding Request:**

School of Education: **Jamie** says it's been approved by everyone, and we need to make it official.

Yutaka moves to vote.

Rich seconds.

Approved by general consent.

11. **Senate Agenda:**

Dave thinks there should be a welcome at some point.

Jake adds appointments and the Graduate Program Review Committee, Introductions.

Dave adds travel grants, and ASUW liaison,

Yutaka asks if website will be ready, **Matt** confirms.

Dave suggests line item on local control.

Jake wants to add the UT Grad Assembly Summit, GPSS Summit preview.

Dave asks if Jamie should go over funding stuff.

Jamie adds the Social.

Dave needs to talk about general university committees.

Richard would like some sort of contextual explanation in the agenda as well.

Richard moves to approve agenda.

Noah seconds.

Approved by general consent.

12. **Hec Board Emergency Drafting:**

Dave showed up to the Hec Bd meeting last week and is informed that they're going to talk about local control issue on graduate tuition rates; what we care about is affordable, predictable, and stable tuition rates.

Jake says that BoR are a really reasonable group of people.

Dave and **Jake** started brainstorming how to frame it, and suggests to have a cap system like the undergrads.

Dave presented it this way to the Hec Board trustee and she came back and said it was a good idea; members wanted to include Dave in on the language of the bill itself; if legislature has control of tuition rates during budget deficit years, usually the spikes are even higher than expected. WSU is also in an emergency senate meeting discussing the memo written by Dave. The reason it's so pressing is because it's our chance to at least introduce this language.

Noah thinks no one should be against local control because we don't want to go against the legislature.

Ping asks what faculty standing is on this.

Yutaka says that their response is varied.

Dave asks for feedback on the initial draft of the memo.

Richard thought it didn't have enough "teeth" (specific cap percentages) but in retrospect, he understands why it was written the way it was.

Yutaka would like it to state "dollar amount" on page three.

Noah points out that it would be nice if they didn't raise tuition rates more than x-percent of financial aid.

Ping asks what "affordable" is: is there a way to quantify that?

Dave thinks that's something for the policy analyst.

Rich asks what the enforcement mechanism is.

Jake thinks there should be a "in violation of" section.

Jake suggests that the language for this should be "for any school in violation of these principles, local control would revert back to the legislature."

Dave suggests changing the language in section II, paragraph 3 to remove the examples of child care and mental health services and make it more general: technological innovations, student health insurance coverage, child care services; discussion of details.

12.5 UW bookstore trustee appointee:

Jake explains that UW Bookstore is a trust and corporation, that runs for the trustees (the students), so the corp has to function for the students; appointees come from ASUW, GPSS, and a rotating position between ASUW and GPSS; Our current trustee got called back to Iraq so he had to stop in the middle of his term; asked if GPSS would appoint an undergrad who has experience with the bookstore in our position for the interim appointment until Dan gets back; bylaws don't actually state a special appointee process, so we're going the safe route; the undergrad student appointee by ASUW is Adrianna Hillard.

Jake entertains a motion to have Adrianna as the GPSS appointee on the board, until Dan gets back.

Yutaka moves.

Jamie seconds.

Motion passes.

Discussion on WA HEC Board/Local Control issue:

The memo was discussed, extensively.

A suggestion was made, "Not increase tuition above the cap of Stafford Loans, etc."

Yutaka moved to recess for five minutes.

Seconded, approved.

Recessed at 7:03pm

Back in session 7:10pm

[Rene was not back from the recess. Yutaka took over minutes from Liz]

WSU responded to the memo as good language, not enough teeth.

More discussion took place on the issue of tuition increase cap.

Is it possible to tie it to undergrad tuition?

Exec agreed to "...at a rate no greater than the rate of increase of undergraduate tuition."

There was a discussion on whether to write in "private cause of action." Exec agreed by general consensus to include this language.

Jake read the proposed language of the memo.

Jake entertained a motion to endorse section 3 of the language of the memo as amended.
Rich so moved, **Noah** seconded.
Majority approval, one abstention. Motion passed.

Officer reports

Dave – local control

Jamie – everything is fabulous and peachy

Yutaka – National Coming Out Day ad, if you want your name in, e-mail Yutaka.

Phuong – 1st Board meeting Tomorrow, homecoming royalties selection.

Jake -

Entertained a motion to adjourn.

Rich moved, **Noah** seconded, unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 10-08-2008

5:30 HUB 300

Members present:

Jake Faleschini (President)

Dave Iseminger (Vice President)

Jamie Andrus (Interim Treasurer)

Yutaka Jono (Secretary)

Richard Nobles (Psychology)

Kris Anderson (Art History)

Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences)

Lindsay Morse (Classics)

Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

Staff Present

Mara Hall (Office Manager)

Matt York (Webmaster)

Guests:

Pete Schweppe,

Jennifer Harkins

Tim Hulet

Gabrielle Barber

Dave Iseminger called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Yutaka Jono moved to strike item 3.

Richard Nobles seconded.

No objections, the motion passed.

Yutaka Jono motioned to approve the agenda.

Kris Anderson seconded.

All were in favor

The motion passed.

The chair was given to Jake Faleschini

2. UW Summit

Jake Faleschini said the Summit was set for November 20th. He said it was going to be at the Don James Center.

Yutaka Jono moved to suspend the rules in order to put the treasurer's items next on the agenda.

Jamie Andrus seconded.

Richard Nobles objected.

Yutaka Jono said a guest had to be in class by 6.

All were in favor for item 11 to become item 4.5.

3. Treasurer Elections

Yutaka Jono said that because there was no elections committee, it was up to the Executive Committee to figure out how to run the elections. He said that they had already gotten representatives from SAO but they still needed to figure out who was going to run the elections.

Richard Nobles suggested carrying over the election procedures from last year.

Yutaka Jono said they needed to figure out which Executive member was going to count the ballots.

Jake Faleschini said that Jim Antony was going to speak at Senate.

Dave Iseminger said he would count with the SAO representatives.

Yutaka Jono asked Dave to go over instant run off voting.

Dave Iseminger explained instant run off voting.

Jake Faleschini asked if candidates should post information on the webpage. He said they should decide which materials should be given to Yutaka to send out to the Senators.

Yutaka Jono said they normally have a one page resume and then a statement of purpose.

Richard Nobles asked what would happen if there was no quorum at the next two meetings the candidates had to attend.

Jake Faleschini suggested the statement be passed out to the guest and then also posted online. He then suggested asking the candidates to get all information to Yutaka by Friday so he could get it distributed.

Dave Iseminger said it would have to be at the end of Monday.

Jake Faleschini said materials have to be turned in by Monday at 5pm and then Yutaka will submit all of the information by Monday night.

Dave Iseminger motioned to take the paragraphs in the elections guide that were relevant and paste it into the elections guide for the upcoming election.

Charles Plummer seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

Richard Nobles asked if Dave had to be formally installed.

Jake Faleschini entertained a motion to make Dave the chair of the elections for next Wednesday.

Richard Nobles moved.

Charles Plummer seconded.

All were in favor

One abstained.

The motion passed.

Yutaka Jono said that the format needed to be discussed.

Dave Iseminger moved that speeches go up to two minutes and then questioning go up to two minutes.

Yutaka Jono seconded.

All were in favor.

The motion passed.

Jake Faleschini said that the agenda had to be made for the emergency Senate meeting.

4. Agenda for Senate

Call to order
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of the minutes
Election – 30 minutes
Graduate School Guest speaker
Announcement of new Treasurer
General announcements
Adjournment

Jake Faleschini discussed the reason for the guest speaker.

Yutaka Jono asked if professional schools would be involved.

Jake Faleschini said yes but they had a solid recruitment process already.

Dave Iseminger said that the guest speakers could have 10-15 minutes.

Yutaka Jono moved to approve the agenda.

Kris Anderson seconded.

The motion passed.

Jamie Andrus gave a brief description of the treasurer's position.

Jennifer Harkins asked if the 19 ½ hours was totally hours in the office or just total hours.

Jamie Andrus said that at least ten had to be in the office and then the other hours can be committees and things.

Jennifer Harkins asked if the committees met every week.

Jamie Andrus said it depended on the committee.

Dave Iseminger moved to have the Website moved to 4.75.

Kris Anderson seconded.

Motion passed.

4.75 Website

Matt York said the website was launched last week. If things don't work people need to email him.

5. Local Control

Jake Faleschini gave some background for local control.

Richard Nobles asked if it was true that it was not received well by the HEC board.

Dave Iseminger said the HEC board said no to the cap they had proposed.

Richard Nobles asked if it was discussed that they would say no.

Dave Iseminger said that it had been discussed in an executive meeting.

Yutaka Jono said that members of the Senate thought the issued had been thrown at them. He said many members of the Senate did not know what was being discussed.

Jake Faleschini asked if a piece of information should be sent out about it.

Charles Plummer asked if there had been any newspaper articles about it.

Dave Iseminger said the *Daily* was putting out a piece the following day.

Richard Nobles asked if it was an op-ed or a piece.

Jake Faleschini said it was a front page article.

Charles Plummer suggested to let people read that before sending anything out.

Lindsay Morse asked if there was any way they could give some background to the Senators with pros and cons of the situation. She suggested sending out a piece to the Senators to set the tone about what's going on

Jake Faleschini said the HEC board policy would be sent to Senators by the following day. He then asked what Senators' reactions were after the meeting.

Yutaka Jono said that some were worried.

Richard Nobles asked what the worry was about.

Yutaka Jono said people thought they were selling out for child care and health care.

Jake Faleschini said he hoped they could have a good honest relationship with the legislature.

Rene Singleton said she thought it might be better to get feedback before November because of the election.

6. Legislative agenda planning/legislative steering committee

Dave Iseminger said they were meeting at 4:30 next Wednesday to talk about the agenda. He said any changes to the legislative agenda would be made at that meeting. He said he would redraft the agenda depending on what WSL's agenda was. He said they always have a reception in which the legislators are invited to come out. He said it would be on the 12th of November.

Jake Faleschini asked if the executive meeting scheduled for the 12th of November could be moved to the 13th.

Dave Iseminger moved that the date be changed from the 12th to the 13th, same time same place.

Yutaka Jono seconded.

All were in favor.
The motion passed.

7. Voter/Drive Update

Dave Iseminger said he was trying to put together a voter turnout event. He said it would be at Finn McKools on October 29th from 6-8 and then there would be a stamping system where people would bring proof of voting and get a stamp so they could purchase happy hour drinks. He asked about maybe funding \$500 for alcohol for the event.

Jamie Andrus said the graduate school could pay but the treasurer could not.

Yutaka Jono asked if an exception could be made for international students.

Dave Iseminger said we could do whatever we wanted.

Yutaka Jono moved to let foreign students in with foreign IDs.

Dave Iseminger said it would all be figured out later.

Judicial Committee Questions

Yutaka Jono asked if the committee wanted JC to discuss the current bylaws.

Jake Faleschini entertained a discussion.

He then said given how confusing and difficult it has been to get a new treasurer and because it was not thought out that the bylaws contradicted themselves he entertained a motion to let JC discuss the bylaws.

Richard Nobles so moved

Jamie Andrus seconded.

All were in favor

Yutaka Jono abstained.

Motion passed.

8. Social and Senate Debrief

Jamie Andrus said the social went great. She said she thought around 1,000 people showed up and everyone was very happy about it.

Dave Iseminger said that they needed water next time. He asked what people thought about it being on a Friday.

Jamie Andrus said no one really complained about it being on a Friday but it was on a Friday because that was the only day available.

9. Officer Reports

Dave Iseminger said he was working on committee appointments and the voter event. He said he hired Policy Analyst Kelley Merrick and a legislative assistant Sarah Cody.

Jamie Andrus said the rest of the staff would be starting Monday. She said F & B was meeting on Friday.

Yutaka Jono said he went to a GO-MAP meeting and he had been working on updating the roster.

Phuong Nyuong said that homecoming was the following week and she said shirts and t-shirts were for sale. She said that they were hiring a new assistant for the president and then also an F&B director.

Jake Faleschini said he hired an executive assistant. He said they are hiring a consulting group to start a campaign to raise money for the HUB, and he was planning to be on that committee. He said they were working on cutting down the proposed cost of the new HUB. He said he had been meeting with Senators and getting feedback.

Dave Iseminger said there had been no decision about a Dean for the Graduate School.

Jake Faleschini said the tri-campus committee met for the first time the previous Friday and they discussed concerns and talked about joint partnership. He said Bothell is concerned and they have a reason to be, but he said it would be discussed later on.

8. Adjournment

Jake Faleschini entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Yutaka Jono so moved.

Jamie Andrus seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Executive Committee Meeting * October 22, 2008 * 5:30pm HUB 300

Members Present:

Jake Faleschini (President)
Dave Iseminger (Vice President)
Yutaka Jono (Secretary)
Tim Hulet (Treasurer)
Richard Nobles (Executive Senator, Psychology)
Charles Plummer (Executive Senator, ESS)
Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator, Classics)
Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)
Rene Singleton (SAO Adviser)
Mara Hall (Office Manager)

Members Absent:

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator, Art History)

1. Call to Order

Jake called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Jake entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Richard moved to approve.

Lindsay seconded.

All were in favor; the motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Jake entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Yutaka moved to include Phuong among the members who were present.

Dave moved to insert "Richard Nobles moved" before "Kris Anderson seconded" on page three.

Dave moved to approve the amended minutes.

Yutaka seconded.

All were in favor; the motion passed.

4. WSL-UW

Dave said that he was planning to attend the RSO meeting and that we would report back with a more thorough update later.

Yutaka asked what was in the constitution.

Dave said that if others were interested he would email it out to them. He said that the new officers of the UW Chapter of WSL were talking about forming a new RSO, but that

there was already an RSO formed last year and that he will go to a meeting so that they can re-register the RSO.

5. UW Summit

The committee was given a list of potential panelists.

Jake said that the three panels at the Summit would cover Social, Institutional, and Physical/Mental Health. He said that they were planning to have a main group and then smaller breakout sessions, so that each panel would be able to speak about the issues, and then graduate students would be able to voice their opinions and concerns in the smaller groups.

Yutaka suggested considering including Dean Wahl on a panel.

Jake said that they would look into that. He said that they were working on getting all of their primary panelist candidates to attend, but that if they couldn't make it, he hopes that the secondary candidates would. He then handed out the Summit guest list and asked the committee to look through it for any changes they thought should be made.

Dave pointed out that the Governor should be added. He suggested that the list be updated after the elections on November 4th.

Rene suggested that the chiefs of major area hospitals be added as well.

Jake asked everyone to look into their fields and find the top ten people they thought would make a difference at the Summit.

Dave reminded everyone that the Summit will be held November 20th, 8am to 3pm in the Don James Center in the Stadium.

6. Gear Up for Grad/Pipeline Project

Yutaka gave some background on the project. He said that he wants to reach out to undergrads with information about applying to and attending graduate school. He said that he thought it might be good to host it at the ECC in order to reach more minorities. He also said that he has gotten some good feedback from ASUW.

Jake asked when he was planning on having it.

Yutaka responded that they could rush to get it done in November, or wait until February. He asked for committee feedback.

Lindsay said that it might be better in November, since applications are often due in December.

Rene said that the plan might be more to reach those who don't know anything about graduate school and aren't currently planning on applying. If that were the case, it wouldn't matter when the meeting takes place.

Yutaka said that he is going to try to do it in February.

7. Legislative Agenda Planning/Legislative Steering Committee

Dave said that he met with LSC twice, and they took the draft agenda from 2008 and he was hoping to show everyone the agenda for feedback. He wanted to run through the

general template of what he thought should be included and what it should look like. He described how it looked in the previous year and how he wanted to change it.

Yutaka said that a “less is more” approach would be good, but he wanted to make sure that some important issues weren’t cut just because of a lack of space.

Dave said that this shouldn’t be a problem.

Yutaka said that he liked the layout.

Jake asked if the mission statement at the top was new.

Dave said that there had been one there previously, but that it had been changed.

Yutaka suggested that Dave explain to the committee what the legislative agenda does.

Dave explained that it gives him the authority to lobby for certain things when in Olympia. He said that if a topic is not specifically on the agenda, he cannot discuss it. He also explained that it would be better to provide the Senators with a succinct agenda instead of something overwhelmingly long.

Jake said that he thought it was important to include the mission statement and thought that it should be emphasized even more.

Dave said he would look into rewriting it.

Rich asked if the agenda was crafted in consultation with the steering committee, but also with a view to prior legislative agendas.

Dave said that they were incorporating items from prior years.

Rich asked if it were possible to provide an earlier agenda along with the current one, so that they could be compared.

Yutaka asked if he had looked at the rough draft of SAW’s legislative agenda.

Dave said that he had.

Rene said that it seemed that many of the Senators at the last GPSS meeting were unclear about local control. She thought that Senators would have a lot to say on the issue.

Dave said that that was why the committee was preparing the agenda, so that they could get feedback from the Senators.

8. Voter Drive party Update

Dave said that he was working on publicizing the event. He said that international students, who could not vote, could show up, but that he didn’t feel that that should be widely publicized, since he had not discussed it with the bar.

9. FIUTS Happy Hour

Yutaka reported that FIUTS would be having a Happy Hour at Shultz’s this week.

10. SAF/STF Committees

Dave said that there were some committees that needed executive committee approval for the GPSS appointments, including SAF and STF. He said that, officially under the bylaws, the appointment process was extremely hardcore, and that he wanted to suspend

the bylaws to exclude the internal things. He said that there were three spots on STF and that two people were interested, both of whom had served on the committee in the previous year. He said that one of them was out of the country this quarter, but that he had talked about it with STF and they were fine with that.

Yutaka asked whether, if two others were interested, it would be better to take him over someone who was in Seattle.

Rich asked if experience is preferable to availability.

Yutaka moved to suspend the bylaws (article 7, section c) and appoint Ben Livneh to the STF, leaving two other spots open on the committee.

Rich called point of order and asked if this should be two separate motions.

Yutaka said that one would suffice.

Charles seconded Yutaka's motion.

All were in favor; the motion passed.

Yutaka moved to table Aaron's appointment, since he is out of the country.

Charles seconded.

All were in favor; motion passed.

Dave said that there were also two available seats on the SAF committee. He said that Sarah Reyneveld had expressed interest in the position and he thought that should would be a good candidate.

Jake entertained a motion to suspend the bylaws and appoint Sarah to the committee.

Yutaka made the motion.

Charles seconded.

All were in favor; the motion passed.

11. Senate Agenda

Dave asked if the agenda could be approved if it had not been written yet.

Yutaka said that it could. He explained that there is a possibility that there might be a resolution giving GPSS support to the building of the Longhouse.

Dave said that he would push towards writing a resolution.

Jake thought the resolution was a good idea. He supported the effort to build it, but said that it was not something they would normally have on the agenda.

Rene said that you could not put one capital project on the agenda, but not another. She said that the committee should seriously consider its priorities.

Dave said that the Q-Center had approached him about naming a full-time director. His hope was to have a resolution supporting funding for the Q-Center director.

Jake said that the Senate meeting was approaching 1.5-2 hours in length.

Rene said that if it is kept under 90 minutes she will bring beverages to the next meeting.

Lindsay moved to approve the agenda.

Charles seconded.

Motion passed; agenda was approved.

12. Officer Reports

Dave said that he has been working with Jason Padvorac, an ASUW Senator, on a resolution in support of local control. If the stipulations are outlined and approved by the body, then ASUW will be okay with it.

Yutaka, speaking for **Tim**, said that F&B and SAF committees are meeting on Friday. They are getting office supplies in support of breast cancer awareness.

Yutaka said that he went to the GO-MAP dinner and MAC breakfast. He said that he is working on updating the Senate roster, too.

Phuong said that the legislative agenda for ASUW has been finished. She said that they were not taking a stance on local control and are remaining neutral. She said that ASUW has started a lot of committees and that the Husky Tee will be presented in the next few weeks. ASUW will be joining WSL this year.

Jake said that he went to homecoming. He is really pushing the healthcare issue this year. He met with the Provost and they discussed the two-tiered plan. He said that they had concluded that graduate students want more coverage and are willing to pay for it. He also said that they discussed the fact that graduate students need to know what they are getting in the coverage that they are paying for. It is also unacceptable that students' STD tests are not covered if the student is asymptomatic.

Charles asked what was included in the new premium plan.

Jake said that there were some concerns of students switching between the plans as their coverage needs changed throughout the year. He said that they are considering making it an annual opt-in plan, so that you cannot change between the two plans in the middle of the year. He said that he has also been working on committee appointments. He also mentioned that the government is discussing taking \$10 million out of UW's budget that that we might take a hit next year.

13. Adjournment

Yutaka moved to adjourn.

Charles seconded.

All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2008: minutes draft
HUB300
5:30pm

Quorum Present

Jake Faleschini (President)

Dave Iseminger (Vice President)

Tim Hulet (Treasurer)

Yutaka Jono (Secretary)

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee, Senator Pos. 2)

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee, Senator Pos. 3)

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission)

1. **Jake Faleschini** (President) called the meeting to order at 5: 35pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to add SAF appointment to 4.5.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) moved to amend 11B to 4.75 because he had to leave early.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to table the Senate agenda if the meeting was getting too late.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to approve the amended agenda

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) moved to approve the minutes.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) seconded.

All were in favor

Motion passed.

4. F&B Committee Appointments

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) stated that there were two senators who applied for the two vacant seats for the F&B Committee appointments. They were **Shane Mikes** and **Christopher Howard**, both from the Foster School. They attended the last two meetings and they still

wanted to be on the committee. Before they could officially be on the committee, they needed the approval of the Executive Committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if anyone else was interested in applying.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) answered no.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) made a point of information and read Bylaws Article VI, Section A, 1-b.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked how many spots were there officially.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) replied seven.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the number could be up to nine.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) added that he only had six people on the webpage. **Dave** needed to know who the missing senators were so that he could update the roster.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) reminded the Executive Committee that the Bylaws were being updated for the Graduate Review Committee as well.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) moved to approve the motion.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

4.5 Services and Activities Fee Committee appointment

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) reported that one more person put in an application.

Jamie Andrus was eminently qualified to sit on SAF, considering she was the former Treasurer and Resource Manager for the past few years and had been sitting inside for the Executive Committee already which made her clearly qualified. **Dave** asked if it was necessary to formally sit down and interview her.

Jake Faleschini (President) wondered if GPSS had to interview her. He asked what the Bylaws stated.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) responded that according to the Bylaws, SAF is a special committee. Technically, there should be a meeting for the Vice President and another Executive Committee member to interview her. **Yutaka** was concerned about whether two out of three GPSS seats were too much of a concentration of power.

Jake Faleschini (President) agreed, but continued to explain that it was not uncommon for two people from within the GPSS office to be on SAF. He provided the example from last year; GPSS had another SAF member in the office as well. Now, the current

GPSS web designer, **Matt York**, was the Chair of SAF, too. Although **Matt** would be stepping down as GPSS web designer whenever he finished the web designs.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if there were discussions on that.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) asked what the cons were.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said it was up to the Treasurer. He assured it was not something personal against **Tim**. But if the Treasurer wanted to do something fishy, it would be much easier if they had two people in the committee.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked how many members are on SAF in total.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) answered there are three from ASUW, three from GPSS, one from Lincoln's office, and then two other at large. So, there are nine total.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the only thing that worried him was if there were a disagreement between the Treasurer and a direct hire of the Treasurer, and the Treasurer was to trying to use the authority in any way to force their SAF person to vote in a particular way. He didn't worry about that with **Tim**. **Jake** suggested it would have to be done case by case.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) commented that it created a very interesting feedback loop of who has power under that circumstance. Technically, as the staff boss, **Tim** would have power over **Jamie**, but as a voting member of SAF, **Jamie** would have as much power over GPSS' overall budget. The same thing happened with **Matt**.

Jake Faleschini (President) added that if **Tim** ever felt there was a conflict, **Tim** would need to recuse himself, or **Tim** would have to ask someone else to ask his SAF person to do something.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how one would find out if there was a conflict.

Jake Faleschini (President) replied that if there were situations where **Jamie** found herself uncomfortable, **Tim** could tell her to feel free to come to GPSS. **Jake** couldn't imagine that would ever happen, but he came up with it just in case to make sure the process would be as transparent and open as possible. Otherwise, **Jake** would be in favor of suspending the Bylaws and appointing **Jamie** to this position because she sounded more than qualified.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) moved to suspend the Bylaws and appoint **Jamie** to this position.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

4.75 11B

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) announced that the Travel Grant Committee would be meeting the following day [November 13, 2008]. They had a sizeable amount of applications, yet they were not in any danger of running out of funds at this point.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how many applications there were.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said roughly fifteen. The Committee would still have a good amount of funds available after this even if they approved everyone. So, they were not worried about the money.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked about the progress of the Spring Social event.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) wanted to wait for the next Senate meeting to see what music they would like to use, and get further input from them.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked a quick question about the Gold Star award progress.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) replied that **Jamie** was still working on it.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) hoped it could be presented to the Senators for real at the next meeting.

[Tim left and Jessica entered the GPSS office]

5. UW Summit Update

Jake Faleschini (President) said there were thirteen panelists who were now coming. **Jake** reported he was excited because it would be a great group of people. He stated that **Jerry Baldasty** would be the moderator. They have been working together to get all the panels down. There were twenty confirmed guests so far. There was funding for the entire event, \$2000 from Eric's office, about \$3500 from the Graduate School, and \$500 from Connie Kravis' office for parking. Therefore, there would be parking for everyone from off-campus. Unfortunately, UWTV quoted **Jake** \$1400 dollars because the Summit was too long. To make a better use of GPSS funds, maybe GPSS would be able to have TVW to come in and film a part of the event instead.

There would be an introduction by President Emmert, and three panels. Each panel will last an hour and a half. There will be five panelists on each panel. They will give a brief introduction, and then will break into smaller group discussions with five long tables that will be all set up facing the main panel area. Each of those tables will be a separate panel discussion. One of the panelists will moderate. They will then present their findings, issues, and potential policy outcomes in each of their issue areas. The three issue areas will be: institutional health; social and cultural health; physical and mental health; and issues facing the state of Washington. The panelists will identify the problems and the policy solutions for how they think the University of Washington can solve the problems.

They will then turn back to the main panel table, try to work with legislators and graduate students, and other people to figure out and reshape those policy prescriptions to see if they would actually work. Someone from each table will relate the discussion back to the panel. At the end, there will be about forty minutes for the panelists to present the findings back to the main panel and come up with a number of outcomes as suggestions for the school to move forward with. So, this would be what each of the panels would look like. Hopefully, there will be graduate students at each of the tables, offering insight as to what they think is needed on the agenda as well.

In the lunch hour, there will be three to five graduate students who will present the work they are doing with regards to the issues facing Washington State. GPSS is putting material together and the office has been receiving material from Gorge Martinez, who has been wonderful in supplying information. GPSS will create student profiles, as well as general information about the graduate school, such as what we do, high demand fields, etc. The entire GPSS office will be there to usher people in. A minute by minute agenda will be created for the day to distribute to everyone.

Jake reported that there were five legislators who had responded to GPSS and made reservations. **Dave** and his office were now making personal calls to invite them to the Summit, so hopefully there will be more responses by next Tuesday. As far as the Executive Senators, GPSS would love to have in attendance as much as possible. **Jake** told them to RSVP to **Doug**, and encouraged the committee members to grab two other senators and pull them into the room, but to let the office know who they are by the end of this week, and it would be much appreciated.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if **Jake** needed the flier to be sent out to the senators.

Jake Faleschini (President) replied that that would be great.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission) offered help.

Jake Faleschini (President) appreciated **Jessica's** help. He then urged all to talk to their fellow senators, send out the information and tell them to email and RSVP to **Doug**. Tell **Doug** which panels they will be attending and even if they just want to attend one that was relevant to their field, that would be great, too. **Jake** didn't expect them to be there all day.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if senators could bring their non-senator friends.

Jake Faleschini (President) agreed it was a good idea if they wanted to invite other student leaders from their departments. He further indicated this Summit should be a reward for the senators to be able to attend this special occasion for what they have been doing.

6. Gear-up for Grad/Pipeline Project with GO-MAP and ASUW

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) announced he received a forwarded email from GO-MAP about one department asking GPSS for help with the exact project he was working on. **Yutaka** responded and asked for more details. He asked if anyone had any further inputs to the February prospect or format of how to target people to reach out to more undergraduates, to help them apply for graduate schools or professional schools. At this time, he would just want some more feedback. He wondered who would be willing to do the Q&A or panels.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked what people are going to do in the Q&A or panels exactly.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) replied he was thinking about something anywhere between 60 to 90 minutes in one of the ECC rooms, or ECT if there is a big turn-out. The speakers would talk about five minutes each about their application experiences. He might prepare a FAQ list of terms such as what GMAT, GRE, GPA are. He would put the information in handouts, and then start doing Q&A after each of the panelists.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked if subject mattered.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said the point was to basically encourage any undergraduate students to apply for graduate or professional schools.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked since GPSS was going to do it with GOMAP, would there be emphasis on diversity?

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) remarked that it all depended on whether the questions were relevant. Mainly, it was all about application process.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) was confused about how GPSS should sell the ideas to the senators or who the target audiences are being on the panel, or how many panels does **Yutaka** want?

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) replied those were the questions raised in the meeting and details to be discussed. He was envisioning at least people from Social Sciences/Humanities, Hard Sciences, Social Work, Professional Schools, preferably Law and Medicine (Public Health), separately, Business and Evans, about seven people. There could be more, it didn't have to be one from each, and it could be two from each. These are the minimum. He thought the max should be ten or twelve. If there were enough people, we could do multiple panels. We could have it at different times and announce who/ which department would be there.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) thought ten people were probably too much

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) compromised with six to eight and then doing multiple sessions.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission) suggested that it might be helpful to organize the panels into colloquia.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the con side to that is, if one undergraduate was interested in health science but happened to be taking a class at that time, then he might have to miss it; whereas if we had multiple sessions, he might have a chance to come to at least one of the sessions.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission) explained that what she was thinking of was the RA conferences, where they split up into three different sets because the considerations of the engineering students were different from others.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) was inclined to not follow this example, since the whole point of this project was to expose the undergraduates to all the possibilities. So, the more spread out would be better for the purpose.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission) asked if **Yutaka** had a chance to talk and chat to the Mary Gates people.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) replied he would catch up on contacting people at ECC and Mary Gates and get a hold of GOMAP people because he just returned from a conference.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked if **Yutaka** was planning on having mainly graduate students. She suggested inviting the admissions people and representatives from different departments.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) replied he would prefer to focus more on the graduate students. He then shared his conference experience over the weekend that the professors said going to conferences is a good way to find out which graduate school to attend. Admissions people were sales persons, whereas graduate students would tell them what the reality was.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) shared her conference experience this past Sunday. She suggested that having both the admissions people and representatives from different departments would be ideal because they are very knowledgeable and give good information.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) pointed out that one consideration about having the admissions people from particular schools was that they don't want to speak in generalities. On the other hand, graduate students don't have that hang-up for better or worse.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) stated that basically the panels would be to inform undergraduates and encourage them to apply. He agreed to include the admissions people

in the FAQ even if they are not there, so that the undergraduate students can have the contacts and know what opportunities are available.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) added the fact that the graduate admissions are very much decentralized. Therefore, it is hard to have all graduate school admissions officers by departments.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) suggested that we at least try to give out the resource packets and let the undergraduates know what is available.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission) suggested that **Yutaka** can contact Sabrina Collins, who was funded through five different grant programs centralize recruitment of underrepresented graduate students. She would be a good resource person.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said the name did ring a bell and he would try to get in contact with her.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked how the February panels fit into the general admissions timeline.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) answered it was not the point. The point was to encourage freshmen, sophomore students to look ahead.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission) mentioned Briana Keller, who organizes the panels for people who were interested in graduate schools, so she might have material **Yutaka** could borrow. The Medical and Law schools also have pretty significant outreach components for graduate school programs.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) appreciated all the feedback and said so far it was generally good and helpful.

7. Legislative Agenda Planning/ Legislative Steering Committee

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) introduced the draft legislative agenda. He was thinking about minor changes to wording and bringing it more into line with WSL (Washington Student Lobby)'s talking points passed on Saturday. He wanted to put the wording in to be more helpful, but no real substantial changes in any shape or form were made. He really wanted to encourage the committee members to carefully look at it and raise questions before Dec 3rd. Since **Dave** had not officially presented to the Senate yet, he could still twist things without going through the amendment process. The more to that was worked out in advance, the shorter the meeting would be.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked a simple question about the agenda format. He wondered if the bullet point order meant priorities.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) replied yes and no. He wanted to keep similarly-related and relevant things together within the subheading. He thought it would be appropriate

to put the issues in relative ranking for the most part. The more important items were those listed on the front page.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) pointed out one typo in Footnote 1.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) continued to introduce the Legislative Agenda. He focused on the top three items. **Dave** emphasized it was very crucial to have the Senators approve the agenda on Dec 3rd; otherwise he would not be able to lobby on it in Olympia.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) pointed out another typo about the date. The next Senate meeting should be on Dec 3rd instead of 5th.

Jake Faleschini (President) spoke with **Randy** this week and found out that the University of Washington would take a position on a couple of policy issues. One was promoting legislation which would make it easier for the school to build buildings on campus and give the school more flexibility. **Randy** said it could reduce the cost of the HUB by 10 million dollars, because of the overall structural differences and changes they would make. It could make a significant change to the HUB.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) was concerned about the format of the legislative agenda. He was worried that people might ask why this issue was on the front or why other issues were not included. He restated that the point of this agenda was only to have a few things and to be as simple as possible.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) responded that historically, at least, child care and mental health were two top priorities, and tuition was obviously related to the students.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) was almost tempted to say that if the agenda got bogged down, he would encourage somebody from the Executive Committee to move to just have child care, mental health and tuition on the front. **Dave** would be more comfortable having three items on the front than fighting over the fourth or fifth issue to be on the front and he would hate to lose the quorum. He would move I601 to the back, if needed.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested renaming the item from Tuition Setting Authority to Reasonable, Affordable, and Predictable Tuition. He also recommended pulling a few of the bullets from the back to the front, and moving I601 to the back.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said it would get into the importance debate. Therefore, he would work on the draft and see what he could come up with.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked **Dave** to email the mission statement to **Doug** so he could include it in the Summit handout.

8. Senate Review: Resolution 2.08-09 (tuition) Discussion

Jake Faleschini (President) recapped what happened in the last Senate meeting. GPSS realized that they had some disagreement with ASUW, and GPSS was trying to think what they could do to fix the minor technical difference which caused a lot of riffs between the two bodies. From his understanding, ASUW felt that the language GPSS had in the Resolution was actually taking a “neutral” position. GPSS was implying that they needed the endorsement in order to support the local control as opposed to deferring. GPSS did not notice that as a significant difference. The undergrads felt having that language in there might cause some disagreement. Going to the legislators, GPSS and ASUW might lobby on different agendas. At this time, amending the resolution in the next meeting would take a lot of time, so GPSS was trying to work with ASUW to come to a compromise. **Dave** had been talking to ASUW, and GPSS was trying very hard to work on the terms.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) argued that the issue was that there was a long standing student opinion against local control. If there was a resolution that came up, then that could be changed, but at the moment ASUW could not do anything about it. She understood GPSS’ stance being neutral, but being neutral was a change in opinion that conflicted with ASUW being totally against local control. A neutral stance was different from having a stance against something.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said at the end of the day down in Olympia, if there was a bill before the legislator and he would say GPSS doesn’t have a position on that but ASUW will disagree with that.

Jake Faleschini (President) expressed how frustrated he was given that he worked on drafting the language with **Jason**.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) replied it was because GPSS was looped in with other undergrads. Therefore, GPSS’ neutral stance was conflicting with ASUW’s stand.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said GPSS owed ASUW an apology for missing a meeting before this meeting.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved forward to discuss the benefits of adding words at this time. Fundamentally, he analyzed highlighting these three words that were highly nuanced standing points. A change would not take away the issues of having that neutral statement which was the underlying tension between GPSS and ASUW. **Dave** didn’t think, at this point, that it was necessary to amend the resolution. Instead, he suggested that GPSS work with ASUW to possibly pass something that was very similar to what GPSS had, but eliminating the line about neutrality and just talking about tuition caps.

Jake Faleschini (President) commented that if that were the case, and then GPSS would be in line with ASUW.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) added that ASUW would not change their state of opinion at this point unless they had a student survey but what GPSS wanted from ASUW at this point was their support of tuition cap.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) replied that GPSS could try drafting the resolution in ASUW to change it but of course it probably wouldn't fly.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) wondered why ASUW was so adamant on it.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) explained that it was because ASUW Senate creates the opinion and the board approves everything. ASUW Senate formulates the opinions representing the students.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) asked what the argument against local control was.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) answered they had data that stated that local control raised tuition higher than the legislators in some other state schools.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said at that time students had not liked the Board of Regents.

Jake Faleschini (President) said GPSS could work with ASUW to try to change their position on local control. He believed that a lot of work and leadership would be taken into the process. GPSS could work with them to change students' opinions on the issue. However, GPSS would like to help present the information to the students and help them realize that higher tuition rates do not traditionally discriminate against minority students and underserved populations in Washington State, because all students are charged the same, but if the schools have the high tuition model, what they are actually doing is charging the rich to go to school and subsidizing the poor, such as the Harvard model. There is a significant argument in favor of higher tuition model if it has commensurate increases in financial aid rate by dollar amount, not by percentage. The school could have financial aid increase at the same rate as the tuition increase and distribute that to the high-need, low-income students. It actually ends up helping the poor students once the school gets into a certain tuition range.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) highlighted the responses from the student senators. They suggested doing a tuition cap survey, including questions such as: Who do you want, Board of Regents or legislators? What are the pros and cons? At the end of the day, it could very well be that the legislators are good for undergraduate students and the Board of Regents is good for graduate students. Time and time again, the data showed that the legislator control was better for the tuition model for undergraduate, but it was not so clear for graduate students. GPSS has to acknowledge that they might have a different interest from ASUW.

Jake Faleschini (President) commented it was fine if ASUW wanted to lobby against local control down in Olympia, as long as both bodies understand their different positions on issues.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said there is nothing GPSS could do because GPSS and ASUW both had to follow student mandates which had opposite positions.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) personally thought legislators might do undergraduates service.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) commented that the issue was the tuition cap.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said **Kelly** was now doing further policy studies.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) agreed that as long as ASUW and GPSS had the same understanding in terms of tuition control, then that was fine.

Jake Faleschini (President) remarked that the important thing was that both GPSS and ASUW all agree on cap and GPSS was not opposing ASUW's efforts.

9. FIUTS Happy Hour

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) announced that the event would be held Friday, Nov 21st. He encouraged the Senators to attend the Happy Hour.

10. Senate Agenda

Jake Faleschini (President) listed the agenda on the whiteboard as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda (2)
3. Approval of minutes (2)
4. Gold Star (5)
5. Long House Presentation (15)
6. Legislative Agenda (50)
7. Committee Opportunities (5)
8. Admission Integration Follow-up (3)
9. Programming: Spring Social Entertainment (3)
10. Announcement (5)
11. Adjourn

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) moved to approve the agenda

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) seconded.

All were in favor.

10.1 ASUW Liaison Appointment

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to appoint **Dave Iseminger** as the second GPSS representative to ASUW student senate.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Committee) seconded.

1 abstention
Motion passed.

11. Officer Reports

a) **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) will write a short version of the draft of the WSL legislative agenda because GPSS had no official version yet. He reported that there were 14 items on it. Most important were child care funding, mental health funding, and tuition cap rate.

b) **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) was moved earlier to 4.75.

c) **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) thanked **Dave** for covering him at the ASUW Board since he was gone for the conference last week. **Yutaka** had been working on GPSS Website to update the Senator roster. He recapped the FIUTS happy hour along with the pipeline project/concrete plans brainstorming.

d) **Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) announced ASUW will have a public forum at 7:30pm on Nov 18th. She encouraged any students who had concerns about ASUW come to HUB108.

e) **Jake Faleschini** (President) wanted to make sure that GPSS is clear on the tuition issue along with ASUW. **Jake Faleschini** (President) then reported his reflection about the NAGPS meeting he attended in Texas summit over there weekend, where the President's Council on enterprise management forecasted how university can minimize risks. They are focusing on major impact risks, such as terrorism, bombing, pandemics, and global financial meltdown. **Jake** added student health care to the list. He emphasized the importance of talking about student health care because 1/5th student body has no insurance.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked a question about the risk management.

Jake Faleschini (President) answered it would come up when the council talks about an attack. **Jake** would like to start a committee for people who want to revamp the guide of life. He would like Senators to have special advisory on switch-off issues, such as how people can close the contract or rewrite the contract. **Jake** wanted to form a similar thing with English majors, creating what it really meant to be a graduate professional. He wanted to publish a chapter and make it entertaining and enjoyable to read. **Jake** suggested sending it out as a PDF with admission so that students who are interested in applying to UW graduate school can get some information, which would be integrated with the Seattle community. In addition to the guide, **Jake** recommended that a mandatory two-hour orientation should be given to graduate students at the HUB so that GPSS can reach out to more graduate students at once. That way, GPSS can save a huge amount of money and a lot of energy in September.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate Admission) suggested that TA/RA conferences can be a way of reaching graduate students, too.

Jake Faleschini (President) concluded that there would be more details in February meetings.

12. Adjourn

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to adjourn.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Committee) seconded.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2008: minutes
Husky Stadium, Noon

Quorum Present

Jake Faleschini (President)

Dave Iseminger (Vice President)

Tim Hulet (Treasurer)

Yutaka Jono (Secretary)

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator)

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Senator)

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator)

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at noon by **Jake Faleschini**.

2. Adjourn

Moved to adjourn by **Yutaka Jono**, seconded by **Tim Hulet**.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.

GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
January 7th, 2009: minutes
HUB 300, 5:30 PM

Quorum Present

Jake Faleschini (President)
Dave Iseminger (Vice President) (Calling in from Olympia)
Tim Hulet (Treasurer)
Yutaka Jono (Secretary)
Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)
Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator)
Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Senator)
Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator)
Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator)
Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities)

Others Present

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant, Jackson School Senator)

1. Call to order

Jake Faleschini (President) called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of the agenda

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) moved to amend the agenda.

Jake Faleschini (President) moved to add the bylaws amendment as item 3.5.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passes.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) moved to move item 9c to 5.5.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

Motion passes.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) moved to approve the agenda as amended and altered.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passes.

3. Approval of the minutes.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked if Yutaka fixed something in the minutes. It was unclear which legislative agenda was being referred to in amendments. It should be the Washington State Legislative agenda, not the GPSS one. He will discuss this at the end of his officer report.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that this is on the third to last page in the section on officer reports. He entertained motion to insert Washington State Legislature in the minutes.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) seconded.

Motion passes.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to approve minutes from December 12th.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

Motion passes.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) moved to add himself to quorum on the minutes on Nov 20th.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) moved.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passes.

Minutes approved.

3.5 Bylaws

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we've been doing things wrong by suspending bylaws on numerous occasions, but Sturgis rules says that the bylaws cannot be suspended unless it is written into the bylaws that they can be.

Jake Faleschini (President) pointed out that there is no way to suspend bylaws in the bylaws, and that we cannot revert to Sturgis because it says we have to refer to our own bylaws.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) wrote something to submit to the Judicial Committee regarding the suspension of bylaws. Any section can be suspended by a vote by 2/3 majority or higher, except to bar senators from voting except as permitted by other sections of the bylaws. Senators cannot be barred from maintaining their senate seats except by Article 3, section A or G. Any sections in article 1 cannot be suspended, as article 1 is the definition of GPSS. Suspending article 1 would create chaos. Article 12 will be amended.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked if the Executive Committee would be able to suspend the bylaws.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said he would have to include that in Executive Committee section.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested that there needs to be a way for the Executive Committee to suspend the bylaws to make it clear that they have that ability as well, as the Executive Committee meets more often than the full senate.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Senator) pointed out that in the last senate meeting they suspended bylaws for committee appointments.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested that we send this to the Judicial Committee and ask it to review bylaws suspensions.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked for a timeline to bring this before senate.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) replied that we cannot suspend the bylaws just for this meeting, as we need two weeks before Judicial Committee reviewed bylaws can be submitted to Senate.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked if this can this be brought up from the floor? Technically, any senator can bring a bylaw amendment from the floor. He encouraged the Executive Committee to put this on next week's senate agenda.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that the bylaws state that amendments need to be submitted to the Secretary at least 7 days before the next scheduled senate meeting, and that the language isn't ready yet. Seven days before the next scheduled meeting would have been today.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) wanted to talk to the Judicial Committee in advance before next Wednesday's meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we will look at Dave's suggestions tonight. He suggested that in short term we put this on agenda for the meeting.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that the reason why we want to do this is because one department wants to split for more representation, and they want representation now. Hopefully this will happen by February. The department requesting more representation is the Jackson School.

4. STF Committee Appointments

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) on STF committee appointments. We did one of these in November for Ben, and two more spots are open. Positions were advertised as part of a university-wide committee email. We postponed reviewing Aaron Panzer who was a former senator from the Business School and on the STF committee last year. We postponed looking at his application because he was out of the country for fall quarter and the committee only met once during fall quarter. One other person has talked to Dave about the committee, but is concerned about the time commitment – weekly meetings on Friday night from 5:30-7:30. Dave had passed out Aaron's stuff in November, and believes that Aaron is qualified because of his business background and because he has served on the committee before. It is important to appoint someone to the second spot because Ben is not going to be able to attend every week, and we need to ensure having one grad student there every week in addition to Jake. We need to fill one more of these

spots, and see if the other person Dave spoke with about the committee can fill the third spot. Dave is concerned about availability rather than qualifications.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) moved to appoint Aaron to the STF committee.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passes and Aaron Panzer is appointed to the STF Committee.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) will try to talk about the third STF seat at the Executive Committee meeting two weeks from now. He is emailing the third person, and they are still discussing the position.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if Dave wanted to do an update about other committees reviewed over break.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said he would do this during his officer report. He went through the committee webpage, called all the people, and made sure that the committee website was as accurate as it could be. He filled in the open spots, and realized that Jake is currently filling six of forty openings. Between the GPSS and UW committees, between 30-35 spots are still open, but this includes the Elections Committee, the student regent selection committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, and stuff that hasn't started yet. Twenty-five UW committees have individual applications pouring in, but there have been some snafus with the webpage over winter break with committee applications. This started right after the email went out and Matt York (GPSS Web Master) could not address this. This just got fixed. Dave is slowly looking at things, as he gets 2-3 more applications every day for the same committees. He should be able to fill 12-15 of these 25 spots within the next week or two and the committee spots should be pretty full.

Jake Faleschini (President) thanked Dave for the hard work he has done on this, saying that 90-95 percent of the committees will be filled within the next month.

5. Programming Update

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) – The Speed Dating social is coming up on February 3rd – the official date. People need to arrive at 6 PM to register, and the event will start at 6:30. He expected that there will be about 200 slots open for people and a waiting list. Jamie Andrus (GPSS Resource Assistant) will use Catalyst for registration and the waitlist. Jamie and Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) are working on an advertising concept. Jamie thinks that a 50s theme would be a good idea.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) asked for the timetable for information, as people are already asking for information.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) will give more concrete info in the next weekly email, and will have more information on the 12th.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that the Spring Social budget is at \$30,000, which excludes food.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that we haven't spent that much on fall social.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) sent out a mass email to senators asking for suggestions for spring social and asked for ideas to be in by end of next week. A reminder email will be sent out.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) said that it was a good idea to start early on the spring social as things fell apart last year.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) – gave some background on this. The band cost more than \$30,000, so GPSS and ASUW were unable to bring a band in for the social.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) – said that once suggestions are in, we can get cost estimates and begin planning.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) – had a thought about suggestions. Mike needs to be involved in the process for creating a joint event with ASUW.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) – asked if the issue has been raised about Speed Dating with GLBT individuals and how that process is going.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) – said that Jennifer Self is involved in process as far as he knows. There will be a boys-seeking-boys table and a girls-seeking-girls table, and participants will be able to go from one table to another.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) – said that this quarter is the time to start getting the GPSS budget together. He asked the officers to look at their budgets and what they've spent this year to get thinking about process. There is someone interested in filling the open Finance and Budget committee seat, and Tim will be getting back to that person this week.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) was not sure if the Finance and Budget committee was meeting on Friday, because four people cannot come and three were needed for quorum. The committee was asked to confirm, and so far only one person had confirmed that he was able to attend.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) left the meeting for class.

6. The State of the State Budget

Jake Faleschini (President) – asked if everyone had received the email to grad and prof students about state budget. He said he got 150 emails in response. He has responded to most of the emails. It will be a tough year. Governor Gregoire has released a dismal budget that doesn't account for all of the money that we're not going to get. There is \$1 billion that the governor is assuming we will get from federal aid, but it is uncertain that we'll get that. The governor assumes that we will get \$1.5 billion from not granting any new programs. This leaves a \$3.9 billion budget gap that the Legislature has to fill in, and that's right now. The projection of the December sales tax is that it's going to get worse. It's been estimated that we're going to lose \$1.3 billion more in the budget deficit. A 14% cut to UW on top of a 4.9% retroactive cut is significant – it is \$58 million each year for the next two years. The university will probably get \$10 million back from tuition rate increases that the Legislature has been asked to approve. There is still \$46 million that has to be filled in from somewhere. The staff has already sued over the fact that they won't be receiving their raises.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) – wasn't sure if the staff has filed its lawsuit yet.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) – pointed out that there are two suits against the governor from unions.

Jake Faleschini (President) – said that there are three unions suing the governor. He was pretty sure that the UW staff union was one of those three lawsuits.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) asked when this came to light.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that when the governor's budget was released two weeks ago, two lawsuits were filed against governor because her budget didn't take into consideration any raises for state-level staff, and the staff had just negotiated a 2% increase. Governor Gregoire's budget allows for no increases in any payment to any state employee in the entire state for next two years. We are looking at potential lawsuits against governor from staff and faculty. He heard that the College of Arts and Sciences will reduce the number of teaching assistantships for 15-20 percent for next year, and that this was not a rumor.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) pointed out that sections may be discontinued.

Jake Faleschini (President) noted that this will increase the average number of years to graduation.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) said that this will increase section sizes.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how teaching assistants will work on 20 hours per week.

Jake Faleschini (President) noted that TAs would have difficulty doing their jobs. They won't be able to grade more papers in big sections. This could be absolutely devastating to the UW over next two years. In the middle of this are union contract renegotiations for the graduate and professional student union next year.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that there was talk of a TA strike during the last time a contract was renegotiated with the university.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that there were different ways to respond to this. He is trying to work on this without pissing off the administration, but letting them know that we won't be pushed around. Dave has his staff working on creating a list of all parent-teacher organizations across the state that we will be reaching out to. We're going to start reaching out to principals in some of the more affluent areas around Seattle letting them know – forwarding them a blurb of the governor on King 5 news saying that she didn't feel that the state had the responsibility to provide education for the richest people in state and that they should be paying the same rate private schools charge. He has weekly tri-campus meetings, as they are getting hit higher than we are. It looks like UW Bothell and UW Tacoma won't be able to expand their number of students after all.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) asked what the student regent has to say about this, and how this would affect the planning of UW North.

Jake Faleschini (President) responded that UW North is dead for at least the next 2-4 years. The other two colleges are knuckling down and trying to not lose stuff. They are trying to maintain the number of majors that they have.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that the North campus is still being discussed in the Legislature because the chair of the House fiscal committee is an advocate for having the campus in his district. Building infrastructure for the school may fall within the economic stimulus, as we would be at the end of the recession by the time the campus is built.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that part of what we're trying to do is hold on to our current capital projects. He reiterated that the other campuses are trying not to lose. This year, we have to talk about what is an acceptable loss. We need to switch our thinking to that as an organization. What's a reasonable tuition increase? 10 percent? 7 percent? 10 percent plus the health care and childcare we want? Do we ditch those and focus on tuition?

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) – suggested that the discussion around childcare and mental health for funding needs to be focused on UW level. It is hard to convince people when they're already cutting to get rid of the idea that this is new spending because it hasn't been funded in past.

Jake Faleschini (President) – said that the administration is keeping this in budget.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) – asked about non-resident tuition waivers, and whether or not we will be able to keep them.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the administration is silent on this, which makes him feel that they won't cover it next year. This will be a big hit for out-of-state students.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that this would be a hard battle in the Legislature. A bill that has been pre-filed from Senator Kilmer on the Higher Education Committee has co-sponsorship on committee and focuses on the work-study program eligibility. If this were to pass, it would eliminate any eligibility for non-residents to get any work-study funds. As of right now, if any work-study money is left over, non-resident students are eligible, and this bill would eliminate that. The Higher Ed committee doesn't want to subsidize non-residents for Higher Ed.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked about the non-resident tuition waiver. Should we be warning students about the fact that we may lose this? Even at risk of losing these students?

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said not to sound the bell just yet. Just because the administration is silent, doesn't mean that they will cut the non-resident tuition waiver. If we advertise that it might be gone, they might actually do it.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) – asked if there was a way we can do both? He pointed out that other schools urge applying for residency as soon as possible

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that Yutaka should include in emails info about how to establish residency. But we shouldn't hint at the fact that we may not have the waiver in the future.

Jake Faleschini (President) – indicated that we must be very careful about this.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) – said that, traditionally, the idea about being cautious is good. All other states are making painful cuts too. California and Oregon are worse off than we are.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) didn't want to induce panic, but if we think about what's best for students, if students can't continue at the UW because of the loss of the non-resident tuition waiver, that student might have a better chance elsewhere.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) – pointed out that we've already missed the deadline for this year.

Jake Faleschini (President) – said that the Legislature only repealed 10% from the waiver last year, and that out-of-state students are still getting a 90% tuition waiver.

Maybe it's best that we not remind them that they're doing it at all as it is a down year. Maybe we need to let it slip through the cracks that out-of-state students are being subsidized right now.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that international students can't apply for the tuition waiver.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) asked how complicated the process is for applying for a tuition waiver.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) pointed out that the process is not as complicated for grads as it is for undergrads.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) said that grad students must get a driver's license, photo registration, proof of rent for the year, and that, if students have a car, it must be registered in Washington State.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) said that the issue is complicated because grads are considered employees sometimes. In this case we are considered as employees

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we are not considered residents until after graduation, which makes grad students ineligible for state need-based aid. The regent is with us (Jean Paul), and Jake is impressed with his work.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the ASUW senate passed legislation in support of a tuition cap to remind people that we like this.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) reminded everyone that the governor's proposed budget is just the starting point, as the legislature decides whether or not to adopt the budget or start over. In all likelihood, this is best case scenario for higher education. The Legislature's budget won't come out until March, when March fiscal numbers are reported.

7. FIUTS Happy Hour

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) – said that this is currently scheduled for January 30th – the final Friday of the month. We might advertise it with Speed Dating, as it is three days before that. We are planning to have it at Big Time, so it is close.

8. Senate Agenda

Jake Faleschini (President) – introduced the tentative senate agenda for the meeting next week, which is on the board.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked if Dave knows anything about the Course Fee Review committee.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) replied that he did not.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) noted that some courses have extra fees attached. Art and music courses have extra fees for supplies and things that you need. This is different from tuition and not part of academic budget. The Course Fee Review Committee is an oversight committee to make sure we're not paying professors' salaries out of this.

Jake Faleschini (President) introduced the agenda.

1. call to order
 2. approve agenda
 3. minutes – Nov and Dec meeting
 4. committees – ad hoc x 5(?), Elections.
 5. Grad program review committee bylaws
 6. tuition/ta-ship issues
- Feb – Bryan Pearce Bookstore

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) noted that we need a second ASUW senate seat representative.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he will go.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked to add course fees to committees. It is a UW-wide committee that was formed four years ago.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) said that this committee was formed by ASUW and primarily deals with Arts and Sciences courses. It is university-wide, but ASUW created this with the UW to protect students.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if we want a grad student on it.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that this is in the bylaws. The committee needs a grad student on it. She will email Dave with the bylaws and info about it. Phuong said that Dave can pick a representative for this committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we will add this to the committee webpage. We will seek students to apply for it if it is university-wide. We should include this in weekly email and it should be discussed in senate meeting.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) wanted to add a committee on accessibility to the webpage.

Jake Faleschini (President) pointed out that two people have already applied for this committee, and that there are fifteen committees for which nobody has applied, including the ad-hoc committee for changing the Guide to Life. Anna Batie (GPSS Publications

Assistant, Jackson School Senator) will chair this committee, which will change the Guide to Life so that it is no longer a money-losing operation and is actually useful to people.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that the Judicial Committee has language for the Grad Program Review committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) added more to the proposed Senate agenda.

7. Grad Program Review Committee Bylaws
8. Tuition
 - a. Budget meeting – there is a meeting of Arts and Sciences just previous to Senate meeting. Anna may go, sit in, gather info about it, and report back to the full Senate.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant, Jackson School Senator) pointed out that we need a senator there to ensure graduate student representation in the meeting.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) asked if the meeting was open to everyone and volunteered to also go to the Budget meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) indicated that Kris and Anna will give an update at end of the end of the tuition session, and amended the agenda item to read “Tuition/TAship issues.”

Jake Faleschini (President) gave an update on guest speakers at future meetings. Bryan Pearce from the University Book Store is coming in February. Jake has also heard about something going on in the Biology department that other grad students may be interested in. The Biology department has developed a handout of the names and faces of all students in each class. Professors and teaching assistants can only get access to students in their own class, which minimizes the worry about security issues. Jake has asked if students can have access to this to know who the members of their own workgroups. The Biology Department is working with the registrar’s office to make this a university-wide thing. Every faculty member would get a list of all students in his/her classes and get a face list as well. They can turn this into a PDF. If students do not feel comfortable with faculty and TAs having access to their Facebook pages to create workgroups, this could make it easier.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) asked if we can check to see if there were resolutions about this, because some undergrads really did not like this proposal.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) pointed out that Mary Pat from the Biology Dept is trying to push this campus wide. It was presented at the ASUW Senate, but students expressed hesitation about the project, because people thought there could be racial discrimination as professors could potentially practice racial profiling on students.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that only the names and faces would be matched, and in a class of over 200 the professor would just lecture.

Jake Faleschini (President) was not ready to ascribe good intentions to all professors.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) reiterated student concerns with the proposal.

Jake Faleschini (President) was worried about the security issues involved in this at first.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) said that he thought that students should be given the right to opt out.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the Biology Dept was willing to allow students to opt out.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) talked about something similar he does in incorporating Facebook into his teaching. Students can log into a John Q. Student account if they don't want to join Facebook for his groups.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested that every month we get someone from outside GPSS to do a presentation, and thought this would be a fun presentation to do in January. If Mary Pat Wenderoff (Biology) cannot attend, we'll think of something else. He entertained a motion to add this presentation during the senate meeting, and suggested that we have it earlier rather than later, between minutes and committees.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to add Mary Pat's presentation as Item 4 on the proposed Senate agenda for January 14th.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) seconds. Motion passes with none opposed.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) noted that this is pending Mary Pat's availability. He proposed to add three more items to the agenda – Item 8 programming, item 9 announcements, and Item 10 adjourn.

Jake Faleschini (President) reads senate agenda out so Dave can visualize how it looks, as he is in Olympia.

1. call to order
2. agenda approval
3. minutes – Nov and Dec meeting
4. Mary Pat presentation
5. Committees
 - a. Ad hoc x 5?

- b. Elections
- c. Other
- 6. Grad Prog Review Com Bylaws (Judicial)
- 7. Tuition/TAsip issues
- 8. Programming (Tim)
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjourn

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked which items his name is attached to.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if Dave will be at the Senate meeting next week.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he needed to look at committee meetings to see what's going on in Olympia. He is planning on coming back to Seattle for GPSS, but if there's something important, he will stay in Olympia.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggests that if Dave can't make it, we can experiment with plugging him in via email chat.

Kris Anderson (GPSS Executive Senator) moved to approve agenda.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passes with none opposed, and the proposed agenda for the January 14th GPSS Senate meeting is approved.

- 9. Officer Reports
- a. Vice President

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) has moved to Olympia full time and is doing Washington State Lobby (WSL) training this week. One big thing that he wanted to talk about was the Lobby Day situation with ASUW. Usually, ASUW takes the lead on Lobby Day. In the past, we have had one big Lobby Day during the second week of February, where students break into groups and go around to committee meetings. This year, ASUW has decided to do things differently and have two separate, smaller Lobby Days, one on Jan 23rd and the second on Feb 19th. We are planning on doing lobbying and class training for people to go down, take motorpool vans to Olympia and do something on those two separate days. We are targeting the training to make lobbying more effective. Dave thought that this is the best way to go, and wished we'd talked with ASUW before this decision was made. We have to work to let people express self-interest in coming down those days and be in training sessions for the most effective ways for lobbying. If we get an overwhelming number interested in training, we may need to find a way to decide how many people go. Dave asked what other people thought about this.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if Dave had received the email about Evans School Alumni Relations.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) replied that he had, but that he has not responded yet.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that in the past, the Evans School has used buses and has advertised Lobby Day as an alumni connection event.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that we could put on a large-scale Lobby Day, but we'd be doing this on our own. Sarah and the staff would be putting together a day for GPSS. He saw some advantages to doing our own Lobby Day in addition to participating in the ASUW Lobby Day. He was not sure if we have the time to be able to do this, as we would be throwing in another event at this point and would have to reallocate the budget for this. People have the expectation for having a large Lobby Day. We need to explain the reasons for this, promoting Higher Education Day on Feb 15th and maybe getting more grads down for that. Maybe we could use that to offset the frustration that students may have about having no large-scale Lobby Day.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if the Evans School thing can be handled in a small-scale way.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) thought that the Evans School is a great resource. He asked if we should be creating or continuing a specific sponsorship because a school has become reliant on it for other needs. He asked if it was appropriate for Lobby Day to be a networking event for the Evans School.

Jake Faleschini (President) pointed out that the Evans School tradition worked with GPSS to send students down to Olympia on Lobby Day. He asked whether or not we are planning on working with them to do training and to get Evans School students to Olympia to lobby for us, as we have done so in the past.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that this was a good networking opportunity.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that only four students attended Lobby Day last year, and not one of them was from the Evans School.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the year before we had a busload of Evans students.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) thought that training opportunities may get more people.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) stated that the first projected day is soon for grads, as we get busy at top of quarter. This might push grads to do the second one.

Jake Faleschini (President) was not sure if he understands where OGR was coming from. He thought that we're going to get a lot of interest from students.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) noted that a group of people self-select to be part of Lobby Day, and that there is already a group of people OGR is working with for lobbying classes. We should train people to make individual contacts more effectively, as legislators say that these are the most effective for them. He asked if we should do something on top of OGR's Lobby Day.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) wanted to clarify the issue a little. The plan for the first Lobby Day from OGR thus far is a legislative programming committee of students and senators who are interested. This will be the main target for students to attend the first Lobby Day, as it happens so soon into the quarter. They will get buses to get more students down there.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) explained the history behind Lobby Day. It has become more expensive to rent buses for Lobby Day, and on average we sent two buses each year. We sent one bus last year and two the year before that. The Affordable Tuition Now group went away, and funding for that would be used for other purposes down the road. Considerations about the busloads and committees may be the reason why things are not so big anymore.

Jake Faleschini (President) did not know if GPSS wants to put money into this if ASUW is scaling back. He asked if Evans has contributed resources in past and whether or not they would. He asked Dave the Evans School about this. He said that the argument for small group meetings was a sound one, as people are more likely to trust the information provided by a few people rather than by just one.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) explained that three or four students will meet with one legislator, as the offices cannot hold many people. The meetings will each last fifteen minutes.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the more people who bring back the information from a single legislator, the better, due to credibility issues.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he will identify people and do more outreach for the February 19th Lobby Day. He will reach out to the Evans School and add them to the February 19th Lobby Day, ask them for funding, and have Sarah coordinate with Alex in OGR.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) – said that we cannot use the ASUW ATN money for Lobby Day because it is paying for a membership in the Washington Student Lobby, and suggested that we use the General Fund to pay for Lobby Day.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) was concerned about the staffing and time it would take for GPSS alone to plan Lobby Day. Capacity is sparse for the event already, and he suggested that we do as much as we can for the February 19th event.

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that this was a good strategy, as it gives us six weeks to plan.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this depends on what we want to do. We could strategically place a Lobby Day on the day that childcare is being discussed in a committee, and if we wanted to focus student issues on that day, it would be possible to send some down in UW motorpool vans.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that this is what we will do if something big comes up, but committee agendas not published until 7-8 days before the committee meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that many Executive Senators will go down on these days and that we would also let GPSS know about important committee meetings. He thought that it was important to have a larger ASUW/GPSS day when we all go down together.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked to mention this when we discuss tuition talks, and Jake thought this was a good idea.

b. Secretary

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that is updating the senator roster. He will do a purge, but he has to do minutes first. The ASUW Senate started yesterday, and no legislation was discussed. The first board meeting of ASUW will take place on January 9th. He needed to talk to Sheila about the Gear Up for Grad pipeline. There is a GOMAP meeting next week. Team GPSS is almost full for the MLK Day of Service, and he urged Exec senators to sign up now. We will be building houses. He needed drivers, as the project is pretty far away. He mentioned the FIUTS/GPSS Happy Hour on January 30th, and that he was working with Tim on Speed Dating regarding the details.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) was not sure what was going on at ASUW, as she was not able to get to campus over the break. She figured that it probably has to do with the budget.

Jake Faleschini (President) went to the ASUW meeting last night. They were brainstorming about things to do for the rest of the year. He wondered if GPSS should do this later on in the year.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) mentioned that Kevin, who is in charge of the Course Fee Review Committee, wants to start conversation about what students would like to cut. Grads should join in this conversation about what we would be willing to cut.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that in the ASUW student senate legislation was submitted that talks about Latin honors and a grading scheme issue. Students want to change the decimal grade point average system to letter grades, and the writers were curious about

how grads felt about this. He suggested that if we have ideas about the grading scale, we should email Andrew Everett, the author of the legislation.

c. President's Report

Jake Faleschini (President) went to the ASUW senate meeting last night. He is working with Jason Padvorac to draft legislation that essentially has similar language to GPSS's about The Daily article. That will probably come up next Tuesday. The Student Publications Board will be meeting next Thursday, and he asked whether or not we should place a point on the agenda to speak. If ASUW passes a resolution on Tuesday, then it would be our place to go into the Student Publications Board and call for vote of no confidence on Sarah Jeglum. He wondered if this was too harsh, as Sarah had asked for another meeting with Jake to take place within the next two weeks. Jake suggested that we could also ask the Student Publications Board to force the editorial staff on The Daily to get sexual and racial harassment training. He said that it will be a fight to get rid of the editorial board, and that there are different arguments for whether we should or shouldn't. There is a strong argument against censorship and for open conversation, but also a strong argument against language, comments, graphic and the need to take responsibility for actions when Daily staff does something stupid.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) – suggested that we not call a vote of no confidence if we don't know what the outcome will be. This could create a power struggle between GPSS and The Daily, and we need to take this into consideration, as The Daily is one of our venues for getting information out to students. We have to think about the ramifications of calling for a vote of no confidence and losing.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we need to wait for ASUW to pass a similar resolution. If ASUW passes this, members of the board would have to vote no confidence. This will all happen within the next eight days.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the ASUW Board is above the Senate on all issues. The only override the senate has is legislative.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Senator) asked if this needed to be a First Amendment issue, and felt like it was not a First Amendment issue.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) pointed out that they do have a defense for us regarding student fee money, as there was a case against the University of Virginia regarding the use of student fee money.

Lindsay Morse (GPSS Executive Senator) noted that The Stranger cares about First Amendment issues and also took issue with the Daily's actions.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) said that there was a precedent for fee money and viewpoint neutrality.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) pointed out that ASUW has a more time consuming legislative process than GPSS, and that the process could take a month.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we are probably not going to get this through ASUW before January's Student Publications Board meeting. We can revisit this at the next Executive committee meeting in two weeks. If we have ASUW board support, we need to revisit how to deal with this. It is too early to tell if we want to call for a vote of no confidence or force them to get sexual/racial harassment training.

Rich Nobles (GPSS Executive Senator) reminded everyone that the language was that Sarah and the editorial staff should either apologize or step down.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) agreed that we need to put this on the next Executive Committee agenda.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the GPSS rep on the Student Publications Board is willing to call vote of no confidence if that's what the senate asks. ASUW members of the board have to understand that they speak on behalf of their senate, and have to call a vote of no confidence if that is what is asked for.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he and Dave went through committees and updated the list. SAGE is moving along. Budget issues are consuming a lot of time right now, and it is important that we hold our ground.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) would like to encourage the officers and ASUW to be supportive of each other this quarter and in spring quarter and to be supportive of Dave and Jake's lobbying work. This budget crisis is affecting faculty, staff, legislators and the whole state in a way that nothing has ever done before.

Jake Faleschini (President) welcomed two new members of the GPSS team. Anna Batie, the Jackson School senator, is now the Publications Assistant. We also have a new web designer, and hopefully the changes to the web will be finished soon.

10. Adjourn

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moves to adjourn.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

**GPSS Executive Committee Meeting
January 21st, 2009**

Present

Jake Faleschini (President)

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) – calling in from Olympia

Tim Hulet (Treasurer)

Yutaka Jono (Secretary)

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator)

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator)

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator)

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Life)

Others Present

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant)

Andrew Everett (UW graduate student)

Jessica Yellin (Graduate School Liason to GPSS)

1. Call to Order

Jake Faleschini (President) called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to amend the agenda and add item 7.5 Executive Protocol to the agenda.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to add an executive session as item 11.5 to discuss personnel.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved and **Charles Plummer** (Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to approve agenda as amended.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) moved and **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) moved to strike a statement from page six.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded. None opposed and the statement was stricken from the record.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

4. STF committee appointments.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he doesn't have any STF committee appointments, which is a problem. The main problem is that nobody is willing to commit to 5:30-7:30 on Friday every week, so the committee decided to move it to 3:30-5:30 on Friday, but the same problem exists, as nobody wants to commit to a meeting on Friday afternoon. **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) doesn't have anybody to appoint, and this is an important committee. The committee has \$4.5 million to allocate and \$6 million in requests, and without a GPSS member, the committee cannot meet.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if anyone at Exec was able or willing to attend. He asked if the meeting happens every Friday.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that yes, the committee will meet every Friday.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested that we do a quick interview of Executive Committee senators to fill the position.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that she was willing to go if she could split the position with someone else.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested that we appoint two people from within Exec, and that the two people could divide and conquer to make sure one of them is at each meeting. Information must be read before the meetings. People vote online after the meeting, and it might be possible to phone in during the meeting so the members would not have to actually be there.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the committee basically reviews funding requests.

Andrew Everett introduced himself as a member of the STF committee. He explained that the student tech fee exists to underwrite student tech fees on campus which are mandated by state law. This is similar to the services and activities fee. The differences are that the committee does not deal with a series of standing funding requests, since virtually every proposal is original. The committee receives a series of proposals, usually submitted online by the first or second Friday of the winter quarter. Afterwards, the committee reviews those proposals, either choosing complete funding, partial funding, or rejecting the proposal outright. Funding doesn't happen until the end of the academic year. For any rejected or partially funded proposal, there is a second round of proposals that usually occurs spring quarter. New proposals cannot be filed during spring quarter, but a case can be made as to why you should receive funding if your proposal was cut outright or why the committee should partially or fully fund your proposal.

Jake Faleschini (President) explained that the committee meets weekly, and at that weekly meeting, the committee determines whether or not the proposals are funded.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) explained that Ben Livneh is currently the only graduate representative on the STF committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested that as a stop-gap, we need one or two Exec senators to switch off on this.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that she was willing to do this, but the problem was that on Friday afternoons, many departments, including hers, have lectures.

Andrew Everett explained that only having one GPSS representative is a problem, as the committee cannot make quorum without a grad student present.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) asked if this was something where we could switch off between Exec members.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) responded that we need an appointment.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he can't do it because he is ex officio on the committee.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that he has the SAF committee meeting at the same time.

Andrew Everett suggested that one of us email the committee to organize everything.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if someone could go this Friday, and in the meantime he would send out an email to the Senate to ask two people to apply for the committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) explained that we're losing the one person who is on the committee, as he cannot make the meetings anymore.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if Ben was leaving the committee.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) replied that no, Ben is not leaving, and we need two more people.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that he thinks he can go this Friday from 3:30-5:30.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested a point of order. He said that the officers have to conduct an interview in order to send **Rich Nobles** (Executive Senator) and **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) to the STF committee in the meantime.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) conducted a short interview with **Rich Nobles** (Executive Senator) and **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator)

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to appoint **Rich Nobles** (Executive Senator) and **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) to the Student Tech Fee committee.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved, **Kris Anderson** (Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) reiterated that we now have temporary members, and we are looking for more permanent members.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) to send the email to the senators asking for volunteers.

Andrew Everett pointed out that if the appointee doesn't necessarily have to be a grad student. If our bylaws say that this appointment has to be filled by a grad student, that's one thing, but we could also send an undergrad.

5. The Daily Discussion

Jake Faleschini (President) informed the committee that the senate asked the office to postpone taking further action until the next Senate meeting and to write a letter to Sarah Jeglum letting her know that the editorial letter she wrote last week was not sufficient to constitute an apology to satisfy our resolution. It was sent too late to make the opinion section last Friday, but Jake posted it as four different comments at the end of the online version of her article. Sarah said that she would publish the letter this upcoming Friday. He has not received a response from her yet. Our representative on the Student Publications Board could not attend last Thursday, and apparently at that meeting a group of Sarah's undergraduate friends from inside The Daily showed up and told the Student Publications Board that GPSS was out of line and had no right to influence the editorial decision-making of The Daily. Yutaka's legislation in ASUW has been tabled until ASUW could get someone from The Daily to present its side. Once this happens, it will be debated, and if passed, their Board will look at it, and if passed at the Board, their rep on the Student Publications Board will act. One of the ASUW representatives to the Student Publications Board has expressed hesitation at calling a vote of no confidence whether or not she is directed to by the ASUW student body. The bylaws of the Student Publications Board indicate that there are three options for discipline of the editorial staff -- censure, dismiss, or suspend. Jake suggested that we need to think tactically, and that maybe it is smarter to fight for censure, as a public mark on her record, and let Sarah know that the student body is not happy about this, as a warning to her. Jake feels that if we fight for more than that we will lose. He explained that Anna looked at Sarah's past publications that she found to be biased or offensive. He asked Anna to summarize her document.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) said that she took the GPSS letter and sent to local media organizations to let them know what we'd been doing on it, and received no response. She posted the letter to the senate blog for comments, and specifically asked senators who were not in favor of the action to comment, provided a way in which they

could comment anonymously, and said that we haven't gotten any graduate student feedback on the blog. An undergraduate Daily staff member commented, but that's it.

Jake Faleschini (President) said this is the same person who showed up at the Student Publications Board meeting.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) also posted the letter to the Students for Hate Free the Daily website and hadn't gotten any responses. Her opinion was that outside the graduate senate, people didn't really care about this that much.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he didn't think this was accurate. He has heard from people that they still want something done. Except for the undergrad that contacted him, he has not received anything against us taking action. We just have not heard from those opposed to us.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) said that it's good to know that we are getting feedback. Noah Benson from the Q Center created a script of Daily articles that had received many comments, and we used those to look at articles published under Sarah's tenure that have been somewhat divisive and out of touch with the student body. Five instances in particular may be contrary to student opinion. Anna mentioned examples in addition to the Prop 8 debate and Sarah's responses to that, such as I-1000 and Rossi endorsements. She mentioned that with the last two articles in particular, it looked like someone had taken talking points from the campaigns and regurgitated them for the newspaper. There was no data cited or source attributions, which is scary for a college newspaper – that they would endorse these things and not give an argument as to why.

Andrew Everett said that The Daily has the right to endorse anyone they wish, and should not be penalized for their decision. If they endorsed Rossi because Gregoire was a woman or for some other inappropriate reason, that would be a different matter. Unless stated, Andrew said we should leave room for doubt.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we should not touch these issues, such as endorsements. The Daily has a right to endorse whomever they want. He agreed with Anna on the substance issues, but regarding who they endorse, we have to stay away from that.

Rene Singleton (ASUW Asst. Director of Student Life) agreed, and said that GPSS should stick to the original points mentioned in the original resolution. She said that the broader it gets, other kinds of rights and issues come up that we may not want to deal with.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we have an argument to ask why they're endorsing anyone, given that they receive state funds. GPSS cannot endorse candidates, and perhaps The Daily should be more careful about that.

Rene Singleton (ASUW Asst. Director of Student Life) said that newspapers and student government fall under different regulations, and GPSS has to research this. She urged GPSS not to make the commentary personal.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) said that The Daily has the right to endorse anyone, but that the paper needs to be held to a standard where they cite their sources for things, otherwise it looks like they are paid by the campaign.

Jake Faleschini (President) agreed that it was troubling that the endorsements weren't better researched and cited, but said that GPSS would be getting into troubling waters if it discussed this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) moved to close debate on this matter.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) asked for a point of information and wanted to know if the Executive Committee needed to decide a course of action now.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) replied that we're going to discuss this at Senate.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) offered a point of information, and said that the Executive Committee does not have to mandate an action now, but that it could.

No objections. Debate closed.

6. Speed Dating Update

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that enrollment is a little lower than what we expected at this point, but we are making a better advertising effort. He asked if senators had gotten the word out about the event.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) replied that he had created a Facebook event to advertise speed dating.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that he is trying to get in touch with the School of Art. He sent the Speed Dating email to the other programs in the school, and hopes that they show up.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) sent some of the flyers to the Q center.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) brought up that some people in her department didn't really want to go through this alone, and that her constituents had concerns about the gender balance at the event.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that according to Jamie's records, there are an equal number of men and women, but that we need more GLBTQ folks. He got very excited about the M&Ms on the table.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that we are looking for one or two more volunteers to help at Speed Dating. **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) volunteered to usher. **Kris Anderson** (Executive Senator) also volunteered to help out.

7. Programming Update

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that we haven't gotten responses from senators about suggestions for the Spring Social.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that DXArts, the School of Art, and the School of Architecture have a 'getting to know you' event at the Henry Art Gallery at the beginning of the year with karaoke. He assured the committee that the Henry serves alcohol. He said that the Henry serves a large graduate constituency, and that the MFA grad show would be at the Henry, and this would be a good opportunity to showcase the work of these grads.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we've already reserved the HUB, but we wouldn't have to take the space.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) asked for the M&Ms.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we had to push the Spring Social back, as the day we could get the HUB was later than what we were expecting.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) had been in contact with ASUW about possibly doing a joint event, and he will be meeting with them sometime next week.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked about alcohol concerns with a joint undergrad/grad student event.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that it would be a separate event – a fall/spring concert that would be sponsored with ASUW, and a separate Spring Social. He said that if we pool our budgets, we might be able to bring in a band with the ASUW.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that if GPSS is interested in doing the Henry, we should say that we'll provide free Henry memberships, as the Henry is always looking to increase its memberships.

Jake Faleschini (President) and **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) confirmed that we spend \$7000 on the social. He said that we could do a decent event at the Henry for \$7000, but it wouldn't be as big as we could at the HUB.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that drinks are in the set budget because of funds and regulations. He said that we could use our programming money to spend more to make it a big event.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if we could have music there.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that they do have karaoke and a sound system.

Rene Singleton (ASUW Asst. Director of Student Life) said that they have had jazz quartets and groups at the Henry.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) suggested that we bring people to the Jacob Lawrence Gallery for small things, as the capacity is 100.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we are averaging 800-1000 people for the socials. He also said that if we had to drop it in size a little, it would be great. He said that he's not sure if we can get enough to support the kind of turnout that we've had, and that we might need to drop the numbers anyway.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that we can lure grad students with alcohol or food, and that GPSS doesn't have to supply both.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested that we could have more than one event if necessary. We could have a social in the HUB and have an exhibit supporting graduate MFAs on a smaller scale.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked when the MFA show is.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) replied that it will be in mid-May, and that it is a fun show. He said that his main concern at the Henry is capacity.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked **Kris Anderson** (Executive Senator) to ask about capacity at the Henry. **Kris Anderson** (Executive Senator) responded that he would do that.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) asked if the social has to be on campus.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) and **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) responded that traditionally, the socials have been on campus.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) asked if we could maybe do something at the Seattle Art Museum.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the holding an event off campus doubles the cost.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) asked about the potential of using donated space.

Rene Singleton (ASUW Asst. Director of Student Life) said that the university is in such financial distress that our best bet is to hold events on campus, rather than off campus.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that the Burke has space too.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the Burke can fit a lot of people, and that it has a cool gallery that just opened. He asked **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) to look into doing events at the different museums on campus to switch things up.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that Betty Brock is the person to ask about this.

7.5 Executive Protocol

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if we needed to keep all of the old minutes in the Executive Committee folders. He asked if people need the printed minutes, and asked if it was possible to cut down the number of minutes printed because electronic copies are being sent out before the meeting anyway. He asked if we need bigger folders to put the minutes in, or if we should get rid of things from the past.

Multiple people suggested that we purge the old minutes.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested that the folders that are here should have minutes from three meetings back.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the folders would have minutes from the academic year, as those would help. He asked if people still want copies for each meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he found it useful, but these should be double-sided with two pages on one sheet. Group agreed.

8. Legislative Update

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) implored people to actually look at the discussion board to get people information. He is making requests for different students to give testimony and to make announcements there. He encouraged people to check the discussion board. He said that he wanted to open up the process to average senators so we would know what is going on. In two weeks, there is going to be a significant testimony day in the House Higher Education Committee about tuition policy. He said that it might be a work session where people are invited to speak, or a public meeting in which people sign up to speak. Dave is pushing for a cap for all students who aren't resident undergrads. Legislators think it is a good policy, but politically, this may not be a reality right now. He is trying to pitch this the right way.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) discussed talk of breaking the undergraduate cap this year. Up until recently, the Council of Presidents – all six of the main universities –

hadn't had any consensus on this issue. Apparently the UW and Western are pushing to break the tuition cap. The other universities don't really want to raise tuition by more than 7%, because they don't think that the economic demographics of their universities would allow this, but they are willing to allow a discussion of good tuition policies for other universities, which means breaking the tuition cap for undergrads. He said that it'll be interesting to have a discussion about adding a cap in the grad setting, and about breaking the cap in the undergrad setting. There's definitely talk about flexibility of revenue generation and flexibility with tuition. The lines of flexibility are in deciding where the cuts are, and that universities want flexibility with their revenue-generating streams. He said that they've come up with 9 or 10 ways to combat this. He is going to sit down with Richard from OGR to get a letter out to as many principals, parents, and high school students, and he said that in the next week or so we need to get a lot of momentum behind this message. If the Legislature does delegate this authority, there needs to be accountability with flexibility, and giving people unfettered control over all tuition, regardless of whether or not it is undergrad or grad, does not hold institutions accountable to the public. Education is a public good that people need to be able to access. The University of Washington is a bargain at \$25,000/yr, and if tuition isn't kept under control, we will have a premier research institution that citizens of Washington won't have the opportunity to attend.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he would put on the discussion board a list of bills and their short titles as to what they do. There are a couple of hearings coming up in the next week – a textbook bill that would require revealing information like ISBN numbers four weeks before classes begin. Right now there have been work sessions about the operating budget, what the HEC board master plan has adopted regarding education, and he thinks that we need to be pushing the message that we need to educate more Washington state citizens to higher levels, and thinks we can include this in the tuition discussion.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) pointed out logistical difficulties with the textbook bill.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we're going to get pushback from professors and the bookstore, and that the administration isn't on board with this.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) responded that the University Book Store administration is not on board with this. He said that the textbook bill probably won't go too far. He said that this is the first student-oriented bill that has come up for student testimony.

Jessica Yellin (Graduate School Liaison to GPSS) offered a point of information. She said that CIDR consultants – faculty who come and consult with CIDR-- are sometimes aware that the cost of textbooks is a burden, but this may not be in the forefront of their decision-making processes. There are definitely people out there who are aware of cost as they choose textbooks, but the choice of textbooks has other considerations.

Jake Faleschini (President) has spoken with Bryan Pearce, CEO of the University Book Store about this, and Bryan is very aware of this and tries to work with faculty to train them. Jake discussed difficulties with the mandatory book buying list, and said that this really financially harms students.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that there is ASUW legislation that is looking into open course books. He said that he liked the idea of the textbook bill, but saw the rationale for it not going too far. He suggested that Dave spend more energy lobbying on tuition, rather than on this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that syllabi were considered subtractive, rather than additive, as the college he attended as an undergrad. Once classes began, professors could not add books to the syllabus, and he wasn't sure if this was the policy at the UW. If this was indeed a policy, it would affect the way in which we would go about dealing with this legislation.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested that faculty who moved from a place that used this policy may be used to this.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he would reach out to Jerry Baldasty at the Graduate School about this.

Andrew Everett said that he has taken engineering courses in which the books for each course cost over \$1000 each.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that she has been working with the Faculty Council on Instructional Quality to see if there was a way to encourage faculty to send out their requests on time.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) suggested that professors try to use the same book each quarter, and talked about some things the bookstore is currently doing.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that Bryan Pearce will be speaking at the meeting next quarter.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that Psychology 101 is taught by a new professor each quarter, and that they have the prerogative to use whatever book they want. Some may use their own books, others may use books that have been written in the department, and that there is an argument against recycling texts.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) noted that these are foundation classes, and that one would think that the basic information can be in one textbook.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested that we move on and talk about this further with Bryan.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he would be checking in with Sarah, and that hopefully some grads would come down for the first Lobby Day. Next Wednesday WSL and the State board for community/technical colleges has been invited to do a work session to talk about financial aid and tuition issues. He is working to break this up so there are three different panels – one talking about tuition, one about debt, and one about financial aid. He wants two students to tell the personal side of these issues. Dave is taking on the debt issue and talking about that with regards to tuition caps. He is looking for students who are in the worst possible debt/financial aid situation that we know of at the UW. He wants help trying to identify one or two people to come down and talk about what we would lose if graduate tuition would go up. As examples, he suggested a student who would be stuck with \$30,000 in debt and no degree to show for it, or a student with \$60,000 in debt being willing to take on more. He wants to connect tuition, financial aid and debt to the current economic crisis.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if Dave had spoken with anyone from the Med School or Dentistry.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he was going to have people talk to Sarah. The person who speaks about this cannot be a law student who is going into the private sector. It has to be someone going into the public sector, and we have to bring the Legislature the worst stories possible. We have to find the really bad instances to highlight.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested that Dave Iseminger (Vice President) reach out to PALS at the law school and the non-traditional law student organization. The problem is that the majority of these hurts will be felt in three months, as people don't know whether or not they're going to lose their jobs. We need to stress to legislators that there will be hundreds of jobs lost and a high grad student drop-out rate if these cuts go through.

9. MLK Jr Day Report

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that on Monday, Jake, one UW alum, one professor from the medical school, the sister of a current UW graduate student, her cousin, Jake's law school friend and himself went down to the Vision House and painted. The Vision House is a homeless shelter. They get churches and donors to sponsor apartments and furnish them like luxury apartments.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the Vision House serves all single mothers and folks that have had a hard time. Vision House helps people get reeducated, and the mothers have to go to school. They get them set up, build up their confidence, and get them back out in the world. They have had a 100% success rate – their women are employed and taking care of their kids on their own 5 years after getting out of the program.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) motioned that we commend the participants of the MLK Day of Service.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passes.

10. Senate Agenda – February 4th

Jake Faleschini (President) created the Senate Agenda.

1. Call to Order (1)
2. Approval of the Agenda (2)
3. Approval of the Minutes (2)
4. Bryan Pearce presentation (15-20)
5. *The Daily* update/discussion (15-20)
6. Committee formation – adhoc committees (5)
7. Bylaws approval (5)
8. Resolution 7.08.09 – The Biology Department Facebook (5)
9. Health Care Update (10)
10. Lobby Day/ Legislative Update (10)
11. Announcements (10)
12. Adjourn

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) wasn't sure if he could make the senate meeting, as this may be the day that he has the tuition presentation.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if Sarah or Kelly could make the legislative update, and Dave replied that they could.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the second tier health care plan has gone through, and that we have a second option that will be approved hopefully by the senate, and that it is a huge success.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if anyone had anything to add or subtract from the agenda. **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) read it out for Dave, as he was calling in from Olympia.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) left the meeting at 6:50.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested that we do the Lobby Day announcement earlier so more people hear that. **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) suggested that we make it #4, right after the minutes.

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12. Announcements (10)
13. Adjourn

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to approve the amended agenda. **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that next Wednesday he would be in New York, and that we could not have an emergency senate meeting next week to deal with The Daily, and said that hopefully someone else could lead that meeting if we needed one.

11. Officer Reports

a. Vice President

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) made an announcement as the WSL RSO chair. He said that everyone needs to get 50 signatures for the WSL drive. He implored executive senators to take it to our programs to get those signatures, because we really need that.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if we have senate approval for WSL. **Jake Faleschini** (President) said that it doesn't matter, and **Rene Singleton** (ASUW Asst. Director of Student Life) added that we have precedence for working with WSL.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that she signed up to volunteer, but the group keeps changing the time for training, and that she still hasn't gotten an email about the training sessions.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he would follow up on this.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that her concern is that the executive senators are the only ones who are collecting signatures. She asked if ASUW is working on this. She said that it seems like a very uncoordinated effort, because the training sessions have changed twice and they have yet to occur. She said that she signed up at the last senate meeting for the one on Friday, and someone said that they had decided not to do it with WASHPIRG, and she hasn't gotten an email saying that it's not going on.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he would look into this.

b. Treasurer

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that on Friday, we have a GPSS orientation with SAF. He has emailed the officers about this. The orientation is for SAF to get acquainted with what GPSS does, what the mission is, and what value we add to student life on campus. Our presentation will be on these lines.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we probably still have to sell it, even though that SAF has a good idea about what we do.

Rene Singleton (ASUW Asst. Director of Student Life) suggested that Jake and Yutaka bring the Guide to Life with them.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) also asked that we bring the Summit flyers.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said the SAF orientation will happen at 4:30 on Friday in the GPSS office.

c. Secretary

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that MLK Day is done, and that ASUW has been interesting. He is still waiting on the Office of Minority Affairs to get back to him on The Pipeline Project. In the meantime, the minority pre-health students are doing a conference on January 31st, 2009. He has contacted some health-related profession senators, as Yutaka wants a GPSS table with current graduate and professional students in health-related fields to sit at a table. GO-MAP is running a survey next week that will be sent to many minority graduate and professional students.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that Yutaka Jono (Secretary) will also be emailing the working groups and informing them about when they will meet.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that he contacted the Judicial Committee about the bylaws. He added a few conditions for Exec to suspend bylaws, including the inability for the bylaws to be suspended unless one Exec senator approves. He excluded the ASUW senator from being able to suspend bylaws.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) mentioned that Yutaka Jono (Secretary) sits on the ASUW Exec board and has full voting rights.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested that Phuong take this issue up with him.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that any suspension of bylaws must be reported at the senate meeting, and that any senator can file wrongful actions with the Judicial Committee.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) asked what this would entail.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this would come into place if there was any meddling with election procedures by the Executive Committee. If there is any complaint, senators can go to the Judicial Committee.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that there is an issue regarding the normal means. He said that if the senate suspends bylaws, the recourse would be through judicial.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the Senate cannot suspend bylaws unless there is a 2/3 majority, and that Exec is not the Senate. If we suspend bylaws, we have to let the Senate know, and Senate needs due process to complain about this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) asked if Judicial had final say on bylaws suspension matters.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that after Judicial, it would go back to the Senate. In the past, he said that we have suspended bylaws, but we did it with good intentions and can say why things are good for GPSS. If bylaws are to be suspended, it needs to be at least for the good of the organization.

d. ASUW

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that President Emmert came to talk. ASUW passed its organic act – they are reforming Senate next year, unless this is shot down by the board. The Board passed its election protocol procedures, and the procedures are on vote.asuw.org. Lobby Day is Friday, and she will be driving to Olympia on Friday.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the election protocol procedure meeting was a long meeting.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that if you run on a ticket, you can divide your cost expenditure based on the allotted cost on the ticket.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) reported that this was heated because half the people on the board ran as individuals, and half ran on a ticket.

Andrew Everett said that a lot of these changes are internal to senate, and said that the Board does not have a veto power since these are internal to the senate.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) questioned this, adding that original versions of the organic act discussed the removal of GPSS and ASUW commissions seats, but that this was taken out during the process of amendments.

e. President's Report

Jake Faleschini (President) said that President Emmert will hopefully be coming in March. If he can't, we will ask Provost Wise to come and talk to the Senate. On Tuesday, Jake spoke at the rally/protest/celebration of our hopes and dreams. He spoke on tuition and cutting funding from higher education. He said it seemed like there was a lot of support from people who were there who felt that 14% cuts were crazy. *The Daily* did a big article today on budget issues, and Jake interviewed with them on Saturday morning for that. The article ran 15 quotes from him, but some were taken out of context. He felt that, overall, *The Daily* did a good job. We will have a second tier health insurance option that will be made available for all students. It's not that much richer, but that was the best we could get from the insurance company. If you buy into it, you have to buy into it for the entire year, not just when you get sick.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that this was the concession we were willing to make.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this is a better medical/dental/eye care/mental health plan, and that undergrads can also buy into this plan. He said that we need to sell it to campus, and that we've listened to what students have asked for and have come back with this. Jake said that we have been told that the school and the insurance company will kill the plan if we don't get x percentage of the student body to buy into it. We'll have a presentation at the March meeting about the plan, and talk about the strategy if we don't get it. We don't want undergrads to help subsidize graduate and professional health care, and will be talking about what to do if that happens as well. We need to make a concerted effort to sell this, making it easily accessible. We are working on health care in other regards as well. Another committee is working on larger health care reform issues at the university.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he has been averaging 50-60 hours a week on GPSS stuff, and will be trying to go down to 30 hours a week in order to refocus on his studies.

The Executive Committee moved into Executive Session at 7:24.

The Executive Committee went out of Executive Session at 7:28.

12. Adjourn

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to adjourn.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to adjourn, **Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) seconded. Motion passes with none opposed or abstaining.

Meeting ended at 7:30 PM.

GPSS Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
February 11th, 2009

Quorum Present

Jake Faleschini (President)
Dave Iseminger (Vice President)
Tim Hulet (Treasurer)
Yutaka Jono (Secretary)
Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)
Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)
Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator)
Kris Anderson (Executive Senator)
Rich Nobles (Executive Senator)
Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities)

Others Present

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant)

1. Call to Order

Jake Faleschini (President) called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to amend the agenda and add the Daily as item 3.5.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) seconded.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) objected to adding it at 3.5 as he was installing a show right then and had to leave early. He made an amendment to move the Daily to 8.5

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) made a motion to move the programming update and Speed Dating to item 3.5.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to approve as amended.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) motioned to approve the minutes.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

3.5 Programming

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that Speed Dating was successful, and that **Jamie Andrus** (GPSS Resource Assistant) has been sick and hasn't been able to give an update on

scoring. All matches have been sent out by email. Not everybody got a match, but most people did.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) raised a concern about the Men seeking Men and Women seeking Women tables, as they felt a little segregated on the side of the room. **Yutaka** thought he needed to talk to Jennifer Self about this.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested putting same-sex tables at the end so they are more included in the group.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that we could put their table anywhere.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that there were a few Women seeking Women who wanted to seek both sexes.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said that people seemed to be enjoying themselves at the event.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he'd gotten positive feedback about the event.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said there have been suggestions for a spring Speed Dating event.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) wished that more male students had dressed up. He also suggested that grad students discuss things other than the UW and grad school at the event. A suggested topic list may be a good idea.

Jake Faleschini (President) talked with Jamie and said that we could save money by just using half the HUB Ballroom.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how much the event cost.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that the room reservation cost just over \$1000.

Jake Faleschini (President) reported that Jamie said that it would cost \$600 if we rented half the HUB.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) gave an update on his efforts to look into the Henry for the Spring Social. He hadn't talked to the Henry about specific dates. The cost isn't unreasonable, but he encouraged people to walk down and see the café, outdoor courtyard and that space. We wouldn't be able to take beverages into the Henry. The galleries would be quieter. The food and drinking would be contained in one area. The capacity is 800 to 1000, but he wants everyone to go and see logistically how it would work.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that only 400 people fit in the café and the outdoor space. The rest of the people would be in the gallery, which fits about 800.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked for our official spring count, if it was around 800.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that if we had the spring attendance, 500 people would have to be in the galleries.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) wasn't sure how much his DJ friend would charge, but he could ask. The Henry has sound equipment, but we couldn't put a band in there due to space constraints.

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that a social in the Henry would be a good idea.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) has gotten nothing but positive feedback in talking with people about it.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) said he would be happy to go to a meeting about the Henry with Tim.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) called in from Olympia.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if four hours was enough, and what we did with regards to hours.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we go from 5:30-9ish. In the past, the shortest one ended at 8 PM because we ran out of alcohol in 90 minutes.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested having the event run from 6-10.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we'd need 30 minutes for setup.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that if we have to pay 30 minutes for setup and 30 for takedown, we'd be pushed over the budget. He suggested that we ask the Henry if we can pay for four hours with free setup and takedown time.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) thought that it wouldn't hurt to ask.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) and **Kris Anderson** (Executive Senator) will set up a meeting next week.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he got an email from Debbie asking us to cancel the HUB soon, and that we need to do this within the next two weeks or so.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) passed out (slightly) expired Japanese cookies.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) left the meeting.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that he had been in contact with Mike Snowden about joint programming in the spring. He supposedly has something to propose, but Tim hadn't heard what it is yet.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) wanted to know why Jake was eating two cookies at once. Jake said that it's a neopolitan.

4. Senate Planning

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we have a ridiculous amount of stuff for the next meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) read out the March Senate Agenda on the board.

Budget (60)

Leg Agenda/Update (15)

Pres. Emmert (15)

Emergency Mgmt Discussion (15)

SHIP Plus Resolution (15)

Committee Formation (5)

Resolution 7.08.09 (Photo Class List) (5)

Gold Star Announcement (5)

Election packet approval (10)

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we have dedicated almost two and a half hours to next senate meeting, and that last year we did the budget in 30 minutes.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he had to meet with Tim about his budget.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested that we change budget to 30 minutes, and if this is the case, we have a 2-hour meeting planned that will take longer.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how long the emergency management discussion would take.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that this came up because the Emergency Management committee reps are sending out stuff after each meeting. He's not sure how long it would take. They might talk about some kind of fundamental possible policy shift that the university might be doing. The rep Tim Carter wanted to keep us apprised of this and to ask for our support.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) asked if there was anything that could be taken off the agenda.

Jake Faleschini (President) responded that the meetings haven't been going all that long.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that last year, the meetings had gone for 90 minutes, but this year, we don't have that requirement.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) said that there's a perception in the senate that the meetings are supposed to go for 90 minutes.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he didn't feel bad asking the senate to come to one two-hour long meeting once a month.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested that we put anything requiring a vote up earlier so we don't lose quorum. Committee formation requires a vote, and two resolutions require a vote, as does the budget.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked when President Emmert was speaking, and **Anna Batie** (GPSS Publications Assistant) responded that he is speaking after the minutes.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) asked if the meeting was during the second to last week of classes or the last week of classes, and said that if it's during the last week of classes, we may have a difficult time making quorum.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) entered the meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) wrote the senate agenda on the board.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that there is an Emergency Management Committee whose representative thinks we have something to discuss, and that is why emergency management is on the agenda.

March Senate Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Minutes
4. President Emmert
5. Committees
6. Photo Class List Resolution
7. SHIP Plus Presentation
8. Election Packet Approval
9. Budget
10. Leg Agenda/Update
11. Emergency Management Discussion
12. Announcements
13. Adjourn

Jake Faleschini (President) didn't want to move SHIP Plus lower in the meeting as we need to discuss this. Many people are not aware of it, and it is a huge accomplishment.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that right now the meeting is at 100 minutes, so it will last about 2 hours.

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded

Motion passed with no oppositions or abstentions.

5. CHORUSS Discussion

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if anyone had read the email about CHORUSS.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) looked at the site and wasn't sure how he felt about it. He asked if this would be on SAF.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) clarified that this would be legal way to download music.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this was brought to him by the registrar. CHORUSS is a nonprofit formed by four or five record companies with the idea that they would reach out to a few public institutions in a pilot project. They would create a student fee that was transferred to the not for profit that would distribute it to the record companies and would shield students at universities for illegally downloading music. Students would get free access for this and wouldn't have to worry about being prosecuted.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked if the record labels support the group.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this was being driven by the four major record labels.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this was being driven by Columbia, Warner, SONY, EMI and Virgin.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked which pilot schools are part of this.

Jake Faleschini (President) responded that Michigan and Wisconsin are part of this.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked if these were public or private schools that would be part of this.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that they were public schools. He thought that this was a creative way to deal with a real issue, but this is a private company that is asking for student support, and he didn't know how he felt about this. He didn't feel comfortable being a part of it since he is being paid by state funds.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that the UW isn't giving out a lot of info when the record companies complain, because of GPSS and ASUW resolutions and action on this.

Jake Faleschini (President) wanted to know if he should explore this or say not interested. He spoke with the Attorney General's office on Tuesday. He asked if legally, he could be involved in negotiations. The Attorney General's office said yes, but at that point you can talk about cutting it off and thought that we should explore what the company is offering.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) wanted to know how the process worked.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that it would shield us from prosecution, and that it didn't seem fair if the students who didn't illegally download would have to pay for this.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that we need more information, and getting more information is the right way to go.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if we could get more info without committing to it.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that there is a meeting set up about this in early March, and he'd let them know after Exec.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that we need to check out how much money they have in research, and who is backing the organization. Many groups that have come with these proposals have folded within a year, and another entity is left holding the remnants of this.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked for the list of the record companies.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that these are the major record companies, and suggested that we read the article in Wired, and asked if all students should pay for a few students who are under threat of prosecution for doing something illegal.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved that **Jake Faleschini** (President) attend the meeting.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) brought a point of order asked if Jake needed a formal mandate to attend this meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) said he wanted one because he felt weird about it.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) seconded. **Charles Plummer** (Executive Senator) objected.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) said that he has reservations about this entire thing. **Rich Nobles** (Executive Senator) and **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) said the same thing.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that collecting info is always a good thing.

Motion passed with no abstentions or opposition.

5. Budget 2009-2010

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that the budget is still in the works. He has presented what we have so far. Dave and Tim need to meet to discuss Dave's portion. He has met with Jake and Yutaka, and is also forming his own budget.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) explained the budgeting behind the Guide to Life.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) asked which column in the budget we would be talking about today.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that he is looking at FY 2010. He said that the GTL will be online, with some physical copies.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) explained that the GTL budget is still being worked out.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we might move the website, and that if there was money left over it could cover the original GTL. He said that he would like more money for travel grants.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that this year we transferred \$2000 from the General Fund to increase that total for this year, and we may look into doing something like that.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we have a healthy general balance, and that it is close to \$200 grand.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) to remind us what the budget process is.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) responded that it goes from Exec to F&B and then to Senate. Yutaka asked when F&B would be reviewing it.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) responded that F&B would be discussing it next week.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) asked when we could have the discussion. He asked if we have another Exec meeting before Senate.

Jake Faleschini (President) reassured Dave that he didn't have to worry about it tonight, as there are plenty of meetings.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) wanted funds for people to testify in Olympia for travel and to help subsidize Lobby Day activities.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that next year will be a short legislative session.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if at this point we had to tentatively raise concerns about the budget.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that we could discuss any concerns.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked about the empty section of the budget.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that we don't have the information to fill in the empty section.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested putting in computer equipment and software.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) wanted to talk about the cell phones too.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he took a cell phone off of his budget. He wanted to sell the phone and discontinue service. He didn't think the president needed one, and that the officers should come in with their own cell phones. Jake said that the officers should get their own phones and get reimbursed every month by the senate for it.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this had historical problems, and that some people didn't think that it was enough.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he couldn't imagine his position without the Blackberry.

Jake Faleschini (President) agreed with Dave, and that Dave should have his own personal Blackberry and have the senate reimburse him for the cost.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) responded that he doesn't personally own a Blackberry. He asked if he had to purchase one and be reimbursed.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the vice president should have it, but the president doesn't need it.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that we already bought the thing and it's paid for. If we keep it in a box until it's obsolete, we can make it an either/or option.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that it will be obsolete by the end of this year. He also said that Dave's Blackberry is probably obsolete. He asked Dave if the Blackberry would last for another year after him.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that there are better technologies, but if we can afford to update it that's a good idea and that it would possibly last another year.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked how much these things cost and if the price would go down. Would we want to give the person the flexibility to buy a Blackberry or get reimbursed for personal use?

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that the person should come in with his or her own resources and get reimbursed at \$50/month.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) remembered questions about cell phones. He said that there were questions about personal phones. We've had presidents who don't want to answer phones that much.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) suggested that there are situations in which people would want to keep the home phone the home phone and the work phone the work phone.

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that it was important to have the personal phone as the work cell phone as well. He'd want the president to get reimbursed \$50/month for his own personal phone.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) wanted to style it based on the preference of the person coming in. If the person doesn't have money or means, that person could have the option to use the old one and upgrade or get the reimbursement. She wanted to give the incoming president the flexibility.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we could use the general fund if the new president wanted the Blackberry.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) had a slight objection to that. Every time we go through the budget and talk about dipping into the general fund, there's always some objection or discussion about the degree to which we do this. He would caution us on this matter.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that when we did it last time, we asked the senate for one cell phone and came out with two.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) and **Jake Faleschini** (President) both personally voted against purchasing two cell phones.

Jake Faleschini (President) felt that his office could use the money in other places. There is money better spent. He would recommend that we get rid of the cell phone. We should

save money by reimbursing the president for a portion of the cell phone costs every month.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to table the budget for next Exec meeting.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) seconded.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) objected.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) asked when we are voting on the budget. And wanted to know when F&B is getting it.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) withdrew his objection.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we're trying to conserve and pare down.

Motion passed with no abstentions.

5.5 The Daily

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) presented the letter to the editor that he wrote today and asked the committee to take a look at it. He explained that his letter explains GPSS's position, and that it is his last request to have Sarah apologize. He wanted to bring it to The Daily's office after the meeting was over to be published.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked if Yutaka wanted the committee to voice concerns about it.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this is Sarah Jeglum's last chance to publish an apology. What he wants is Exec's blessing that if she does publish it Thursday morning to ask if we're okay pulling the vote to censure if she does publish an apology.

Jake Faleschini (President) wasn't sure.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) raised a concern with the last line. She thought that it was baiting her. Sarah's complaint is that it feels like she's forced to apologize.

Jake Faleschini (President) felt that he couldn't give Yutaka his blessing on this. Sarah's had her chances and the senate has voted. He doesn't want to undercut the Senate's position on this.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if he shouldn't submit it.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that personally, yes. The senate took a strong position and we should stick to it.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked why Yutaka couldn't talk to Sarah Jeglum himself. This gives him the ability not to undercut the Senate. Many people believe that an apology was made. Yutaka should be neutral in the public sphere and not

damage the resolution, but having a face-to-face conversation with Sarah might be a good idea, as it doesn't harm what is already coming up and what has already been done.

Jake Faleschini (President) appreciated trying to give her a last chance, but the Senate has taken a position on the issue.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked Exec to take a look at his ASUW board resolution, and he read it out loud for Dave.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this resolution would undercut the negotiations taking place on Friday if he did this. They're meeting on Friday to come to a compromise on the two bills.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) pointed out that the vote of censure would not pass.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that this is not a bill about the issues; it's a personal battle about who wins.

Jake Faleschini (President) pointed out that the compromise bill was a way to negotiate with the undergraduate group.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that putting this in the hands of the board before the board is going to the Senate next week is a hostile act.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that as a strict parliamentarian, he should do this.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that this felt like cramming something down ASUW's throats, and he didn't feel like we should do this. **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) and **Jake Faleschini** (President) agreed.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that she talked to Jason and Carl about how their resolution was trying to undermine our resolution. It's a bad idea to do to them what they are trying to do to us. ASUW is going to vote before the Publications Meeting.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) moved to close and table to after the legislative update.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

Motion passed.

6. Legislative Update.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that both the bills in the House and Senate on tuition had hearings. The bill is passing onto the policy committee. What happens is that this week and the first committee meeting of this week in the senate, they will still be doing public hearings, and then after, they are doing executive sessions without public comments. Right now, he is working to get sponsors for amendments for tuition caps, sunset clauses, and anything where there would be accountability measures in the local control bill. The senate's version has an amendment with a sunset clause, and that is the

official bill in the senate. There is a very large financial aid bill, HB 2021. It rebrands all financial aid in the state to the word opportunity grant. There are concerns about this from the HEC board. UW's financial aid and the student lobby have amendments that they hope go through because it is misleading to use the word 'grant' to describe loans. There is a big financial aid package helping to make things clear, but the bill muddles things up. A bill about the rights for free speech for student publications in K-12 institutions and Higher Ed – it doesn't relate to what has been going on here, but there have been a string of incidences around the state regarding questionable publications involving the GLBT community. There have been questions about free speech in student publications, and the bill has been dropped.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that if there is a hearing on it, he needs to talk to Dave.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that there are voter reform bills going through that may help college campuses. He has signed in on things to support accessibility. The hate crimes bill – we'll find out tomorrow whether there is a hearing or not. WSL and Dave are trying to get different testimony about that. The last one has apparently come up the past couple of sessions and it tries to sneak through the Legislature. It has to do with landlord-tenant relations. It restricts local governments from mandating inspections that aren't run by the landlord themselves. It talks about the cost shifting of those inspections to tenants rather than to the landlord. It would allow landlords to have sole authority for doing the inspections of their property and passing those fees on to the tenants. It seems like a bad idea because of UW being in an urban center and with the problems with housing in the area. Disempowering the local government's regulatory power would be a step in the wrong direction for improving housing for UW students in the U District. It has already made it through hurdles in the House, and they're trying to ram it through the Senate too.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if Dave needed a legislative directive for the last one.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said he would add it to his Legislative agenda in the March meeting.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked Dave to email him with the details to draft a resolution.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked Dave check to see how that proposed legislation fits the North of 45th advocacy being done to force landlords to deal with the tenants. She wasn't sure if this contradicted third party entities to force landlords to comply with these inspections. It's contradictory to what people around here want in behalf of students. She asked who sponsored it.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that it's bipartisan and there are four sponsors. The fourth sponsor is Senator Marr.

Jake Faleschini (President) offered a friendly amendment to allow **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) to update on committee appointments before his phone died. **Rich Nobles** (Executive Senator) accepted.

10. Committee Appointments/updates

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) sent out an email about the course fee review committee, student tech fee and childcare committees. He has one or two applicants for childcare. He asked four people about the course fee review committee, and all of them had been interested in the student tech fee committee, and all of them declined to take on CFR committee. Dave's understanding was that there would be only one or two meetings. He is also working on the student regent selection committee appointments that need to be done in the next 2-3 weeks. He looks at applications, sends emails, and if someone doesn't respond to the emails, he cuts them from the process. We need people for the environmental committee, and the other committees that are open.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) had two questions. He asked about the window of time to reply to the email.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) gives them at least 48 hours.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked about Julie Carpenter's status. **Yutaka** thinks she has graduated.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that he would sit on regents as he had been doing it forever.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) responded that this was good to know. He bowed out of the meeting.

5.5 Back to *The Daily* discussion

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the reason why he is doing this is because Antimmo came by to chat. He asked Antimmo about it, considering that yesterday was the final senate before the board and the pub board meeting – he explained the structure of the Pub Board reps from ASUW: Senate has one rep, and the two other reps are appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board takes the official student opinion of the Senate to make their decisions. If the Board wanted to direct the two representatives in the SPB, they have to do it tomorrow, unless they call an Emergency Meeting. Protocol dictates this.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) suggested that perhaps the last clause in the ASUW board bill could be that the Board of Directors could call an emergency meeting to deal with it after the ASUW meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) felt that Yutaka's Board Bill was inappropriate, and that this undercuts all efforts that we are making with the senate, and that they would take it offensively if we were to do this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) asked for a point of information to get the timeline straight. We passed our resolution, the senate decided to table both of the resolutions. He asked about the contents of those resolutions.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that they were competing resolutions, and that there is a meeting on Friday to compromise the two.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) asked if this was a conference committee. **Jake Faleschini** (President) and **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) responded that yes, it would be.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that the Board meets tomorrow, and that the SPB meets before the ASUW meeting, and he saw why this was inappropriate for the same reasons that Jake does.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked why there needed to be a bill from the Board: if they are in charge of their reps, and there is no opinion, would the reps have to abstain?

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this wasn't necessarily the case.

Jake Faleschini (President) was concerned that this would be taken disrespectfully.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that the reps can go to the meeting, hear both sides, and act accordingly.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that as a member of the ASUW Board of Directors, they need to come to a decision tomorrow or not about the SPB.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that this is something the Board needs to decide on tomorrow.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if he should present something, as a member of the Board.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that if he is representing graduate students, he should listen to us.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that he came up with the Board of Directors Bill to follow the timeline and the fact that there is no meeting and no official opinion. He was being a strict parliamentarian.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that this is a nuclear bomb option bill. And that the Board would tie its hands at the Pub Board meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that they could come to a resolution to censure in April, and that we are the driving force behind this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that this would say that we graduate students are going to ram this bill down undergraduate throats. You can't tie the undergraduates' hands on this because we want to get this off our plates.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) said that the major issue we're avoiding is that GPSS decided to censure, but they didn't decide that we wanted to win.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that parliamentarily it's brilliant, but it doesn't foster a working relationship with the ASUW Senate.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that this is saying to senate that ASUW shouldn't have tabled the bill, and because they tabled, they gave us the green light.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that, for the record, they tabled because they were having an auction for charity.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) pointed out that the board bill could create a situation in which the Faculty and GPSS reps could censure Sarah and that's not right.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that it's the ASUW responsibility to come to a decision on this.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how to deal with the fact that their hands are tied on this.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) told Yutaka to do his best and be true to the votes he is representing.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that Yutaka should make the case to censure Sarah. And that Yutaka should vote for censure. If they don't come to this opinion on their own, that is their right. The senate has directed us.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that he is having problems with ASUW bylaws. There is no senate opinion.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) asked why this was a problem.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the Board doesn't have to come to an opinion on this. The reps on the board can do it based on their own opinion.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) wanted to know what to do.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked why he thought the board was making a decision tomorrow.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked what would happen if the Board didn't make a decision.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that the reps know how things are going and they know who appointed them. Sometimes people go with the opinion of the people who appointed them.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that if we don't win, we don't win.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that there is one meeting before the SPB. She said that Yutaka should simply represent GPSS.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) wanted to figure out where the major point of concern is for Yutaka. He was trying to figure out why Yutaka couldn't make a decision.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that he feels like he is being pulled in different directions on this, which is why the Board Bill is trying to follow protocol, if the ASUW Board is making a decision lacking senate opinion. It's contradictory with the GPSS position asking for censure, but he doesn't know how to advocate for that.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) told Yutaka to remember what his primary role is. Yutaka is the liaison from GPSS to ASUW. Given that we have called for censure, and that there is a resolution calling for censure, he needs to act in his role as GPSS Secretary first. He should go to the Board meeting and advocate for censure, and that's all he can do. He shouldn't write a resolution to get more political capital, as it is a bomb cutter.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this is why he brought this to us first, because he felt that this is what the Board should do if it makes a decision.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that ASUW should work at their own speed and their own time.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that the technical issues are appropriate, but because of who he is and who he represents, it's got heat to it.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that this is not a curveball coming over the plate at 80 mph, it is a fastball on the outside corner coming in at 95 mph.

Jake Faleschini (President) recommended that we don't do this, as this would undermine the talks and good faith with ASUW.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) brought it up because it troubles him too.

Anna Batie (GPSS Publications Assistant) asked if it was worth it for Sarah to talk to the senate about this.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) said that the senate discussed inviting her and it chose to censure, and this was a clear mandate.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that after the SPB meeting if we invite her to speak, she would probably still come. He said that the first resolution was resounding, and that the second resolution was clear.

Officer Reports

b. Treasurer Report

Jake Faleschini (President) gave **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer)'s report. They're reviewing travel grants and working on the budget.

c. Secreatry

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said he can't attend the GOMAP meeting. He'll sit in on the Course Fee Review committee. The senate roster is up to date. The webmaster is back and she is fixing computers. ASUW will be interesting tomorrow. He plans not to attend Lobby Day and to show up at the SPB meeting in order to read statements.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested that we reach out to Tanvi if we're planning on going. Tanvi is feeling that she is on her own with *The Daily* issue.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) asked who the SPB chair is.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that they elect somebody.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if it was a good idea to edit the letter he wrote and turn it into an informative piece as to why we support the censure.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that yes, and that he would send a letter as well explaining how he felt. The senate has clearly spoken.

d. ASUW

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that they made \$996 for cancer. She said that the Board decided to respectfully decline funding for the IMA Loop because they won't be able to handle that in the ASUW budget. Thursday the 19th is Lobby Day. That was it.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if we could pick up the IMA Loop.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) said that the cost is \$30,000 a year.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that they haven't asked for any money from the IMA or any funding source.

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if ASUW Board would talk about *The Daily* tomorrow and come to a resolution on it.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that they've been talking about The Daily for a couple of weeks, and they are putting it in the hands of the senate. Senate can come to a decision on Tuesday, and that would influence the student pub board reps.

e. President

Jake Faleschini (President) met with all the unions over the last few weeks. They're mad and don't feel that the administration has talked with them at all. There has been poor communication in reaching a decision regarding what is to happen. They all feel slighted and that, so far, their sense is that the administration is just going to make a decision – whether they won't increase raises, and they won't have done any of it in consultation with the union. This is the current sentiments amongst the unions.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director for Student Activities) asked if they shared sentiments about what the unions are worried about, rather than actual facts since nothing has been decided.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that things have been decided and that the administration has already said that they're not giving raises to carpenters, plumbers, janitors or service workers. That doesn't have to be the case right now. The governor didn't forward the budgets to the legislator for an increase. It is their opinion that the university, despite having the funding, could go forward with the contracts they have negotiated with the union. Until the legislature has made a decision to not honor the contracts, the UW shouldn't factor into their budget that they're not going to get raises. There has been very little outreach to the unions during the course of these discussions.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that there is a lot of dissension on this. With a bigger cut, we're looking at 13-1400 jobs.

Jake Faleschini (President) has been doing the Marsha Landolt Award, which is in final stages. They will be making a decision tomorrow morning. He had someone do the distinguished teaching award for him. It's a lot of work. The dean search – our finalist is Jerry Baldasty. He will be meeting on Thursday with the GPSS senate alone in the HUB. He encouraged everyone to come. CHORUSS is going on. We need people on the Childcare committee and environment, but for the most part we have people set. He's getting pushback on Athletics Oversight, and the President wrote the GPSS seat out of the committee because we haven't appointed anybody for the last four years. He thinks that GPSS should have a fly on the wall about this. He asked for an ex-officio position that he could delegate. He's written three times and not heard back about this. Jake said that he'll go to President Emmert about this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) pointed out that this would not have happened if we had an open seat on the Faculty Council.

Jake Faleschini (President) pointed out that ASUW has been written off as well.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the students on the committee are student-athletes.

Jake Faleschini (President) brought up nonresident tuition waivers. He said that this was audited, and it was determined that the policy might change a little bit to be less liberal. He has been working with Eric over the last week so that this doesn't happen. There is talk about limiting funding for students who may have internships out of state, i.e. Law students.

Charles Plummer (GPSS Executive Senator) asked if this would be for non-residents.

Jake Faleschini (President): responded that technically you only get residency if you're here for a job.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator): said that it was actually easy to become a resident.

Jake Faleschini (President): pointed out that since professional students cannot get TA/RA appointments and thus are not employees, it is much harder for them.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he spoke at the antiwar rally and that there's a rally in Olympia on Monday and it will be a great rally. Lots of people with different interests are organizing this. It is a rally against budget cuts to higher education. Tri-campus meetings are continuing. Those are going really well. Health Care – we'll get an update on the SHIP Plus. Improvements have been made to mental health and creating a web portal so we know what the free health care is. There will be a 3.1% increase to the cost of housing on campus next year for cost, 2% is being added investing in the new Phase 1 and Phase 2 designs for building housing along Campus Parkway and making it a student center. They're discussing grad student housing there too. This was added to the Phase 1 plan by 2010. Cheaper housing next to campus would help grads whose positions have been cut. Family housing will stay at 3.1%.

12. Adjourn

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) moved.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passed. No abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

GPSS Executive Committee
February 25, 2009

Members Present:

Jake Faleschini (President, chair)
Tim Hulet (Treasurer)
Yutaka Jono (Secretary)
Kris Anderson (Art History) (late)
Lindsay Morse (Classics)
Rich Nobles (Psychology)
Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences)
Rene Singleton (SAO, Adviser) (late)

Members absent

Dave Iseminger (Vice President)
Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)

Others Present:

Jamie Andrus (Resources Assistant)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Jake thanked the members of the Executive Committee for attending the Student Publication Board meeting and representing GPSS' position.

II. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Yutaka called for a motion to add discussion of a Task Force on the Departmental Reaction the to the Budget Cuts as item 8.5 and the IMA Shuttle Loop as item 8.7.

Rich moved to add the two items to the budget, **Lindsay** seconded the motion.
The motion was approved without objection.

Charles moved to approve the amended minutes, **Rich** seconded the motion.
The motion was approved without objection.

Yutaka moved to approve the minutes, **Rich** seconded the motion.
The motion was approved without objection.

III. The Budget

Tim directed the committee to look at the budget, and pointed out one of the major changes from last year was the budget for the Guide to Life.

Jake explained that GPSS was looking to partner with Not for Tourists, who publish guides for new residents to an area. They can provide the information on the

neighborhoods that GPSS wants in the Guide to Life. The Seattle Edition of Not for Tourists retails at \$20. GPSS and Not for Tourists would put out a special edition, which GPSS could sell for cost at \$8 to \$10 a copy. The Guide would be in color, and contain transit maps, and sections written by graduate students about the University of Washington. We would be required to purchase 3,000 copies. Bryan Pearce from the University bookstore has expressed interest in purchasing 2,000 copies. ASUW has expressed interest in adding an undergraduate section, and helping sell the Guide. The authors will get recognition for writing their sections.

Rich asked if GPSS would share the profits with ASUW.

Jake explained that GPSS would not make a profit since the books would be sold at cost. The printing costs \$30,000 and selling all copies would bring in \$30,000, which would be put toward a second printing.

Jake added that the idea would be brought before the full senate.

Tim asked if GPSS needed to purchase the copies before or after they were printed.

Jake answered that they most likely will need to be paid for beforehand.

Tim responded that the initial payment would come from this fiscal year's budget.

Jake said that it may be a deposit and not the full \$30,000.

Yutaka said it would make more sense for the payment to come from this year's budget, since the people involved in the Guide may not be here or in office next year.

Jake asked the committee what they thought of the idea.

Charles said that Not for Tourists were great books.

Jake pointed out the students would be getting a \$25 book for \$10.

Yutaka reported that there was no word from Jessica about switching web servers, so for now GPSS should plan to stay with the ASUW server.

Yutaka asked Tim if the GPSS would expend its \$15,000 programming budget.

Tim reported that it would be used.

Jake added that ASUW has expended their programming budget, and may be looking to partner with GPSS on some events.

Rene asked about Tim about support for OCHA.

Tim said that he has taken it out for now as SAF would like GPSS to spend down the general fund.

Richard asked what OCHA was.

Yutaka explained that it was the Off Campus Housing Authority.

Yutaka asked about hiring a summer graphics designer.

Tim reported that everyone said the summer positions didn't need to be changed. Since there was no summer graphics designer last summer, he did not add the position back in.

Rich asked about the increase in the budget for Lobbying.

Tim said that the additional money was to pay for the transportation costs of students who wanted to go to Olympia to assist the Vice President in his or her lobbying activities.

Yutaka asked, specifically, why the budget for the summer office manager was cut.

Tim said that the hours were reduced.

Rich questioned the tuition wavers being budgeted for one law student, one business student, and two graduate students, since more professional students seem to run for office.

Tim said that he had considered changing it, but had decided to maintain historical precedent.

Yutaka expressed his preference for keeping with that tradition.

Yutaka asked to change the title of the "Diversity Fair/Speaker" budget to the "Diversity Fund."

Jake asked if Tim was assuming that GPSS would receive the same SAF allocation as in previous years.

Tim said that it was his plan to request an amount similar to last year's request.

Kris moved to approve the amended budget, **Charles** seconded the motion.
The motion was approved without objection.

IV. HUB Redesign

Jake announced that the HUB had come out with a new presentation for what the HUB would look like after the redesign. He also commented that the regents are concerned about the cost of the HUB project. **Jake** reported that they hoped to get the regents to

look the long term. Construction won't begin for two years, and won't be finished until 2013. Matt and Jake have looked at materials from other school, and the HUB is outdated in comparison, affecting the ability to recruit and retain students. A HUB Project resolution will be brought to the senate in April.

Jake also reported that the plan to raise \$20 million from community had been postponed for a year, due to the current economic situation.

Yutaka moved to suspend rules and move up the Treasurer's report so Tim could go to class. **Charles** seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without objection.

V. Treasurer's Report

Tim reported that moving the Spring Social to the Henry is not very feasible. The HUB provides many services for free that GPSS would have to pay for at the Henry.

Rene said that the Henry would most likely charge for storage, staff, etc.

Tim suggested hiring the band Vote for Pedro.

Jake asked if anyone would prefer hiring a DJ.

Yutaka stated his preference for live music.

Jake asked if there were any other suggestions.

Rene suggested setting up game tables.

Jake asked if anyone was opposed to Tim booking the band.

The committee gave their consent.

Tim reported that he was going to meet with Mike Snowden about contributing to ASUW programming.

Yutaka asked about the status of the Departmental Fund.

Tim reported that there were three applications this week.

VI. SHIP Plus

Jake reported about a proposed Second Tier Health option, SHIP Plus. There will be a presentation at the March senate meeting. Enrolling in SHIP Plus will be added as an opt-in option for fall quarter registration. GPSS should publicize this option. Plans for

this will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting following the March senate meeting.

Rich asked if the plan affected RA/TAs.

Jake said no, so it only affects graduate students without RA or TAs, about a third of graduate and professional students. The plan has better dental, vision, and includes lab work.

VII. SB 5734 – Local Control

Jake reported that SB 5734 has passed through the Higher Education committee without a cap. The bill is now in House Appropriations. Dave testified very successfully yesterday, so he and Jake are optimistic.

Yutaka asked about the status Becker amendment.

Jake said that Senator Becker had planned to amend the bill to include a cap, but had received a lot of negative feedback.

Rich asked about the possibility of the bill could be cut by line item veto by the Governor.

Jake replied that this was not possible.

Rene and **Rich** commented that she could strike provisions.

There was general disagreement.

Jake proposed that Dave look into this possibility.

Kris asked if the name of the next Higher Education Committee representative was known yet.

Jake said no.

VIII. Task force on Departmental Response to Budget Cuts

Jake proposed forming a task force to investigate how individual departments were responding to the cuts to their departments. Information would be gathered and passed on to students and the media to raise awareness.

Jake commented that this may fall under the purview of the Ad Hoc committee formed at the beginning of the year to examine budget guiding principles.

Jake reported that he met with the Vice Provost, who reported that there could be a 15 to 20% increase for undergraduate tuition. Graduate tuition may increase by 10%, 3% higher than expected.

Rich asked if the state was required to balance the budget.

Jake said that the Governor had to present a balanced budget, but she isn't actually required to balance the budget.

Tim confirmed this.

IX. IMA Shuttle Loop

Yutaka moved in favor of not funding the IMA Shuttle Loop. **Kris** seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without objection.

X. Committee appointments

Yutaka reported that Sanjay Hari, the senator from the Biomolecular Structure and Design Program, had applied for Student Technology Fee Committee.

Kris moved to approve Sanjay's application, **Rich** seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with no objection.

XI. The Vice President's Report

Dave reported that Representative Wallace was supportive of a tuition cap for resident graduate and professional students.

Jake asked if this would be an actual cap or a cohort cap.

Dave answered that it would be a pure cap, not cohort cap.

Dave reported that there were 8 application for the student regent position.

XII. The Secretary's Report

Yutaka reported that Jessica was working on a problem with the website, and that he would be requesting nominations for the GPA award and the Gold Star award.

Yutaka also reminded everyone that the ASUW fashion show was tomorrow.

Yutaka reported that the ASUW senate had passed legislation supporting the light bulb changes to CFLs. GPSS may want to pass a similar resolution. There is would be cost to GPSS. ASUW also passed legislation for Day of Cause. The idea was to get students to

name causes important to them. The top three causes will have T-shirts made, which will be sold to raise money to support those causes.

XIII. The President's Report

Jake reported that the Board of Regents' meeting indicated that they are in favor of increasing tuition to counteract the cuts to the budget.

XIV. Executive Session

Yutaka moved to increase salaries of the staff members discussed during the executive session. Lindsay seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with no objections.

XV. Adjournment

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, Yutaka seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Andrus
Resources Assistant

GPSS Executive Committee
March 3rd, 2009

Quorum Present

Jake Faleschini (President)

Dave Iseminger (Vice President)

Tim Hulet (Treasurer)

Yutaka Jono (Secretary)

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator)

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator)

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator)

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) (Late)

Others Present

Anna Batie (Publications Assistant)

1. Call to Order

Jake Faleschini (President) called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) moved to approve the agenda.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor without abstentions or objections.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to move **Rene Singleton** (Asst. Director of Student Activities) to present for the last meeting and note that she was late.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded

All in favor without abstentions or objections.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to approve the minutes.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor without abstentions or objections

4. Climate Action Plan

Jake Faleschini (President) explained that there are two different committees that deal with climate issues. The Climate Action Plan is making the campus carbon-neutral by 2015. President Emmert initiated the carbon-neutral campus initiative. The University of Washington is second in the country for our overall environmental impact. It's low based on what a huge university we are. The Climate Action Plan is trying to move the UW further along and make the UW the most carbon neutral campus in the country. One student has been appointed to this, and there is room to appoint one more. They are halfway through their work and will be done by April. We may have someone from one of these committees present to the senate in late April or early May.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked how often these committees meet.

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that they met three hours a week.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked how many days per week the committees meet.

Jake Faleschini (President) responded that he didn't know, but would find out. The committees deal with environmental sustainability on campus, dealing with courses and what we're doing to make our campus environmentally friendly. The chair of the faculty senate is heading up the academic side. He wasn't sure who is heading up the institutional change side. He asked if we want someone to present on this in late April.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked if Jake wanted someone to present to the Executive Committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we have two Senate meetings in April. It would be cool to have someone present on this in April. He said we would tentatively add this to the second April meeting agenda, and would get in touch with our GPSS representative on this committee and see if he wants to come present to the senate.

5. Nominating Bryce for an award

Jake Faleschini (President) said that **Bryce McKibben** did a great job collecting signatures. He collected 6400 signatures – a 10% margin for error to make sure we can get a WSL button. Jake thought that we should give Bryce a GPSS award for outstanding service for the work that he did on it. He asked someone from the Executive Committee to move to give an award to Bryce for his work.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved. She said that Bryce was out all day collecting signatures in rain and snow, and deserves an award.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

Jake Faleschini (President) called for a motion for what to call the award.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested calling it a silver star or a bronze star.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we have to create an award, as we currently don't have an award for undergrads.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we should create our own award for outstanding service – a plaque or a certificate.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how much he had for awards.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) replied that we should have enough.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that a nice certificate should be enough.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested a small plaque. He said that he and **Jamie Andrus** (Resource Assistant) could talk about it.

Jake Faleschini (President) offered to donate some of his own funds for this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) suggested giving Bryce coffee.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested a gift certificate somewhere.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that you cannot give gifts out of state funds.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he would donate \$5 and asked for donations to get Bryce a gift certificate to Starbucks. We'll get him a gift certificate out of donated funds. He offered to call it the GPSS Award for Outstanding Service.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) moved to create the GPSS Award for Outstanding Service.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

All in favor with no abstentions or objections.

6. Spring Quarter Meeting Plan

Jake Faleschini (President) asked if people were willing to move the Executive Committee meetings up to 4:30 on Wednesdays next quarter because of Tim Hulet's (Treasurer) class.

Anna Batie (Publications Assistant) pointed out that she had a conflict with a class on Wednesday afternoons, and would be unavailable to take minutes from 4:30-5:30.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that she would have to leave early if the meetings were at 5:30.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we need to check with our staff to see if someone can cover the hour when **Anna Batie** (Publications Assistant) cannot take minutes.

Jake Faleschini (President) called for a motion to move the Executive Committee meeting from 5:30 to 4:30 for spring quarter and to have **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) post those meeting times.

Kris Anderson (Executive Senator) moved to do so.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor with no abstentions or oppositions.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that meetings next quarter will be at 4:30 and we will find someone to fill in for **Anna Batie** (Publications Assistant) for the first hour.

7. Tuition Cap Issues

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Jake Faleschini (President) said that we've put together a task force to figure out how the budget issues are affecting each department. He said that this was the group that offered to be the steering committee for budget issues. They are a task force gathering information so we know what is going on in each department. From there, we can make decisions for what we value and what we need to protect. We need to make sure we have the correct information before making decisions in committees or wherever we are advocating for students. We are pulling this group together. He spoke with Dave Parsons from UAW this morning. They have taken a strong position on this, writing a letter to President Emmert saying that he needs to sit down and negotiate with them if he is going to break any kind of union contract. It's saying that the union needs to be brought with the table. Jake is going to work with them as much as possible. We are forming a task force with the Graduate School so we have the numbers on this so we know how it affects RAs and TAs. **Sarah Reyneveld** has been tasked to do this. He spoke with Paul Jennings with the office of planning and budgeting. The administration is presenting this as department cuts, but we don't identify as departments, we identify in ways that they're not presenting to us. When we ask how we are being affected, our perception of "We" is different than what the administration is putting out there. We're going to get that information, pull it together with the task force, and he will present it to the student body at that point. From there, we can solicit feedback from the student body. Moving forward, he wants to make sure that we have correct information.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) raised a concern. **Yutaka** doesn't think that the administration has that information, as the departments will be making decisions about what will be cut.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that they're starting to get that information. The information is coming back to the administration and they are starting to gather it all. He's asking the administration to recalibrate this information in a way that is less awkward. They are starting to get information from all of the different units about this.

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Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked if Jake was going to be only looking at how funding would affect TA positions, or if he would also be looking at it academically, how this was going to affect classes and cutting particular courses.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this wouldn't be known until later.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) heard that some classes will push the limit up to the fire code.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the administration is trying to figure out how to build more auditoriums for larger classes.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we have Exec on April 1st, and Senate on April 8th. Senate on the 29th. Elections on the 13th. Our last senate meeting is supposed to be on June 3rd. He suggested that we move it up to May 27th. If we did this, we would have Exec on the 6th and the 20th of that month. The first week we get back we'll set the agenda on the 8th. We'll have Exec on either the 15th or the 22nd to set the agenda for the 29th. We'll have something every Wednesday from the 29th to the end of May.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that there will be Exec on April 22nd.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the Senate will break for the summer on May 27th. The last thing he had to discuss was the Guide to Life. He spoke with Rob at Not For Tourists yesterday. Rob is very excited about this project. It looks like it will be a good deal. The minimum we have to order is 2500 copies. We have yet to hear back from the University Book Store to see how many they will purchase. We're working with ASUW to see if they can take some off our hands. We're looking to do direct sales next year as well. It'll be easy to offload these if we're selling them directly. It will be \$10 a copy. They kick back .50 for each book sold to student services. We're not sure how this will work yet. If we order more than 5000, they will give us a break to \$9 a copy. It drops to \$8.50 a copy if we order 10,000. If this turns into a big undergrad thing, we could end up selling 10,000 in the future.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) asked Jake to send her the contracts.

Jake Faleschini (President) will do so. Rob wants all our info to them in their InDesign format by May 1st. We'll be hammering out differences between May and June 1. It goes

to the printer June 1st. He is working with Tim and Yutaka to see how many we should order right now. We are working with undergrads to see who wants to be involved with the writing.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked Phuong who would take the lead on this.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that it depends on how much ASUW is willing to buy.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we'll hopefully have this all worked out. He gave kudos to Anna and the committee for doing a great job on this. This should be a cool product by the time we get it done. He said that he's going to many meetings and committees. The website is getting to be a finished product. It is definitely better looking than it was last year. It is being turned into a nice final product.

11. Adjourn

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to adjourn.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor. No abstentions or objections. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

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Others Present:

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1. Call to Order

Jake Faleschini (President) called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) moved to approve the agenda.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor without abstentions or objections.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to add **Rene Singleton** (Asst. Director of Student Activities) as present for the last meeting and note that she was late.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded

All in favor without abstentions or objections.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to approve the minutes.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

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4. Climate Action Plan

Jake Faleschini (President) explained that there are two different committees that deal with climate issues. The Climate Action Plan is making the campus carbon-neutral by 2015. President Emmert initiated the carbon-neutral campus initiative. The University of Washington is second in the country for our overall environmental impact. It's low based on what a huge university we are. The Climate Action Plan is trying to move the UW further along and make the UW the most carbon neutral campus in the country. One student has been appointed to this, and there is room to appoint one more. They are

halfway through their work and will be done by April. We may have someone from one of these committees present to the senate in late April or early May.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked how often these committees meet.

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that they met three hours a week.

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Jake Faleschini (President) responded that he didn't know, but would find out. The committees deal with environmental sustainability on campus, dealing with courses and what we're doing to make our campus environmentally friendly. The chair of the faculty senate is heading up the academic side. He wasn't sure who is heading up the institutional change side. He asked if we want someone to present on this in late April.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked if Jake wanted someone to present to the Executive Committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we have two Senate meetings in April. It would be cool to have someone present on this in April. He said we would tentatively add this to the second April meeting agenda, and would get in touch with our GPSS representative on this committee and see if he wants to come present to the senate.

5. Nominating Bryce for an award

Jake Faleschini (President) said that **Bryce McKibben** did a great job collecting signatures. He collected 6400 signatures – a 10% margin for error to make sure we can get a WSL button. Jake thought that we should give Bryce a GPSS award for outstanding service for the work that he did on it. He asked someone from the Executive Committee to move to give an award to Bryce for his work.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved. She said that Bryce was out all day collecting signatures in rain and snow, and deserves an award.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

Jake Faleschini (President) called for a motion for what to call the award.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested calling it a silver star or a bronze star.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we have to create an award, as we currently don't have an award for undergrads.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we should create our own award for outstanding service – a plaque or a certificate.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked how much he had for awards.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) replied that we should have enough.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that a nice certificate should be enough.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) suggested a small plaque. He said that he and **Jamie Andrus** (Resource Assistant) could talk about it.

Jake Faleschini (President) offered to donate some of his own funds for this.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) suggested giving Bryce coffee.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested a gift certificate somewhere.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that you cannot give gifts out of state funds.

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Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) moved to create the GPSS Award for Outstanding Service.

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Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked **Ana Mari Cauce** about the TA reductions after ASUW. She said that she understands graduate student concerns, but there's not much Arts and Sciences can do without money. Because departments are trying to attract new students right now, she can only give them what they can be assured. She can only offer them what's certain to be available with a lower budget from the state. She can't offer teaching assistantships to departments and then take them away if the budget is bad.

e. President

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we've put together a task force to figure out how the budget issues are affecting each department. He said that this was the group that offered to be the steering committee for budget issues. They are a task force gathering information so we know what is going on in each department. From there, we can make decisions for what we value and what we need to protect. We need to make sure we have the correct information before making decisions in committees or wherever we are advocating for students. We are pulling this group together. He spoke with Dave Parsons from UAW this morning. They have taken a strong position on this, writing a letter to President Emmert saying that he needs to sit down and negotiate with them if he is going to break any kind of union contract. It's saying that the union needs to be brought with the table. Jake is going to work with them as much as possible. We are forming a task force with the Graduate School so we have the numbers on this so we know how it affects RAs and TAs. **Sarah Reyneveld** has been tasked to do this. He spoke with Paul Jennings with the office of planning and budgeting. The administration is presenting this as department cuts, but we don't identify as departments, we identify in ways that they're not presenting to us. When we ask how we are being affected, our perception of "We" is different than what the administration is putting out there. We're going to get that information, pull it together with the task force, and he will present it to the student body at that point. From there, we can solicit feedback from the student body. Moving forward, he wants to make sure that we have correct information.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) raised a concern. **Yutaka** doesn't think that the administration has that information, as the departments will be making decisions about what will be cut.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that they're starting to get that information. The information is coming back to the administration and they are starting to gather it all. He's asking the administration to recalibrate this information in a way that is less awkward. They are starting to get information from all of the different units about this.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) said that many units have projected a 20% budget cut.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that a 20% budget cut doesn't correspond to a 20% departmental budget cut.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the College of Arts and Sciences has been asked to model 8, 10, and 12 percent budget cuts, but that the Graduate School is modeling higher cuts.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) asked if departments have to report all of how they're using their endowment if it's not in the budget. Some departments are using their endowment for TA positions and others are not.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that Mark Emmert was asked about endowments at the Town Hall meeting, and said that the problem is that some endowments must be used for specific things.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked if Jake was going to be only looking at how funding would affect TA positions, or if he would also be looking at it academically, how this was going to affect classes and cutting particular courses.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that this wouldn't be known until later.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) heard that some classes will push the limit up to the fire code.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the administration is trying to figure out how to build more auditoriums for larger classes.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we have Exec on April 1st, and Senate on April 8th. Senate on the 29th. Elections on the 13th. Our last senate meeting is supposed to be on June 3rd. He suggested that we move it up to May 27th. If we did this, we would have Exec on the 6th and the 20th of that month. The first week we get back we'll set the agenda on the 8th. We'll have Exec on either the 15th or the 22nd to set the agenda for the 29th. We'll have something every Wednesday from the 29th to the end of May.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that there will be Exec on April 22nd.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the Senate will break for the summer on May 27th. The last thing he had to discuss was the Guide to Life. He spoke with Rob at Not For Tourists yesterday. Rob is very excited about this project. It looks like it will be a good deal. The minimum we have to order is 2500 copies. We have yet to hear back from the University Book Store to see how many they will purchase. We're working with ASUW to see if they can take some off our hands. We're looking to do direct sales next year as well. It'll be easy to offload these if we're selling them directly. It will be \$10 a copy. They kick back .50 for each book sold to student services. We're not sure how this will work yet. If we order more than 5000, they will give us a break to \$9 a copy. It drops to \$8.50 a copy if we order 10,000. If this turns into a big undergrad thing, we could end up selling 10,000 in the future.

Rene Singleton (Asst. Director of Student Activities) asked Jake to send her the contracts.

Jake Faleschini (President) will do so. Rob wants all our info to them in their InDesign format by May 1st. We'll be hammering out differences between May and June 1. It goes

to the printer June 1st. He is working with Tim and Yutaka to see how many we should order right now. We are working with undergrads to see who wants to be involved with the writing.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked Phuong who would take the lead on this.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that it depends on how much ASUW is willing to buy.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we'll hopefully have this all worked out. He gave kudos to Anna and the committee for doing a great job on this. This should be a cool product by the time we get it done. He said that he's going to many meetings and committees. The website is getting to be a finished product. It is definitely better looking than it was last year. It is being turned into a nice final product.

11. Adjourn

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to adjourn.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor. No abstentions or objections. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

GPSS Executive Committee
April 1st, 2009

Quorum Present

Jake Faleschini (President)
Dave Iseminger (Vice President)
Tim Hulet (Treasurer)
Yutaka Jono (Secretary)
Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator)
Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)
Rich Nobles (Executive Senator)
Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) (late, excused)

Others Present

Doug McManaway (Executive Assistant)
Mara Hall (Office Manager)
Anna Batie (Publications Assistant) (late, excused)
John Paul Willynck (Student Regent)
Nick Nasrallah (Psychology Senator)
Jessica Yellin (Graduate School)

1. Call to Order

Jake Faleschini called the meeting to order at 4:36pm.

2. Approval of the agenda

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to approve the agenda.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to add item 9.5-making senate agenda
General consensus agreement to amend agenda

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to approve agenda as changed.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) seconded.

All were in favor with no abstentions or objections

3. Approval of the minutes

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to table the approval of the minutes until Anna arrives,
as the ending time of the last meeting was left off.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

4. GPA of the Year Award

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) presented the nomination of the recipient (*name redacted as the recipient is not supposed to know about this ahead of time*) as GPA of the year to the committee.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that he thinks the nomination is nice and well-written.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that traditionally we have given out runner-ups and honorable mentions.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) moved to award the GPA Award to the recipient. General consensus that the recipient is the winner.

5. UW Pocket Media Film Festival

Jake Faleschini (President) said that there was a film festival being put together that has been in touch with Anna, Tim, and Jake, asking for 100 dollars.

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) says there is an issue because they're not an RSO and thus can't get special allocations, but could come out of discretionary funds.

Richard Nobles (Executive Senator) wanted to know what the 100 dollars was for.

Jake Faleschini (President) mentioned that an Exec discretionary fund might be a good idea for the future.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) is contributing \$20, **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) is contributing \$20, and **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) is contributing \$60 from their own respective discretionary funds.

6. SAGE Advocacy Trip to the District of Columbia

Jake Faleschini (President) said that **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) has been organizing SAGE to create a lobbying effort in Washington, D.C., to present their new federal lobbying effort. The plan is for **Jake, Nick, Jean Paul Willynck** (Student Regent) and **Kris Anderson** (Executive Senator) to fly out Sunday to Washington, D.C. Some funding is needed for this.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said that at this time, people in D.C. lobby on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. He said that the tentative schedule goes as follows: All representatives of SAGE will arrive on Sunday April 26th and participate in a welcome/meet & greet dinner. The first part of Monday will be a training session which will include Federal Relations officers from three different universities. It will likely occur in the Capitol Building. The middle of the day will be a meet & greet for the UW contingency with the UW Federal Relations office. The evening will be SAGE's spring dinner with representatives from each institution and with administrators. Tuesday will be the federal lobby day. People will be split up in terms of representation to cover as much of the nation as possible. Legislators to be lobbied will include chairmen of all committees relating to higher ed. On Wednesday, **Jake, Jean Paul, Nick,** and **Kris** will be meeting with Washington representatives and senators and then will fly back at 11:30.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that they will be trying to get funding for Public Service Relations Program and to change the tax status of fellowships (RAships, TAs).

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested that another point to lobby on would be to take student loan deductions on taxes.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said that another important point to lobby on would be the extension of the HOPE credit to graduate and professional students.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if dinner is an appropriate expense in the budget being proposed.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) replied that there is a per diem expense for travel and that this is an underestimate. The bulk of these funds may be going to office space being used for organization.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) said that DC is more expensive than this at a per diem rate.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) asked if there was an estimate for the office space being rented.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said that there will be an estimate by the weekend. He said it's very tough to get a spot in the Capitol so they're looking at business spaces as well as the University of Texas and UC Berkeley's Federal Relations offices. Hopefully this will be resolved in the next conference call.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) thought the dinner part should be replaced with "per diem" to look more appropriate.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) asked if we were still a part of NAGPS and paying dues.

Jake Faleschini (President) replied that we are still paying dues and participating, but they are not the most effective organization. We should think about whether or not we continue being a part of the organization as the dues are \$6000 and could be better spent.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) wondered if **Jake and Nick** have particular senators and representatives in mind with whom to make appointments, such as sub-committee chairpersons or committee chairpersons.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said that they're talking about approaching the House and Senate equally for the national lobby day and stated a number of committees whose chairpersons and legislative assistants they will be meeting with.

Jean Paul Willynck (Student Regent) joined the meeting.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) asked who the chair of the Health Labor and Education Committee is.

Nick Nasrallah (Psychology) said that Ted Kennedy is.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the budget is amended as suggested and will be drawn from his own travel budget.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) was concerned that **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) is not going on this trip.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he has not spent his travel budget and would like to join.

7. Not for Tourists/Guide to Life

Jessica Yellin from the Graduate School joined the room. **Nick Nasrallah** and **Jean Paul Willynck** left.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the committee will have the internal document by the 15th and that ASUW was not playing a large role in it.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that they will discuss this at the meeting tomorrow.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the bookstore will be purchasing 2000 copies. The front section will be GPSS, and then the NFT work on Seattle plus the new info on Bellevue. He said the bookstore will be selling the copies for about 15 dollars a copy, and that we will be able to offload the 500 extra copies more easily because of this.

8. Programming Update

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that the social is coming together. Vote for Pedro has confirmed for May 7th. A Mexican theme will go along with it, hopefully with catering and drinks. He asked where the funding for catering came from last year.

Jake Faleschini (President) said the spring social funding normally comes from the President, plus Eric's office.

9. Legislative Update/State Budget

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that the graduate student global email should be read and followed tonight. He said that the fundamentals of the two budgets are as follows: the Senate cuts UW 19.5% (186 million), increases resident undergrad tuition at 7%, but 14% if certain federal stimulus funds don't come through. The only mention of non-resident undergrads is that tuition increases will be similar. It is not clear what "similar" means. The problem is that the tuition authority bill is still alive in Ways & Means. With tuition increases, it's an 11% cut to the university. This is the better bill. The House bill raises tuition 10% for resident undergrads regardless of federal stimulus funds and makes no reference to any other groups such as grad students, due to the tuition authority bill being in the same committee. All of the cuts are between 25-30% (260 million).

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said there are slightly different numbers in Emmert's e-mail.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said this is because the stimulus package is not being counted. There is a bit of a numbers game with including tuition increases, revenue, and stimulus funds.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that there is an article by Nick Perry in the Seattle Times about how the only way to solve these issues is to increase tuition.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that both the Senate and the House have put forth a substantial financial aid increase, totaling somewhere around \$45 million. It would help mitigate some of the tuition increases, though not dollar for dollar. The House Ways & Means Committee is set to pass the budget out tomorrow. It will go to the floor quickly. The Senate and House will likely pass different budget bills and it will go to a conference committee to be resolved. The e-mail that went out to all graduate students implores members of Ways & Means to realize the true impact on higher education with these cuts. Everyone should be e-mailing and calling tonight.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) if it is more likely that the university can get local control of graduate tuition setting authority because they don't want to be the "bad guys."

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that's only one theory and there are others, and it's not clear how it will play out.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) how likely it is that we will get the federal stimulus package.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that everyone is hopeful but no one wants to count on it.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) gave an update on other bills. He said that the primary care physician loan forgiveness program was not passed out of House higher education committee before the cut-off date. The concerns were that there wasn't enough time to amend the bill and clarify primary care physician. He said that the hate crimes bill and textbook bill are eligible to be voted on the floor but have not been pulled to the floor yet. The Human Rights Center is still in House Ways & Means and may not necessarily make it to the floor. The Asian Institute may likely get to the floor and pass, but it is not clear yet. The bill modifying disclosure requirements has been pulled to the floor but has not been voted on yet.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) what there is about the House of Knowledge so far.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he will get back to **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) on this.

10. Senate Agenda for April

Jake Faleschini (President) said **Josh Kavanaugh** will present on UPASS rate increases. The IMA night ride shuttle will have to be cut due to cost increases. We need to do legislative update from Dave and also need to do update on where HUB project is right now.

Anna Batie (Publications Assistant) entered, and took over taking minutes from **Doug McManaway** (Executive Assistant).

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that the tent city resolution was time-sensitive.

Jake Faleschini (President) suggested doing a tent city presentation this month and a resolution next month.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that we already told Shannon that she could do it. He wondered if she needed it.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) was concerned because this proposal would be controversial.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that Meredith still needs student support for this.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that if we follow our normal protocol for the year, we need to do a presentation on this and have a resolution on it at the end of the month.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that at the last meeting during announcements, Shannon said that there would be a tent city resolution.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that they haven't established anything – it's in support of having a tent city on campus.

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) asked if Jake was planning on writing resolutions for all three capital projects, because they all need student support.

Jake Faleschini (President) responded that we would do this at the second April meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) thought that we should schedule a special emergency senate meeting on April 15th to talk about just budget issues. The Graduate School task force has started to meet and look at the impact on budget cuts. They'll have findings at that time to share with the senate.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that someone from the Graduate School task force wanted to move the survey deadline to the 16th instead of on the 15th. Prospective

students have to notify grad programs whether or not they're going to be attending by the 15th. Departments may be affected by how many students are coming. The enrollment for next year will be finalized on the 15th of April for all of the programs. One of the faculty members wanted to have an extra day because this would affect programs.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if we could throw Shannon's resolution into the emergency meeting.

Jake Faleschini (President) responded that this was possible.

Jake created the senate agenda for April 8th on the board.

April 8th Senate Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Approve Minutes
- 4) HUB project update (Paul) (15)
- 5) Transportation committee update (Josh K.) (15)
- 6) CFL Resolution (5)
- 7) SHIP Plus Resolution (5)
- 8) Center for Human Rights resolution (5)
- 9) SAGE appropriations (10)
- 10) NFT appropriations (5)
- 11) Special allocations appropriation (5)
- 12) Tent city presentation (15)
- 13) Election Reminders/Announcements (3)
- 14) Leg agenda/budget update (10)
- 15) Announcements/social (3)
- 16) Adjourn

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) asked what's happening with Hall Health.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that Hall Health, ECC and the HUB are all lumped together as capital projects. We need resolutions supporting all of those.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to approve the agenda.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked what's our strategy for the capital projects? Three resolutions or one.

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) suggested that Yutaka do whatever he thinks is easiest.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that one resolution seemed to make the most sense.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) moved to strike a sentence.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) said that on page nine, she wanted to clarify that the endowments are mandated to be used for specific things.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to change that.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we adjourned at 7 PM.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to put the adjournment time at 7 PM.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) moved to approve minutes as amended.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions. Minutes approved.

10.5 Senate Meeting Discussion

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to suspend the rules and put senate meeting discussion here.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor with no abstentions or objections.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) entertained a motion to have an emergency senate meeting on April 15th.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to add an emergency senate meeting on the 15th.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) asked if we could get the room reserved.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

11. Officer Reports

A. Vice President

Dave Iseminger (Vice President) said that he had nothing else to report.

B. Treasurer

Tim Hulet (Treasurer) said that he had nothing else to report.

C. Secretary

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that GOMAP's annual reception is tomorrow. He said that ASUW is going fine. **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) went to ASUW senate steering with him today. He has to review resolutions and polish them up. He did a major purge of the senate list and is being liberal with those who couldn't attend last quarter for academic reasons.

D. ASUW

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW) said that filing is going on for ASUW Board of Directors. ASUW is also hiring. She said that the last meeting lasted 5 hours. Hopefully tomorrow's meeting won't be as long.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that if any graduates want to help out with the elections, they are looking for volunteers. Also, ASUW is hiring.

E. President

Jake Faleschini (President) said that we formed our own GPSS task force for dealing with the budget cuts. There are seven members on the committee. The union has a rep on it so they are aware of what's going on. The task force is creating a survey to send out to the student body so grad students can respond and discuss how this is affecting them. Hopefully we can gather data about how this is affecting grad students, and we hope to use this to talk to the administration and to the media. **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator) is heading this up, and she is also serving on the Graduate School's task force. We need to start creating a voice as to how this is affecting graduate students.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that this is a good way for getting information about how departments are implementing budget cuts.

12. Announcements

Jake Faleschini (President) said that CHORUSS is coming on Friday to talk about why we should implement the program for a test run basis on one year. It starts at 2:30.

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) said that Friday at 4 PM at Schultzy's is a GPSS/FIUTS happy hour.

Jake Faleschini (President) said that the more he talks to CHORUSS about it, he doesn't think it'll harm us. It'll be an opt-in if we do it.

13. Adjourn

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) moved to adjourn.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor with no abstentions or objections. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

GPSS Executive Committee

Minutes May 7, 2009 7:30pm HUB Ballroom

Quorum Present

Jake Faleschini (President)

Dave Iseminger (Vice President)

Tim Hulet (Treasurer)

Yutaka Jono (Secretary)

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator)

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator)

Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)

1. Call to Order

Jake Faleschini (President) called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to approve the agenda.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor without abstentions or objections. Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) moved to approve the minutes.

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor without abstentions or objections Motion passed.

4. Senate Agenda

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to approve the proposed Senate agenda for the Elections, as e-mailed.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) so-moved.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor without abstentions or objections. Motion passed.

5. Executive Session

Yutaka Jono (Secretary) moved to go into executive session for 3 minutes.

Seconded by **Lindsay Morse** (Executive Senator).

All in favor without abstentions or objections. Motion passed.

The committee entered executive session at 7:35pm

The committee exited executive session at 7:39pm.

6. Adjourn

Jake Faleschini (President) entertained a motion to adjourn.

Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator) so-moved.

Rich Nobles (Executive Senator) seconded.

All in favor without abstentions or objections. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm. Much drinking followed at the Spring Social.