

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 06/29/2011

Members Present:

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)
Aaron Naumann (President)
Adam Sherman (via Skype; Vice-President)
Jenna Armstrong (Executive Senator)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Jed Bradley (ASUW Representative)

Others Present:

Renee Singleton (SAO Advisor)
Bill Dow (ASUW)
Garrett Strain (Sodexo Coalition)
Christine Yang (Sodexo Coalition)
Allie Padgett (Sodexo Coalition)

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a. Aaron calls to order at 6:10pm

- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Moved by Charles, seconded by Jed
 - b. All in favor, motion passes

- 3. Approval of the Minutes, 5/25/11 Exec Meeting**
 - a. Charles moves to approve the minutes
 - b. Seconded by Melanie
 - c. All in favor, motion passes

- 4. Welcome and Procedure**
 - a. Aaron—Exec committee is fairly informal, but we can move to a speakers list
 - b. Melanie—prefers people raise hands before speaking
 - c. Charles—committee works best as an informal, guests can ask Aaron for the floor, usually don't have trouble speaking over people, we're generally cordial. You all look like cordial folks.

- 5. UW Kick Out Sodexo**
 - a. Aaron—group on campus has tried to raise issue re: the contract between UW and Sodexo
 - b. Christine—Sodexo=22nd largest comp. concessions provider.
 - c. Garrett—communication with Columbian unions re: human rights violations

- d. **Allie—In October students brought information to Pres. Wise. Wise “no basis for contract termination.” ASUW resolution passed, etc. Sodexo’s mission is not in line with UW objectives/values. 50 students arrested during a sit-in.**
- e. **Garrett: Campus community has a different vision than president wise re: the “evidence” about Sodexo. Goes against the campus communities values/ “consensus”. Happy to work with the administration. Change UW concession coalition.**
- f. **Aaron: quick question—not a lot of progress with Int. Pres. Wise. Have you spoken with incoming President Young.**
- g. **Garrett: we’re publishing an letter open to the community. Wise has been the protagonist**
- h. **Bill: defer questions to ASUW from Administration to Coalition**
- i. **Aaron: wrote some letter re: inclusive and transparency of the concessions committee and includes committee criteria (contract reviewing committee)**
- j. **Jed: University requires an official way of investigating Sodexo and creating an official university opinion. Jed is pro doing this committee**
- k. **Aaron: UW kick out... has brought this issue to light. The administration has created a committee to look at this that is pushed on the Student Governments.**
- l. **Garrett: HFS, Compass, Aamark, all major food providers placed bids.**
- m. **Colin: Many of these other companies have a history of labor violations**
- n. **Charles: what are you looking for from us, going forward?**
- o. **Garrett: the stance that ASUW is taking is what we are looking for from GPSS. Make sure we are on the same page before entering committees. We are working as a unified student voice**
- p. **Lots more... Adam wants to make sure that GPSS appears to be doing our do diligence, so our statements have the weight and accuracy that this topic deserves**
- q. **Jenna: we should revise this. We shouldn’t vote on this evening. We are meeting next week.**
- r. **Charles: something to be said for doing your work, and now, finally, UW is looking in to again. Now you want to be on a coalition. Wouldn’t it be good to have a separate committee (i.e. the one created by UW) that comes to the same conclusion. Is it not beneficial to move forward with this?**
- s. **Rene: What is the timeline for how we are moving forward this summer.**
- t. **Aaron: request this summer to have the first committee meeting, of working group, on July 12. ASUW will not attend. GPSS has not yet responded to this.**
- u. **Bill: There is a working group (re: bidders) and a committee.**
- v. **Jed: ASUW and GPSS should defer their seats on the working group to the coalition (small ~ 2 students)**

- w. Rene: working group vs. committee. Naming convention to alleviate confusion
- x. Bill: we will be a part of the committee, but not the working group
- y. Aaron: GPSS should pass this resolution, per some changes and a review by executive committee and Adam
- z. Melanie: let's table this to next week, our next meeting
- aa. Charles: To my knowledge, GPSS Executive Committee has never passed a resolution over the summer. Speaking for the entire senate is tough, while they are in recess. We can still be on board and take action. We can take actions as a committee, without passing a resolution. A resolution is an official opinion.
- bb. Colin: We want more info from the Coalition, edits, additions, etc. 2.5 page preamble is too long for us to pass without the full Senate. Take broad strokes point and incorporate them into the revised resolution.
- cc. Melanie moves to table the resolution
- dd. Jenna seconds
- ee. All in favor, motion passes.

6. Timeline of GPSS events

- a. Colin discusses general timeline of events for the 2011-2012 school year

7. UW Budget and Board of Regents Meeting/ Provost Advisory Committee for Students

- a. Aaron: not much has happened re: PACS, maybe greater number of representatives, including more from Bothell and Tacoma
- b. Aaron/Melanie/Charles/Megan: Let's discuss the move of programs to Education and Outreach fee-based program. There is no uniform process to change programs

8. Website Update

- a. Melanie: Is contacting Creative Creations for the GPSS website

9. Diversity Task Force

- a. Melanie: More on diversity, work plan, maybe standing committee
 - i. Recruiting and retaining students of color
 - ii. LGBTQ
 - iii. Students with disabilities, etc.
- b. Adam: appreciates Jenna and Melanie and thinks we should work with different groups to...
- c. Aaron: term diversity is not clear, but we should work towards fostering/tackling. Dean Baldasty is a partner for Graduate School diversity. CIDR head discussed diversity. Spark conversation on university-wide level. They used to do "Diversity Lunch." CIDR would like to partner with GPSS and cosponsor this event.

10. Bookstore Partnership

- a. Aaron: Lunch with Brian Pearson. U Bookstore will help us with Fall Social (e.g. prizes at social). Bookstore will be a strong partner of ours.

11. TA/RA fall quarter workshop

- a. Aaron: GPSS messaging at the Graduate School TA/RA workshop. CIDR may be hesitant to give us the time/space. What would our message be? Do we do a hand out? This has the potential to reach 1.3K graduate students. (RA workshop is new/revamped this year.) Please Brainstorm!

12. Student-parent data gathering group

- a. Aaron: We'll be getting a document from the student-parent workshop. Ben Henry, former VP, created a student-parent data-gathering project for this Evans School degree project. Eric Godfrey has agreed to help sponsor a student-parent data-gathering group. Similar to the Graduate student health care data-gathering group.

13. Travel grants

- a. Travel grants are due on Friday! ~\$1500 available during this travel grant period.

14. Summer hires

- a. Colin: we're doing them. We've received all the applications. Positions to be filled: Chief-of-staff and office manager.

15. Open information:

- a. Aaron: Graduate and Prof. Student out-of-state student fellowships. Current students are grandfathered in to the Grad and professional student non-resident tuition waiver (per. Dean Baldasty), may not happen in practice. (i.e. non-resident tuition waiver is gone, but students have already matriculated, under the pretense of this program's existence, are grandfathered in.)

16. Announcements:

- a. Rene: Officers and Executive members should have access to Condon Hall. Wait for email from Rene.

17. Adjourn

- a. Jed: Move to adjourn
- b. Melanie: second
- c. All in favor, motion passes.

GPSS Executive Committee meeting

July 6th, 2011 – GPSS Office, 401 Condon Hall

Members Present:

Aaron Naumann (President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Jenna Armstrong (Executive Senator)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

1. Call to Order

Aaron Naumann called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Colin Goldfinch moves to approve agenda.

Jenna Armstrong seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Aaron Naumann proposes several corrections to the minutes.

Charles Plummer moves to approve the minutes as amended.

Megan Gambs seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously. Trond Nilsen abstains.

4. Motion to Support the Kick Out Sodexo Coalition

Aaron Naumann explains that he met with Garrett and Morgan from the Coalition to get a better understanding of their DEMANDS TO END THE UW'S contract with Sodexo and what support they would like from the GPSS. The coalition will be presenting a letter to President Young and are waiting for his response. Aaron recommends that the motion be tabled until we can learn more ABOUT PRESIDENT YOUNG'S RESPONSE

Colin Goldfinch moves to table the motion.

Charles Plummer seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Travel Grants

The committee elected to omit Guidline 4 and to refrain from scoring applications that were incorrectly filled out. After scoring each complete application the committee elected to award \$350 each to Julio Davis, Joshua Nahum, Rachel Hanisch.

6. Adjournment

Charles Plummer moves to adjourn.

Aaron Naumann seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

**GPSS Executive Committee Agenda
Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 6:00pm**

	Title	Sponsor	Info / Action	Min.
1	Call to Order	Aaron	Action	1
2	Approval of the Agenda	Aaron	Action	1
3	Approval of the Minutes from 7/6/11	Aaron	Action	5
4	STF Key Server	Colin	Action	10
5	Budget Deal & Grad Students	Colin	Information	10
6	Metro Funding	Melanie	Information	10
7	Higher Education Summit	Aaron	Information	15
8	Code of Conduct Revision Committee	Aaron	Information	5
9	Sodexo Update	Aaron	Information	5
10	Officer Reports a. President b. Vice President c. Treasurer d. Secretary e. ASUW	Various	Information	3 each
11	Announcements	Various	Information	2
12	Adjourn	Aaron	Action	1

Attending:

Aaron Naumann (President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Rudy Owens (COS)
Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)
Sanjay Hari (Senator??)
Bill Dow (ASUW Senator)

Josh Hansen (Program Coordinator Student Tech. Fee Committee)
Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

July 6th, 2011 – GPSS Office, 401 Condon Hall

Call to order: AN calls meeting to order: 6:07 pm.

Approval of Agenda CG calls to move agenda. CP seconds. Approved.

Approval of Minutes: Brief discussion of minutes. CG moves to approve. CS seconds. Approved.

No. 4, STF Key Server Motion: Motion read by CF. GPSS Ex. Committee \$10,270 for grads assistants through 2012.

Josh describes program. It will be 2 graduate student hourly positions. \$20/hour. More cost effective to have hourly employees. STF licenses to each department. Key server stores license at one place and **PROVIDES LICENSE WHEN REQUESTED. ALLOWS WHAT'S BEING DISTRIBUTED AND MAPS IT. MAP WILL SHOW WHERE** software is available on campus. Cost savings: there will no longer be redundant purchases of software. They can track software and give to students and UW IT. STF is pushing UW forward. IT will buy licenses. They will be available there for departments. UW IT will be allocated money continuously as needed. All licenses will be on the key server.

2 positions will monitor key server and track it. After a year expect one PT position. Expects short term hires of 5-10 people to explain process after July 1.

Key server starts after July 2012.

CS: This is new has never been done before. Immediate funding issue is what bill is targeted at. Last issue is long-term funding issue and how to fund it after the first year.

Josh: **FUNDING OPTIONS: BYLAW PROVISION THAT SAYS WE'LL FUND 2 POSITIONS AT \$20/HOUR AT FT POSIT** \$20/hour. This guarantees funding long-term. Putting it in bylaws puts permanency in it. Or, it can be funded year to year. Josh does not favor year to year because of uncertainty. Cost: 47 weeks, \$28,000.

CS: **ISSUE OF STF OPERATING BUDGET. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WHAT IS ALLOCA**

Josh: Most money would come from administrative budget, 2%.

BD: We have to pass a motion on this (ASUW)

Discussion of how this motion should be passed and amended.

Rene: Issue, officials elected for this year and funding goes to succeeding years. Suggests rewriting motion. Make it be hourly wage and paid. She suggests slight language clean up.

CG: Agrees change needed to reflect hourly employee language and agrees bylaw change is in order.

CS: We are committing to 2 or more years with this motion. Wants all inclusive approach. Does not see point in one year.

AN: **WE WON'T UNDERSTAND COST SAVINGS UNTIL WE'RE 3 YEARS IN.**

JOSH: **DATA ISN'T AVAILABLE NOW** Key server is the way of the future.

AN: How can redundancy be reduced.

CG: Says to do this next year, we need to pass now.

Josh: The revisions to RFPs and strategizing will be time consuming.

Rene: Asks if tech fees will pay for server?

Josh: Says this system can help track who is using what licenses on campuses. Reduces guessing of what is needed.

CS: Says key server system will allow us to know how many licenses are remaining when they are needed. Problem, few schools are doing this.

CG: **SAYS IT WON'T HANDICAP HOW STF WORKS.**

AN: Says this is a direction how UW wants to go, to centralize, which is where IT wants to go.

CG: Can we fund several years out?

CS: **BY PASSING THIS, WE ARE FUNDING BEYOND ONE YEAR, AS THERE ISN'T A ONE YEAR WINDOW.**

Josh: Funding is good for 1.5 years of funding.

AN: **WANTS A SAFEGUARD FOR PULLING THE PLUG IF THE PLAN DOESN'T WORK.**

Rene: Recommends review and safeguard.

CG: Wording proposed for amendment for the review committee to propose a plan to wind down the STF key server if project is not successful. (Not moved).

CS: Suggests we can have assessments at the end of the first year.

CG: Motion for two changes:

-Reps from GPSS exc cmt work with ASUW and STF to develop means for assessing success or failure of STF key server project and report back by spring of 2012.

-Replace graduate assistant to hourly student employee.

BD seconds.

CG: Amendment introduced. BD seconds.

No further discussion.

Vote: Unanimous.

No. 5, Budget Deal

CG summarizes the Budget Control Act of 2011. Summarizes main points, Pell grants increase, but subsidized Stafford loans cuts. Up to \$8,000 in subsidized loans allowed with 6 month grace period til 6 months after graduation. Moving forward all loans will have interest accrue immediately after July 2012. Issue, does this grandfather students who are currently enrolled.

AN: Question how does this impact students in an MA/PhD track. Not sure.

CG: Financial incentives for early payments of eliminated.

MM: How many people get subsidized loans at UW? What percentage are completely funded?

CG: What is the response of GPSS.

MM: Press, congressional staff, grad students, UW administration. Proposes statement for Senators and press.

AN: Meeting Tuesday with financial aid officials.

CG: Suggests a statement and put it on the web page and mail it to membership and send to external groups. CG suggests calling McDermott. Contact Randy Hogess (external relations).

Discussion of best strategy to put out a message.

No. 6, Metro Funding

MM: Summarizes issues. Ex. Committee voted to support maintenance of existing service. UPass consistent with maintaining existing service. Ex.Cmt signed to letter that went to County Council members. Info shared with listserv. ASUW supported coalition issue as well. Council will vote Aug. 15.

\$20 fee coming up by city. County \$20 is what would be added.

CS: UW no. 1 transit hub in state. Cut in service would devastate hub service. Issue, destroy U district transit service, and would devalue UPass fee just implemented.

MM: Seattle Chamber of Commerce leading efforts to move it.

Sanjay ???? : Puts huge burden on students. \$76 a quarter expensive. Another \$20 is more. Forcing **CONSTITUENTS TO BUY THINGS THAT THEY DON'T WANT ARE MORALLY REPUGNANT. WHERE IS THE END.** Suggests the email was never decided in any document. Asks for report copy, not summary of report. Wants to know how did GPSS email get decided upon. Asks for ability to listserve email senators.

AN: HE PERSONALLY DRAFTED RESPONSE, BUT DIDN'T COME. AN WILL PROVIDE COPY OF RESPONSE. re UPass, we have it now. Highlights we could lose 17% of Metro service, and that could trigger revisit discussion of UPass value. Letter to GPSS re advocacy for \$20 fee.

MM explains action alert re policy of GPSS ExCom. ListServe is not a discussion format.

CS: Has been a standing precedent to protect **TRANSIT USE BY GPSS. WE ARE NOT BEHOLDEN TO METRO'S** actions on a whole.

AN says the \$20 tab could have wider benefit for students relative to burden of the fee.

SANJAY SAYS IT'S A RAW DEAL. 48, 70S, 60S all come here. Suggests Metro behaved badly.

AN says increased metro use will reduce carbon footprint of campus.

BD says fee is only temporary. It would have to get another measure to be reauthorized.

Discussion of how to lobby for routes to be preserved. Joining coalition was described as not a blank check to support Metro.

MM suggests improvements can be made to make actions by ExCom more clear.

No. 7 Higher Education Summit

AN: In the works. Date Nov. 10. CG and MM says that day may still require discussion.

AN says presidents of higher education institutions would be approached.

MM says summit provides good opportunity to focus on budget deal cuts, so date.

Other possibilities, privatization of public education. Student indebtedness. Local phenomon of move to fee based programs. Student portion to higher ed summit.

3 subheadings: status of higher ed presently re post-recession crisis, privatization of public, student forum, and presidents panel.

Discussion if federal funding should be reserved for spring in science and technology summit.

CS says tech transfer issues could come into spring event.

CG suggests we need abstract for next week.

Rene asked for explanation of how information was being shared and developed.

No. 8, Code of Conduct Revision Committee:

Andrew ??? was appointed to committee (former president Sarah did that). Issue all universities revising student codes of conduct. Last done in 2007. 2007 revisions were band-aids. Will now need to be

overhauled. Topics to be added to code: cyberbullying, UW wants to extend jurisdiction to off campus, and peer review process for hearings and not an administrator adjudicating. Our rep has concerns about code of conduct and brief will be done by end of August. GPSS rep is expressing concern about reach of jurisdiction and level of proof for university to convict students of alleged infractions. AN says GPSS views have not been fully vetted for it to be presented to this committee. AN said GPSS has no formal stance yet to this committee. AN explains code of conduct will be publicly vetted and then has to be forwarded to Olympia to be voted upon. Discussion of how lawmakers will approve this in Olympia.

No. 9, Sodexo Update

AN: Very few new developments. Meeting July 26 with members of Coalition (AN and Connor??) with President Young and Phyllis Wise. Results were that UW is disappointed student leadership not involved in due diligence process. AN said student government not engaged fully. ASUW and GPSS will need to discuss with coalition what representation is for vetting of RFPs. Young was in favor of discussions moving forward. Coalition summarized case to Young, wanting Sodexo contract terminated and student representation in RFP process.

No. 10: Officer Reports

- a. **President:** Regents ratified union contract for ASEs. Met with Baldesty last week. Question re **NON TUITION WAIVER WAS ASKED. HASN'T MOVED ON IT. ACADEMIC REVIEWS WERE DISCUSSED, AND HO** process can be streamlined. Summarizes information gathering now before graduate program engaged again. Wants to make process better than last year.
- b. **Vice President** ABSENT
- c. **Treasurer:** Finances, met with Rene to discuss fiscal matters. Will develop tracking forms to monitor spending. Wants quarterly reports to Senate. Jenn is developing online application for travel grants. Planning for fall social, at UW Tower or Vista Café at Foege. Web site issues and tech purchase plan to do purchases before summer ends. Wants summer staff hired.
- d. **Secretary:** Moving fast on web site with Creative Communications. For VP, discusses hiring. Worked on Metro funding. Looking to fall orientations. Will get record keeping in order.
- e. **ASUW:** Working metro stuff. Trying to do video. Transportation issue re UPass, OGR concerned about. Will talk to Josh Cavanaugh. Will have UPass meetings. UPass is a new committee. Sick pay at Seattle City Council for paid sick leave for student employees. Meeting with UW PD re revise timely notification warnings – lack of them.

No. 11, Announcements

None

August. 17 next meeting.

CG moves to adjourn. MM seconds. Adjourns at 8:20.

GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 6:00pm
Condon 401

	Title	Sponsor	Info / Action	Min.
1	Call to Order	Aaron	Action	1
2	Approval of the Agenda	Aaron	Action	1
3	Approval of the Minutes from 8/3/11	Aaron	Action	5
4	Tech Proposal	Colin	Action	15
5	Website Update	Melanie	Information	3
6	Proposed Senate and Exec meeting dates	Melanie	Action (changed)	10
7	Higher Education Summit	Aaron	Information	25
8	Debt Ceiling Legislation	Aaron & Adam	Information	15
9	Not For Tourists - update and proposal	Melanie	Action (changed)	10
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Evan Smith (ASUW Director of University Affairs)

Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)

Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

Rudy Owens (Chief of Staff and minutes taker for Aug. 17, 2011 meeting)

1 Call to Order

Aaron calls meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Changes to agenda: Items 9 and 6 changed to action items. Officer reports will be tabled this meeting.

Melanie moves to approve amended agenda. Jenna seconds. Approved unanimously.

3 Approval of the Minutes

Melanie moves to approve minutes from Aug. 3, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. Adam seconds. Approved unanimously.

4 Tech Proposal

Colin presents "Resolution to Approve Funding for a New GPSS Office IT Network" (Resolution # Exec 2.11-12). He expects IT network purchase costs to be under \$22,000 but included authority for expenses 15% higher, just in case. Charles asks if we have to do separate allocation more than \$22,000. Rene suggests the committee do the math not to exceed that amount. Aaron asks FOR FORMER SECRETARY'S FIGURE Colin said it was slightly less, perhaps because of discounted unit prices, which he does not have access to yet.

Colin explains items on list and justifications for them. Colin asks about licenses for Windows. Trond said there should be licenses available from the UW. It will be investigated. Adam asks about insurance. Aaron expects 5 years of use from equipment. Trond says lease is for 3 years normally. Trond says we need warranties. Costs depend on manufacturers. Jenna notes warranties are \$119 for each machine based on info sheets and \$179 for laptops. Trond suggests a line in proposal for a warranty. General agreement that a warranty line should be added to the IT Network Expenses Summary.

Colin suggests two amendments to the Resolution:

- **REPLACE "ITEMIZED" WITH "EQUIVALENT TO WHAT IS ITEMIZED" the first That clause;**
- **add an additional "That" CLAUSE THAT READS: the GPSS Treasurer be authorized to allocate funds from the General fund to pay for warranties for the purchased HARDWARE"**

Trond moves approval of amended proposal. Seconded by Charles. Approved unanimously.

5 Website Update

Melanie notes that Exec will not be voting on funding for website improvements as had been stated in an earlier email. Instead the Officers decided to make a smaller website

purchase for \$2400, which is already authorized in the budget. The smaller purchase includes site maintenance (\$100/month for 9 months) and Graphics and Appearance improvements for \$1,500, but does not include a Committee Application form, which would have been \$1500-\$2000. The improvements are expected to be finished before school starts. Will try using Catalyst for committee applications and appointments. Jenna says Moodle is a good one. Trond says we could have backup sites to suggest if CATALYST DOESN'T WORK. Jenna asks if committee links can be on home page for Catalyst links. Yes. Trond explains past system, which DOESN'T WORK SO WELL WITH Drupal. Colin says Catalyst web site can be adapted.

Melanie says we will have a nice web site shortly. Trond says maintenance is big issue. A campus organization to maintain the site is advantageous to prevent HR turmoil when internal IT staff with expertise leaves.

6 Proposed Senate and Exec meeting dates

Melanie discusses proposal for dates for Senate meetings and Executive Committee meetings. Usually first Wednesday for Senate. Executive Committee twice a month. Executive usually meets the week before Senate. Melanie suggested that Exec could meet either on Nov 23 (day before Thanksgiving, one week before Nov 30 Senate meeting) or on Nov 16. Agreement that Nov 16th should be the Exec meeting date.

Time and location issues. Melanie suggests 6 p.m. start times for Senate for Fall Quarter, because she has class until 5:50pm. Jenna says 5:30 p.m. is a better start time for Senators. Agreement that Senate meetings will start at 5:30pm and Exec will start at 6pm Fall Quarter. DISCUSSION FOR WHO HAS ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIAN IF MELANIE ISN'T THERE; decided it will be Colin. Melanie suggests Condon as meeting space for Senate. General agreement.

There are two more summer Executive meetings: September 7 and 21; September 28 will be the first Fall Quarter Exec meeting. Sept 21 meeting may be canceled.

Colin moves approval of proposed Senate and Exec meeting dates. Jenna seconds. Approved unanimously. Melanie will send meeting dates to Public Records and will make room reservations.

Approved Senate meeting dates:

- Fall Quarter: October 5, November 2, November 30.**
- Winter Quarter: Jan 11, February 1, February 29.**
- Spring Quarter: April 4, May 2 (Election Meeting), May 30.**

Approved Exec meeting dates:

- Fall: Sept 28, Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 16, Dec 7.**
- Winter: Jan 4, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 7, Mar 14.**
- Spring: Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25, May 23.**

7 Higher Education Summit

Rudy summarize logistics. Venue and place mostly firmed up: Kane Hall Walker-Ames room, Nov 4, 8:30am to 1 p.m.

Aaron says we have to get item on KEY CONTACTS'calendars. Summarizes features: Presidents panel (UW President Young and 1 or 2 other public university presidents to talk about state of higher ed and how they envision moving forward at their universities). Summit will be before the HEC Board is replaced by the Council of Higher Ed, which is just the presidents of public universities. The Summit Presidents panel could preview that council. Aaron also suggests media activities with panel.

Jenna wants to be sure we invite participants east of Cascades, WSU. Trond asks about grad students speaking. Aaron says yes. Aaron also says we will lay out problems (insight into state budgets, more cuts coming to UW). That would be preface for presidents' panel. Rene notes one Student Activities Advisor has been laid off, because of budget cuts last year.

8 Debt Ceiling Legislation

Adam summarizes Aug 16th meeting WITH UW's federal office officials from DC (Sarah Martin Castro and Brianna Fields), attended by him, Rudy, and Aaron.

He says a goal should be to coordinate advocacy efforts this year. Explains that the move to maintain Pell Grants funding fell on backs of grad students by eliminating subsidized student loans. Adam says we need to put spotlight on it. Colin says \$1.5 trillion will get cut, and research will get cut. Evan summarizes congressional super-committee. Melanie suggests MEETING WITH PATTY MURRAY'S STAFF SOON. Evan says Pell Grants may get cut later. Aaron says financial aid office fears subsidized loans for undergrads may get cut later. Melanie suggests maybe a forum on financial aid with grads and undergrads. Jenna asks if people are aware of this development in DC at all.

Adam says next to eNTITLEMENTS, CUTS TO GRAD LOANS DON'T LOOK BAD. Discussion that tax credits for graduate students still works. Adam says we need personal stories. Aaron says we have to strategize and coordinate with the UW administration. Adam says strengthen partnerships and hold line. Charles says link with deans from South Campus. Colin says research institutes will lobby for funding. Can messages be coordinated? Aaron says we need more people to do more work. Evan says connect with College Promise Coalition (umbrella group with major corporate backers like Microsoft, whose AGENDA ISN'T NECESSARILY ALIGNED WITH ALL STUDENTS). Aaron says brainstorming session needed. Adam will set something up.

9 Not For Tourists - update and proposal

Melanie says Not For Tourists books will soon be out of date. Tuition waiver and UPass information in them are out of date already. A new edition of the Seattle Not For Tourists book came out earlier this year, according to the U Bookstore. We need to sell all the remaining books this year. U Bookstore buys them for \$10, sells for about \$19. Bookstore interested in lowering price to move them out. She suggests lowering the price to \$5 for Bookstore and departments. Aaron asks about the upfront investment. Rene says GPSS bought 2,500 for \$25,000—figure would need to be confirmed. Colin says the budget lists \$2,500 in revenue from NFT books sales for this year. Trond says sell them to bookstore from \$3 to \$4. Aaron says we have to put an error sheet in the books with corrections. Committee agrees an error sheet will be added. Colin suggests giving the books away at GPSS events. Adam suggests GPSS approach bookstore to determine how many they would buy at \$5 each. Adam says let's not vote on price.

Trond moves that Melanie be authorized to dispose of the Not For Tourist books at whatever price will maximize profits from the remaining inventory. Jenna seconds. Approved unanimously.

10 Officer Reports (canceled)

11 Announcements:

Aaron was contacted by KUOW, which wants to run a show on Aug. 25; theme will be: "Is grad school worth it?" They want humanities and hard science students. Aaron asks for people who just graduated.

Aaron saw list of times of applicants for UW press director position. Notes we likely WON'T GET INVOLVED Five candidates to be interviewed by UW by end of month. Should GPSS sit in. Little interest by those attending.

Aaron highlights 150th Alumni Association invitation. Kickoff event on Sept. 13 with Gregoire, McGuinn, and Young. Asks how we should strategize. Rene says GPSS should be there.

Melanie mentions 33 GPSS presentations lined up at new student orientations. Help needed. Welcome materials being developed for new senators. UPass advisory board will have a lot going on.

Colin will have travel grants at next meeting.

Rene congratulates Aaron for being new father. Loud cheers.

12 Adjourn

Evan moves. Adam seconds. Approved unanimously. Finish 7:20 p.m.

**GPSS Executive Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 6:00pm
Condon 401**

Attending:

**Aaron Naumann (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Jenna Armstrong (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW Director of University Affairs)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)**

1 Call to Order

Aaron calls meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Changes to agenda: Melanie suggests new item 4 to discuss approval of new staff hires and changing of staff budget amounts for publications assistant and event coordinator.

Melanie moves to approve amended agenda. Adam seconds. Approved unanimously.

3 Approval of the Minutes

Adam moves to approve minutes from Aug. 17, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. Colin seconds. Approved unanimously.

4 Budget Changes for Staff Personnel

Melanie suggested that the Publications Assistant position be increased from 12 hours per week to 13 hours per week because there is much work to be done—mainly on posters and communications. Melanie said this was possible as some finances were saved (\$840) when GPSS did not choose to hire a summer web manager, and chose to use Creative Communications rather than hiring a web manager.

Colin stated that the Office Manager position may be reduced from 17 hours per week to only 15 hours per week, and would like to move these additional hours to the event coordinator position.

Adam suggests that GPSS should keep these shifts in work hours/pay schedules on record somewhere in the office to track changes in GPSS hiring. Colin suggested this

could easily be done, given that we have a requisition system and are audited every two years. Colin said this was an easy transition, as it involves no budget code transfers.

Adam motions to approve the changes in staffing hours. Megan seconds. Approved unanimously.

5 Travel Grant Applications

Colin has the approved travel grants on record.

This time, applications were not considered if they were: 1) drastically over the word count limit, 2) missing a reference letter, or 3) had no conference brochure or website attachment.

Trond moved to approve the travel grants. Adam seconds. Approved unanimously.

6 Advocacy Issues

Adam and Aaron had a good meeting with Larry Seaquist, state representative of the 26th district and chair of the house Higher Ed committee. Adam and Aaron mentioned that he would be a great speaker at the Higher Education Summit, as he has been helping to coordinate other higher education meetings across the state. Larry mentioned right away that we would be willing to co-sponsor a bill for mandated programs on the university level. Aaron stated that Larry is a great person to help GPSS network with the rest of the legislative body.

Melanie stated that we need to continue to bring up the issue of outside pressures FORCING MANY UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS TO TURN ~~IN~~ ~~THEIR~~ ~~PROGRAMS~~ and how this will affect equity and access for students. She suggested we talk to Larry about this ouTREACH" AND "PROFESSIONAL" PROGRAM TRANSFORMATION THAT IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE

Aaron said the Higher Education Summit is scheduled for 8:30 am -1:00 pm on November 4th. There is a slight conflict with the UW Kickoff Celebration for the CAMPUS'S 150th anniversary. This conflict may be averted since our event takes place in the morning, and GPSS should try to take advantage of potential media exposure.

Evan suggested that we also try to invite some republicans to be on the agenda. Potentials include Glen Anderson and Ed Murray (democrat?).

MELANIE STATED THAT LAST YEAR'S SUMMIT TIME SCHEDULE MAY HAVE STARTED TOO EARLY too long—affecting student attendance. Melanie and Tron both brought up the fact that it is difficult to recruit students to attend this event.

Jenna suggested that we change our wording for the Summit to inform students that they could drop in on different sessions, and come and go as they please. What about THE WORDS "OPEN FORUM" OR "PICK YOUR PANEL"?

Aaron suggested we try TO FOCUS ON THE PRESIDENT'S PANEL AS THE MAIN EVENT, ESPECIALLY it could draw film crews and media. Melanie stated that an open Q&A session for students during this discussion would be critical.

Adam talked about potentially writing a letter about higher education funding to Senator Patty Murray, who is now on the Super-Committee. Potential action items for ADVOCACY TOWARD THE "DEBT" COMMITTEE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL INCLUDE: 1) CONSTRUCT letter stating priorities, 2) gathering more student stories (can be done at the Fall Social).

All agreed that the attempt to gather more recent student stories at the Fall Social was a GREAT IDEA. SUGGESTIONS TO DO THIS INCLUDED POSTCARD/LETTER STATION, VIDEO STATION WHITEBOARD", OR USING MONOPOLY MONIES to visually demonstrate how debt affects students.

7 SAGE Conference

THIS YEAR'S SAGE conference will be December 1-4th. The conference aims to develop the student agenda for the upcoming year. Major issues will be immigration, taxation, and student debt.

Adam and Melanie commented how this event also stresses the need to collect student opinions so that we can present a unified message (from GPSS, but also in coordination with other schools across the U.S.)

Melanie suggest a separate informal meeting to discuss these Fall Social items previously brought up in the meeting. Adam agreed.

8 Kick Out Sodexo Update

Evan shared some documents regarding the formation of a new committee to review all company requests for bids. It is critical that ASUW, GPSS representatives be on the committee.

JENNA AND TROND STATE THAT THE "COMMUNITY MEMBER" POSITION ON THE COMMITTEE IS A little undefined, and Megan suggests it be an alum or booster member.

ADAM, TROND, AND MEGAN ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE "UW/SODEXO" REPRESENTATIVE change the title to maintain representation but avoid potential conflict. Evan said that we cannot leave them out of the equation, but a change of title was a good suggestion.

9 Provost Search Committee

Aaron stated that this issue will be the main emphasis of the first Senate meeting. There is a goal to fill the position by January 1st 2012, and an internal search is desired. The first senate meeting will include an informational on the Provost position and aim to request input from the graduate student senators on what they would like to see in a provost.

10 Senate Issues

Melanie discussed some interesting ideas to change the way the senate meetings FUNCTION. MOST SENATORS GET "TALKED AT" INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY INTERACTING OR SEE MELANIE'S HANDOUT ON "IDEAS FOR SENATOR ORIENTATIONS AND SOCIALS." Everyone agreed that a social after the first senate meeting was a great idea. Trond suggested that we hold the social in the downstairs meeting room instead of the GPSS 4th floor offices, so that attendance would be increased.

Jenna stated that the open house idea should be very informal. Melanie said this could take place sometime mid-October.

Evan suggested that we create name tags or name tents with Parli-Pro information on the back. Colin agreed and thought of doing this last year.

11 Officer Updates

EVAN DISCUSSED THAT THE NEW "SICK LEAVE" POLICY WAS UP FOR DEBATE. Aaron said that the SPH Dean, Howard Frumpkin, contacted him about finding graduate student representatives for the University Emergency Preparedness Committee. Jenna suggested that an undergraduate representative could be necessary as well.

12 Adjourn

Melanie moves. Aaron seconds. Approved unanimously. Finish 8:10 p.m.

GPSS Executive Committee Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, 4:00pm

Condon 401

ORIGINAL AGENDA ORDER (changed by motion)

	Title	Sponsor	Info / Action	Min.
1	Call to Order	Aaron Naumann	Action	1
2	Approval of the Agenda	Aaron	Action	1
3	Approval of the Minutes from 9/7/11	Aaron	Action	5
4	Student Code of Conduct	Aaron & Adam w/Guest Andrew Van Winkle	Action	30
5	STF Appointments	Adam	Information	5
6	Staffing & Hiring	Colin	Information	5
7	Higher Ed Summit	Aaron & Rudy	Information	10
8	Larry Seaquist – Chautauqua	Adam	Information	10
	Provost Hiring Committee	Aaron	Information	5
9	Officer Reports a. Vice President b. Treasurer c. Secretary d. ASUW e. President	Various	Information	2 each
10	Adjourn	Aaron	Action	1

Attending:

Aaron Naumann (President)

Adam Sherman (Vice President)

Melanie Mayock (Secretary)

Rudy Owens (COS, and minutes taker for Sept. 21, 2011 meeting)

Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)

Andrew Van Winkle (GPSS appointee to Student Code of Conduct Committee)

Trond Nielsen (Executive Senator)

Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)

1 Call to Order
Call to order 4:10 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Order change. Guest will come closer to 5 p.m. to discuss Student Code of Conduct Committee revisions. AN says move it to after provost hiring agenda item. MM moves to approved amended agenda. TN seconds. Unanimous approval.

3 Approval of the Minutes from 9/7/11

In officer updates, AN notes THAT HOWARD FRUMKIN'S REQUEST FOR A MEMBER OF A committee should be University Environmental Health and Safety Committee; needs to be changed in minutes. Discussion of changes suggested from draft minutes. Discussion of other minor typo changes. MM moves to accept amended minutes. CP seconds. Unanimously passed.

4 STF Appointments

AS notes many great candidates came forward. Need to appoint at least 2. Top 2 Ashley Corrie and Daniel Novak. Tim (???) was a 3rd person they may wish to appoint. Discussion of recommendations to approve tonight. Not an action item.

Discussion of credentials of committee members. ASUW has six seats. GPSS has 3 seats. Discussion of expectations of GPSS appointees as representatives of GPSS positions on the committee. MM asks is there a form that ASUW signs to have them follow ASUW policies. CP notes that this issue has arisen with some ASUW members of committees (not following the policies of ASUW). AN suggests an oath or covenant to be implemented for members.

MM moves to approve Ashley Corrie and Daniel Novak for appointment to STF committee. TN seconds. Unanimous approval.

5 Staffing & Hiring (for discussion)

AN says all positions close today. CG ABSENT TODAY. MM NOTES "TONS OF APPLICANTS" FOR publications assistant. Not enough applicants for policy assistant. TN suggests tabling discussion. Will be on agenda next week.

6 Higher Ed Summit

AN says coming together nicely. AN summarizes agenda. Most are positive. AN says adjustments will be made. AN says we have people from each of panels. Ethelda Burke, Courtney Acitelli confirmed. Jerry Baldasty confirmed. WSU President Elson Floyd says yes. AN says it's good because it forces presidents to be public with agenda. AN says he told regents that Young was invited. AN made pitch to confirm. Regents invited. DOUG WADDEN CAN COME. BOB BINGOSHERRY CAN'T COME. MICROSOFT REP TO BE INVITED. MM asks about student participation. Is Q&A enough. AN says we can have time at end. MM says we got to get our message out. AN says there is an ability to challenge views of those presenting. Venue mitigates power structure.

MG wants UW to explain what they are doing. MM wants someone from the UW to speak about the problems. MG suggests a dean as panelist. CP agrees that is a good idea.

CP suggests Dean of Arts and Sciences Ana Mari Cauce. If that fails, Dean of College of Environment. We need video clips of students. Discussion of how to promote event, get media. AN explains we have reached out to Seattle Times. CP suggests having TVW attended.

7 Larry Seaquist – Chautauqua

AS attended second Chautauqua at Central Washington University today. Discusses panelists and presenters. Next events are October 12th and 13th in Seattle. Emphasis on undergrads and community colleges. Big push on community colleges. Presidents from community colleges attended. 35 people attended. No students. Emphasis on industry. No WSA representatives attended.

8 Provost Hiring Committee

AN notes it's an advisory committee to president to make the hire. AN is on committee with ASUW president. AN wants to be sure outreach goes to all stakeholders. Will be community input meetings through Oct. 12. One meeting only targets grad students. Should there be another one? Who should be asked to come? AS says make one effective. Discussion re cONCERN NO ONE KNOWS WHAT A PROVOST IS OR DOES OR WHAT TH looking for. CP and TN say Oct. 5 meeting will be too heavy with appointments, constitutional issues. There will be 3 other open meetings for people to give their input.

9 Student Code of Conduct

Andrew Van Winkle (GPSS appointee to Student Code of Conduct Committee) guest invited to speak. AN introduces AVW, who has been at all meetings last year. AN asks for background.

AVW: STUDENT OVERHAULING STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT. IT'S CODIFIED, AND IT HAS FO LAW. IT'S AN ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION THAT WE ARE SUBJECT TO AS STUDENTS. students on and off campus. You could be prosecuted under criminal law and be PROSECUTED UNDER CODE OF CONDUCT. IF YOU'RE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF CODE OF CON to an adjudicative body. STUDENTS CAN SAY I SCREWED UP OR DIDN'T THEN GOES intermediary body of students and administrators; you are found guilty or not guilty. HEARINGS DON'T HAVE SAME EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS AS COURT OF LAW. YOU CAN BE KI of the UNIVERSITY. IF YOU DON'T LIKE FACULTY APPEAL BOARD HEARING, YOU CAN ALL TH superior court and state supreme court, but never gets beyond superior court.

Code of conduct created in 1972. In 2007, anti hazing provisions north of 45th added. Now, whole scale revision taking place. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WON'T BE REVISI another two DECADES. IT'S SOMETHING STUDENTS NEED TO COME OUT WITH A STRONG VOI Revision committee is drafting new code.

AVW describes his role on committee. Now there are faculty representatives. Explains change to code is an initiative of StUDENT LIFE, AND THEY WEREN'T FORTHCOMING WITH THE activities. Timeline to get new code was spring 2011, but pushed to spring 2012 for "NOTICE AND COMMENT," WHERE PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INCORPORATED. THERE IS A WF subcommittee that writes drafts.

Two big issues: 1) Burden of proof. 2) Off campus jurisdiction. University is proposing evidence to be found guilty is bare preponderance, or 50+1 "I THINK YOU'RE GUILTY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH," AVW ~~SAYS~~ and convincing evidence is 67%.

MM asks for clarification re what standard is, and now it's burden of proof. AVW wants clear and convincing evidence standard.

New code is that the new code would allow accuser to appeal an acquittal.

AN says pushing for clear and convincing standard would lead to a fight. AVW says an all -student code of conduct committee, all appointees, is not going to be beneficial to GRADUATE STUDENTS. (THIS WILL NEED TO BE CHECKED. WASN'T SURE OF NAME). What happens in university adjudicatory processes can be included in criminal trials and could be evidence in a criminal trials. Suggestion by AVW is to prevent off-campus jurisdiction by UW. Suggests UW is not equipped to deal with off-campus activities.

AN AND TN SAYS IT MIGHT BE A BIG ISSUE THIS YEAR. MM SUGGESTS ~~IT IS A PROBLEMA~~ AVW SAYS UNIVERSITY ISN'T REQUIRED TO ISSUE NEW RULES, BUT SUGGEST NEW RULES D well already (cybercrime, harassment, sexual harassment on campus). MM suggests SUMMARY IN LAYMAN'S TERMS FOR AVW. MM HOW CAN WE MAKE ASUW MORE AWARE. AV WILL TALK TO EVAN OF ASUW. AS SAYS IT'S A BIG ISSUE REQUIRING GPSS INVOLVEMENT.

AVW asks for support. HIS LETTER IS NOW A DRAFT FOR AILEEN HUANG, ESQ, WHO IS THE UV Assistant Attorney General. Draft letter is now a public document. AN moves to table discussion, other senators will be contacted, and ASUW will be engaged. Time for letter to be sent is not clear. AVW wants an official policy statement from GPSS or something WRITTEN IN SUPPORT. CP SAYS "AREAS OF CONCERN" CAN BE ACTED ON AS A COMMITTEE, resolution.

10 Officer Reports

a. Vice President

Working on getting letters to federal delegation (Sens. Murry and Cantwell and Rep. McDermott). Working on invitation to Murray to Summit. Did orientations. Introducing himself to state and federal committees of higher ed. Wants to make sure committee application web site updates.

b. Treasurer

Not present.

c. Secretary

Not for Tourist Guides. Sold 333 for \$1122. Need to give a lot away. Orientations done (3). 42 orientations scheduled, 1,000 people reached. Making plugs for senators. Sent out flyers re GPSS. Web site being worked on. Wants a communications plan. Training available by Lincoln or Rene for open records/meetings. Losing 2 executives senators.

d. ASUW
Not present.

e. President

AN summarizes graduate program reviews activities. Meeting with James Antony at Graduate School. Trying to create better way to do reviews, make them better for reviewers and grad school. Says not enough time and resources available for them. Plan for review is to have: summary, survey, meeting with reviewers and students, and then summary of that. Senators need to be involved and that needs to be sold at first in Senate meeting.

ISSUE OF STUDENT RESIDENCY, NON RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER. IT'S STILL OPEN TO STUD incoming this year. Students are grandfathered in. Anyone in now is grandfathered in.

Student parent task force will become enacted soon in charge letter. Provost advisory committee elects CP to it. Funding requests received from 3 offices. Less from Provost. Full from President. Not heard from Graduate School.

Discussion of UPass issue.

11 Adjourn

MG motions. CP seconds. Adjourn 6:40.

GPSS Executive Committee Minutes – 9/28/11

Members Present:

Aaron Naumann (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)
Jenna Armstrong (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)

Others Present:

Rudy Owens (Chief of Staff and minutes taker)
Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

1 Call to Order

Aaron called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Adam moves to approve 9/21/2011 agenda. Colin seconds. Unanimous approval.

3 Approval of the Minutes from 9/21/11

DISCUSSION OF MINUTES AND SEEKING OF CLARIFICATION OF MINUTES SUMMARY OF ANDREW VAN WINKLE'S presentation and discussion of it. CHANGE SENTENCE TO SAY "some members of the Executive Committee felt that a university disciplinary committee consisting solely of student appointees would not be beneficial to graduate students." Tim Thomas name was also corrected in minutes.

In section E, strike language regarding discussion of non-resident tuition. Minor language change to paragraph change regarding Charles Plummer section E.

Trond moves to accept minutes. Colin seconds. Approved unanimously.

4a Student Technology Fee Committee Appointments

Adam: BILL WINN CAN'T SIT ON committee. Tim Thomas was recommended. Charles said Tim had best knowledge of student tech fee.

Melanie moves to approve. Colin seconds. Unanimously passes.

4b Senate Caucus Proposal

Charles notes that last year some Senators felt the issues passed them by. The idea to do something similar to ASUW'S SENATE COMMITTEES So senators can come together in smaller groups to have discussions. This is where the caucus idea came from.

Melanie says caucuses could meet every Senate meeting and do most of caucusing before a vote on a big issue. They could meet earlier for people to talk about issues in their programs. Melanie says it fosters community during senate meetings. Melanie summarizes how to create caucuses. She talks about organizing Senators based on similar academic programs, or have people self-select. Adam SAYS WEDON'T want to have groups of friends sit together. Would like cross-departmental communication.

Colin talks about caucuses in Canadian Federation of Students. There were interest group caucuses, like First Nations. The best way to do something is try something, then regroup at end of quarter. Evan says the spirit of caucuses is to join a group and align. Trond says we should STARTSOMEWHERE DON'THAVESELF selection up front. DOESN'TTHINKBY DEPARTMENTISSNITE the right way. Aaron talks of issues of factionalism, which may not be bad, and logistics of moving people around in Condon 109. Colin says shuffle name cards and putting them randomly.

Adam says engaging senators in conversation can foster communication. Having people talk will foster community. Rene asks for clarification – having caucus meetings in meetings? Yes. Trond says ASUW committees work because they focus on issues and works well. IF WEDON'THAVEANYTHINGFORSENATORS TO DO, THEY'LL TALKSIBERma says grad students could form their own groups. Evan describes ASUW model - FOCUS ON ISSUES. LETS THEM CHOOSE THEIR OWN INTEREST SUGGESTS DISCUSSIONS IN CHIA proposal is getting at this. Aaron says give them a topic, like Provost characteristics. Melanie says with hot topics most useful.

Aaron sees this as generating discussion and fostering community. Suggests it could be used later and better for hot topics. Trond says that as this matures, there should be mechanism for putting an item to the caucus. Discussion if that requires bylaw change. Disagreement by group. Aaron says playing field must be level as possible. Charles says issue of people who talk will still tALK CAUCUSES ALLOWS THOSE WHODON'T want to talk in a large group to talk.

Trond says have executive committee help pull groups together. Many ideas how to organize groups. Long discussion.

Melanie says we want to do a Provost search discussion with small groups, randomly selected. For future Senate meetings, caucuses could be for hot topics or spur of moment. Agreement to form small groups for Provost discussion in first Senate meeting, decide later on future meetings.

4c Senate Meeting Agenda, October 5th

Discussion of arranging the Senate agenda. Discussion of what the orientation should be (who is it, what we do, who officers are, etc.) Meeting should be under 2 hours. Agenda:

Call to Order

Orientation

Intro to GPSS and Officers, roles responsibilities, and committees (7 minutes)

Parlie PRO"CAKE(light on structure) (10 minutes)

Agenda (1 minute)

Minutes (1 minute)

Provost

Intro (5 minutes)

Random caucus selection (15 minutes)

Report back/Q&A, general discussion (15 minutes)

Committee Appointments (45 minutes)

Exec

Judicial (nominations from floor)

F&B (set by Colin)

Graduate Program Review (Rudy and Aaron)

Legislative (Adam and Aaron)

DRAC (Melanie)

Travel grants (Adam, Colin sets)

ASUW reps (2)

(List of committees to be printed up before senate meeting)

Announcements, adjourn, social in the room

Trond moves to accept agenda. Megan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

4d U-PASS Update

Melanie summarizes the advisory board. Oversees future increases and potential exemptions. Advisory board members not set. ASUW has 6 seats and GPSS has 3 seats. Aaron says advisory board needs to be set up fast. Board has discussed the idea of exemptions. Aaron says the argument is that U-PASS contributes to the University and thus all students. Charles asks if the board has the power to give exemptions. ASUW and GPSS will look at MOU and will go back to Advisory Board to hammer out details.

4e Academic Reviews, Catalyst Survey

The Executive Committee members reviewed the questionnaire, discussed validity of design, and made recommendations to change the survey.

5a Higher Ed Summit Update

Aaron: President Young has declined the invitation to speak at the Higher Education Summit. President Floyd of WSU has agreed to speak. PRESIDENTS OFFICES SAID THEY CAN PUT A DESIGNEE IN THE PRESIDENTS PLACE FOR THE PANEL AT THE SUMMIT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEET OUR OBJECTIVES. MAY BE ENSURE PRESI Panel; maybe Young would agree to a 20-minute close speaking slot WE'VE ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT GETTING A video statement from Young. Not getting a lot of response from legislators about attending the Summit.

Melanie: We could give more time to the student perspective. Adam: We need big names to draw audience members. Rene: AARON SHOULD TALK TO YOUNG AGAIN AND ASK HIM IF HE'D BE WILLING TO SPEAK WITH a different format. Perhaps ask Eric Godfrey if he could help. Rene: CHANGE FLOYD'S FORMAT TO THE SAME AS YOUNG'S. NEW mat: have keynote speaker (President) on a particular topic, then have a panel speak afterwards on the same topic. Aaron: WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE PRESIDENTS OFFICE

5b Student Code of Conduct Revision Committee

Aaron: entertained a motion to table this item.

Evan: So moved. Adam: seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

6 Officer Reports

a. Vice President

Adam: Hiring staff soon; interviews this Friday. Will get going on committee appointments; will need help on this. Faculty councils are a priority along with the four big committees. Has been attending Chatauquas. Tomorrow is the HEC board meeting; Adam will either attend or watch on TV.

b. Treasurer

Colin: Travel Grant application is now online and operational. Tech refresh is mostly done; all staff and officers have computers and software. Got Microsoft Office for free. Interviews for his staff next week. Well on the way with Fall Social; got good deals with Safeway, got better quality wine.

c. Secretary

Melanie: Recruiting Senators; asked GPAs to register their Senators. Updating the Senate roster. Orientations done. Website is still in process, need to follow up with Creative Communications. Will work on parliamentary procedure tips for Senate meeting next week.

d. ASUW

Evan: Dawg Daze has been successful. Dealing with UPASS. Working for ballot dropbox on campus. Next BOD meeting Thursday.

e. President

Aaron: Still working on Sodexo issue. Provost search committee is moving forward; will start holding more campus forums to solicit information. Have heard back from 4 UW offices that they will fund us \$18,000 for events this year.

7 Announcements

8 Adjourn

Adam: move to adjourn. Colin: seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/12/2011

Members Present:

Aaron Naumann (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)

Others Present:

Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor

1. Call to Order

- **Aaron** calls to order at 6:07pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Moved by **Evan**, seconded by **Trond**
- All in favor, motion passes

3. Approval of the Minutes from 9/28/11

- **Trond** moves to strike all of 4e and replace with: “The Executive Committee members reviewed the questionnaire, discussed validity of design, and made recommendations to change the survey.”
- **Melanie** seconds.
- Adam moves to approve the minutes as amended
- Seconded by **Megan**.
- All in favor, motion passes

4a. Introductions from new members

- Amy Winter, Dentistry
- Mateo Banegas, Public Health – Health Services
- Aaron briefly explains the role of executive committee to Amy and Mateo with more relaxed parliamentary procedure.

4b. GPSS Committee Appointments

- Finance and Budget
 - Colin recommends to approve all of the students who volunteered, which is less than the number of available spots.
 1. **Catherine Mangum, JSIS-REECAS**
 2. **Karl Starns, JSIS REECAS**
 3. **Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering**

- 4. Ted Chen, Bioengineering**
- 5. Kiran Alluru, Aeronautics and Astronautics**
- 6. Keolu Fox, Genome Sciences**
- 7. Kristen Hosey, Nursing**

- Melanie moves to approve the 7 members to the Finance and Budget committee
- Colin seconds
- All in favor, motion passes.

- State Legislative Steering/ Federal Legislative Steering
 - Adam says that only two people specifically requested being on the Federal Committee, he recommends approving them:
 1. Bonnie Lau, Speech and Hearing Sciences
 2. Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering
 - Adam also recommends approval of the following Senators for the State Legislative Steering Committee:
 1. Amber Trout, Built Environments
 2. Skylar Olsen, Economics
 3. Cara Bilodeau, Social Work
 4. Russ Hugo, Linguistics
 5. Sarah Crumb, Public Health Genetics
 6. Sam Jessup, Statistics
 - Melanie moves to approve the 6 Senators mentioned by Adam to the State Legislative Steering Committee and to approve the 2 Senators mentioned by Adam for the Federal Legislative Steering Committee
 - Mateo seconds
 - All in favor, motion passes.

- Graduate Program Review
 - Aaron has a list of 10 students who want to be on the committee.
 1. Jennifer Griffith, Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences
 2. Sanjay Hari, Chemistry
 3. Amy Mehrton, Jackson School- Middle East Studies
 4. Daniel Cortez, iSchool - MSIM
 5. Runze Yu, Civil and Environmental Engineering
 6. Adrienne Sussman, Psychology
 7. Abbas Hooshmand, Civil and Environmental Engineering
 8. Alina Schimpf, Chemistry
 9. Jessica Lozano, Anthropology
 10. Ginger Farrell, French and Italian
 - Trond moves to approve the names
 - Melanie seconds.
 - All in favor, motion passes.

- Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee (DRAC)

- Melanie recommends picking persons interested both in disputes and in defining a vision for this committee.
 - Melanie moves to approve the following names for the DRAC committee:
 1. Chris Lizotte, Geography
 2. Heidi Berge, Jackson School-South Asian Studies
 3. Ginger Farrell, French and Italian
 4. Brigit Stadler, Jackson School – Korea Studies
 5. Trond Nilsen, Industrial Engineering
 - Mateo seconds
 - Trond abstains
 - All in favor, motion passes.
- ASUW liaisons
 - Melanie moves to approve Ted Chen (Bioengineering) and Kiran Alluru (Aeronautics and Astronautics) as liaisons to the ASUW Senate.
 - Evan wholeheartedly seconds.
 - All in favor, motion passes.

4c. Ideas for Senator Involvement (Melanie)

- Melanie introduces a few ideas about how to involve GPSS Senators and build on the enthusiasm they showed in the first meeting:
 - GPSS Open House- a short introduction for new senators. Also a chance for senators to bring their ideas
 - Open Forum: a half hour before the start of senate meetings, so senators can speak to officers and executive committee members
- Colin proposes to build in a question section into the Senate meetings.
- Megan suggests changing the announcement section to announcements/questions/proposals/suggestions
- Adam says the small group discussion in the first senate meeting was successful in that the group were random and therefore cliques were not formed.
- Melanie: what should the format of the open forum be? Are we all in one big group the whole time?
- Trond seems to think that the forum can be more experimental, or have it change over time.
- Aaron suggests having the forums be more organic and free form.
- Colin suggests having topics emailed as potential discussion topics during the forum
- Adam suggests having comment cards passed out during senate meetings.
- Trond and others like this idea
- Melanie brings back up idea of Open House: the date will be Friday October 21, 2011. Melanie will send an email to senators.
- Trond makes suggestion of lunch Friday forums between officers-senators

4d. Senate Voting Process (Mateo)

- Would like to brainstorm a way to document how senators are voting and representing constituents
- Rene: clickers for voting: good to document, but do you want it to be public or not. Renee warns that the technology will take longer to set up, it will actually slow the process down.
- Trond likes the piece about going out and polling constituents on their views as a practice for senators.
- Rene brings up issue of accountability and how the senators are appointed in different departments.
- Melanie suggests adding roll call votes as an information point at a senate meeting and working with Mateo about how a senator can interact with constituents
- Rene: should know this information about how senators are appointed before bringing this issue up.
- Melanie: do we want to do the survey about how the senators are appointed?
- Trond and Aaron agree to wait on this
- Rene suggests putting it off until after other major issues (legislative agenda, funding)
- Conclusion: no survey for now, encourage senator/constituent interaction, mention roll call votes

5a. Higher Education Summit Update (Aaron)

- Aaron notes that panels 2 and 3 will be rotated
- Close to getting internal UW panelists/speakers finalized
- Need ideas about how to get in with some businesses- are businesses hiring UW students? Hiring out-of-state
- No one from the state or federal legislative level
- Next week: giving guests questions and asking for data requests from guests
- Working more on logo (not just poster design) perhaps with just the wording and maybe putting in Mt. Rainier

5b. Fall Social Update (Colin)

Colin gives an update on the GPSS fall social tomorrow night.

5c. Staff Hiring Update (Colin)

All new staff is hired and there is a new staff orientation document

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice President

- Went to Seattle U and there was a big focus on STEM
- Gave plug for GPSS Higher Ed Summit

b. Treasurer

- Travel Grant system is online

- Working to get special allocation system online as well
- Worked with Rene over the summer to track GPSS spending and will work to prepare regular reports
- Fall Social
- Hired an event planner
- Will start planning Science and Policy Summit

c. Secretary

d. ASUW

e. President

- Higher Ed Summit has been dominating time
- Work on the UPASS. We now have GPSS reps appointed to UPASS advisory board. A couple of students have asked to speak at an advisory board meeting.
- Differential tuition model is under review for undergraduate schools. It seems that the winds for differential tuition have died. It is a different way as implemented by departmental fees. It does not get covered by financial aid. We need to understand fee-based programs better. The switch to fee-based programs took away 2 million dollars that stayed with the departmental. Aaron: 2 models struggling against each other. The ABB program has already started to be implemented
- Commercialization focus group tomorrow coming out of UW marketing office. A real big push to centralize the commercialization of the UW. Administration is trying to centralize the sponsorship issue. Also touched on the intellectual property rights

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn

- **Adam** motions to adjourn
- Seconded by **Megan**, all in favor, motion passes
- **Aaron** calls the meeting to close at 8:00pm

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/26/2011

Members Present:

Aaron Naumann (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Bill Dow (ASUW)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)

Others Present:

Andrew VanWinkle, GPSS Representative on Student Conduct Committee
Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor
Conor McLean, ASUW President
Ellen Taylor, Assistant Vice President for Student Life
Elizabeth Higgins, Director of Community Standards and Student Conduct

1. Call to Order

Aaron calls to order at 6:03pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Trond moves to approve the 10/26/2011 agenda. Melanie seconds. Unanimous approval.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 10/12/11

Aaron has one suggestion for revision, regarding ADAM'S CHICERREPORT. ADAM INMTE every single person at the event to the Higher Ed Summit.

New language:

“Adam engaged with legislators and asked them to attend the Higher Education Summit. They said they would be willing to rearrange their schedules in order to participate in student activities.”

Adam moves to approve the minutes, as amended. **Trond** seconds. No objections, motion passes.

4a. Student Code of Conduct

Guest speakers:

Ellen Taylor, Assistant Vice President for Student Life
Elizabeth Higgins, Director of Community Standards and Student Conduct

Andrew VanWinkle, GPSS Representative on Student Conduct Committee

Elizabeth Higgins:

Introduction on history of creation of the committee for revision of Student Code of Conduct. In 2007 there was a movement to have UW do something about the conduct of students living north of 45th street and issues with their neighbors in the area.

Medical Leave of Absence has been shelved for now. Will not be part of revised student code, law is being revised. Belongs as separate policy outside of Student Code.

Handout shows where committee is starting from (started in November 2010). Second handout shows a flowchart of the process under the current code. Commitment to revising code so that the process is navigable, making it more user-friendly. Drafting a code that is usable from beginning to end. More thorough revision.

Adam stresses that the questions from GPSS are for information gathering purposes. The areas of questions are on:

1. Jurisdiction- where does the code apply (geographically)

Andrew Van Winkle: Physical authority to extend jurisdiction off-campus. Does UW have authority to extend authority (do they have legal authority and how far does it extend? Off-campus, study abroad, at their home, etc.) Threshold issues. Anything that happens in appeals court, can go all the way up to State Supreme Court. UW wants to make sure they are right legal footing from the beginning. Two questions: Can the University? Should the university?

Ellen Taylor:

Will spend time answering the should question.

Elizabeth Higgins: What is in place already:

Under 478-120-025 Off-campus conduct:

1. Student involved in major crime, university determines that a significant university interest is affected.

Looking to criminal courts on decision of guilt on a major crime.

Victim can be anyone, and incident can happen anywhere in the world.

2. Off-campus conduct, anywhere in the world, that involves physical harm

This has happened in study abroad, around the campus, etc. This code has found students responsible of breaking student code of conduct. Everything is an allegation until student has a hearing. Concurrent jurisdiction is allowed.

3. Quality of Life: (including but not limited to noise, vandalism) Very specifically geographically limited to area north of 45th.

Adam: Was the primary concern that frats/sororities? B/C there is other large off-campus student areas

Elizabeth Higgins: Strong neighborhood association in that area, and a very mixed community in that area. Keep in mind that we have one code for Seattle, Bothell and Tacoma campuses.

Colin Goldfinch: What is a significant university interest 478-120-025 (1b)?

Elizabeth: Someone who may pose a threat to the health and safety of the university community.

Kommentar [g1]: Elizabeth asked me what I thought a significant university INTEREST WAS. I RESPONDED "WHEN AN individuals actions prevent another student FROM ENGAGING IN ACADEMIC PURSUITS". Elizabeth never answered the question.

Aaron Naumann: UW has emergency adjudication as well.

Ellen: Standard is pretty high for taking the emergency adjudication.

Colin: Who is responsible for adjudicating? Who decides?

Elizabeth: Unsure. Talking about jurisdiction in another kind of way. Refer to page 11 478-120-050. Authority is the vice-provost to decide if significant university interest has been compromised.

Melanie: Is there talk about extending jurisdiction further than where it is?

Andrew: there is general discussion of expanding it beyond its current reach.

Ellen: What has been difficult is things in the electronic realm (ie cyber-stalking) may not even be threatening, but unwanted. UW has no authority to intervene.

Elizabeth: Share what other universities are doing. Colleagues around the state are also reviewing. Reasons: 1. Off-campus 2. Procedures compliant with fed guidelines. In regards to jurisdiction, UW is exception to the rule. We have parceled code in such a way that here is what we have jurisdiction over on and off-campus. What to do about those actions that are not physical harm but are also

Adam: What are the advantages and disadvantages of the UW adjudicating those issues off-campus?

Elizabeth: Purpose of student conduct code so that students understand expectations of BEING PART OF THE UW COMMUNITY AND WHAT TO EXPECT IF THEY CAN'T MEET THOSE expectations. Ought to be around education. Also need to incorporate diverse cultures and backgrounds. Advantages: being responsive of student needs. Dis-advantages: A lot of work. The office is very small.

Colin: Defined area north of campus vs. undefined off-campus area. Non-students only GET ONE COURSE OF ACTION. STUDENTS' ACTIONS ARE BEING ADDRESSED TWICE. WHY IS IT T student has to deal with two different processes.

Trond: p6 3b

Elizabeth: Double-jeopardy. Worst thing that could happen here is that student is separated from the institution. If their behavior is so egregious that they are severed from the university. The window of opportunity to help student through process. Gives example of intervention role of the student conduct process that helped a student.

Second issue: Burden of Proof

Aaron: certain decisions being made hurt reputation/professional development.

Elizabeth: Very low standard. Student has many opportunities to appeal decision. Would take away a number of rights of appeal. Student has opportunity to redress. As that process moves up, student has higher standard, would not be an erroneous conclusion.

Adam: The ability to take away life, liberty or property?

Elizabeth explains the appeal process. Keep in mind that the dynamic is changing in the appeal process. Would like to beef up the student committees that evaluate student conduct.

Andrew: Cons to appeals:

Elizabeth: Only 2 out of 10 are appeals based on written records. Title 9: Anti-discrimination based on gender in places where federal funding is provided. We have to use preponderance of the evidence.

Andrew: That it is just an advisory letter. Saying what our obligations are.

Elizabeth: Other schools are using preponderance of evidence.

Ellen: Looking at infusing or making it a more student-involvement appeals process and changing the 1 year limit for students to sit on the appeals committee (??)

Elizabeth: Explains process of students sitting on the committee

Andrew: p20-21 Worst case scenario: potential exists under the code. Need to be aware OF HOW THE CODE OF CONDUCT PROTECTS STUDENTS' RIGHTS UNDER WHAT WOULD POTENTIALLY BE A worst case scenario.

Colin: What if a student does not have the means to a lawyer? Is there advocacy on STUDENT'S BEHALF?

Elizabeth: Thinking about hiring a 2nd or 3rd year law student to act as a student advocate. Want students to have same advantage to present information to a board.

Trond: Specific limits about severing students from property (both tangible and intangible)

Kommentar [g2]: She did respond to this but first she SAID THAT, "NO, THERE IS NO ANY ACCESS TO AN ADVOCATE"

4b. Finance and Budget Committee Appointment

Colin Goldfinch: Colin Morgan Cross, new Senator from Urban Planning, requested to be committee member.

Melanie moves appointment. **Adam** seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

4c. Bylaw Amendment Proposal

Aaron: Will be resigning from President position December 6th. Because of this, we looked in to the bylaws about what would happen in this scenario. What is the guidance for president for resigning. All officers are entrenched in the jobs they were elected for. If following current bylaws, there would be a lot of shifting around in the office. Ideally, process to fill presidency should be transparent and inclusive of greater Senate and legitimate process. There were complaints last year about transparency and inclusiveness. So, rather than have vice-president assume presidency, we should hold elections for specific officer position. Would like to open it to discussion.

Melanie: The officers proposing to amend bylaws. (See Article V Section D Clause 2 and Section G- Clause 5.)

Aaron: also allow for some overlap so as not to have a temporary appointment.

Melanie: No temporary replacement. But a replacement election. Reads potential new wording for section (see handout). Process for doing a bylaw amendment. Reads process to group.

Aaron: No precedence for this.

Melanie: Be aware of timeline. If Executive Committee agrees, email notification to Senators will go out tonight.

Rene: Are you sure that there are any other things that need to be amended.

Megan: Section B Clause 2: What if there is another situation where the vice-president NEEDS TO TAKE OVER THE PRESIDENT'S ROLE?

Trond: Concerns about time gap of temporary replacement.

Adam: Other bylaws that if you want to go for the other presidency/office position you need to resign from your position first? Concerns about waterfall effect of losing/replacing officers.

Mateo: How does this affect GPSS presence in other key committees and decisions?

Aaron: Hypothetically, open election Nov 2-30. Election on Nov 30th. Overlap between resigning officer and incoming officer.

Colin: Executive committee will still be meeting.

Kommentar [g3]: I SAID "THE executive will still be meeting on a weekly basis, so they can delegate representatives to serve on various committees and can mandate those representatives to take positions on behalf OF THE SENATE"

Trond: PROBLEMS WHERE WE CAN'T DELEGATE A REPRESENTATIVE, THAT IT HAS TO ONLY president?

Aaron: NONE THAT IS KNOWN BUT CAN ALSO ASK AGAIN. TO COLIN'S POINT TO COLLABORATIVE decision-making: Make sure Exec committee knows all the decisions GPSS is getting into, moving away from 1-2 people who have been decision makers in past.

Megan: Note to bring up Exec Committee group decision making at Senate meeting.

Bill: Idea of another executive committee member running for the office may have to be re-visited.

Melanie: How do we want people to submit statements?

Trond: Judicial committee should be writing better rules for a special replacement election.

Rene: Need judicial committee to help out. Regular election procedure with accelerated timeline.

Adam: suggests a word changing to section - a replacement election shall take place.

Amy: most important thing is to communicate clearly to the people who want to run.

Trond: RUN ELECTION AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO LAST YEARS ELECTION AND THEN WRITE elections rules.

Megan: LINE "WE WILL RECOMMEND NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR" - does this conflict?

Colin: Elections Committee shall develop election rules and packet (in by-laws), add in Executive Committee will develop replacement election and rules.

Kommentar [g4]: "THE BY-laws stipulate that, in a general election, the Elections Committee develops elections rules and an election packet. The amendment to the by-laws for replacement elections should include a provision for the Executive Senators to prepare replacement election rules and a replacement election PACKET."

Renee: Considering something for fairness

Trond: An executive senator who wants to be eligible candidate, they need to remove/resign themselves from all replacement elections related discussions.

Trond: Include - Distribute election materials at least 7 days before the election.

Troind moves that Executive Committee states its support for these bylaw amendments and recommends its passage by the Senate. **Megan** seconds. Passed unanimously.

4d. Senate Agenda, 11/2/11

Aaron and **Melanie** go over the draft agenda for the next Senate Meeting agenda. Dean Baldasty of the Graduate School will give an informational. David Parsons of UAW will also give an informational. Based on survey last year, GPSS wanted to strengthen relationship with UAW.

Aaron: Revisiting the open forum.

Troind: Regarding our efforts to include and involve Senators, can we document our work and results so that next year the officers will have some sort of report?

Proposed Senate Agenda:

Title	Sponsor	Info/Action	Time
Call to Order	Aaron Naumann	Action	5:30pm
Approval of the Agenda	Aaron Naumann	Action	5:31pm
Approval of the Minutes	Aaron Naumann	Action	5:32pm
Guest Speaker: Graduate School Dean Gerald Baldasty	Aaron Naumann	Information	5:35pm
Guest Speaker: UAW President David Parsons	Aaron Naumann	Information	5:55pm
Bylaw Amendment Proposal	Aaron Naumann	Action	6:05pm
Higher Education Summit and Legislative Update	Aaron Naumann/ Adam Sherman	Information	6:35pm
Science and Policy Summit	Colin Goldfinch	Information	6:45pm
GPSS Funding Options	Colin Goldfinch	Information	6:50pm
PhD Movie	Colin Goldfinch	Information	6:55pm
Announcements	All	Information	7:00pm
Adjourn	Aaron Naumann	Action	7:03pm

Adam moves approval of the Senate agenda. **Colin** seconds. Agenda passed unanimously.

5a. Higher Education Summit Update

Aaron: Derek Kilmer will give for closing remarks. And last week we got Rep. Reuven Carlyle to be on the first panel. These are very strong additions. Doug Wadden was very flexible and will be a panelist with Elson Floyd and Kelley Testy. These speakers will give a broad range of perspectives.

We also the TVW out of Tacoma will be there as well as perhaps Seattle times but we need to firm that up. Still working on getting KUOW.

We need to get the word out to grad students and get faculty buy-in.

Rene: Raise concern about room capacity and how to arrange or prepare if this were to happen.

Aaron talks about potential future for the Higher Ed Summit and future directions to go with it. For example, taking it down to Olympia. But looking at the role of the Higher Ed Summit in the future. Rudy and Aaron will be writing a wrap-up post for the Seattle Times on the summit.

Trond asks about available staff and how early to start for next year. If present officers are exceeding their hours, do we need to hire additional staff.

5b. Universal U-PASS Update

Melanie: Gives Universal U-PASS summary, how it was decided last year, and the creation of the U-PASS Advisory Board. Give an update as what has been happening in the past couple of months. This could have been the biggest thing that GPSS did last year, enacting a mandatory fee on students. This needs to continue to be an item and GPSS senators need to own it. Some complaints have come in, specifically from online students from the iSchool and extended MSW students who only come to campus once PER MONTH IF IT'S A POLICY ISSUE. Student reps on the Advisory Board create templates for Transportation Services staff about how to answer emails. There is also a public comment period at the advisory board meeting. Still working out details about how to handle public comment period. Other types of complaints: those that get a discount through work.

Advisory board has drafted a values statement about the Universal U-PASS. The universal fee benefits all students and strengthens the university as a whole. Wants to engage more with Senators from departments that seem to have a high volume of complaints (ie the iSchool and Masters Social Work). Melanie is going to reach out to these senators to hear their perspective and present the Advisory Board/ GPSS position.

Trond: Branding issues- comprehensive transportation policy, not just a bus pass. Seems like a framing issue.

Aaron: Faculty is facing same issue.

Adam: Can we amend to change the name to Community Transportation Fee, and frames it in the light of what it actually is?

Rene says that GPSS does have the ability to rename their own.

Melanie: Need to do more outreach to students, websites and media. We also need to give an update to the Senate, but maybe not until January.

Aaron: Would be good to have some ridership data before we update Senate.

Trond: Should also have information on the negatives if the UPASS was not in place, what would it do.

Melanie: Advisory is looking into information about online students.

6. Officer Updates

a. Vice President

Adam appointed everyone to his committees.

b. Treasurer

a. PHD comics movie on November 17th

b. Staff orientation (?)

c. Secretary

d. ASUW

e. President:

a. Board of Regents meeting last week. Qualities and characteristics in new provost, loss of faculty affecting time to completion, etc. Balance between paying more tuition, but with faculty retention an issue, are students getting the quality education for the tuition price. Also would like to focus on student-faculty relationship.

b. Sending out an email to the Senate about the resignation to provide context for why bylaw changes are coming up.

i. Trond: Point is to get change going as fast as possible.

Kommentar [g5]: "A NEW STAFF Orientation packet was created to help new HRES GET ACCLIMATED TO THEIR POSITIONS"

7. Announcements

Trond: UAW and TA/RA pay rates. Discusses UW rules at present on TA/RA pay rates. Work with UAW to get clear and same policy across the board. The union would like to pursue this further and would like to work with GPSS on this in some way.

Longstanding issue of the union wants to treat RA position as job that. Union wants to get role of student/employee cleared. If treated as students university have more leeway in deciding pay rate (?)

Rene: How many people do you think this affects?

Trond: Not sure how many caught up in getting paid the lower rate.

8. Adjourn

Melanie moves to adjourn. **Amy** seconds. Unanimous agreement Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)

Others Present:

Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)
Jonathan Winn (ASUW Director of Diversity)

1. Call to Order

Aaron calls meeting to order at 6:09pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Melanie moves to approve 11/09/11 agenda. Trond seconds. Unanimous approval.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 10/26/11

Trond moves to approve the 10/26/11 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Melanie seconds. All approve.

4a. Diversity Requirement Proposal

[The diversity requirement proposal was provided via hard copy in the Exec binders.]

Jonathan Winn:

This proposal came from UW organizations, pushing for diversity requirement in undergraduate education. Asking for 2 diversity courses each 2-5 credits to graduate at the undergraduate level at UW. This would take effect for 2017 graduating class. A diversity requirement course would provide students with understanding of human diversity- such as age, race, etc.

Mateo: what is an alternative diversity learning experience?

Jonathan: study abroad, seminars

Trond: How do you envision appeals for advising process?

Jonathan: We envision something similar to the current process.

Adam: What is the institutional capacity to take on extra students in these classes?

Jonathan: Working with institution to check to make sure there is enough room in these classes.

Adam: Are you looking for general support from GPSS?

Jonathan: During fall quarter we want to gain student support. Next week going through first readings in ASUW Student Senate. After that come to GPSS and have GPSS back it, and then we will go to Tacoma and Bothell campuses to get their approval. Usually if it goes to the Faculty senate, that is where it gets shot down. If only 5% of faculty say no, THEN IT'S OVER.

Renee: The 5% vote is in their codes

Jonathan: Goal is to get student support. Will go to faculty senate spring quarter.

Evan: Goes to the voting faculty (made up of full-time faculty, tenured faculty), the vote goes out in email. Tough part is majority of faculty is from UW Medicine.

Aaron: Last time this failed was in late 1990s?

Evan: Always failed by voting faculty. A major problem in that these faculty members are in their labs, not aware of campus issues.

Renee: Provides historical context: affirmative action data collection is illegal. This is a diff approach and a diff time.

Melanie: Are there any cons to the proposal?

Jon: WHAT I'VE HEARD, USUALLY COME FROM engineering students, THAT IT'S TOO MANY requirements. People also ask if there will be enough seats.

Evan: Another argument against it is that the university is saying that the most important thing the university should be passing on from curriculum is diversity, as opposed to something else, like a tech requirement or a sustainability requirement.

Megan: Are you in conversation with administration as to what counts for diversity in each program?

Jonathan: We looked at the current diversity minor and used that definition.

Megan: Requiring 2 classes that are 2-5 credits each, do you think that is too vague?

Jonathan: Goal is not to take total credits, but to take 2 classes, whatever number of credit they are.

Colin: Since 90's, internet is more advanced, you can put an informational website along in the email to faculty. To address medical and engineering schools.

Mel: Do other universities have diversity requirement?

Evan: Only public university in WA state that does not have diversity requirement is UW. University of Utah has one, implemented under Michael K. Young. Georgia, Berkeley and Utah allow for students to appeal if they take courses in a community college. We took that from these universities.

Jonathan: This is the first time every ASUW Board member has co-sponsored the Resolution. Would really like GPSS support and want any other ideas once this gets through ASUW senate.

Adam: Use of the word class: is that referring to socio-economic? Maybe switching word use to socio-economic background.

Evan: Faculty wonder is this true multicultural education or is there a political agenda at play.

Adam: The more you can frame this as having diversity be integrated with the curriculum you already have. So that it is integrated into what they are interested in.

Colin: Is there a way to make a low cost infrastructure to help? Maybe GO-MAP a good organization to link grad students to helping students find a project.

Rene: Show that some of these goals are also goals of the university and highlight that.

Trond: Would help to get graduate students to make personal contact with faculty before they get the email and vote on this.

Mel: If we want to put this to a vote in the GPSS Senate, then it would have to be January. We could make a quick announcement in the Nov 30 meeting.

Evan: Want it passed by end of quarter so that they have it for early winter quarter.

4b. Legislative Update and Student Engagement

Adam:

Special legislative session starts on Nov 28. Revenue forecast came in, shortfall of \$1.4-\$1.6 billion dollars, but in effect they are looking to cut 2 billion dollars. This is a revision from the earlier cuts.

What that means for higher ed, looking at \$166 million on the chopping block (statewide). UW cut would be \$82 million. In the last 3 years, UW funding cut in half, after this, it will be 2/3 or more. At risk are: State need grants, Work-study.

These are some of the bigger ones that we need to be on the defense of this year

Andrew Lewis from ASUW developed a 3 point plan for revenue:

1. close R&D tax break for companies with more than 250 employees. This revenue would be dedicated to higher ed.
2. create community and technical college districts- serve as strong pipelines into the university, this would increase capacity for local community colleges to take on extra students to get 2 yrs general undergrad education to transfer to UW
3. liberalizing the endowments of the universities

There is lots of contention on each one of these bullet points.

Was just in Olympia. Rep Larry Seaquist likes the idea of liberalizing endowments- leverage tuition to take on riskier investments with higher yields. But what would happen if they take on investments that go bad, how does that affect students. Right now we are on government bonds which have a pretty low return.

State and legislative steering committees meeting and focusing on special session and then the regular session. Policy bill will be dealt with in the regular session.

Will be reaching out to student leadership to set up town hall meetings with students, faculty and administration. Administrators will know what the cuts will look like for larger university, faculty- what cuts will look like in classroom, students- what cuts mean to their projects

Trond: How much is left in discretionary budget?

Adam: \$8.7 billion

Evan: Legislators ask: SHOULD I FUND CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OR FUND HIGHER ED?

Adam: working to get to legislators to not even ask either/or questions. Larry Seaquist will be pushing a sales tax increase. We need to diversify our revenue streams.

Melanie: Are we working with other groups that are pushing for revenue?

Aaron: Tax levy for colleges- Rep Bob Hasegawa thing. Another thing on table is the creation of a state bank that could save us a lot of money. Find a way to deliver low-cost loans. North Dakota is the only other one who has this.

Evan: Not something that ASUW or GPSS can do on their own but partner with other big companies. Not just admin we need to convince but the voting public.

Mel: Who do we ally with- big business or progressives?

What is our internal timeline?

Adam: Legislative Agenda passing November 30

Renee: IF YOU HAVE YOUR AGENDA, YOU CAN GO ON LAST YEAR'S BUT NEEDS SOMETHING FOR SUPPORT FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

Colin:

- 1. Get something passed right away so you have something to lobby on**
- 2. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONSISTENCY IN WHAT WE ARE DEMANDING**

Adam: Have to view lobbying as a multi-year effort. Consistency is key.

Colin: gives example from Canada (yay!) unifying theme. We need a complement to our messaging. What are the longer economic impacts- Student Debt Bubble.

Aaron: Administrators said student debt was not a bubble.

Adam: Cutting \$82 million out of UW. When you cut \$82 million, you cut 1.8 billion dollars from economy now.

Colin: Do people buy that stat?

Adam: I think they don't know what it means.

Megan: Have you talked to the alumni association about cuts and what its doing to their degree?

Adam: They are aware that the value of your own degree will go down if the UW starts declining.

Aaron: Admin will stay neutral. They will not come out and say publicly that that is what is going to happen. We do need to press them on that. The question is whether they will get on board with us and say that they need revenue enhancement. This is the tipping point. Erosion of quality of education of UW is happening right now. 30-40% of faculty have an offer to teach elsewhere. Our faculty are being poached.

Adam: Talked to one faculty member at rally today. We need faculty to come down to Olympia with us. Trying to get professors to come to lobby day.

Aaron: Last year, we needed to gain greater predictability at our institution. We didn't OFFER A POLICY MECHANISM. WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL, THAT PEOPLE DON'T TAKE THE NEED FOR faculty pay increases onto the shoulders of students.

Evan: Faculty being poached by Google, Microsoft, engineering faculty may lose 20 by spring quarter, to others that can offer 30-40 pay increase.

Trond: Getting stories of businesses working with the UW that have direct economic impacts.

Mel: Nov 30 Senate meeting- small group meetings of how senators can get students engaged.

Discussion of where to focus small group discussions around- student engagement or ideas for policy. Melanie talks about idea of engaging schools that already have happy hours in their depts and then incorporating student engagement there. And coming up with themes and messages.

5a. Higher Ed Summit recap

Aaron: Cost-benefit analysis of Higher-Ed summit. In morning it was packed. Many of the high-profile university administrators attended.

Rene: I think people really wanted to be connected to GPSS.

Aaron:

Energy was really fantastic. We registered 85 people who are interested in helping with Lobby Day. Five lawmakers in the room, 3-4 reps from different legislative offices, UW president, a few deans, etc. We had a very high turnout while competing with W Day. Third panel provided us with some info that we need to figure out how to message. Gave us window into intricacies of retention that could impact support of funding of Higher Ed. Institutional messages are unified. Erosion of quality also on record. Overall, very successful. Submitted piece to Seattle Times as op-ed, but was rejected. An editorial had been put in to Times over the weekend, so there was repetition.

Higher Ed Summit needs to be broadened, need to partner with ASUW and Alumni Association, and start a lot earlier. We missed out on the business side. Partner with UW external affairs office. As we move forward, this planning needs to start in the spring before Exec Committee breaks up and officers leave. When you bring in a bunch of new people, harder to see the issues coming on the horizon compared to those that are entrenched in the issues.

Adam: Science and Policy Summit, create links between diff types of promoting.

Adam: Presentations at Science and Policy Summit, how long are they? Can we see "TED TALKS" MAKE THIS ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

5b. Universal U-PASS Advisory Board: Bylaws

Melanie:

Wanted to run these by Exec Committee. Bylaws for the Advisory Board.

Goes over how the advisory board would operate.

For 3 main powers, how many votes does it take to do that. 9 voting members. Needs 2 GPSS and 4 ASUW to recommend changes to fees.

Aaron: The bylaws mention hiring a clerk – how would that work?

Melanie: Trying to balance power of Transportation Services and the student reps. We wanted to put in some type of language that the clerk needs to be responsible to students, not just trans services.

Aaron: Article 6: can one of the student governments pull out of this?

Mel: No, there needs to be a joint withdrawal.

Renee: It has the word if to give ASUW and GPSS flexibility

Aaron: Article 6 needs to have exact language from signed copy of MOU.

Trond: Disagreement already on how to withdraw and the language.

Debate over language and ambiguity of the language on Changes to Student Universal UPASS fee

Adam: What do we want to message to others?

Mel: ASUW members are not very worried about Universal UPASS developing opposition.

Aaron: I think long term viability of this program will be in jeopardy when western dorms come online in 2015. This program needs to be campaigned for every year if you want it to stick around.

Adam: We need to be focused with our messaging.

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice President: Adam Sherman

Kiana Scott (Policy Analyst) is working on research items:

1. Exec administrative pay here at UW as percentage of tuition increases (based on ideas of whose shoulders) Everyone needs to pitch in that this is a public institution
2. Review of institutions and student conduct code
3. Forms of state support out there for graduate programs (Ohio in worse financial situation but investing more in education)

Also put out survey to grad students.

Re-look at the questions we are asking so data is compatible year to year.

Going to as many departments as possible and taking lots of meetings down in Olympia.

b. Treasurer – Colin Goldfinch

- PhD Comics Movie next Thursday
- Vora (Event Planner) currently working on GPSS trivia night for winter quarter.
- Jenn (Office Manager) is working on speed dating
- Kristen (Resource Assistant) is working on financial statements for Finance and Budget Committee, so it is ready for Senate Nov 30th meeting.
- Science and Policy Summit- fundraiser
- Budget Consultation

c. Secretary: Melanie Mayock

- Ad-hoc working group on diversity starting
- Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee - first meeting for December
 - Ombudsman will come
- Judicial committee will be meeting soon
- Ted Chen WILL BE MELANIE'S PROXY AT ASUW SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
- Jenn Tippins (Publications Assistant) is developing a Communications Plan – we will involve everyone with this.

d. ASUW: Evan Smith

Student Empowerment Banquet was successful. Incorporate Banquet with Higher Ed Summit- OGR would be interested.

ASUW Senate-

- DEBATE OVER ASUW WOULD ENDORSE "OCCUPY" MOVEMENTS AT WALL STREET AND IN Seattle.
- Course evaluation reform- online system, looking at results from law school pilot program

e. President: Aaron Naumann

Strengthen relationship with faculty

- Discussion of survey to get after the issue of quality education. Get data from students and compare with data from faculty.
 - Figuring out metrics is really hard

Strengthen relationship with graduate school

- Fee-based programs and how those shift from one to the other

Strengthen relationship with UAW

- Student debt burden and send to media outlets (papers)

There are things at fed level causing serious concern

- Senate floated a mini-bus bill to House for a \$162 million cut to NSF, which is 13% decrease.
 - Draft notes to constituents on this issue

Adam will sit in on next Board of Regents meeting as Aaron will be away. He will also be sitting in on Alumni Association meeting.

Discussions with external affairs as our relationship is not the best it could be, figure out ways to strengthen our relationship between various offices.

Exploring how to get in to every niche in this university and also to think about reaching out beyond the university in the spring.

7. Announcements

GRADUATE SCHOOL HAS ASKED US TO JOIN "ALL HANDS". WE NEED TO PROVIDE A 5 MIN presentation on what we do, without a powerpoint. This is on Nov 16th 8-11:30am.

8. Adjourn

Adam moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm

Evan seconds.

All agree.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 11/16/2011

Members Present:

Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)

Others Present:

Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor
June Yi, The Daily
Ashoat Tevosyan, Student Technology Fee Committee
Josh Hanson, Student Technology Fee Committee (call-in)

1. Call to Order

Adam calls the meeting to order at 6:04pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Evan moves approval.
Megan seconds.
None opposed.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 11/9/11

Evan moves approval.
Amy seconds.
None opposed.

4a) Student Technology Fee Committee Funding

Colin: provides context. A couple of years ago ASUW and GPSS looked at how STF was operating and proposed changes to how it was run. Yearly funding of STF needs approval from ASUW and GPSS.

Josh touches on basics and some figures. Ashoat will go through categories. Small changes, couple of bindings on issues that come up multiple times address policies on charges for consumables and ability of the committee to cut/ignore/not provide budgetary extension, recommended by auditors. Budget this year, no exact figure yet. Operates on estimates until July 1st. Numbers at UW not a huge difference. This year, we have benefit of biennium roll-over. Can be allocated at any time now. \$950,000 dollars. Will have about \$5.1-5.2 million to spend on proposals. This is a fast track option for proposals that need funding immediately. Money that comes in as revenue can

be spent as of July 1st (2012). Will open proposals after approval from ASUW/GPSS. Will close calling for proposals second week in January. Requiring staff or faculty to be only ones allowed to spearhead proposals.

Questions about proposal process.

Evan: Do you have an estimate of what you would like to see spent this year?

Josh: As much as needed to fund every project that needs funding. It is money to spend, not to hold on to.

Evan: how long have rollover funds been accruing?

Josh: Most/all budgets are on biennium process. Once bienium closes it goes back to budget.

Colin: There is a key change in proposal authors: regarding staff and faculty. Understand logic behind it. Last year there were a couple of proposals ie, Anthropology, that came from students. To what extent would it effects groups like that, or The Daily, which applied for new photo lens last year.

Josh: For student GROUPS, THEY CAN MAKE EXCEPTIONS. IT'S MORE ABOUT MAKING SURE THERE is someone responsible. A student who graduates leaves no accountability for what their proposal is. Anthropology example: STILL REQUIRES FACULTY TO SPEARHEAD PROPOSAL, WE DON'T care who implements it. The proposal author will be there as opposed to students who are only around for 1-3 years.

Ashoat: iterates the point of making sure there is accountability for project proposals.

Evan: Is the new addition driven out of previous experience or just a safety measure?

Josh: Just a way to tidy up policy. At end of day, department it is the one responsible.

Evan: just trying to think of some student groups that may not be affiliated with faculty or staff.

Josh: WE DON'T BAR STUDENT groups but will have to look into it as the proposals need a DEAN'S SIGNATURE.

Ashoat: we would like to see someone employed by university as primary contact WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT REQUIRING A DEAN'S SIGNATURE WOULD NOT discourage student groups from applying.

Trond: this may discourage groups from applying.

Adam: The issue is helping people find that person if they already do not have someone attached. This may be a good way for groups that are removed from RSO or institution to be brought back in.

Ashoat: Student organizations should be aware of the rule. As for us being responsible for connecting proposal authors to staff or faculty, I think that is outside the scope of STF. ONLY IN CONTEXT WHERE THEY CAN'T FIND ANYONE ~~SHOULD CONTACT~~ ~~US~~.

Trond: What about including some language that says students are not automatically excluded, but here are some possible areas that you can go explore to find staff or faculty.

Megan: IT'S MORE of a co-sign option if the proposal author is a student.

Colin: WE'RE not proposing anything substantially different, just adding a bit of language to make it easier for students without a sponsor to not feel left out of the process.

Ashoat: as specifics, referencing Student Activity Office, and rephrasing of co-opting.

Colin: For departmental applications, authors need to have a co-signer.

Josh: Can have concurrent contact, recommend having that as the student.

Adam: CAN WE JUST SAY THAT "THE AUTHOR NEEDS TO IDENTIFY A FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER SERVE AS A PRIMARY CONTACT"

Rene: Student organizations with department sponsors

Evan: raising barriers to access to application for any group that is legitimate within UW.

Ashoat: not barring RSO, but barring RSOs on their own.

Trond: How ABOUT WORDING SUCH AS: "WILL IDENTIFY STAFF, FACULTY MEMBER OR OTHER PERMANENT OFFICE HOLDER WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY" CURRENT LANGUAGE ~~IS A STUDENT~~ ~~WHO~~ ~~HELP~~ ~~WRITE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~PROPOSAL~~ ~~BUT~~ ~~THEY~~ ~~ARE~~ ~~NOT~~ ~~THE~~ ~~PRIMARY~~ ~~AUTHOR~~.

Ashoat: changes you want are:

1. reference to Student Activities Office
2. Author will identify university faculty or staff as sponsor
3. Be clear with responsibilities of sponsor

Trond: this is STUDENT'S TECH FEE. IF STUDENTS CAN'T ~~DO~~ ~~IT~~ ~~THEY~~ ~~DO~~ ~~IT~~ ~~THEY~~ ~~LOSE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~TECH~~ ~~FEE~~.

Ashoat: most apps are depts. that are submitting on behalf of students.

Trond: wording on the RFP as it is - not meeting the mission of STF.

DISCUSSION OF THE MEANING OF THE WORD 'SPONSOR' VERSUS 'PRIMARY CONTACT'

Ashoat: we want to make it clear that the person taking care of the proposal is the faculty or staff member.

Adam: This is a key feature: Information about the responsibilities of the primary contact.

Rene agrees with the importance of placing students first. They can apply but must partner with sponsor/primary contact. The wording as it is now leads with staff.

Colin recaps on two issues being discussed with Ashoat. Two Objectives:

- 1. Placing students first through a bit of language tweaking.**
- 2. Faculty/staff as de facto who comes to present to the committee**

Ashoat: There is space for student involvement, but for the primary contact, we want to see someone in the primary role of driving this proposal forward and played a part in committing to this.

Melanie: The role of the primary contact is to keep consistency, whereas students are always changing.

Summary of Changes:

- 1. Include a reference to the Student Activities Office (SAO)**
- 2. On page 8 under IV. Eligibility: Remove the first two sentences. (The primary and CONCURRENT CONTACT LANGUAGE CHANGE TO The author will identify permanent staff or faculty as primary contact."**
- 3. Make reference to section with the responsibilities of the primary contact.**

Responsibilities of primary contact include:

- Proposal executed as described for at least 3 years**
- File annual report**
- Dealing with non-compliance**

Trond raises the issue of a deeper philosophical problem with the direction that STF Committee is taking to the application approach.

Colin: Moving forward, we need to have the STF Committee look AT THE "S" (STUDENTS) IN STF.

Colin moved to approve the STF funding proposal, with the three changes.

Mateo seconded.

Voting yes: Mateo, Evan, Melanie, Colin, Amy, Adam.

Abstentions: Trond, Megan

Motion carries, 6-0-2.

4b) Senate Meeting Agenda: 11/30

Adam and the Executive Committee discuss agenda items for Senate meeting on Nov. 30.

Melanie: Student Engagement: How to break up students?

Adam: putting professional schools together as their issues are different from grad school students.

The agenda for the November 30th Senate meeting is:

- **Call to Order (1)**
- **Approval of the Agenda (1)**
- **Approval of the Minutes (5)**
- **Special Election (45)**
- **Legislative Agenda (20)**
- **Student Engagement (30)**
- **Financial Update (10)**
- **Announcements/Election Results (5)**
- **Adjourn (1)**

Evan moves approval of the Senate agenda.

Trond seconds.

None opposed.

4c) Legislative Agenda

Adam gives an update on the legislative agenda. Met with federal and state legislative steering committees. Will be adjusting LAST YEAR'S AGENDA based upon current environment. Last year the idea of revenue was third rail of politics, now it might be pushed through as a referendum. Still going off things that were priorities in the past such as immigration, student indebtedness and taxation, and federal research funding for graduate education.

TROND: IN PAST YEARS WHEN WE'VE TALKED ABOUT FEDERAL ISSUES, DO WE HAVE A POSITION ON publishing?

Adam: balance between consistency in message, and also updating message to reflect current ideas/situations.

Trond: NAGPS has a great position statement on this. Would like federal committee to look at adopted language of NAGPS. Issue on public domain and public publishing.

Melanie: adding something about revenue into state legislative agenda.

Trond: Legislative Steering Committee - idea was to be a lot more tactical on the agenda as opposed to what we believe in. What does the committee believe in?

Adam: Balance between values and tactics. For example, in talking about immigration as it pertains to graduate students, we want members of congress to come to see us as EXPERTS IN THIS TOPIC IN A COUPLE YEARS' TIME SO WHEN COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM is finally discussed SAGE will be consulted.

Adam: Legislative agenda is a guiding document consistent with values of grad students.

4d) Financial Statements

Colin: Talks over financial statement with Executive Committee. Bringing to Executive Committee to let Committee know where GPSS is financially. Would like to bring this to the Senate so senators have this information as well.

Highlights:

- 1. Fundraising**
- 2. Under budget for fall social**
- 3. Under budget for Higher Ed Summit**
- 4. Under budget for Personnel budget**

4d) Officer Reports

a) Vice President (Adam)

- Slow but steady stream of students volunteering for committees.**
- Connor Lieb (Legislative Assistant) is setting up appointments with legislators before the special session starts. First chance to go around and talk about what our priorities are**
- Talking to a lot of departments to meet with students.**
 - Melanie talks about event at College of Built Environments happy hour**
 - Adam wants to find ways to engage with students in multiple formats from happy hours to socials, to town halls. Thinks that if we can engage students in a more light-hearted way, more students will want to become involved**
- Developing the legislative agenda**

b) Treasurer (Colin)

- PhD comics tomorrow night**
- Planning for trivia night and speed dating events**
- Yesterday was planning meeting for Science and Policy Summit and discussed new format to be more engaging to have audience engage with speakers. Hoping to put on same amount of programming for less cost**

c) Secretary (Melanie)

- **Diversity working group will have first meeting this Friday**
- **UPASS- potentially adopt bylaws this Friday**
- **Communications Plan**
 - **How we send out our emails- coordination, template consistency**

d) ASUW (Evan)

- **Big controversy: ASUW passed support for Occupy Wall Street. Goes to ASUW Board tomorrow for approval.**
- **First reading of Diversity resolution in ASUW Senate.**
- **"HUSKIES ON THE HILL" (HOTH) WILL BE THE NAME OF LOBBY DAY THIS YEAR.**
- **Entire week dedicated to higher education.**
- **First tri-campus meeting this Friday.**
- **WSA general assembly this Saturday at UW.**

5) Adjourn

Colin moves to adjourn.

Mateo seconds.

All approve.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2011

Members Present:

Aaron Naumann (President-outgoing)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Charles Plummer (President – incoming, by phone)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)

Others Present:

Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor

1. Call to Order

Aaron calls meeting to order at 6:06pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Colin proposes to replace Item 4b (UW budgeting and student participation) with a GPSS budget discussion, including the Not For Tourists Guide.

Melanie proposes to add an Item 2b to the agenda, as a Special Announcement.

Adam moves to approve the agenda, as amended with new items 4b and 2b.

Melanie seconds.

All in favor, motion passes.

2b. Special Announcement

Melanie showers Aaron with farewell gifts. Aaron opens presents and gives heartfelt thanks. Aaron also thanks Rudy (who is not here).

3. Approval of the Minutes from 11/16 Executive Committee Meeting

Adam moves to approve the minutes.

Melanie seconds.

All in favor. Motion passes.

4a. Special Session (Adam)

The Special Session started Nov 28th. Two days later the GPSS Senate voted to approve the GPSS legislative agenda. Special Session going until Christmas. General consensus is that the budget will not be passed before the legislature adjourns at the end of DECEMBER, WHICH MEANS THERE WON'T BE A REVENUE BALLOT MEASURE IN MARCH.

Melanie: Why is March important?

Adam: March is the normal time to put out a ballot measure, and there will already be other ballot measures at that time. It would defeat the purpose of raising money if we had to spend new money to have a ballot measure at a different time.

Adam talks about Inputs, Outputs and Outcomes for the Legislative session. Identified key dates. Need three legislative plans by Jan 4th. Making sure key players know what priorities are- talk to key leadership, key staff, key committees.
Outputs- find 5 famous alumni, 15 mtgs with legislators in district over break. Putting together talking points.

Question: Can Executive Committee members set up meetings with their legislators over winter break?

Melanie: knows who her legislators are but will be out of town for a while over break.

Adam will be reaching out to the legislative steering committee members as well, to ask them to meet with their legislators.

Colin: in terms of us having meeting with legislators, do you have specific things you want us to try?

Adam: depending on where you live, legislators want to hear from constituents. Suggest calling them. Looking to meet with legislator before the regular session and talk to them about priorities as a constituent.

Megan: do legislators have coffee hours with constituents?

Adam: maybe.

4b. GPSS Budget

Colin: one of my MAJOR OBJECTIVES IS TO DO A GOOD CONSULTATION FOR ~~GPSS~~ **GPSS** YEAR'S budget. Speak to students in general (surveys), get in touch with Senators, working with F&B committee and with campus groups to get perspective on what a good graduate student senate budget looks like. Point of this is to make sure budget for next year is not JUST COPY AND PASTING THIS YEAR'S NUMBERS ON TO NEXT YEAR'S. WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE more resources for advocacy and diversity. Adam spoke with other student governments while at the SAGE conference. Adam and Colin will talk more about what he learned at SAGE.

Melanie: What is the timeline for the budget?

Colin: We will present the budget to the Senate for a vote in February. The hope is to have something done earlier but might be tricky to have a consultation done by then.

Charles: personnel costs are not very flexible. What is your strategy for dealing with lack of room for expansion, how are you thinking about the prioritization process?

Colin: talking with students about what they want out of their student government (advocacy, events, etc) and also looking internally. Talk with staff- who has extra capacity.

Charles: do you want officers to supply budget narratives about where they see resources within their realm?

Colin: yes.

Adam: Colin is really thoughtful in thinking about how our budget is in line with our values and what we want to do. I came up with my own ideas for the budget and am putting them out there.

Melanie: from my perspective, both of the those processes are useful (external and internal).

Colin: hope to get things going over the holidays.

Not For Tourist Guides

Three years ago we spent \$25,000 on NFT guides. Get some thoughts on what we hope to get out of this project in the end.

Melanie: IF WE DON'T HAVE MAJOR COSTS FOR BOOKS, HOW MUCH STAFF TIME publications assistant be expected to create the guide?

Rene: second person who was hired helped do the guide last time. If you took the current document and made it into an online tool, then the structure is already in place. I recall lots of hours of time when publisher was in New York. Staff member hired to be writer and someone hired 20 hours a week for guide updates.

MELANIE: LOOK AT PREVIOUS YEAR'S STAFF TIME TO SEE HOW MUCH TIME was spent working on this.

Aaron: moving towards digital platform

Charles: good model- Health Care Portal put together 2 years ago. Moving towards something more like that. Having a digital delivery of this should be the long-term goal, make portability THE GOAL. PRINTING BOOKS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

Colin: advertise web portal- still having something physical to hand out.

RENE: YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE ANY VISIBILITY ON CAMPUS

Melanie: I agree that it is nice to have a physical document at some point (for orientation)

Colin: moving forward, looking at IT and web development line in budget

4c. January 11th Senate Meeting

- Guest speaker? (Ana Mari Cauce, new Provost)
- Small group break out?

Melanie: Going to propose a resolution in support of the undergrad Diversity Requirement, TO BE VOTED ON AT THE JANUARY SENATE MEETING. DON'T EXPECT THAT TO BE controversial or take a lot of time.

Megan: concern about how it will be implemented and affect different departments, would like to hear from faculty before students vote on it. Precedence of graduate students voting on undergraduate education, could this lead to undergrads voting on graduate education?

Adam: may lead to students leading to thinking about issues in diversity when they become graduate students. But maybe a resolution should be more generalized support, rather than supporting this specific proposal.

Melanie: hesitant about doing water-downed resolution. Do we want to do more background work and then have a resolution for February? If we are not ready, maybe we should wait until Feb.

Rene: Undergrads may also not be ready, so you guys have time.

Aaron: The new requirement would create more work for departments.

Megan: IT'S written very different from other requirements.

Colin: why are we discussing the diversity issue now?

Melanie: I had mentioned having the resolution at the January Senate meeting. We will re-visit this.

Comments on guest speakers/ small groups at January Senate meeting?

Melanie: We should continue with the same small groups of Senators as last meeting, but provide resources for them to move forward. We should allocate 30 minutes for that type of activity

Adam: An idea from ASUW- a card for students to fill out during class that collects information.

Melanie: If we ask people to sign up to volunteer and get involved, we want to be prepared that we have things for people to do.

Colin: what if, in addition to those ideas, we compile a list of large classes and pass those out to Senators during the small group exercise, and ask them to go talk to the classes.

Charles: There may be an issue with timing for small group break-outs. Last meeting some of the groups were sitting around after a few minutes; only some people spoke up. We need to keep momentum going during meeting.

Melanie: SOME OF THE SMALL GROUPS WERE VERY ENGAGED AND DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME. If groups run out of time, we should give them a way to get EACH OTHER'S CONTACT information. Could have one point person for each group.

Colin: I like the idea of having the new Provost as next meeting speaker. Maybe we can have small groups meet and discuss University budget issues and come up with questions to ask her.

Rene: make sure that the Provost does not show up while discussions are going on and she has to wait.

Charles: I think it is a good idea, but we want to make sure we maximize effectiveness of senate meetings

Adam: maybe we should focus on legislative issues in January and invite the Provost in February. We could get Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn (he is former GPSS). He would be great for getting people excited about advocacy.

Melanie: I think that we should limit guest speakers.

Colin: what if we gave Mike McGinn a specific topic to talk about, like being a student activist, and limit the topic that way.

ADAM: LET'S TRY TO GET Mike McGinn as guest speaker to talk about student activism and then small group discussions related to the topic

Charles: I like idea of limiting the scope. If we can get him that would be great.

Melanie: In terms of Lobby Day, last year hardly any Senators came. They would probably be more likely if other people they know are going. LET'S ENCOURAGE SENATORS TO talk about that in the small groups – and maybe attend with other Senators.

5. Officer Reports

a. Vice President (Adam)

Have been meeting with as many legislators as possible.

b. Treasurer (Colin)

Trying to get last details with computers bought over summer

Focus on budget consultation

Speed Dating in February.

c. Secretary (Melanie)

First meeting of DRAC (Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee). Trond had the idea of moving the committee towards advocating for policies within departments, rather than one-on-one consultation with students. Pursuing this idea.

Judicial Committee had its first meeting of the year on Monday, but did not have quorum, so did not elect a Chair or do anything official. Quorum is 4 committee members; only 3 attended. The Senators on the committee are interested in bylaw changes. If officers or staff have ideas for bylaw changes, let me know.

Diversity: informal working group has had a few meetings. Want to focus on how we can bring diversity policies to the department level.

UPASS:

- Requests for exemptions, including petition from Executive Masters of Public Health.
- Do we want to say that there are no exemptions at an advisory board meeting in January
- Message to students when they register is questioned
- There is a resolution in the ASUW Senate to exempt distance learners from UPASS

Website:

- GPSS website being updated

d. ASUW

e. President (Aaron)

- Transition to Charles
- Discussion- GPSS left out of planning of 150 years celebration and also President WISE'S DEPARTURE. MAKING SURE THAT GPSS IS NOT LEFT OUT
- Meeting with Graduate School Dean Gerald Baldasty, discussion of fee-based programs. Fee-based programs may be the least diverse of all the programs
- Alumni events coming up; Charles will represent GPSS

Megan asks about having a line in the UW registration that tells graduate students they are GPSS students, similar to the information about becoming an ASUW member.

Charles answers question about voting member of ASUW- it is in their constitution and it is there as a legal requirement which includes all students.

Aaron: GPSS may not be reaching non-matriculated students, which may number 45,000. Can ASUW or GPSS reach these individuals legally to advocate on behalf of them? Randy Hodgins (UW External Affairs) working through legal aspects on that.

MEGAN: TO CLARIFY, WE DON'T REPRESENT THEM, CORRECT?

AARON: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT GPSS OR ASUW DON'T REPRESENT THEM.

6. Announcements

Rene thanks Aaron for his leadership and work here at GPSS.

Aaron: there is a lot for students to take on. Administration is recognizing the strength of OUR VOICE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE THAT. THANKS TO ALL the officers and executive senators for their hard work this year.

7. Adjourn

Adam moves to adjourn at 7:43pm

Melanie seconds.

All in favor.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting January 4, 2012

Members Present:

**Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW Representative)**

Guests:

**Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor
Joon Yi, Reporter, The Daily
Katie Pine, The Daily**

1. Call To Order

Adam calls meeting to order at 5:36pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Adam makes correction to agenda under Adjourn, change name to Adam.
Colin moves to approve the agenda. Evan seconds.
None opposed. Motion passes.**

3. Approval of the Minutes from 12/7/11

**Colin moves to approve the minutes. Melanie seconds.
None opposed. Motion passes.**

4a. Strategic Planning

Adam: GPSS is re-evaluating how we do business to make sure resources are allocated in a way that match our values.

Colin: The objective is to get feedback on where we are so far. Would like to get this passed through Senate at next meeting. We would appreciate any thoughts and comments on how best to present this information to Senators.

The officers drafted a memo; we also have a timeline and chart. We would like to do this quickly have this in place for next year. The objective is an impartial method about the way we are using our resources and producing the results that we want and see if there are ways we can measure it. At the end, WE'LL have a budget that looks different from last year, bylaw amendments to create more flexibility, and a more rigorous way to answer larger questions so that it can be a roadmap in the years to come to see trade-offs when making decisions.

ADAM: IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE GPSS HAS DONE THIS. CHARLES NOTICED A GAP IN WHAT WE would like to do and what we actually can do. Emphasis on doing this quickly but also giving us something that will last a couple of years.

Colin explains strategic planning documents. Handouts show how to structure the process which GPSS officers have started. A taskforce will be appointed by Charles. Scorecard: tool for organizations, like a report card. Idea is that from each of the perspectives- internal, external, financial and innovation - come up with a few key performance indicators that can be measured quantitatively and qualitatively. Set up to show trade-offs.

Perspectives:

- 1. External: students, faculty, end-users (legislators)**
- 2. Internal: senators, staff, officers, committee members**
- 3. Innovation: staff and officers**
- 4. Financial:**

Organizational model: a way of conceptualizing all the things that the GPSS does and all the things it has to function well.

Colin continues to explain the handouts about the GPSS Strategic Planning in more detail and how the Strategic Planning process will work. (See handouts from Executive Committee Meeting). Colin also goes through a basic timeline for when each step in the process will be completed and what results can be expected after each step.

Megan: has question about students and end-users.

Melanie: We want to make suggestions for who the Taskforce should solicit input from, but we also want task force to come up with their own ideas.

4b. January Senate Meeting Agenda

Discussion of what items will go on the January 11th Senate Meeting and how long each item will be.

Mayor McGinn will talk about student involvement- how to get students more involved in GPSS, particularly students outside of GPSS. Graduate students are a particularly tricky group because they are so focused on their research.

Lobby Day Info Collect: General discussion about how to collect information from Senators for Lobby Day involvement.

Adam: Allows us to know who is serious about lobby day and who is not

Megan: Is it easier to have a sign up sheet?

Adam: I like the card because it has questions about how they want to be involved which gives us flexibility to deal with different levels of commitment and involvement.

Melanie: The small groups FROM THE PREVIOUS SENATE MEETING DIDN'T have the tools they need, we want to give people more ideas or when we might have materials.

ADAM: MAYBE MAYOR'S OFFICE CAN SEND US TALKING POINTS IN ADVANCE TO USE FOR SMALL breakout groups

Colin: Problem was high variability in interest, experience. Maybe having someone to help spark discussion.

Colin: Using floaters to approach groups with different set of questions, for example, what resources can GPSS give you to achieve these goals.

Rene: What are you trying to get students to do?

Melanie: Contact legislators and go to Lobby Day

Adam: We have breakout sessions to get students to talk to each other

Megan: A breakout session every meeting may be too much

Melanie: This will be our last Senate meeting before Lobby Day. Try to get Senators to go together down to Olympia.

Discussion continues about how best to engage Senators and students about Lobby Day, how best to structure meetings with small groups to get Senators interested without overwhelming them with information or making the meetings too long. Suggestion to make lobbying activities more accessible, some may feel they DON'T HAVE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE OR DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO GET INVOLVED.

Discussion to add a March Senate Meeting.

Agenda for January 11th Senate Meeting:

Call to Order	1 min
Approve Agenda	1 min
Approve Minutes	5 min
Mayor McGinn	25 min
Lobby Day Info collect	15 min
Strategic Planning	25 min
Officer Reports	12 min
Announcements	5 min
Adjourn	1 min

Evan moves to approve the agenda. Melanie seconds.

All in favor. Motion passes.

5. Legislative Update

Adam will combine with his officer report. See below.

6. Officer Reports

a. Adam Sherman, Vice President

- Finalizing all-student survey**

- **Finishing policy report on variety of issues- 50 state survey of types of financial aid available to graduate students, looking at internal budgets of different universities to compare UW**
- **Adam moved to Olympia and will be there most of the week**

b. Colin Goldfinch, Treasurer

- **Travel Grants deadline due end of week**
- **Organizing next speed-dating event on February 9th**
 - **Improve upon noise levels**
 - **Adam: Did it encompass sexual preferences?**
 - **Colin: will meet with Rainbow Grads to get some insight and advice to make event as inclusive as possible**
- **Moving ahead on Science and Policy Summit, will have meetings again soon**
- **Jenn H office manager has left**
- **Work on creating a share-point site with ASUW to streamline process**

c. Melanie Mayock, Secretary

- **Communications Plan to share with other GPSS officers**
- **Website is close to being finished from Creative Communications**
- **DRAC is continuing on from last quarter**
- **Judicial Committee**
- **Diversity- had good conversations about the role of GPSS in diversity issues**
 - **\$4,000 diversity fund, so trying to propose some ideas about using the funds**
- **UPASS Advisory Board meeting this Friday, we are looking into the issue of exemptions**
 - **Evan: ASUW the sponsor withdrew resolution from floor**

d. Evan Smith, ASUW

- **Re: Diversity- talk to Jonathan**
- **Lobby Day is Feb 3**
- **FML (Fund My Learning) event is January 26-Feb : Events will include a giant rally and team points**
- **Diversity requirement has been sent to Faculty Senate. Would like to work with GPSS for advertisement opportunities**
 - **Melanie: we should talk about this again at next Executive Meeting**
- **Course Evaluations: proposal to move to online system - asking for STF funding**
 - **Adam is in support of the proposal**
 - **Melanie: Is this something that STF would fund?**
 - **Evan: Yes**
 - **Adam: I think this removes barriers and it is not time restricted**
 - **Discussion of incentives for filling out online evaluations and pros and cons of online evaluations versus paper evaluations.**

Megan moves to have the Executive Committee support this. Melanie seconds. Colin abstains. None opposed. Motion approved.

7. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting January 25, 2012

Members Present:

Charles Plummer (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President) via Skype
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW Representative)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator) via Skype

Guests:

Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor
William Dow, ASUW

1. Call To Order

Charles called the meeting to order at 5:37.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Melanie moved to amend the agenda by moving item 5b, U-PASS and SAF Update, to 4a, before Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Taskforce. Evan seconded. Colin moved to include a funding request for the Korean Student Union in item 4c (Funding Request for Chinese Students and Scholars Association). Melanie seconded.

None opposed, motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 1/4/12

Megan moved to approve the minutes with one change: add Katie Pine, Daily Reporter, to the list of guests in attendance at the meeting. Colin seconded. None opposed, motion passed.

4a. U-PASS and SAF

Bill Down, Charles, and Melanie gave an update on Universal U-PASS.

4b. Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee Appointments

Charles proposed nine Senators for the Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee:

- Adrienne Sussman, Psychology
- Sara Clems, Special Education
- Moroni Benally, Native American Students
- Wes Kovarik, Jackson School
- Ginger Farrell, French and Italian
- Colin Bateson, Mechanical Engineering
- Kristen Hosey, Psychosocial and Community Health

- Ted Chen, Bioengineering
- Jonathan Kocarnik, Public Health Genetics

Melanie moved to appoint the nine Senators proposed by Charles to the Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee. Colin seconded.
None opposed; motion passed.

4c. Student Technology Fee: funding for project types

Colin explained that the Student Technology Fee Committee had made a mistake in its Yearly Funding Plan. The original plan-YFP allocated 10% of funds for ~~mechanical projects~~Machinery/Research and 15% for frontier technology. ~~That should be changed to the STF Committee had actually proposed~~ 15% for ~~mechanical projects~~Machinery/Research and 10% for frontier technology. The STF by-laws require that STF seek approval from the GPSS Executive Committee and ASUW BoD for this change.

After some discussion, Colin moved to change the project funding allocation in the Student Technology Fee Yearly Funding Plan to 15% for ~~mechanical projects~~Machinery/Research and 10% for frontier technology. Melanie seconded. None opposed; motion passed.

4d. Funding Requests: Chinese Students and Scholars Association and Korean Student Association

Colin said that the Finance and Budget Committee had approved two funding requests which also required approval-ratification by the Executive Committee. The Chinese Students and Scholars Association requested \$1250 for ~~an event~~ [redacted]; their Chinese New Year Party with the expectation that they will return \$500 from ticket sales to GPSS. The Korean Student ~~Association~~Union requested \$950 for ~~an "HERO overnight"~~ party. They expect about 600 students, with about one-third being graduate students.

Melanie: How big is the budget for Special Allocations?

Colin: \$15,000 for the year.

After some discussion, Colin moved to approve \$1250 for the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, with the expectation of \$500 being returned to GPSS, and \$950 for the Korean Student ~~Association~~Union. Mateo seconded. None opposed; motion passed.

4e. February 1st Senate Meeting Agenda

After much discussion, the proposed agenda for the February 1st Senate meeting is:

Call to Order:	1
Agenda:	1
Approval of the Minutes	5
Officer Introductions	3
Speed Dating	2
Strategic Planning Break-Out Groups	30
Graduate Student Issues at the College Level	20

Legislative Update	20
Updates/Announcements	5
Adjourn	1

4f. Transportation Letter

Charles signed on to a letter to the legislature supporting more funding for public transportation.

5a. Legislative Update

Adam, Charles, and Evan gave an update on legislative issues in Olympia.

5b. Fee-Based Programs: UW Policy and Process

Charles recently met with the head of Educational Outreach. He gave an update on that meeting and next steps.

6. Officer Reports

- a. Vice President
- b. Treasurer
- c. Secretary
- d. ASUW
- e. President

The officers and the ASUW Representative gave reports on their recent projects.

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2012, 5:30pm, Condon 401

Agenda (revised)

	Title	Sponsor	Info / Action	Min.
1	Call to Order	Charles Plummer	Action	1
2	Approval of the Agenda	Charles Plummer	Action	1
3	Approval of the Minutes from 1/25/12	Charles Plummer	Action	5
4a	U-PASS Fee Name Change	Melanie Mayock	Action	5
4b	Senate Meeting March 7	Melanie Mayock	Action	10
4c	OCHA Funding Request	Colin Goldfinch	Action	10
4d	Senator Responsibilities	Mateo Banegas	Information	15
4e	Board of Regents meetings	Charles Plummer	Information	10
5a	Student Councils	Charles Plummer	Information	15
5b	Legislative Update	Adam Sherman	Information	15
5c	Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Update	Charles Plummer	Information	20
6	Officer Reports a. Vice President b. Treasurer c. Secretary d. ASUW e. President	Various	Information	15
7	Announcements	All	Information	2
8	Adjourn	Charles Plummer	Action	1

Members Present:

Charles Plummer (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)(via phone)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Trond Nielsen (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)

Others Present:

Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)
Sara Celms (Senator, Special Education)
Joseph Salama (ASUW)

1. Call to Order

Charles calls meeting to order at 5:37pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Melanie moves to add 2 items and approve the agenda: new item, 4a, U-PASS Fee Name Change and new item 4b, Senate Meeting Schedule.

Evan seconds the motion.

All in favor; motion passes.

3. Approval of the Minutes from January 25, 2012

Colin moves to approve the minutes.

Mateo seconds.

All in favor; motion passes.

4a. UPASS Fee Name Change (Melanie)

Melanie explains that there has been talk of changing the name of the Universal Student U-PASS fee for quite a while, to make it more accurately reflect its benefits to all students. Josh Kavanagh from Transportation Services proposed the following language for the Executive Committee:

"THE GPSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTS Charles to work with Transportation Services, ASUW, and Student Life to implement a name change to universal UPASS program that clarifies the nature and intent of the fee as a broadly based fee on the student body rather than a fee for SERVICE."

Mateo: Do we have to bring this before senate?

Charles: original resolution gave the Executive Committee latitude to make a name change, not THE PROGRAM ITSELF. I DON'T THINK WE NEED A FULL VOTE FROM THE SENAT

Melanie: make the name of the program a little broader to reflect broad nature of the fee.

Charles: we used the same process when we negotiated the MOU last year.

Melanie moves to direct Charles to work with Transportation Services, ASUW, and Student Life to implement a name change to universal UPASS program that clarifies the nature and intent of the fee as a broadly based fee on the student body rather than a fee for service.

Adam seconds.

No objections, motion passes.

4b. Senate Meeting March 7th

Melanie: Do we want to schedule a new Senate meeting for March 7th? This would be primarily to have the Senate pass the GPSS BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO APPOINT UNTIL

Colin: checked in with SAF to see if they can give us more time. SAF has not yet set a deadline for budgets. Asuw and gpss would go dead last in order of budgets to approve. Give an initial budget proposal.

Melanie moves to table discussion.

Colin seconds.

All in favor; motion passes.

4c. OCHA Funding

Colin: The Off-Campus Housing Affairs Office has requested \$3,750 from GPSS. This was not in the budget this year but there is certainly room to do so.

Melanie: What is the current budget?

Colin: \$30,000- most of it is wages

Colin: In past, GPSS has had additional expense items, and has come out of the general fund.

Melanie: Do they help people when they have landlord problems?

EVAN: THEY DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO ADJUDICATE. THEY DO HELP STUDENTS TRANSITION STUDENTS on-campus to off-campus housing.

Charles: they are often in contact with grad students over summer when they move to Seattle for the first time.

[Joseph Salama from ASUW, past OCHA Director, enters the meeting.]

Joseph gives talk about OCHA, addressing need for next year.

Joseph: need for pamphlets for next year. Gave out 750 in 2 quarters (when in HUD) and the budget was only for 1000 pamphlets over 2 years. They also give them to transfer students.

Melanie: Do you know if your new website is getting any new traction?

Joseph: The website launched 3 days ago. It is a big step in the right direction.

Melanie moves to fund OCHA for \$3,750.

Colin seconds.

No objections. Motion passes.

4d. Senator Responsibilities (Mateo)

Mateo: During the last Senate meeting in the break-out groups, a lot of Senators mentioned they did not know what to do as a Senator.

Melanie: See this as three issues: First, bringing up policy ideas to the Senate. Second, bring Senate issues back to constituents. Third, how Senators help do the work of GPSS.

Evan: On every agenda, we leave spot to write down bullet points from meeting.

Colin: having spokespeople for various committees, restructuring- people are doing a ton of work, so I think it depends on the type of work.

CHARLES: I talk about the framing- if people feel like their work has purpose, they will work hard. Perhaps a mistake with DRAC (the Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee) is that it does not have the same drive or appeal.

Melanie: (DRAC) gave them tasks, and the PROBLEMS DON'T FEEL URGENT. HOWEVER, THE GRADUATE Program Review has clear objectives, tasks, and that also loses Senators.

Adam: Why do we think that people become senators?

Charles: highlight this to restructuring committee.

Melanie: talking to constituents about GPSS, and talking to GPSS Senate about constituent issues. We might also want to encourage Senators to write resolutions. Do we want people to come to the Executive Committee first to bring up policy issues? Also, bringing resolutions to Senate meetings will make meetings longer.

Trond: GPSS is not good at getting other people to tell us what their problems are.

4e. Board of Regents Meeting (Charles)

Asks Executive Committee to highlight things they want brought to the Board of Regents Meeting. Special Board of Regents Hearing: GPSS can highlight programs whose tuition has risen drastically and have students speak on this topic. Charles opens it up to Executive Committee for suggestions.

Adam suggests that GPSS communicate what a challenge is for students to be taken seriously and make their voices heard down in Olympia. He would like to see the Regents get more involved in the legislative arena to support students and hear their reactions to how they can get more involved.

Colin: this will help GPSS become more prominent as a player in this area.

[Megan Gambs joins meeting.]

5a: Student Councils (Charles)

Charles and Evan have embarked on a mission to get a student advisory committee at every college and school. ASUW and GPSS both appoint reps to ASUW Course Fee Committee. Every 4 years, there is review of every course fee set during the previous 4 years.

There is idea that students be involved in the structural component of how university is run. Propose student financing and budgeting council which would advise deans on budgeting

matters, be involved in short and long-range planning of school, monitoring, reviewing and providing advice on program fees, survey students on these related matters.

Charles is following what the faculty they have – the faculty code says every Dean has to go to its college council with budget before it goes to provost. Not every Dean does this. Starting with College of Built Environments and College of the Environment. The current plan is to present to Board of Deans on Feb 22nd and build support and pressure for Deans who may be LESS “STUDENT SENSITIVE” for feedback from Executive Committee.

Megan: College of Environment: How do you see it relating to programs within the school? Concern as to how that will trickle down to individual programs and schools.

Charles: Still working on best practices. How they decide on representation is going to be different in each case.

Adam: How will these student councils interact with each other? We have PACS in place, will there be a formalized relationship between PACS and these students councils?

Charles: We do want them to be integrated with PACS, they will be reporting budget narratives to PACS annually, but we need to strengthen the links between these councils and ASUW and GPSS. How to talk to each other- should explore some way to exchange best practices and information. Faculty councils may not be linked to each other, but definitely linked to faculty seNATE. FACULTY HAS SAID THEY DON'T REALLY USE THESE COMMITTEES.

Evan: Lay out what is in faculty code. We want to make sure PACS takes on ownership to get these groups started up. Student groups will generate ideas and stories. Colleges have enough flexibility to set these up, but that ASUW and GPSS representatives have ability to provide their resources.

Colin: Relates this to getting GPSS senators involved in their own programs and localized networks.

Charles: Responsibility of Senators to sit on these committees in their department.

Rene provides historical perspective of senators and these committees.

Committee adds an additional 10 minutes to discussion.

Melanie: In regards to fitting each college, suggest getting buy-in or touching base with any existing student councils in these colleges, if possible.

Mateo: School of Public Health established a student council.

Charles: Law School, Evans, Arts and Sciences already have student councils.

Evan: Business and Engineering already have these.

5b. Legislative Update (Adam)

Update on Legislative process in Olympia. FROM PAST LOBBY DAY, A LOT OF THE STUDENTS' IDEAS were rejected. One common idea is about bill that deals with differential tuition. Would like to attach some language about shared governance, but there is skepticism that this could move forward. Shifting away from policy development to budget talks. Trying to protect work study (for graduate students).

Need to mobilize students. Would like Exec Committee to collectively think of ways to get more students involved- writing emails, letters etc. need to get the attention of legislators. Adam wants students to come down and participate on more than just lobby day.

Melanie gives suggestions for ideas- email action alerts for large volume. Generate more ideas for postcards.

Evan gives recommendations based on ASUW strategies. Mini-lobby days during policy session that sent email blasts and provided transportation for students to go down when needed.

Colin: Can we send out emails that create a sense of urgency for each department?

ADAM: DEANS DON'T WANT TO SAY WHAT CUTS WILL BE UNTIL BUDGETS ARE PASSED.

CHARLES: REFERS TO INTERIM PRESIDENT WISE'S EXAMPLE TO NAME THE PROS AND CONS. Make educated guesses about budget cuts.

Melanie: How to motivate students and what message should we use? We also need logistics system to get this going.

5c: Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Update (Sarah Celms)

Sarah: Surveys were sent to RSOs. Have also done interviews with students on the various committees.

Melanie goes over dates and deadlines for next steps.

Sarah: Feeling sort of nervous about the timeline. Kristen is getting familiar with the bylaws and the budget.

Melanie: The budget and bylaws are 2 documents that we would be changing and want to have concrete proposals.

Megan: I thought that these suggestions would be brought to Executive Committee first before Senate?

Charles: It is collaborative, ad-hoc committee comes up with types of changes you would like to see and various committees will work to make that a reality. The system in place will filter these

concrete suggestions from the ad-hoc committee. We are very appreciative of what you are doing.

Melanie: Thoughts on the last Senate meeting?

Sarah: There were a lot of Senators who replied on the survey that they became Senators because they wanted to help.

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice-President (Adam)

Adam: Shifting from policy to budget and a lot happening behind closed doors. Will think about strategy going forward as legislative session progresses. Thinking about tax loop holes, mobilizing people on campus through a unified strategy.

Last Executive meeting, we voted two people to the Provost Advisory Committee for Students, one that has tremendous experience with budgeting and one who has a lot of experience at UW.

Update about SAGE. End of March will be Day on the Hill. Further developing the white papers and this year will be a difficult year.

b. Treasurer (Colin)

Speed Dating update. Vora Savengseuksa (GPSS Event Planner) gives a summary of how the event is going to work tomorrow. Vora is doing an excellent job!

c. Secretary (Melanie)

Senator Open House: 5 senators came, produced suggestion to have senators submit items for senate meeting agenda. New Senator Orientation: no Senators came to this. Diversity effort: gave \$450 to Native American Pow-wow. Would like to use rest of funds.

d. ASUW (Evan)

Lobby Day: 230 students in total. Also doing some internal tweaking. Launched a big campaign for safety on campus. Improving policy for elections in spring. Planning for Regents meeting.

e. President (Charles)

New executive assistant started. PACS and SCPB will start advising on funding and budgeting issues with the Provost. Faculty retention and merit raises are on the table, faculty are generally not very happy. Provost and president have indicated that this will be the last year of no raises for them.

Attended WSA board meeting on Saturday. WSA is now moving to focus on revenue. Capital gains proposal: money earmarked for higher education. New director- get out the vote campaign. Transportation issues.

Student Code of Conduct Commission: Looking at student defender model and making sure there are more students on the adjudication process. Meeting with Elizabeth on Friday.

ELIZABETH WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR SCHOOLS THAT HAVE A HIGHER BURDEN OF PROOF, BUT THERE AREN'T

Met with Eric Godfrey about several issues.

1. Baby changing station proposal is linked to pro-life group. Baby changing stations are important for student parents so this is going forward.

2. UW Police Site: With re-design of 520 bridge, WA State is taking away part of the Arboretum. We are getting \$10 million to relocate campus police. Preferred site is right across from the ECC.

3. HUB ECC fees next year. Messaging this issue and making sure SAF knows this is happening.

UW Technology will be presenting to the Regents soon to overhaul payroll at UW. Plan is to do 10 year internal financing at about \$40 million overhaul of payroll and HR system. This is going to Board of Regents and fiscal impacts of this are important.

7. Adjourn

Adam moves to adjourn at 7:43pm

Mateo seconds.

All in favor.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting – February 22, 2012, 5:30pm, Condon 401

Members Present:

Charles Plummer (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President) via Skype
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW Representative)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)

Guests:

Ted Chen (Restructuring Committee)

1. Call to Order

Charles called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Melanie moves to approve the agenda. Mateo seconds. No Objections. Motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

Charles wants to make changes to the minutes to reflect the spirit of some of his comments at the last meeting more accurately and to correct some numbers that were listed incorrectly. In item 5a it should be listed that speaking to the Board of Deans will occur on Feb 27.

MELANIE MOVES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CHARLES' MODIFICATIONS. MATEO SECONDS. NO Objections. The motion passes.

4a. Committee Appointees: Elections, Graduate Program Review.

Melanie reports that the fourth member of the new elections committee came in an hour ago. The committee now consists of:

- Alden Denny – Oceanography
- Noralis Rodriguez – Gender Women and Sexuality studies
- Brigit Stadler – Jackson school, Korean Studies
- Hunter Marston – Jackson School, SE Asia

Exactly 4 people have volunteered and there are 4 slots. Needs to confirm with Alden, but otherwise this list is ready to approve

Melanie moves to approve the committee as stated above. Colin seconds. No objections. The motion passes.

Melanie moves to approve Amber Trout for the Graduate Program Review Committee. Mateo seconds. No objections. The motion passes.

4b. Election Process, Bylaw Amendment, and Restructuring

Colin asks if Kristen Hosey should call in. Melanie says it wouldn't hurt if she is available and suggests hearing from Ted Chen and Kristen to see where they are at, then going through the calendar on the white board.

Ted provides the following update on the actions of the Restructuring Committee:

Within the past few weeks they have been getting input from the executive committee and Senators and through multiple surveys. From interview with the executive committee, it seems that most members agree on most things that should change— like creating another executive position of some kind—because some things seem to be working in the current system.

Also, the tuition fee waiver is making up a big chunk of the budget, and it apparently isn't serving the purpose it was originally intended to serve, which is opening the field to more candidates.

Overall, the senators want to become more involved, but we don't know how to implement that. There is a feeling that all the work gets done in a top-down fashion or in committees. Though anyone can join a committee, the question of how to get Senators to join and then feel like they are being useful is still open. There is a lot of good input coming in. Nothing too negative is coming in. Most feedback is very constructive and helpful. Unless some of the executive committee members are against certain things like taking out the tuition waiver, it looks like the restructuring committee is going to be passing on a lot of these recommendations on to the Senate.

Melanie asks what the committee will be prepared to present at Senate next week.

Ted says that they have not formally compiled everything into a single document. That can be done before next week. They have everything they need they just need to sit down and sort through it all.

Mateo asks if there will be materials to hand out during the Senate meeting.

Ted answered that he thought a slide presentation would be able to do it justice.

Melanie notes that at the April 4 Senate meeting the Senate will have to vote on bylaw amendments, approve the budget and approve the elections packet. That could be a lot to get through. She asks how can we start getting some of this information to Senators and start a big picture discussion before April 4th. She suggests allocating 30 min at Senate meeting for this presentation. That would allow sufficient time to present and have discussion.

Ted answers that that sounds fine. That is enough time to get people prepped and up to speed enough to vote on 4/4.

Charles SAYS THAT THE TIMELINE FOR THIS WHOLE PROJECT HASN'T BEEN FULLY DETERMINED IN HIS he has no comment yet.

Melanie suggests a discussion of the timeline.

Charles notes the Feb 29 presentation at the Senate meeting. Mateo asks if findings of recommendations will be presented. Ted answers that they will present findings, because there are no recommendations yet. He welcomes recommendations.

Melanie notes that the voting meeting is April 4. The bylaw amendments are supposed to be mailed out 7 days ahead – March 28. They should email out the budget as well. So, March 28 is their document deadline. Bylaws have to go through the Judicial Committee, and they are meeting on March 26. The budget goes through F&B and exec committees.

Charles suggests a joint meeting on the budget before the 28th. Colin says that this DOESN'T MAKE sense. If committees are together then they should review a finalized budget. Charles suggests a working group from both committees in order to draw up the budget. Colin agrees that this makes sense and suggests writing the budget over spring break when everyone actually has time to do it. A few executive members confirm that they will be available over spring break. Charles believes that this is feasible.

Melanie suggests a meeting on the 26th, the first day of class, and then points out that the process for budgets and bylaws are going to be different. The Restructuring Committee is going to give large scale changes to the Judicial Committee, which is going to change into a lot of small bylaw AMENDMENTS. IT'S GOING to be a long process. She suggests doing this over email. The meeting might only be when they vote on it.

Charles wants members of the executive committee drafting bylaws with judicial, rather than having executive members coming in at the last minute saying yes or no. They should be involved in drafting changes just like they are involved in drafting the budget.

Melanie notes that Judicial Committee sees itself as unbiased and technical. They are not making policy, they are just translating recommendations into language. Who makes the actual policy decisions? Colin said that the task force puts recommendations together, then works with the policy committee to make proposals for change. Melanie objects to there not being a broad proposal coming to the executive committee. The whole process feels very informal for such large changes being discussed.

Colin suggests setting up two phases for the working group over spring break. Have F&B work with executive committee on the budget, and then have the restructuring and judicial committees work with the executive committee on bylaws. There should be 2 meetings over spring break—1 to hammer out broad stroke changes, then a second meeting to give people time to digest and talk about implementing those changes.

~~CHARLES ASKS IF THEY CAN'T GET STARTED BEFORE SPRING BREAK~~ concurs and asks when they want to get a final doc from the restructuring committee. Charles says to expect that the week after next, around March 7. Charles also says that they could ask for a document on March 8 during their scheduled time. That gives the executive committee a week after the senate to take conversations at Senate meeting into account.

Charles suggests 4:30 as a meeting time on the 8th. Colin asks for 5:30. Ted will ask the committee if this time is possible..

Charles suggests another meeting before spring break, just to get everyone from all these committees together to sketch out what ~~EVERYONE'S JOB WILL BE ONCE WE HAVE THE~~ foundations, ~~THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T GET STARTED IMMEDIATELY.~~

Melanie objects that this process still feels informal and will make Senate vote feel like rubber stamping. Charles answers that the judicial committee has the prerogative to make these changes. Trond says that so long as they supplement any meetings with the required consultation process, ~~EVERYTHING IS~~. They have to pass all these conversations and recommendations off to the right committee. And there will be discussion at the Senate meeting anyway.

Charles wants to make announcements about the working group too. If there are Senators on these committees, let them know.

Colin will send an email out tonight confirming people who will be around over spring break.

Melanie reminds the group that they still need to worry about suspending the bylaws for the election packet. Trond says that process for getting packets ready is quick. A lot of things are on board before April 4 and they should try to get updates in next week.

Melanie notes that the election packets talk about officer duties and pay, but that information might change on April 4. Trond says that having it change on the fly during the election is manageable. Let people know up front in the packet that they have will change. GPSS just need to get packet out as soon as possible

Colin says that this seems rushed. He thinks that best practice is to do all this over 120 day period, so GPSS is on a slightly shorter timeline but this is how it'S ~~DONE, GENERALLY SPEAKING~~

Charles asks about the minimum information that election packets have to have. Trond points to the bylaws, article 5. They have to include the responsibility of officers, eligibility requirements, and the time, place, and procedures for voting. The key thing is listing the responsibilities of the different officers and to make sure that people are able to submit nominations after the bylaw meetings so that they can make their decisions based on the changes

Colin suggests having elections committee send out an email ~~SAYING "HERE ARE THE BYLAWS"~~, because that avoids sending out information that we know will be false come the Senate meeting. ~~TROND OBJECTS, SAYING THAT IN THIS CASE GPSS WON'T MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET OUT BY THE BY~~

Melanie responds that they are planning to suspend the bylaws. Colin suggests sending out just the info they know will not change. Trond agrees that they should send out prelim packet. This is what we know now. It will change after the next meeting. Candidates want to think about it for a while. Colin adds that it should say that if someone wants to know what officers currently do, check out the bylaws on the website. Trond says that they should send out *all* the elections information so that GPSS meets its duties. Melanie says that it is better to only send out what we know and not have to change it.

Colin says that if they ask the elections committee to send out stuff on such a short timeline, they will need to free-UP STAFF TIME. TROND SAYS THEY DON'T HAVE TO CHECK NOMINATION PAPER work goes to. It can just come to GPSS office. The elections chair simply must verify that a person is a student to be a candidate and must receive complaints. Those are the only responsibilities spelled out in the bylaws.

Charles notes that they are out of time for this agenda item.

Trond reiterates that they should send out as much as possible ASAP, and then suspend bylaws. HE'S JUST concerned about having as much procedure in place as possible to avoid conflict over procedure.

Charles suggests adding a discussion about the "ELECTIONS PACKET IIITE" NEXT WEDNESDAY

Trond says that this just has to be seNT OUT "SOON" they will be in violation of bylaws by the 4th.

Melanie suggests having the elections committee put together a packet, speak about it on Wednesday, email it out, then ask the full Senate asked to suspend the bylaws.

Adam asked to make surE THERE ARE NOTES THAT SAY "IF THIS IS CONFUSING, THAT'S SURE... CONTACT and-so with questions." While this is confusing, and it is unfortunate, it is necessary. As much as they can they should to make sure there is a single point of contact, that will defer fewer people.

Melanie offers to be that point of contact.

Trond says that GPSS absolutely must suspend the bylaws. We have to suspend them next week, to stay out of violation. The existing (past) election packets, if dates are changed, are still legit—the information is still current.

Colin suggests putting an asterisk next to officer roles, and then link them to the bylaws.

Charles agrees that they should prepare the old election packet and have it on deck if needed. THEY CAN'T worry overly much ABOUT CONFUSING PEOPLE WHO AREN'T PAYING ATTENTION.

Trond asks if they can GET AWAY WITH SAYING "THIS IS LAST YEAR packet. This year's will be similar, and you will get it later." He offers to interface with senators if there are questions.

Melanie moves that the executive committee recommend to Senate that the Senate suspend the bylaws Article 6 Section E Clause 2 Letter B and Article 5 Section G Clause 4 Letter C,

Charles clarifies that this is in reference to 2012 election packet and process.

Melanie makes the same motion, adding “IN REGARDS TO THE 2012 ELECTION PACKET”

TROND SUGGESTS THE VERBAGE “MOVING REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTION PACKETS BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE OF ELECTION.”

Melanie moves that that the executive committee recommend that the Senate suspend the Bylaws Article 6 Section E Clause 2 Letter B and Article 5 Section G Clause 4 Letter C, which requires that election packet be approved no later than March each year.

Colin seconds.

No objections. The motion passes.

4c. Senate Meeting Agenda, Feb 29

Charles suggests the standard call to order, approval of agenda, approval of minutes. (1, 1, and 2 min, respectively) and 30 min for restructuring task force. He also wants to add an update from UW tech about wireless refresh update (STF funds) BUT HASN'T HEARD BACK FROM THEM YET. Melanie suggests giving them 15-20 min. Colin suggest having them go first if they are guest presenters.

Melanie brings up the issue of voting on bylaws. Trond agrees that it has to be on the agenda.

Adam wants to make a legislative update.

Trond suggests adding the bylaw suspension at this point in the agenda.

Charles wants to talk about Dean searches. There are three positions to fill. He will we know which schools are piloting College Councils by next week. He says that it is too early to have a good update on the university budget.

Adam says that both the House and Senate will have released proposed budgets by next Wednesday. He doesN'T KNOW HOW quickly the office of planning and budgeting will turn around. THEY WON'T BE ready for full update of the university budget, so maybe that should be a legislative update, but we'll have a good sense of what sort of budget cuts to expect from the state by then. How it will be implemented is a different story. Charles concurs that they should keep it focused on state budget in leg update.

Adam says that the legislative updates need 20 min because he wants to talk about SAGE too.

Charles notes that the agenda is just under an hour and a half now. He wants to leave as much room for Restructuring task force presentation and discussion as possible.

Colin suggests splitting the SAGE discussion from the legislative one. Adam agrees, and suggests a 15/5 minute split.

Colin motions to approve the agenda as follows:

- Call to order (1)
- Approve agenda (1)
- Approve minutes (2)
- UW Wireless update (15)
- Bylaw Suspensions and Elections Announcement (10)
- Restructuring Taskforce (30)
- Legislative Update (15)
- Dean Searches (5)
- SAGE updates (5)
- Announcements
- Adjourn

Amy seconds. No objections. Agenda is approved.

4d. Dean Searches and Committee/Special Appointments

Charles says that a number of appointments have come up in recent days. There are 3 dean searches. There is a working group on UW supplier corporate responsibility –a response to the recent Sodexo fiasco. A few other requests were brought to GPSS: a standing position on publications board. Charles talked to Lincoln Johnson about putting on an interim person because they want a fast turn-around, then finding someone who can finish out the year and serve next year too. There has been no advertising for this position so if anyone knows someone who would be good pass their names along. The publications board technically oversees all student pubs – which is mostly The Daily.

Melanie will ask Senators to put the word out. Charles also wants to add that to the next Senator email. The three Dean searches are happening for the colleges of nursing, engineering, and arts and sciences. For engineering, he wants to appoint Trond, given his knowledge. Nursing and A&S both need a strong grad student sitting on those committees. A&S is the largest college in the University. There were problems before with nursing too. He has reached out to Kristen Hosey to get input for someone to serve on the selection committee for the college of nursing. Other suggestions are welcomed.

Evan asks if this is an internal or external search. Charles says he is not sure about arts and sciences.

Colin suggests Jenn Henneman. Melanie suggests Chris Lizotte from Geography who is also on DRAC.

Charles said that the time commitment on these committees is usually not all intense, usually it comes in waves, but some committees will take a while, especially nursing with their external search.

Evan suggests selecting students from art, education, and other departments that are likely to take a bigger hit financially.

5a. UPASS

Melanie reports that last week the UPASS advisory board passed a resolution recommending to GPSS and ASUW that there be no change in memorandum of understanding to allow for exemptions in the UPASS fee. Melanie and Bill are working to draft emails about this issue to let people know. They will probably be hearing back from Social Work students about it. The student survey that the restructuring committee put out generated a few comments about UPASS. They are considering changing the fee NAME IT'S NOT finalized but they are looking at "TRANSPORTATION FEES" like that. Josh Kavanaugh from transportation services suggested LOOKING INTO GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T USE THE are lower income. Bill Dow and Melanie are not keen on this idea BECAUSE THEY FEEL LIKE IT'S program that benefits everyone, EVEN IF YOU DON'T USE IT. To there is no easy way to draw the line ON WHO DOES AND DOESN'T QUALIFY. I claimed that they could talk to someone from financial aid about it.

Charles notes that UPASS is factored into financial aid. Melanie says that Josh is thinking it would be different from a waiver; everyone pays but some get aid. But at this point she and Bill think it is a bad idea. Charles says that looking into it is fine, as long as it stays close to the committee.

Melanie reports that ridership numbers from fall quarter came in from transportation services. They had to make estimates of how many people would ride with UPASS when negotiating the cost with King County Metro. This is the first time that there are real numbers. They overestimated how many people were riding transit by quite a bit. They estimated 3.9 million rides. In reality, it was 3.1 million (about 20% overestimate). Students paid for more rides than they are actually taking. Josh said that estimates from agencies, surveys from a year ago, were inaccurate, but perhaps it was a negotiating tactic. If we underestimate then we will have to raise the fee, and that would be politically bad. Nevertheless, IT'S A PRETTY GOOD overestimation.

Charles says that Bill is going to try to set up a meeting with Josh, Conor, Melanie and himself to discuss this issue. We knew last year that there was some overestimation going on, but one of the things we knew could happen was overpaying. This is an opportunity to leverage with Sound Transit and Metro. This is only one quarter'S WORTH OF DATA TOO. WE'LL SEE happens with the rest of the year. Doubt we will be able to renegotiate this year. Faculty and staff passes are up for renewal this year, so there is room to renegotiate there, but not for students, he doesn't think.

Evan asks whether renegotiation means that agencies will increase the cost per rider to keep the price up. Charles says that this is a possibility that they need to guard against.

Melanie asks what the cost per ride was last year. Charles answered that it was higher last year. UW got a lower cost per ride when the UPASS went universal. This saved students \$15 per quarter.

Colin noted that Group Health contracts with king county metro and its employees pay around \$30 for 12 months of transit. Is Group Health subsidizing these passes? Adam says that they must be, because otherwise **THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE**

Trond noted that the estimates for use of community transit and sound transit are also way off. One is several times higher than the estimation, the other several times lower.

Charles notes that that metro is the bulk of the cost, so a small change there means a big change for the UW community, price wise.

Trond asked ridership might go up in spring quarter due to weather.

Charles agrees that this is good information to act on. But they are out of time for this agenda item. He notes that the union also went into contract negotiations about UPASS, because any change in fees for academic employees must go through the union. That contract may have been violated through this process, and arbitration about the matter will take place on March 7 with the Attorney General. This will be regarding GPSS'S PROCESS **AND** creation of the universal UPASS. The union or the university will likely call him (Charles) as a witness.

Melanie asks what some of the potential outcomes of arbitration are.

Adam asks whether administrative fees count as student fees.

Charles clarifies that any fee on a student is a fee that the union feels falls into this category and should be negotiated with the union. He knows Adam's concern about the union and just wants to let everyone know that this sort of thing will be happening. Trond further clarifies that the fees that the union is concerned about are fees you must pay in order to enroll and be employed.

Charles says that at arbitration, he will explain how fee came to be. Melanie will put together info on GPSS process. He expects this to mostly be procedural, so long as everyone knows how student government acted in this situation and there are no doubts about GPSS processes. He **WON'T BE DISCUSSING** anything beyond that.

5b. HUB Move

Colin reported that they are scheduled to move back to the HUB during the 2nd or 3rd week of September--right before classes, during orientations, the worst time possible. GPSS will need a plan to get staff to pack up desks before year ends. He suggests writing more staff time over the summer **INTO NEXT YEARS BUDGET** especially towards the end of the year. Do job postings and hiring earlier in the year. The HUB has already started taking reservations for next year. He suggests making a few reservations in just in case for next year for higher ed, the social, etc.

Charles asks if they are returning to the model where GPSS/ASUW have preference for HUB spaces for their meetings? **COLIN DOESN'T KNOW.**

Melanie will ask about making reservations for Wednesday Senate meetings next year.

5c. Legislative update

Adam gave the following report:

Monday, House democrats put out their proposed budget. Governor had proposed \$160 million in cuts to higher ed. However, the state has experienced better than expected revenue – this gives the house more money than they thought they would have. Now, proposed cuts are about \$65 mil to higher ed--instead of the \$160 million. \$35 million in cuts is hitting 2 year tech colleges. This will all translate into \$9.8 million in cuts to UW. In all there are \$13.5 million in cuts to UW, but the state is putting back \$3.8 million specifically for supporting engineering degrees. There is another \$4.4 million injection for a STEM program, but this is a competitive bid program. Some universities do not want to do this. This may be another pool of money that we could look to put somewhere else.

Financial aid and work study programs were preserved at \$7.8 million. THAT'S HUGE THIS was done on the back of the state need grant, will be cut by \$10 million. This is now an area of concern. It DOESN'T IMPACT GRADS DIRECTLY, BUT it does need to present united front with the undergraduates. State Need and state Work study are part of a comprehensive financial aid package. They work together. Andrew and Adam testified Monday evening to this effect. After testifying, they spoke with the chair of house higher ed committee. He said they will try to make sure there are no cuts to higher ed at all and that the state need grant is fully funded per last year'S NUMBERS. THERE WAS EVEN TAKING OF putting \$5million extra into the state work study program. However, Margaret Shepherd said those things have a slim chance of actually happening, based on what she'S HEARING.

Also, from talking to Margaret and Andrew, it looks like the senate is coming out with their budget next Tuesday, which supposed to be more favorable than the house budget. They expect no cuts to financial aid at all, minimal cuts to higher ed--smaller than cuts proposed by the house. They will delay payments to k-12 school districts in order to make this happen. Adam understands this as an accounting tactic. The state will pay them at beginning of next fiscal year rather than at the end of this fiscal year, and this will open up a lot of money. A lot of people are starting to become hopeful that there is progress in revenue, that the economy is picking back up. THIS IS STILL GOING TO BE "A VERY LONG SLOG". Improvements are going to mean \$100 mil at a time, rather than larger sums of money that would actually systemically change how we are funding higher ed. Of the \$7.8million going to engineering state wide, \$3.8million is going to UW. Note that the work study and engineering budgets are the same. It looks like they may have wanted to fund engineering money with work study money.

Students who want more information can look it up on leap.leg.wa.gov

The next thing to focus on between now and Tuesday is reaching out to the Senate while they are coming up with their proposals. But Senators Hobbs, Tom, and Kastama need to

be a focus, because they are leaning away from our interests. It is too late to mail them anything in the post before Tuesday, but email and calling are great.

Because the childcare matching grant was not mentioned anywhere in the bill, we can assume that the fiscal outlay from last year will remain intact. Child care matching grant seems like such a small amount of money, no one is paying it any attention. But financial aid and work study need our attention. He is willing to draft an email that others can mimic. The tone needs to reflect an understanding of the challenges they face, but still adamantly opposed to cuts to financial aid, given how disproportionate a cut higher ed has received over the last few years.

Charles asked what became of the post doc unionization legislation.

Adam answered that he thinks it died, but he will check.

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice President

Adam might have to proxy for Charles at WSA on Saturday.

b. Treasurer

Colin has been working on the science and policy summit. The planning committee had talked about doing a 2 day event with TED-like talks and then having the summit. But it now seems like IT'S potentially easy to do a proper TED_UW event that is officially sponsored. *But IT MEANS GPSS COULDN'T CO BRANDIT WITH SCIENCE AND POLICY SUMMIT. THE* summit itself is going to be poster presentation and 2 panel discussions. First there will be a health talk from micro biology side of things, then a paired talk by someone who knows about the social determinates of health. The 2nd panel was going to be environment focused, but there seem to be a lot of such panels around UW lately, so now they are looking at something like transportation and health. They could have second panel focus on health effects of transportation bill in house right now. It would be good to talk with the dean of SPH and a state rep.

Also Colin plans on having a year to date financial statement ready for April 4 senate meeting. He is looking at drafting it up to March 10. So send in receipts. Also travel grants deadline coming up.

c. Secretary

Melanie wanted to mention two things: email and website. Website work has been done. Regarding emails to senators and all students, if there is something you want to send out, let Melanie know as far ahead of time as possible. Several emails went out in succession recently, and she wants to try to space them out a little bit. DRAC met on Tuesday. They want to contact Rebecca Aanarud at the grad school to talk about how they interface with departments re: having student handbooks and student policies. That would be the most helpful thing for students. She wants to put the word out to Senators to ask their peers, informally, about what happens when students have a dispute. What issues are people

really facing in this arena? Regarding the future of DRAC, folks at the DRAC meeting felt ~~LIKE IT~~ Not time to get rid of it now. There are things people want to accomplish, get better policies in place, etc.

She also wants a statement of purpose for the \$4k diversity fund. There are lots of requests for cultural events, but there is lots of funding for those sorts of things. She wants to support diversity in academia and education more directly. Also, if there is interest, Sarah Reyneveld once had a house party for GPSS. It was nice. Maybe we could do it again. Look for an email. March 3 or the following Saturday.

d. ASUW

Evan reported that ASUW is still doing internal restructuring. Constitutional amendments are before the Board. They have submitted the college councils proposal to the board of deans, which went over well. They agreed to pilot councils, which GPSS senators are already doing themselves. This is a big event week. There is the fashion show and the queer student commission drag show on Friday. Saturday is the American Indian student COMMISSION WINTERPOW WOW. IT IS "CULTURALLY AWESOME" VENDORS; 3k people—all off campus.

e. President

Charles reported that the Board of Regents met on Feb 9. A lot of action items for that meeting were pushed forward around financial and building things. Had an opportunity with Conor to make it known that students were displeased that they were the only ones in Olympia talking about revenue. They reiterated with the president that students do have an expectation of him and other administrators talking about revenue at the capital. He has been in touch with the planning committee about budgeting and has sent proposals off to the provost for the future 2012-13 budget

He has looked over room rate increases.

The grad school council reviewed and commented on a plan to start a new professional Masters of health informatics and health information management in SPH. This will be the 3rd health sciences Masters with an emphasis on information management.

STF has come to GPSS asking for approval to spend some of the surplus money that was discovered last year during the STF debacle. At the next executive meeting, the committee will be talking about this again. He will try to hopefully take some time at the senate meeting to give a brief history of where that surplus came from.

He received a briefing from UW architect Rebecca Barnes on UW PD site selection situation. Has final report in office in anyone is interested. Everything is on hold, now, though.

He had another briefing on HFS pilot program for gender neutral housing for undergrads. There will have to be RA trainings around this matter and, GPSS may be able to help locate different people on campus who are used to this sort of thing.

Budgets will be available soon.

Talked with provost about tuition increases – it has usually been up to the kindness of your dean to tell you they were considering tuition changes. Now they are going to put together a document that outlines potential tuition changes in the near future. Hopefully that document will be available in the next few days. They have all the raw info from

colleges. They just need to compile it. Charles says we could help publicize this information so that students have it and so that they can identify problem schools. Perceptions of tuition changes may vary among students from program to program.

7. Announcements

Adam found information on the post doc bill. It was passed out of the policy committee yesterday, then referred to Ways and Means. Today was the deadline for every bill necessary to implement the budget. The post-doc bill has a price tag attached to it, so the question now is whether or not the Ways and Means committee thinks that number is necessary to implement the budget.

8. Adjourn

Melanie moves to adjourn. Mateo seconds. The meeting is adjourned.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 5:30pm, Condon 401

Members Present:

Charles Plummer, President
Adam Sherman, Vice President (via Skype)
Melanie Mayock, Secretary
Colin Goldfinch, Treasurer
Amy Winter, executive senator
Megan Gambs, executive senator
Evan Smith, ASUW representative
Rene Singleton, SAO representative

1) Call to Order

Charles calls the meeting to order at 5:43pm.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Melanie moves to amend the agenda by adding an executive session.

Charles suggests making it the last item in new business: 4d.

There is a discussion about how minutes are taken in an executive session and who should take them.

This is all very complicated.

10 minutes is allocated for the new item 4d.

Melanie moves to add item 4d, an executive session, to the agenda, allocating 10 min.

Colin seconds.

No objections, the motion passes

Melanie moves to approve the current agenda.

Evan seconds.

No objections, the motion passes

3) Approval of the Minutes from 2/22/12

Colin moves to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Melanie seconds.

No objections, the motion passes.

4a) STF Funds for Wireless Refresh

Colin reports that UWIT wants another half of a million dollars from STF in order to finish the Wi-Fi refresh. This will bring the STF surplus to in the vicinity of \$500,000.

Charles says that rather than using annually budgeted funds for this proposal, we will be using these funds, and the Tech Fee will be using the rest for STF projects.

Colin says that the main function of the funds would be to increase network capacity which is now needed given the increase in mobile devices on campus

Megan asks what the benefit is of using these funds rather than other funds.

Charles explains that the STF DIDN'T ACC~~U~~NT for their money before last year. They lacked the mechanism to do it. So they had no way of tracking expenditures. After a certain point in time, all that money is rolled back into the STF account. This had happened for over 10 years, and the accrued under spending came to around \$2million. This was discovered last year. It was decided that that surplus money could be used for projects deemed large enough and beneficial enough to rationally use these funds. The

idea is that the students who paid this \$ are probably long gone, so the next best thing is to just spend it on something that benefits the entire campus.

Colin says that the annual STF budget is \$4million, FYI. So \$500,000 would usually be 12-13% of the annual budget—much much larger than the average project.

Charles says there is no reason for STF to have a surplus, so we should spend it.

Megan moves to pass the STF fund surplus to the Wi-Fi renovation refresh in the amount of \$500,000.

Colin seconds.

No objections, the motion passes.

4b) Special Appropriations

Colin reports that the F&B Committee has had a few applications over the last few weeks that they thought merited more money than F&B is approved to allocate. The first is the Taiwanese Overseas Student Association (TOSA) Night Market, which will be held in Red Square.

Adam – How big is this event?

Rene – There are 20 or 30 booths there.

Colin – The second event is the Immigration Alliance, who will be bringing in Jose Antonio Vargas, who has ‘outed’ himself as an undocumented student and is raising awareness about the issues concerning undocumented students.

Charles – What percentage of their total budget is this \$1000?

Adam – and what would the \$1000 for TOSA be going towards?

Rene – If TOSA is combining with others this year, there would be about 50 booths and maybe 5000 attendees.

Colin – The second group is the Social Work Immigration AllianCE (SWIA), WHO’S EVENT a budget of around \$10,000, so we are offering \$1000 and covering around 10%. TOSA is asking for stage and lighting and PA funds. They got a lot of funding from ASUW and are coming to us for additional funds to afford better equipment.

Adam – What does the Special Allocations budget look like?

Colin – A lot was given away at the last meeting. We are close to \$4000 right now, if we pass these expenditures. There are 7 applications last week, so it looks like we are going to be done with Special Allocations come the end of winter quarter.

Adam – This event sounds awesome, but we should expect more SA applications in the spring. Should we pay to just improve the pre-existing event?

Colin – F&B looks at whether there are any other funding sources, whether there is a way to recapture some of the funds spent through revenue (ticket sales, eg). F&B has rejected purchase proposals that were unreasonable. But in these two specific cases, they have gotten a lot of funding from other sources, and it IS GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE IF WE DON'T GIVE THEM THE \$1000, THEY MIGHT NOT BE A especially the case with the SWIA. For TOSA, this is two groups combined that we have funded in the past, and has a higher investment per student than many other proposals.

Adam moves to approve the \$1000 for TOSA

Colin seconds

No objections, the motion passes.

Evan moves to approve the \$1000 for SWIA.

Amy seconds.

No objections, the motion passes.

4c) City of Seattle/University of Washington Community Advisory Committee - student representation

Charles has just recently learned that a thing called the Community Advisory Committee exists. There is supposed to be student representation here. It seems that one seat has gone back and forth between GPSS and ASUW. Issues discussed on this committee include university growth plans, etc. This seems interesting but do we really have time to get involved here? Charles reports that Conor McLean (ASUW President) thinks they can find someone from ASUW to fill the position in the next few weeks. He thinks we should just let them do that and deal with the issue later.

4d) Executive Session

Colin moves to enter an executive session for 10 minutes at 6:02pm.

Melanie seconds.

No objections. The motion passes.

[Notes for the executive session are taken by hand]

Colin moves to increase the Event Coordinator salary to \$13/hr and TO REDUCE THE POSITION'S WORK HOURS from 15 to 10 hours per week, effective as of March 7 (today).

Adam seconds.

No objections, the motion passes.

Charles moves to increase the Executive Assistant salary to \$13/hr effective immediately.

Megan seconds

No objections, the motion passes

Adam moves to increase the Policy Analyst salary to \$19.79/hr effective March 7 (today.)

Melanie seconds

No objections, the motion passes.

5) Restructuring Committee – Update, Process

Charles asks what he needs to give an update on.

Melanie asks if everyone can still meet next week for the next executive meeting. Is this conversation better had next week? We will have the task force over spring break and we could spear head some of these ideas then. Also the committee is meeting tomorrow.

Colin – Is there anything to discuss from the senate meeting?

Megan – With the restructuring of officer pay, a lot of officers may not decide to run until after February 15. THAT'S THE LAST DAY TO RAHS. That might be a reason why people with RAships and TAships are not applying until later.

Melanie – Are these GSA jobs actually 10 or 20 hours per week? Would someone be successful at both jobs?

Charles – Probably not.

Melanie – If we wanted to cut the tuition waiver, we would have a fifth staff member though, which would lighten the load on everyone.

Charles – That is the question. Would 1 more staff member bring all of our hours under 20 hours? Perhaps not. This is still a concern. How much of an effect would a fifth officer have on the work load of all the staff, really? It might not change enough to allow people to be teaching and RAing, etc.

Melanie – Her sense from the committee is that there is not going to be a fifth officer. More likely everyone will be shifted to tier one tuition

Megan – THAT DOESN'T COVER THE COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. THE DIFFERENCE IS ABOUT \$1000/QUARTER

Melanie – So what do we want to do?

Charles – By next week we should all have considered these options closely.

Melanie – We will discuss all the proposals next week.

Megan – Will the proposal be ready next week

Charles – Should be tomorrow.

Melanie – She is expecting a preliminary recommendation.

Charles – We should plan on taking what they give us tomorrow and going through it soon.

Melanie – There was talk of offering something for senators on catalyst. Is that happening?

Adam – They said they were going to. It will happen.

Melanie – Who will be at the meeting? I will be there for an hour

Charles – I will be there from Tacoma

Colin – I will be there as early as I can.

Melanie – Do the two meetings over spring break still stand?

Colin – Few people are able to attend both meetings, but most everyone can attend at least one.

Melanie – When are meetings over spring break?

Colin – There will be a joint meeting on March 28. Other meetings are Sat 3/17 at noon and Thurs 3/22 at 10am.

5b) Legislative update

Adam gave the following report:

Late Friday night, there was a political coup in which 3 democratic senators joined with 22 republican senators to pass a budget that no one had seen except for them. Dems had not seen it, public had not seen it, there was no opportunity for public comment on it. Many people were upset.

It is looking very likely that there will be a special session. It is unclear as of now as to how long that special session will be. It could be a week, 30 days. The Governor has identified \$200-\$250million that she sees as the wedge between the two parties right now. Sticking points for Republicans (and the 3 Dems) is the budgeting trick to defer payments to school districts of \$320 MILLION BY 24 HOURS, BECAUSE THAT MEANS YOU'D NEED TO MAKE UP THAT \$320 MILLION. There are also differing opinions about how much should be left in a rainy day fund, and DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT A SKIP IN PAYMENT TO PENSIONERS. MARGARET SHEPHERD DOESN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. OTHER PEOPLE FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. LEGISLATORS DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON, OR THEY AREN'T SHARING THE GOVERNOR HELD A P conference saying that it is imperative that everyone put their differences aside and get this done by the deadline, which is midnight tomorrow. Adam thinks that is just strong talk. Some people have asked for a break in the session to let tempers cool, because some people are taking this very personally right now. It is looking likely that there will be a special session. The question is how long it will be.

If there is a compromise between the two budgets that have passed, we are looking at \$30-\$60 million in cuts to higher education as a whole, which would translate in between \$7 and \$13 million in cuts to UW, which is on top of the \$200million cut that we have already received over the last few years.

Today he was at the governor's Signing of Senate Bill 6121 – the financial aid counseling bill—which allows financial aid offices to counsel students on the taking of student loans. It looks like bill 2313 will be signed quickly (this bill requires a 21 day notice any time the board of regents wants to increase tuition or fees on campus, allowing for a public comment period).

Senator Kastama might be a critical person in these budget conversations. We should focus all of our attention on him right now. Adam sent KASTAMA'S OFFICE a link to a Facebook page that ASUW set up in order to gauge support for Kastama. The goal is to get 1000 people to like the page. They went to his office today and asked them to monitor the page. The office said they will be. Everyone get on there and 'like' it.

He has been working with JAYINSLEE'S STAFF to get them to come to campus to talk about his vision for higher education.

Rene – We need to have an RSO sponsor that event. GPSS cannot do it.

Adam – THANKS RENE. I KNOW WE CAN'T BE IN THE BUSINESS OF PROMOTING A CANDIDATE. I just want to make sure that people have an informed vote.

ON THE FEDERAL FRONT, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE myself, and Kiana Scott. Matt Souza is not going to be able to join us. Adam has been talking to Sarah Castro, a federal relations lobbyist. She is coming to campus on the 15th and they will be talking in Condon Hall to make sure that all policy papers are ready to go.

Also, he talked to the bookstore last quarter about whether they would donate a \$50 gift card to try and solicit student stories for lobbying purposes. Adam would like to do this in such a way that we can get student stories about the research they are doing and why, whether students are dealing with immigration, etc. GPSS could also use this to identify people who want to get more engaged down the road. He will start a conversation with the bookstore and then start a contest to see who can come up with the most compelling story. Maybe the executive committee can vote on the best. Other models are fine too.

Rene – Were there lots of people protesting with all the other protesters in the halls the last couple of days?

Adam – Yeah, there were about 50 people who occupied Senator ZARELLI'S office. It was a lot of WSA people, but not many of their liaisons or lobbyists. There were a lot of students from different campuses. Adam tried to steer clear of that. There is a time and a place for that sort of action. Radical steps bring attention to an issue, but you lose credibility as a lobbyist when you engage with that element. He heard ABOUT IT, READ ABOUT IT. HE DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT. HE THINKS IT GETS THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION TURNED TO THE issue more than it changes anything that happens in Olympia. Can someone start up this story contest? HE'S LOOKING FOR

Colin – Why not do it without any word limit.

Adam – IT DOESN'T COST US ANYTHING SO IT'S WORTH A TRY.

Melanie – Will we do this via senators or via an all-student email?

Adam – Either way.

Melanie – Ok, why not.

6) Officer Reports

Adam – Kiana has been asked to look at what next quarter should look like. It is a goal of Adam'S TO make sure that the potential new VP is introduced to as many people in Olympia in person as possible. This would be a potential passing of the baton, so to speak. Next quarter is going to be spent thinking about continuity between this year and next year.

Also he wants Kiana to keep looking at a variety of policies. She just finished a 50 state survey on financial aid on WHAT TYPES ARE PROVIDED IN WHAT STATES. IT'S A DEPRESSING to look more broadly at administrative pay at UW and within the public sector across Washington state. He wants to know where higher education administrative pay fits in with people who are heads of departments for Washington State. All these other public officers make much less than Michael Young, which seems weird to Adam. He wants to look at things like how much people spend on utilities and cable versus how much it would cost to fully fund higher education.

Colin – The Science and Policy Summit got \$2000 from the School of Medicine. This is the first large subsidy. They will be able to partner with 2 student groups: The Student Public Health Association, which will also help financially and with getting more funding from SPH, and Blue Drinks from the College of the Environment. To subsidize food and drinks. TED talks events will be in the Burke Room on May 3. The larger summit will be on Tuesday May 8. We have a travel grants meeting on Sunday – 61 applications. Ouch. Will be working on the budget over spring break.

Melanie – bylaws say that each officer can submit our own budget proposal. Can we do that?

Colin – yeah. I assumed that it would be collaborative with the restructuring committee, but folks can submit things if they want.

Melanie – DRAC (Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee) had 2 meetings this week. On Monday they met with Rebecca Aanerud from The Graduate School to talk about their role in disputes. She can send out notes from that meeting for those interested. Rebecca sometimes gets involved when a student has a grievance with a faculty member. She informally mediates. There is a formal mechanism, but it has no TEETH AND THEY DON'T USE IT MUCH. PLAGIARISM GOES DIRECTLY TO CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT, WHICH PROCESS, BUT OTHER ISSUES DON'T HAVE CASES. GPSS will work with her to establish best practices for different departments. She is also doing a conflict resolution presentation in a few weeks that we will have info for.

She also met Tuesday with a student from an unnamed department who was tangentially involved with a faculty member in her department. There was a formal complaint filed of harassment and fraud and people think the faculty member is insane. The student she spoke with said she would never recommend to UW to anyone because of this. The process of events here is hard to track. It seems like it went straight to the dean, the attorney general was involved. The student Melanie met with was interviewed initially then never spoken to ever again. This was not a transparent process. They also felt that the final decision was not good – the faculty member could not take on new advisees for 2 years. Since there was a formal investigation there was a formal report, but you have to make a public records request to see it, so no one wants to do it. GPSS could request this record. Melanie wants to send out an email to senators asking about disputes. Folks on the committee feel that DRAC is not needed as a standing, ongoing committee, but they have a few things to accomplish in the meantime.

For senate meetings, nothing was available ever. Now we have Bagley Hall. Finally, there will be a party AT MELANE'S ON SATURDAY. PLEASE COME. REGARDING THE TRANSITION TO NEXT YEAR, BETWEEN OFFICERS and executive senators, some people know what they are doing, and SOME DON'T, BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO think about that. Also if we are going to get a 5th officer, we need to find that person and get them to run FAST.

Evan - He wanted to plug the Kastama Facebook page, too. He also has an update on the diversity requirement: it has hit a roadblock in the faculty senate. They say it is too big of an issue to rush through. The provost has agreed to create an interim task group, but the chair of the committee said that she would not move it out of committee. So now the question is: do they rush it quickly or wait and go with the system. Evan wants to take the slow road, because graduation requirements are a big deal. ASUW took a position on differential tuition – they are opposed. This reinforces the efforts of others who have been lobbying against it as well. The radio station is up for an MTV award for best college radio station. The proposal for the new UWPD across from the ECC was also opposed by ASUW. ASUW elections are also on the horizon. Elections start April 6 and close May 9.

Charles – Tomorrow is the Board of Regents meeting in Tacoma. He will be there for the main 1:00pm meeting. Is there anything else that people want included? We finally got the tuition summaries. [The sheet is passed around.] This is a compilation of all the proposed tuition increases for graduate tuition categories that are controlled within a college. This does not include tier 1 and other things controlled by

THE PROVOST. THIS ALSO DOESNT AFFECT EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH BECAUSE THAT AUTHORITY HAS BEEN DELETED.
Vice-Provost David Szatmary. Charles is going to Szatmary directly. This information was given to the Senate Committee on Planning and Budget on Monday. This will let Charles highlight the rapid growth of EO programs to the committee. They are still under the (now false) impression that EO offerings are all special professional evening degrees or special professional MAs.

There is also a matter of arbitration with respect to the administration negotiating fees for employees. Hopefully there will be some resolution on that soon. The hearing was today. The arbitrator has a specific amount of time to rule.

The student position on the College of Nursing search committee has been filled, and candidate interviews for the College of Arts and Sciences position will happen Friday. There was only one application for the student regent search committee. He has reached out to a few senators. The committee meets three times. It is not a very time intensive committee. He will be working to recruit someone by Friday.

He can answer any budget questions later. The most important issues will be tuition and the role of fees in a lot of university units. Pay attention to units that are using expanded fees in lieu of tuition increases. This is going to be a more popular model for making up funding gaps in various units. He also attended the quarterly alumni association board meeting, which was interesting. They are working on linking UW professors with external funding. They brought in folks from Communications who have gotten some funding for various projects from outside philanthropists.

7) Announcements

Rene – If anyone wants to go to Portland to see the wheel of fortune to see UW candidates, let her know.
Charles - Regarding the physical transition next year, moving back into the HUB—we need to sit down early next quarter to discuss our moving plan. LET'S SET UP A MEETING TIME VERY SOON

8) Adjournment

Colin moves to adjourn.

Megan Seconds

No objections, meeting adjourns.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 3/14/2012

Members Present:

Charles Plummer (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)

Others Present:

Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

1. Call to Order

Charles calls the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Adam moves to approve agenda
Trond seconds.
None opposed, agenda approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 3/7/12

Adam moves to approved the minutes from 3/7/12
Mateo seconds.
None opposed, minutes from 3/7/12 approved.

4a: Tuition Proposals and GPSS Response

Charles:

The Provost is modeling a 10-18% increase for undergraduate tuition.
Would like Exec to chaT ABOUT GPSS'S PATH FORWARD. PACS (PROVOST ADVISORY Committee for Students) can now directly talk and negotiate with the Provost. What should the GPSS do? What should we prioritize?
Should we get feedback at next Senate meeting?

Adam: Question about issue of predictability: Is there a strategy that this is going to be last big increase for some of the larger ones, or from now on there will be 25% increases every year? Need a steady/predictable rate of increase.

Charles: I can ask provost for particular units but also give to her what we think is reasonable. If we are below our global graduate peers, we can increase those until we are about the same as those.

Melanie: Particularly for specialized programs, we should try to reach out to students and senators in those departments before GPSS makes recommendations. ALSO, IT'S DIFFICULT

to have general principles on tuition increases when we JUST DON'T KNOW THE TARGETS are.

COLIN: DON'T KNOW IF WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE "GLOBAL AVERAGE" TO INCREASE tuition. Perceived lack of diversity in the school (of Public Health) if certain populations are more averse to taking on debt.

Charles: The challenge was to cap tuition increases AT THE 'GLOBAL CHALLENGE MEAN.'

Adam: important to compare to peers, but we should also not always be following but should be leaders in a different way.

Trond: The global peer information made sure that there is at least some base number to which we can compare

Colin: global target is also a moving target

Adam: Can you talk about difference between comparing us on a university level and a department level. Are we moving more towards dept level.

Charles: with ABB is that graduate degrees are highly subsidized there will be contention that undergraduate are subsidizing graduate degrees.

Charles: Decide what are our values where tuition is concerned and also looking at how it affects quality of programs.

Megan: Is there any way to campaign to keep cohort tuition pricing? How do students plan for such large tuition increases?

Charles indicates that time for this agenda item has expired.

Adam moves to add 5 more minutes.

Colin seconds.

No objections, motion approved.

Charles: Idea of different tiers of PhD tuition depending on where students are in their program- taking courses, research, dissertation.

Trond: activity/user fee- having more structure than the arbitrary numbers the provost comes up with. If we knew what services the tuition was buying and why increases were necessary would be easier to sell to services.

Colin: danger of treating higher education as a marketplace transaction- IT'S A PUBLIC GOOD

Adam: making sure we have capacity to look at program specific budgets.

4b: Communications Plan: Melanie Mayock

Update on Communications Plan and email style guide that Jenn Tippins drafted in January. Having a consistent format and what kinds of emails are sent out- to senators, just for students, for senators to forward. Also managing frequency. Any comments or questions about emails sent from GPSS this year?

Megan: I think they are much more organized.

Charles: The Grad School has a new blog.

Melanie: Another thing we might want to follow up on is finding out how often senators forward the emails to their constituents.

Adam: There are software programs to see if people forward the emails. Not sure if that is a worthwhile investment.

Melanie: We also have a broader communications plan for GPSS. Will email documents out later this week. Lots of things that could be done but keep in mind our limited resources.

Adam: We need to use The Daily more and reach out to them. The more we can do that the more we can control the tone of the conversation.

Melanie: We need to make clear whose role press outreach is.

Adam: Can we integrate a blog into the GPSS website?

5a: Restructuring Committee- Discuss Recommendations

Charles: LET'S walk through some of the take-aways from the Restructuring Committee, including officer hours, community involvement, GPSS knowledge and outreach, institutional continuity, and unsustainable officer compensation.

Officer compensation: OFFICERS CAN'T LEAVE THE UNION. CHARLES IS REACHING OUT TO UNION TO see what is possible. Also thinking about other things we can do.

LET'S TALK ABOUT officer compensation and Committees.

Officer Compensation is eating up a large part of the budget. How do we reign that in? Either capping tuition waiver at Tier I, we would need to figure out a way to negotiate that with the union, or we would have to leave the union.

MELANIE: I'M IN FAVOR OF LOOKING INTO THE SUBS OF capping tuition waivers. There is LOT LESS MONEY TO MEET THE GOALS AND MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT CAN'T BE MET IF A L of the budget goes to pay officer tuition.

Charles: Think about how you would like any changes to be instituted.

Adam: I struggle with the idea that so much money is wrapped up in 4 people. And I still want to offer healthcare to staff, hire more staff, and spread tasks out more evenly. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING IN HERE THAT WOULD MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT OFFICERS ARE putting in. I want to make sure being an officer is still an attractive position.

Trond: I generally think getting these 4 positions out of the contract and out of the union is a good move. Use the money to pay for healthcare and create a 5th officer position. Also, WE SHOULD GET RID OF TRAVEL GRANTS. THEY DON'T BENEFIT THE STUDENT BODY AS A WHOLE. They are supplementing research programs and depts.

Colin: We should get the most value out of every dollar we spend. Cap tuition of officers, but tuition waivers makes sense to have someone commit to more than just the 20 hours a week as a staff position. Tuition compensation does have a factor in that. I think the staff healthcare issue is one that would be difficult to operationalize.

Charles: THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE WON'T MAKE A DIRECT RECOMMENDATION, BUT WE should have a deliverable for this year. We should coalesce around a process or an option.

Melanie: Might take another month or two to talk to the union about capping the tuition. Would like Exe Committee to make recommendation this year but not be put into place until next year. I support compensating the staff at a higher level and creating a 5th officer position.

Rene: What are other graduate students getting paid on campus? Come up with a mission as to why staff and personnel should be getting paid more.

Adam: We should make sure our compensation aligns with our values, not just look at what other organizations on campus are doing.

Charles: What do we see as a path forward on officer compensation? Would like Exec to be tasked with looking at this issue and coming up with a way to make it happen. Not clear as to how Restructuring Committee proposals can be implemented. There needs to be some sort of formal presentation to the Senate.

Melanie: We have three more Senate meetings this year. We could have a presentation on April 4th and a motion to have Exec Committee make a recommendation to Senate at the May 30th meeting.

Charles: Sounds like we have consensus that Exec should take this, figure it out, and come back to the Senate.

Trond: limited amount of time, and package it in a way that the Senate can act on this next year.

CHARLES: LET'S TALK ABOUT THE COMMITTEE PROPOSALS NOW.

Adam: I DON'T THINK a new lobby committee is necessary, but we can take the ideas behind it and put it into the existing framework.

Trond: the Publicity & Outreach and Website Maintenance Committee can be folded into one.

Charles: University Affairs Committee is one I think we can all get behind.

Trond: We should have metrics for success for each committee.

Rene: I think that some of the committee are more action-oriented. The ones that work the best are Finance and Budget, Judicial, they get to make decisions and they get to leave. Keep that model in mind

Melanie: I feel like that view minimizes what people on the committee do, we need to try to get Senators take on more responsibilities.

Charles: Committee chairs need to do more and we need to figure out how they can integrate with GPSS and the Executive Committee. One idea is having chairs serve on exec committee or having other opportunities to interact with officers or exec committee. What would that look like? One idea is to mandate that exec senators sit on these committees. Another is to grow the size of the exec committee to bring in those other committee chairs.

Melanie: We do need to integrate the committees with Exec, but perhaps not every committee. Another idea is to have committee chairs report to Exec on a regular basis. Also, if committee chairs are also on Exec, that could be too high of a time commitment.

Charles: Time has expired for this item.

Adam moves to extend conversation for another 5 minutes.

Megan seconds.

No objections, motion carries.

Colin: We need to motivate committee chairs to have more investment into the organization.

Charles: Concern that Exec Committee will get too large to be effective.

Rene: Have you thought about compensation for these positions?

Charles: Yes.

5c: Legislative Update

Adam- not much is happening. No one from the House is in Olympia. A few Senators are down there talking to themselves. Something is happening behind closed doors, but no one is really sure. We tried to set UP A PRESS CONFERENCE BUT DIDN'T HAPPEN BECAUSE OF finals week. Student parent, someone who is graduating.

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice President

Already reported.

b. Treasurer (Colin)

For travel grants this round we had 60 applicants. We spread the funds around; average grant was \$280.

Special Allocations fund has been used up. Money might be transferred from departmental allocations.

c. Secretary (Melanie)

UPASS: recommendation of no exemptions a month ago. We notified people about 2 weeks ago, but WE HAVEN'T gotten any responses yet, which might be a good sign.

Catching up on various projects over spring break- Communications, Diversity issues, DRAC.

d. ASUW

[Evan is not present]

e. President (Charles)

Student regent selection committee has gotten off the ground. Got some numbers on faculty retention for this year, have not seen as many offers to keep faculty as expected.

Because of budget cuts and freezes, we would have seen a jump in number of retention offers made, but we have not seen that. We know how many faculty have left the UNIVERSITY. IT HASN'T CHANGED MUCH THOUGH. information from the Office of

Admissions for undergrads- saw increases in all categories of applicants except for white in-state students. Huge increase in number of international students applying.

7. Announcements

No announcements.

8. Adjourn

Melanie moves to adjourn. Colin seconds.

No objections, motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting

**Joint Meeting with Finance & Budget Committee
Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 5:30pm
Condon 401**

Executive Committee Members Present:

Charles Plummer (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice-President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Trond Nilsen (Executive Senator)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator)
Evan Smith (ASUW)
Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

Finance and Budget Committee Members Present:

Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Colin Bateson
Colin Morgan-Cross
Ted Chen
Kristen Hosey (via conference call)

1. Call to order

Charles calls the meeting to order at 5:33.

2. Approval of agenda

Mateo moves to approve the agenda.

Megan seconds.

No objections. The motion passes.

3. Approval of minutes from the March 14th Executive Committee meeting

Adam moves to approve the minutes.

Matt seconds.

No objections. The motion passes.

4a. Budget approval

Colin Goldfinch reports that the GPSS budget being proposed for next year is similar to past ones, but there are a few substantial changes. There is a reduction in revenue due to ending the NFT guides and reductions in fundraising. In administration, it is essentially the same budget as

last year. The biggest change is in the travel grant allocations. Based on the recommendations they received from the restructuring task force (and based on the feedback they got from travel grants participants) they have decided to cut the travel grants program. First, most people had a **NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE PROGRAM. SECOND, IT WAS TERRIBLY STAFF/LABOR INTENSIVE.** This is in line with GPSS goals of promoting student activity on campus.

They also cut cell phone reimbursement because it has been unused in the past. They moved around some numbers for cell phone and Internet expenses for the VP in order to more accurately reflect what his/her needs are. They cut out Treasurer discretionary funding for socials. The funding in other budget lines has been sufficient for socials in the past.

Colin will recommend modifying the arts and entertainment budget from \$15,000 to \$10,000. This will allow the budget to match the actual demand from previous years. The telephone charge has been changed to reflect the way the fee is actually charged. There is no longer **web-posting under the Secretary's fund, and they have budgeted an additional \$100 for** communications.

Most major changes are under personnel. This is where the Travel Grant savings have been put. There is more staff time over the summer to facilitate HUB move. Personnel budgets have also been shuffled so that our real need is reflected. Under regular hourly staff, there is an overall increase. In addition to the Executive Assistant is now a second, overall assist to the president. This person will be supporting the new University Affairs Committee. The President will now have two 19.5hr staff persons for support.

Adam asked if officers were working 20 hours per week over the summer.

Colin said that weekly summer hours for officers have been 13.5 for a while. He continued that the Vice President will also have two 19.5 hour staff people under the new budget. The Legislative Assistant will become the Organizing Director to reflect their tasks and work load. This gives the Policy Analyst more time to actually analyze policy. The Resource Assistant position has been renamed to the Budget Specialist. The Secretary now has a Communications Specialist, not a Publications Specialist, but the positions are generally the same.

Megan - Are these wages historically defined?

Colin B - is the Publication Assistant disappearing?

Colin G - The position is the same. It is just being renamed the Communications Specialist.

Kristen - The summer position of Office manager might be getting bonus for moving everything to the HUB?

Colin G - That would come out of the general fund since it's a one-time expenditure. Now that we've deleted the Publication Assistant budget line, this budget has a new total of \$255,920.

That is a 10-ish percent increase from last year

Charles - Are we on a 3 tier wage system? Is the event planner at \$13/hr?

Colin G - RIGHT. SO THAT'S AN 11% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR.

Adam - There is a listing for IT network admin, is this different than the person dealing with the website?

Colin G - We replaced web developer with the IT guy. Web developing will be done by contract, it seems.

Trond - we CAN'T afford to fund a permanent position for someone to do that job properly.

Charles – THAT’S WHY WE’RE BUDGETING Creative Communications.

Adam – We can still update things on the website ourselves but take major work elsewhere?

Trond – Basically.

Adam – This year we decided to do committee applications online in Share Point. Are we going to contract that out?

Colin G – We will have money to take care of these things next year, especially with less online Share Point work due to the ending of the Travel Grants program. Other major changes: we allocated \$25,000/yr for insurance. BUT THAT’S NOT BEING SUBTRACTED. We just have to hold it. There is \$3,000 for OCHA (Off Campus Housing Affairs). With the changes we have made thus far, the deficit is less. \$16,314 is projected as the deficit for this year. Next year’s deficit is projected at \$15,615.

Rene – Did you decide to make these salaries fixed?

Colin G – They are meant to be maximums.

Rene – What are the minimums?

Charles – THEY AREN’T DEVELOPED. WE WENT WITH THE TIER SYSTEM

Rene – Ok, we can deal with this later then.

Colin G - WE’LL WORK IN THE RIGHT LANGUAGE WHEN WE AMEND the 3-tier system.

Rene - Not a problem.

Melanie – When do we know what we actually spent on tuition?

Colin G – I would have to go back and look at the numbers.

Melanie – DON’T WE NEED THAT INFORMATION TO PLAN OUT THIS LINE ITEM? IT’S A BIG LINE ITEM

Colin G – I can have those numbers ready for the senate meeting.

Trond – Is the OCHA support line in the general fund?

Colin G – THAT’S AN expenditure. It is calculated in the deficit. The budget from last year has the amount that we requested at the top. It shows what we asked and what we got.

Kristin – AND WHAT TO DO IF THEY DON’T GIVE US THE FULL AMOUNT?

Colin G – I’M PLANNING ON GOING IN saying that there are 3 new entities that are asking for more money for programming, so our plan is to live within our means. That, coupled with all the work on restructuring, should be a compelling argument. We did a lot of internal work and research, and these are our core functions. This is not an arbitrary number. This is what it takes us to operate.

Kristin – Is tuition going to go up again this year? Will we be able to cover the tuition waiver?

Colin G – Not sure what a good basis is. It depends on who gets elected. There is some give or take in the budget line items. We always end up every year with a small surplus.

Charles – I think we try to stay in front of the tuition increases, and that has been our financial buffer year to year.

Colin G – WE COULD PUT IN A 10% INCREASE. I JUST DIDN’T PUT THAT IN BECAUSE IT SEEMED A BIT HIGH FOR me.

Colin B – But it just means us asking for more from SAF.

Melanie – How about a 5% increase?

Trond – A 5% increase over the estimates from last year.

Adam – The Legislative Assistant also took charge of committee maintenance. That has been a bit accounted for in the University Affairs Committee, but who is taking that line item next year?

Charles – The University Affairs Director.

Melanie – What about the senate meeting budget – does that include committee meetings too?

Colin G – WE COULD CHANGE THE LINE ITEM TO “MEETINGS” IF YOU LIKE. BUT THIS MIGHT NOT
to have food at all meetings everywhere.

Melanie – It would be a nice thing for us to consider.

Charles – Budget in \$100-200 per committee?

Trond – And have them spend it at their discretion to motivate at important meetings.

Rene – I’D RECOMMEND MAKING A NEW CATEGORY SO THAT IT’S CLEAR IN THE FUTURE WHAT YOU
can also take money from other sources and feed it into those line items.

Colin G – I will increase the budget for committee meetings to \$1,000 and increase fundraising expectations by \$1k. We could do a single ask for the Higher Education Summit from a dean, we could use some of that money for the line item.

Trond moves to recommend this budget to the GPSS senate, incorporating changes that have been annotated in the minutes (as follows):

- Add committee meetings line item of \$1,000
- Increased event fundraising from \$29,000 to \$30,000
- Treasurers budget arts and entertainment drops from \$15,000 to \$10,000.
- Personnel: Deleted erroneous Publications Assistant allocation; adjusted Event Planner salary from \$11/hr to \$13/hr.
- Adjust tuition waiver figure to show a 5% increase from tuition projections for this year.

Melanie seconded.

No objections. The motion passes

Finance and Budget Committee Adjourns

Colin B moves to adjourn the Finance and Budget Committee meeting.

Colin G seconds.

No oppositions. The motion passes.

F&B committee meeting adjourns.

4b. Bylaw Amendment Recommendations

Melanie offers to go through the amendment documents that were distributed earlier.

Charles – LET’S start with communications and outreach.

Communications and Outreach

Melanie – Based on the meetings over spring break, the idea was to try again with communication and outreach committee—a little different than the one from a few years ago. A few tasks that were added include helping Secretary and officers with presentations at fall orientation for new students and doing orientation type things with new senators. The other function would be that they work with the Secretary to develop improved GPSS communications activities. There is still a role for senators to be on a committee and be involved on these sorts of things. Since this plan means that work will be STARTING OVER THE SUMMER, WE’LL SEE HOW MANY people volunteer. Chair elected and members gathered spring quarter, but vacancies can be filled other times of the year.

Evan – The Publications Assistant and Communications Specialist: how are they different?

Melanie – The Publications Assistant is being turned into the Communications Specialist. The Communications Specialist is working within a job description that is still being worked out a little bit, but the person, though integrated with the committee, is a paid staff person who is committed to getting things done. We have to send all this to the senate tonight, so we CANT make changes.

Colin – But we can approve with recommendations for amendments.

Melanie – So, then, at the senate meeting I present what judicial recommended and then what exec recommends?

Charles – The Judicial Committee has to make their own presentation.

Rene – Judicial makes presentations and recommendations to senate as a whole, then someone else comes up to suggest specific amendments.

Adam – Having these things in a single document will help us move through this at the meeting more easily.

Melanie – I'LL SAVE A NEW TRACKCHANGES THAT SHOWS JUDICIAL TRACKCHANGES AND THE T from tonight.

Charles – Perfect.

Rene – There is another set of rules that talks about whose job it is to do what presentations each year. If you task this to a committee—

Trond – they are just *assisting*. Normally the Secretary tries to pull people to help them. This is just the formation of a committee who is obliged to help him or her.

Melanie – So change the text TO ‘COMMITTEE WORKS WITH OFFICERS TO...’

Adam – We also often have three different descriptions of committee sizes in the bylaws.

Charles – There are a lot of inconsistencies in the bylaws. I worked on the University Affairs bylaws to make them consistent, but there are other differences.

Trond – There could be a reason behind that, different purposes for different committees.

Megan – Why do we have the date June 1? That has been a problem before. Why NOT SAY “NO later than the last Executive COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE REGULAR YEAR.”

Charles – INMINE, I JUST PUT “BEFORE THE END OF SPRING QUARTER

Megan – MAYBE CHANGING IT TO “AS MANY SEATS ARE AS NEEDED WILL BE FILLED

Melanie – SO IT SHOULD SAY “APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE LAST spring QUARTER. A AVAILABLE SEATS WILL BE FILLED AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.”

Charles – Does that need to BE INTHE BY LAWS, THE SECOND THING? DONT WE HAVE AUTHORITY committee seats whenever?

Consensus seems to be that this language is too restrictive.

Colin – The committee is defined as 5-9 MEMBERS, SO IF WE DONT GET 5 MEMBERS INTHE SPRING, WE DONT HAVE A COMMITTEE.

Rene – You should lower the minimum number of committee members to 3. Form the committee with 3 members, then consider the remaining 2 to be vacancies to be filled.

Colin – We should add language that says that people will join the committee, a minimum of 3, in the spring for a mandate continuing until the next summer. Borrow language from the bylaws on the social.

Melanie – So, there will be a new point E. ‘Term shall begin summer quarter, and end on the last DAY OF SPRING QUARTER...AND APPROVED BY THE committee.’ IS THIS ALL GOING TO WORK?

Trond – Change it to say quorum is 50% of members and secretary, not 50% of *senators*.

Government Relations Committee

Charles – This is set up to have a main committee and two subcommittees. The main COMMITTEE’S COMPOSITION IS A BLEND OF Legislative Steering Committee and the Federal Legislative Steering Committee and general government relations senators, plus an elected chair, elected in spring quarter.

Adam – The chair could be any one of the members, right? Not an at large person?

Charles – Technically, yes, but seeing AS WE DONT HAVE TO PUT THE FEDERAL OR STATE LEGISLATIVE Steering Committees together until THE FALL, THAT ISN’T GOING TO.

Colin – And those steering committees are now supposed to be open to students at large, no?

Charles – WE’LL GET THERE. Back to main committee—their functions include being in charge of monitoring efforts for GPSS. I want these committees to be producing opinion that GPSS could vote on, a collection of all of our advocacy positions.

Adam – How specific will this get? Sometimes in the state legislature, you are in the middle of NEGOTIATING AND SOMEONE’S LIKE “WHAT ABOUT THIS” AND WE NEED TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO timely answer.

Charles – THIS HASN’T BEEN HUGELY SPECIFIC IN THE PASC AND BY making recommendations to GPSS. We have to adopt their positions, and only if we want to.

Rene – There is nothing here preventing people on the committee from going rogue and acting on their own.

Charles – WELL THAT’S WHY WE HAVE A CHAIR, TO REIGN THINGS IN

Rene – BUT CAN THE CHAIR DO LOBBYING? YOU DON’T SAY THAT THEY CAN’T.

Trond – There is nothing here empowering them to talk to legislature.

Rene – BUT THERE’S NOTHING PREVENTING THEM EITHER.

Charles – If someone WANTS TO GO THAT CRAZY, WE CAN’T PREVENT IT WITH BYLAWS. THAT IS AN interpersonal issue that we need to manage among ourselves.

Trond – ADD THE CLAUSE THAT THE GRC’S JOB IS TO “ENSURE THAT WITH state and federal representatives IS IN LINE WITH OFFICIAL GPSS POLICY”

Adam – Do we want to address a process for removal of the chair?

Charles – THAT’S ALREADY IN THE BYLAWS. THE PRESIDENT CAN REMOVE ANY CHAIR. STATE LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE IS BASICALLY THE SAME. IT’S CHANGED FROM 9 TO WSA delegate has been added. Traditionally the Vice President has been doing this work. HE’S broadened the language so that they are working year round. The Federal Legislative Steering Committee is also similar to the previous committee, but now it is co-chaired by the 2 SAGE delegates, rather than the Vice President. We have been wanting to remove officers from these committees to create new leadership roles where appropriate.

Trond – Why only three members?

Charles – Lets just mirror the State Legislative Steering Committee language? Clause 1a, CHANGE “3 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONALS” TO “6”

Adam – The President, Vice President, 2 SAGE DELEGATES... THIS ADDS UP TO 10. DO WE WANT AN odd number?

Charles – Right. Make it 7. The rest is very similar, mirroring other committees. Other comments?

Trond – like that we have these standing bodies of opinion. This is very good for institutional memory.

Social Committee

Colin – The Social Committee has the same basic function. We are creating a small budget that will replace speed dating. We will be working with other groups to be throwing smaller social events.

Charles – Did we not mention when we were talking about the budget that we eliminated speed dating? We did.

Trond – This year speed dating was huge.

Melanie – Speed dating POSES THREE PROBLEMS. FIRST, IT'S MORE WORK SECOND, IT'S HARD TO successfully inclusive, and, three, its hard to put on well.

Rene – Can you add a non-voting SAO advisor? To make sure you have someone to help you.

Melanie – Add them as a non-voting ex officio member?

Colin – Is it weird having officers vote?

Trond – No, it means that they are part of the committee. It makes them peers with the other ACTING SENATORS. IT'S GOOD.

Charles – DO WE WANT TO ADD ANSAO ADVISOR TO ANY OF THE OTHER COMMITTEES THAT WE looked at?

Rene – For Social and F&B and Executive, these things have been problems in the past. You can invite us to come if you want. Typically, we have not gone to your Legislative meetings. But if you need us to come just to help maintain the neutrality and demeanor, if people are fighting, we CAN BUT THAT HASN'T BEEN A PROBLEM RECENTLY.

Adam – When filling these positions, we need to be aware of how much time it is going to take to fill these positions.

Rene – I recommend that we have a plan for a time when no one wants to be chair. Will an officer be the temporary chair? In the absence of the chair, let them operate in some sort of CONSENSUAL MANNER... I'M THINKING OF SUBCOMMITTEES.

Charles – ALSO THERE IS something to functionally stop an officer from getting elected to the subcommittee chair.

University Affairs Committee

Charles – This committee will have a chair and no fewer than five senators. The subcommittees and numbers are messed up on this document. There are various subcommittees. I am thinking of this committee as a cluster of things that I do and things that someone like Evan would do if they were part of our organization. This committee and its subcommittees should be able to tackle a few issues at a time, which will help us craft policy and statements and positions here. They will manage the collection of our GPSS approved policies and positions.

Adam – Is this a place for archiving past opinions?

Trond – Standing opinions are standing opinions. We would keep old opinions in the archive.

Adam – It might be helpful to have that history readily available.

Charles – We had talked about adding archiving tasks under the job description of the new Communications Specialist.

Melanie – Should that be in the bylaws?

Charles – I'M SORT OF HAPPY WITH THE WAY IT IS NOW.

Melanie – Yea, but we typically do a bad job of this.

Charles – But THAT'S AN OFFICE PROCEDURES ISSUE, NOT A BYLAWS ISSUE.

SUMMARY the Subcommittees have one difference – we did add language for working groups.

WHEN WORKING ON UNIVERSITY ISSUES, A LOT OF THINGS COME UP, AND YOU CANT ALWAYS TO
subcommittee. Working groups would allow for this to be taken care of.

Rene – Wow do these committees connect with others on the College Council?

Charles – They are not in this structure at all. The function of the University Affairs Council is crafting policies, proposing official positions, agenda book, etc.

The Academic and Administrative Affairs Subcommittee

Charles – This group will have a similar structure as the others. Currently the president is listed as non-VOTING. LET'S TAKE THAT LANGUAGE OUT. THIS ALSO STIPULATES APPOINTEES TO DIFFERENT committees.

Adam proposes different language: one GPSS member appointed to each of the following COMMITTEES:....

Melanie – WHAT IF SOMEONE WANTS TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE, BUT DOESN'T WANT ALL THESE appointments? This could be a scheduling nightmare.

Trond – NO SHOWS JUST MAKE QUORUM HARDER TO GET. IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD. 100% attendance never happens anyway.

Charles – The AARS will craft policy proposals, maintain relations with campus organizations, monitor and coordinate with committee appointees (themselves). The Community Affairs Subcommittee is again similar. But instead of focusing on the central mission of university, it focuses on auxiliary functions that we all rely upon. Facilities, Emergency Planning, etc. They will craft policy proposals, maintain relations with community, with alumni association specifically, and so on.

Adam – Having them form a packet of relevant contacts for reaching out for new groups – that would be nice.

Charles – I SEE THAT AS PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S DUTY. I SHOULD ALSO BE A VOTING MEMBER OF THE committee so amend that language.

Diversity Subcommittee

Melanie – The Diversity Subcommittee should be WORKING ON DIVERSITY AT LARGE. STUDENTS DON'T have to be senators. The chair is elected by subcommittee members. The Secretary should be a voting position.

Charles – Can we add veterans status to the list of diverse things?

Adam – WE SHOULD ALSO REPLACE CLASSES WITH 'STATUS', add gender identity as well as sexual orientation.

Rene – INCLUDE THE WOMEN'S CENTER ON ITEM 5.

Charles – So we want to add an SAO advisor to this committee because they are working with the diversity fund?

Everyone seems to agree.

Rene suggests several departments and programs to list in the language of the text. Do we want to talk about religion here?

Melanie – IT SAYS "INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO."

Student Life Subcommittee

Rene – Put an SAO advisor on this committee.

Charles – Again, this is 5-9 graduate and professional students. The President is an ex officio member. Make it a voting position. STF committee, SAF, hall health, UPASS are included. Their

charges are similar to the others. This is the principle committee for issues related to student fees, student parent/childcare issues, athletics.

Rene – Where is campus safety here?

Charles – They are under Community Affairs.

Rene – What about police, etc? They report to student life.

Charles – Other committees report to student life.

Rene – OK, as long AS IT'S SOMEWHERE.

Travel Grants Committee

Charles – Finally we just delete the travel grants committee.

Adam - Under the bylaws for the Vice President, are we removing responsibility for committee appointments?

Charles – We will have to go over all officer bylaws.

Melanie – Yeah, WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GET TO IT.

Melanie moves to approve all bylaw changes, per her annotation in Microsoft Word, to be passed to the senate for final approval.

Adam seconds.

No objections. The motion passes.

4c. Senate Meeting Agenda

Colin – We need to recruit more volunteers for F&B and announce the spring social.

Adam – We need to make a budget update, too.

There is general concern around leaving enough time for questions re: budget changes. The ending of travel grants is going to be a big thing.

Trond suggests avoiding word-smithing in the senate meeting when discussing the bylaws.

Colin – We can refer people to judicial on small issues.

Trond – Then can we prioritize things that have to get done and things THAT DON'T NECESSARILY have to be done right away, perhaps?

Megan – When you send out by law amendments, send out a half page bulletin about what you have changed.

Colin – If the elections packet has to go out at the meeting, it should be before the bylaw amendment changes.

Rene – Flip the order. People who are running for office are going to want to stay for the bylaw amendments.

Adam says he can shorten the legislative update.

The proposed agenda was arranged as follows:

Call to order -1 min

Approval of agenda -1 min

Approval of minutes -1 min

Appeal for new F&B Committee members – 3 min

Announce the spring social - 2 min

Proposed GPSS budget – 25 min

Election packet – 10 min
Bylaw amendments – 40 min
College councils – 5 min
Legislative update – 5 min
Announcements – 2 min
Adjourn

Trond motions to approve agenda, above.

Colin seconds.

No objections. The motion passes.

4d. SHIP changes

Colin – Current student health insurance plans are SHIP and SHIP Plus. Powers that be are moving around things in these student health plans. These are currently two different plans at two different price points, so what happens is that students who really need healthcare will buy the expensive plan and then use the heck out of it. This is called adverse selection. The way you FIX THIS PROBLEM IS BY DOING A COMMUNITY RATING AND COMING UP WITH A NEW PLAN THAT is in the middle.

Charles – The new SHIP will be improvement for students who had SHIP before. They will get the pharmacy and dental benefits from SHIP Plus. The program has also been opened up to Bothell and Tacoma for the first time. Transgendered services are all out of network for SHIP, but the committee decided to take the in-network maximum coverage amount and apply it to those providers out of network. They also opened up the program to the full Lifewise network. So, for the people on Ship Plus, a lot of services were out of network, but now some of them will be in network. So even though they will be paying more for the policy, the maximum allowable claim will be much higher, so things will come out in their favor.

Colin – Do we have any predictions on out of pocket liability?

Charles – I THINK IT IS GOING TO GO UP, BUT I DON'T KNOW BY HOW MUCH.

4e. Search Committees: Representation and Reporting

Trond – He is on the Dean of Engineering Search Committee, which had first meeting on Monday. The government lawyer in charge of the group talked about issues of confidentiality regarding the applicants. Trond specifically asked what he can bring back to GPSS versus what HE CANT. DISCUSSING is fine, but discussing applicant information is not.

Charles – We should also consider what we want our reps to do as far as reporting to us. We have had no structure in the past for this sort of temporary committee member.

Trond – I think it is good for announcing major events and decisions. Something like quarterly reporting. Also can we come up with a list of criteria that we think we should be evaluating potential deans on?

4f. Proposed International Student Fee

Charles – With the growth of the international undergraduate population, there has been a strain on the supports that UW provide for them. There is a lack of resources to help those students

perform. The Provost is proposing some sort of fee for all international undergraduate students. THE CHARGE LETTER DOESN'T ACTUALLY SAY THAT, THOUGH, SO SOME PEOPLE MAY WANT TO graduate students as well. Charles will be sitting on a group that will be considering this.

Trond – What kind of fee?

Charles – People are throwing around numbers like \$500-\$1000.

Trond – They need to be very specific about the services that they are offering for this fee. What are the TOEFL requirements for undergraduates? In engineering we frequently have students WHO DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH AS NATIVE SPEAKERS COMING WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR LECTURES come to office hours and you have to repeat your whole lecture again. If the essential part of these services are language services, they should be providing additional services to students for a price. Otherwise, this just sounds like money grubbing.

4g. Special Regents Meeting April 5th/Unemployed Nation hearing March 31st

Charles – There is a meeting coming up next week. We will remind senators beforehand. Also, this Friday will be the unemployed nation hearings. Michael Young will be there. It should be interesting. Connor sent out an email today to public life listserv to try to get students to go. Leo is also helping connect students to that event.

5. Legislative Update

Adam – The governor has been talking about this 3rd proposal for a budget, which seems like no one is opposed to and would free up \$238 million. It would involve taking money that the state government collects on behalf of local and county governments and keeping it longer than they usually do. It somehow frees up this money, which would go a good chunk of the way towards resolving the difference between the house and the senate budget, but not all the way. As of right now, there is no outward opposition to it. Also, apparently, municipalities are not upset about it. I have no idea why this was not thought of before, but THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON

On the federal front, I got in from DC last night. We left on Thursday. We spent Friday-Tuesday dealing with SAGE issues., showing policy papers, getting last minute feedback. We also met with the federal relations team to get their opinion. Saturday and Sunday were spent working on internal issues, electing new SAGE officers, dealing with word-smithing on policy and position papers.

On Monday we met with the offices of Murray, Cantwell, Reichert, Herrera, Butler and with Congressman McDermott. He hung out with us for a while. We also spent 15 min talking to his policy person about substantive issues. Immigration, taxation and federal research funding were key issues. There was lots of support for NIH, but less for NASA. DARPA is under a lot of strain right now as well. Javitz was discussed. Fulbright-Hays was mentioned on Monday with delegates. On Tuesday we tried to meet with someone from each school. We spoke with Boehner'S OFFICE AND PELOSI'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS with educational appropriations. SAGE is thinking of adding an additional trip to DC every year. If every school sends one person per month, then they would have a more consistent presence. This might be a budget issue, but WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN YET.

6. Officer Reports

Vice President: Adam – Looking forward to working with all committees to work on improving operations for next year.

Treasurer: Colin – The Science and Policy Summit has first confirmed panelist: and expert on PMI. Invitations are out to a number of people. They are almost done with online system for special allocations. The Spring Social is April 12. It will be Speak-Easy themed. There will be casino games again.

Secretary: Melanie – Still working on everything she planned to have done over spring break. Still working on disputes. Still working on communication plan.

ASUW: Evan – I'VE BEEN WORKING ON College Counsels with GPSS. So far they have the Evans School, Business School, College of Built Environments, College of Education, School of Public Health, and the School of Social Work. They are working on number 7 – Engineering. A few events are coming up. Meet the UWPD is happening in Red Square tomorrow at 1pm. Elections processes for ASUW start next Friday.

President: Charles – I met with David Parsons and talked about officer compensation issue. We talked about similar situations to the GPSS situation and what the response has been. In one instance there were Class 3 RAs, which MEANS THAT WHEREVER THE GRANT COMES FROM YOU CAN'T pay tuition. So, someone decided to pay the tuition of those RAs, but dropped them to Tier 1 tuition waivers, which left a residual cost. The union told them THEY COULDN'T DO THAT. ~~It was~~ ~~ADMIN~~ agreed, and the students were reimbursed. The idea of GPSS leaving the union was discussed. This would be bad for the union, though. But we can do what we want, though, subject to a vote of the union. But he thinks that any limit to the tuition waiver is bad policy.

Rene – Officers at GPSS were always paid, but GPSS was very active in helping UW student employees join the union.

Charles – We'll continue to work with them.

Melanie – We might want to have this conversation with the senate. Where should we talk about this? We owe it to people to tell them something.

Charles – I can draft a memo on where we are on the tuition waiver issue. Last thing – Kelly McAllister, at the student conduct office, has been trying to set up a Husky Principles committee. GPSS and ASUW passed them and no one used them, which was predicted. Do we want to send someone to this committee for this issue?

7. Announcements

None.

8. Adjourn

Evan moves to adjourn.

Adam seconds.

No objections. The motion passes.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes April 11, 2012

Members Present

**Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Charles Plummer (President)
Trond Nielsen (Executive Senator)**

Guests Present:

Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)

1. Call to Order

Charles calls the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Colin moves to amend the agenda to include two new items: appoint Eddie Schwieterman to Finance and Budget Committee and transfer \$10k to ASUW Arts and Entertainment for Spring Concert.

Melanie seconds.

Motion passes, agenda approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 3/28/12

Adam moves to approve the minutes from the 3/28/12 Executive Committee meeting.

Colin seconds.

Minutes are approved.

4a. Finance and Budget Committee Appointment

Eddie from Astronomy volunteered for the committee.

Melanie moves to appoint Eddie to Finance and Budget Committee.

Adam seconds.

Appointment is approved.

4b. Transfer Funds to ASUW

Colin describes transfer of \$10,000 for ASUW spring concert.

Trond: why do you need approval for the transfer?

Colin: Because it is such a large sum.

Adam moves to approve the transfer.

Colin seconds.

Motion approved.

4c. Travel Grants Follow-Up

Colin: There is concern from some people that there are less grants for social sciences and for international students. They gave a number of suggestions. One is to give out smaller grants, ask less questions, and have it be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Travel grants seemed like a good place to free up some funding and resources because it is time intensive for GPSS staff. Additionally, there was feedback from senators who agreed with this. But in Senate meeting there was a pretty close vote that many senators did not want the travel grants to go away.

We might be able to save about \$6,000 IN NEXT YEAR'S budget.

TROND: THIS IS NOT GPSS'S JOB AND WE SHOULD NOT BE IN THE PLACE TO TRY THAT.

Melanie: There could be another vote in the Senate to bring it back.

Melanie: moves to extend conversation by 5 minutes

Trond seconds.

Megan suggests a way to make travel grants more prestigious, giving more money to fewer students.

Charles speaks about why some departments may be getting more money than others from the Graduate School by knowing the system and how external research support may explain the differences in travel funding between STEM units and the humanities.

Melanie agrees with **Trond**, that advocacy is better than direct service. But also makes sense to have contingency ideas.

Trond questions general mood of Senate if there will be a potential for pushback?

Melanie talks about making sure that the process is open and fair to Senators.

4d. GPSS Committee Chair Elections

Melanie: Need to set up an election schedule and have a plan to get senators to run for different positions.

Adam: Kiana has expressed interest in the university affairs chair position.

How do we want to advertise these positions- among senators or larger university community?

Question: Do committee chairs need to be a senator?

Answer: for most committees, no.

Colin: relationship between chair and officer and what that will look like so that will give senators a clearer picture in their mind.

Rene: Give them a chart, and let them know who the various officers are going to be.

Colin: The F&B committee has been really good this year

We should fill 5 committee chair positions, and discussion of internal members/senators that may be good candidates.

4e. Committee Appointments: SCPB and Bookstore

Charles: both of these switch back to GPSS this year, and need to be filled before May. Both have to be approved by Executive Committee.

4f. Brainstorm for organizational improvements

Adam: Had some ideas for improving GPSS.

- **Creating a more active alumni network with previous GPSS officers. Issue about limited funding and limits of SAF. Creating an endowment for GPSS.**
- **1 or 2 faculty members and handful of students from Education, Evans, Law SCHOOL, ECONOMICS DEPARTMENTS FOR ADAM'S THINK TANK' TO PURSUE THINGS they see as pressing policy issues in higher education. Potentially produce an annual report.**

Colin: what is the rationale about keeping interdisciplinary think tanks separate from GPSS?

Adam: This should be an academic pursuit so that this demonstrates in a more pure academic setting without the advocacy component. Academic integrity

Trond: Likes the idea of the alumni association

Melanie: Does ASUW have an endowment fund?

Rene: No they only have Husky Pride. Would be good to think about what would draw in GPSS alumni.

Melanie: Before raising money, would be great to meet some of the alumni.

Colin: not really into the endowment proposal because it is also a time intensive process to do fundraising, and the investment of time might be better spent elsewhere.

TROND: I THINK MELANIE'S SUGGESTION OF GETTING IN CONTACT WITH ALUMNI WOULD BE A GOOD starting point.

Adam: What would alumni like to see for GPSS alumni connection. Maybe feature alumni on the GPSS website

RENE: MENTIONS MAYOR MCGINN'S VISIT TO GPSS AS AN EXAMPLE OF ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Megan: Idea for an alumni happy hour

4g. Transition and continuity

Charles: need to think about transition of officers for next year. Tri-campus meeting on May 26th or June 2nd. This would be a good opportunity to plan together with old and new officers.

Rene and officers also discuss the move to the HUB and the schedule for moving things over. Charles suggests August 24th as the last day when everything has to be out of GPSS office.

Melanie wants to ask Executive Committee members if they know they will be around for next year. Amy and Mateo will be graduating.

Colin motions to extend time for 5 minutes.

Megan seconds.

Charles flags bylaws for Exec Committee appointments for Judicial to review.

4h. WSA/Voter Registration

Adam talks about voter registration drives and get out the vote among students.

Charles talks about coming up with dates to register graduate students, which at present is focused on undergraduate students.

Colin mentions that with end of in-state tuition waiver there is less incentive for graduate students to register to vote.

Melanie also suggests including a question on the GPSS survey if students are registered to vote.

5a. International Student Fee

Charles: There were 6 documents sent out and two looked at several different universities and how much they were putting towards services for international students. Student Life claims that utilization of many services amongst international students is greater than domestic students. One document is an attempt to figure out what are the big gaps in ESL programs and general academic support. The take-away: should there be a fee and what should be supported, how should the fee be levied(who should pay and when should they pay)? If a \$200 fee is levied on international students every quarter, then that would generate around \$1.8 million.

Melanie: Is the idea that international students are not paying all the costs they are incurring? There is also the conversation that international and out-of-state students subsidize in-state students and then having to pay more for these services.

Charles: 50% is support services and the other 50% is language and academic support.

TROND: ISS REALLY NEEDS THIS. FIUTS DOESN'T HAVE EXTRA MONEY BEYOND ORIENTATION.

Melanie: Would the fee revenue pay for existing services or new/expanded services?

Charles: It would pay for the growth of services.

Charles: There is huge influx of graduate students using undergraduate centers/services.

Adam: Worry from PR perspective if certain groups are being targeted. Also likes the Buddy system, having a student that can help someone

5b. Legislative Update

Adam: Highlight for higher education is that there have not been cuts to budget this year. There was about \$1 million in cuts to UW that were from various administrative departments. Work-study and childcare not cut either.

5c. U-PASS Update

Melanie: Name changed to Student Transportation Fee on student tuition statements. Got ridership numbers for winter quarter. Ridership was 76% of what we paid for. The price MAY NOT GO UP IN THE NEXT CONTRACT CONSIDERING THAT WE 'OVERPAID.' BOTTOM LINE IS THAT price might not go up in the next contract.

New appointee for UPASS Advisory Board – Aaron Lyyken from Evans School.

6. Officer Reports

Vice President (Adam):

Writing thank you notes to legislators in DC

Federal legislative steering committee

Will meet with State legislative meeting tomorrow.

Treasurer (Colin)

Spring social tomorrow.

Science and Policy Summit- first panel is complete. **Second panel:** with dean of school of public health about transportation policy. WHAT IS THE COMMITTEE'S THOUGHTS ABOUT talking about why science is not a topic of presidential debates? **Executive committee** supports this idea. We need ABSTRACTS FOR POSTERS BUT DON'T HAVE A ENOUGH AND TRYING TO get presenters for the TED talks. **Deadline is Friday but flexible.**

Finance and Budget Committee: looking to transfer a small part of departmental allocations to special allocations so we can focus review of those events that have highest portion of graduate students.

Secretary (Melanie)

Diversity Fund: SAO advisers have let organizations know about diversity fund. One event that looks promising is Native American Organization of Advanced Scholars which asked for \$1250. Pakistani student organization is doing an event on disaster relief services.

DRAC Committee: Working on a survey of students who have been in disputes.

Working with Adam and others on website. Deciding next steps and who should do what. Talked with Rudy about Graduate Program Review and putting information about it on the website. Also could do more to publicize special and departmental allocations and how they have been used.

President (Charles)

Attended first meeting of UW sponsorship committee: there is a lot of corporate sponsorship. How much access does the university want to allow to corporate entities? WSA board meeting went well and there is a proposed budget that will be sent out WSA Endorsements for new student achievement council and Legislator of the Year awards are open now. UAW 4121 will begin bargaining soon.

Melanie: next Exec agenda to circle back to tuition waivers and the idea of exec committee making a recommendation about this. This will be first action item for next exec meeting.

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn

Adam motions to adjourn.

Trond seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes April 25, 2012

Members Present

**Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Charles Plummer (President)
Trond Nielsen (Executive Senator)**

Guests Present:

**Keith Peyton
Courtney Phillips-Youman
Ryan Shandera**

1. Call to Order

Charles calls the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Melanie: Need to be careful when talking so that Jenn Tippins can get accurate minutes.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Trond moves.
Adam seconds.
Agenda approved.**

Adam: We need to make sure Jenn is comfortable asking us to slow down.

3. Minutes from 4/11/12

**Adam moves.
Colin seconds.
Minutes approved.**

4a. Budget Modifications

Colin: Handout. Ted-style Talks and GPSS Summit coming up soon.

High-profile speaker: Shawn Otto, is requesting money. Came down on the price. \$1200. WE THINK WE HAVE ALMOST ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER IT, FROM THE FUNDRAISING WE'VE done. Need some margin for error in the budget. Asking to use some of the surplus from previous events - from Socials and Higher Ed Summits. Specific Request: transfer the surplus from the Higher Ed Summit (\$891) to the Science and Policy Summit budget line, and be allowed to use the surpluses for the social in the unlikely event that this is necessary.

Adam: I move to approve : transfer the surplus from the Higher Ed Summit (\$891) to the Science and Policy Summit budget line, and be allowed to use the surpluses for the social in the unlikely event that this is necessary.

Megan: Seconds.

No objections. Motion carries.

4b. Exec Meeting Dates

Melanie: Propose to add May 9th and June 6th.

Amy: I graduate on June 2nd.

Trond: Out of country

Melanie: I move to add May 9th and June 6th Executive Committee Meetings.

Adam: seconds.

Motion carries.

4c. May 2nd Senate Agenda

Charles: Of course we have the election at the Senate meeting. Also want to have the UAW resolution, PACS and international student fee update, committee chair information, and asking Kay Lewis from Financial Aid Office to speak.

Trond: WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE LIKE 80 OR 90 MINUTES.

Melanie: Elections committee needs help.

Trond: I will help them.

Charles: We need to cut down our proposed agenda then. We should keep Committee Chairs.

Adam: Can we cut the UAW resolution?

Charles: Contract expires April 30th; need this now.

TROND: WHEN THE BALLOTS ARE BEING COUNTED, WE'RE DOING INFORMATION ITEMS.

Charles: only action item is the UAW resolution

Trond: THEN WE'RE OKAY WITH ALL OF THESE ITEMS. PUT THE UAW RESOLUTION AT THE END.

Colin: Can I have two minutes for the Science and Policy Summit?

Charles: Move UAW resolution before the election, so elections committee members can participate?

Melanie: Daniel Coslett would like to propose an Ad-Hoc Committee on Travel Grants.

Trond: To do a main motion requires submitting it to the Secretary two weeks before the Senate meeting.

Melanie: In that case we can have Daniel make an announcement this time and have a motion at the May 30th Senate meeting.

Proposed agenda:

- 1. Call to Order (1)**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda (1)**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes (1)**
- 4. UAW Resolution (15)**
- 5. Call to Action on Student Loans (2)**
- 6. Officer Election (90)**
- 7. Science and Policy Summit (5)**
- 8. PACS and International Student Fee (5)**
- 9. Committee Chair Information (15)**
- 10. Travel Grants (5)**
- 11. Announcements (1)**
- 12. Adjourn (1)**

Melanie moves to approve the agenda for the May 2nd Senate meeting.

Colin seconds.

Motion carries.

4d. Student Fee Messaging

Charles: HUB and Hall Health portions of bonding going into effect this fall will increase student fees by 30%. What can GPSS and ASUW do to message student fees. Two goals with messaging: remind students what we pay for and what we have initiated. 2. remind incoming and new students to pay for those fees. Add to registration process a click-through screen that shows where those fees go. This would be a way for students to see the fees they have levied upon themselves vs fees the university is increasing. Messaging to first year students- there will be messaging/ materials for orientation to take to new students that walks them through the fees. Project is being split up: Leo + Charles will take on history of UW fees on campus. And this will be on student life website. And broad messaging for all students.

Need feedback, anything that need to be included in messaging.

Melanie: Making sure we explain benefits of the fees

Adam: Building up capacity to build up complaints if students feel like this on top of UPASS is too much.

COLIN: FIRST PAYCHECK FOR GRAD STUDENTS USUALLY GOES TO FEES SO THEY DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR the first month.

Megan: When we register and see that page, WILL ASUW AND GPSS'S NAME BE ON THERE?

Charles: Haven't thought about that

Melanie: Would suggest not putting the name front and center but should be in there somewhere.

Charles: Putting focus on GPSS more on history page

Melanie: If we include anything about how to change this then we do want a customer service mechanism.

Megan: How will you represent history of fees?

Charles; Some images, graphs and text

Adam: Showing images of what students will be getting is really valuable.

Megan: Getting info about the new bonding,

Melanie: RegISTRATION STARTS NEXT FRIDAY...

Charles: Our target is before new students register, but not exactly sure

Charles: New students register in August, but we want this ready by June the latest. Materials for new student orientation may be different

Colin: We should think about forwarding complaints

Trond: Setting up a website that collects the complaints

Melanie: Can Student Life help us with that?

Charles: I can ask Eric Godfrey (at Student Life) what their capacity is.

MELANIE: IT'S EASY TO SEE STUDENT FEES BECAUSE STUDENT GOVT CONTROLS IT, BUT WE SHOULD TALK about how GPSS is advocating on tuition

Adam: Would it be appropriate to talk about fees as a percentage of tuition? To show that balance?

Colin: All of these fees make a big point of not subsidizing the tuition.

4e. UAW Resolution

Charles: Jessica _____ and Jean Dinh came to Charles a few weeks ago and asked them to help them move a resolution through Senate.

Colin would like to co-sponsor. Megan wants to co-sponsor too.

Adam has some issues with the language. 5TH 'WHEREAS'

Colin: Can you amend the preamble to a motion?

Adam supports the general concept.

4f. Transparency in RA/TA hiring

Melanie: Jennifer Tippins brought this up to Melanie on the process for hiring RA/TA positions and how could that be improved. Does GPSS want to get involved in this?

Charles will contact the UAW to look into this issue.

5a. Officer Compensation Recommendation

Charles: We wanted to make some changes to officer compensation this year but we missed some deadlines so we were not able to do it this year. Would be appropriate for Exec Committee to move forward on addressing officer compensation, we should try to figure out what we want to do, BUT I DON'T WANT TO PUT THIS on the table for new officers to worry about next year. Looking for opinions on how to move forward.

ADAM: I'M INCLINED TO SUPPORT the proposal to cap tuition waivers at Tier I. Good for budgeting purposes and look at other ways of bolstering our funding. Looking for ways to raise revenue in order not to discourage new officers from running.

Melanie: I am also favor in the proposal to cap at Tier 1 rates. Eliminating the tuition waiver could dramatically change elections and affect the stability of the organization.

Charles: As you increase in Tiers, the tuition increases. Grad Tiers focus on academic programs.

Adam: Also made it hard to budget for each upcoming year.

Charles: Thinking about impact- compensation

Trond: Grad Tier I. Big gaps are between Grad Tiers and Professional Masters programs.

Colin: I support capping at Tier I. In a lot of the SAF mtgs I have been sitting in on, academic student employees were the first ones being cut. It is good for GPSS to control

budget expenditure but having academic student style employees are valuable. And secondly, we only went over tuition by \$6,000.

Trond: If we have a non-resident officer, we only pay the resident rate, they never get charged the resident rate. If we completely did away with tuition waiver, then those STUDENTS WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE THEMSELVES B/C THE UNIVERSITY WOULDN'T recognize them as student. Capping at Tier I also means we are not fitting into the UNION'S FRAME. SO WE COULD BE BRINGING ATTENTION TO OURSELVES IN A WAY WE DON'T WANT TO

Megan: We should be in contact with the union, if we do go down to Tier I, does that open the door in other depts? Afraid of setting a precedent that could affect more grad students than just GPSS officers alone.

Charles: This is a concern, so whatever we do going forward, we need to mitigate effects university-wide.

Charles: Feedback on how we should tackle this. Be frank with what we want to do and see if we can find a path forward.

Colin: When we are messaging to a broader audience, besides budget, we need to recognize the differences in our organization with other types of other academic student employees. Highlighting the organizational differences.

Adam: Greater emphasis last year on making sure they were only working 20 hours per WEEK. (THAT'S WHAT ONE TA IN GPSS SAID).

TROND: YOU CAN SAY YOU DON'T WANT TO WORK MORE THAN 20 HOURS, BUT STUDENTS ARE WORRIED THAT THEY WON'T BE GIVEN THE POSITION THE FOLLOWING YEAR. Meeting from union leader. By leaving the union we lose out on things like health insurance. So we need to make sure we factored that in.

Charles: Not leaving the bargaining unit but capping the tuition waiver.

Megan: Let Senate know before FAFSA is due.

Charles: Going forward, will have to set up a meeting to get David and Jessica from UAW to come to talk about the situation with them.

5b. International Student Fee Update

Provost had seen an increasing need among international students for certain services. Amongst all: International support services (ISS) - make sure all paperwork is filed on time, various issues with visas.

Trond: ISS- handle incoming visas, visa maintenance, once a person is graduated- help apply them for temp employment

Charles: Should there be a fee, who should pay for it, looked over materials provided by Student Life, FIUTS, academic arm that handles. Took info back to Provost Advisory Committee. One thing that came out was there are a lot of sub-student population SERVICES ON CAMPUS. WE DON'T CHARGE FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS MORE THAN OTHER STUDENTS for services. Charles and Connor only two who thought this was a bad idea. Provost decided to table it per our suggestion. Provost did follow our recommendations from Provost Advisory Committee. So we could see this as a victory.

Melanie: I think we can show the value of PACS.

Trond: University is trying to appear to lump all sorts of needs into a single fee. ISS is in dire need of support to do its job. Seems like University is trying to increase everything THAT IS NOT LABELED 'TUITION' BY INCREASING OPTS and OPT are mandated by visas from state dept- provide support to students who have graduated while they are in country after they have graduated.

5c. Tuition presentation to Regents

Charles: Suggested tuition rates will be included and now we have grad tier increases of 9% for in-state. Charles will talk about impacts of tuition. Want feedback on what I should be saying in that meeting to broadly represent the mood around tuition rates/increases.

Melanie: Grad students are focused on loans. In my department the chair is concerned about attracting new students with higher tuition. Federal subsidized loans for grad students are ending. Students are concerned about loans- both current and new students.

ADAM: STUDENTS UNDERSTAND TUITION IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOING FOR. Showing what their tuition is getting them. Increase in tuition is bad, but mitigating that feeling by showing THEM WHAT THEY'RE GETTING.

Trond: This is not a market where we can switch. Once we are here we are stuck here.

Charles: Approximately 3-4% just for fixed costs.

Megan: Grandfathering in students for prices from the first year they attend.

Ryan: Is there a way to understand line by line where tuition goes? Is there a way to analyze where tuition actually goes?

Charles: Need public disclosure for every college, and then collect budgets from every department. That would have to be public disclosure.

Ryan: Question about the increase of the budget and tuition at the Law School.

Colin: What are we getting for this increase in tuition? I would be concerned where higher education is a public good and worried about messaging

Adam: Make argument that this is a public good, but also targeting messaging for a particular audience, but also saying what are we getting for this (tuition increases)? I think it is ok and fair for us to ask this- what are we getting.

Charles: Receptive to this issue, but there has to be some sort of concrete result. And if that is not the case, then my recommendation to PACS would be to not recommend any part of her budget.

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice President

Adam: Connor, Kiana and I are going to visually display the structure of the new committees to help people understand the structure and how they can get involved. Hope to get this out by the May 2nd meeting.

This Friday Senator Pat Murray will be talking about student loans. They have requested a graduate student to speak at press conference. Someone from OGR will be representing the undergrads. Want to get as many grad students as possible to be there to show we care. This is at 1:40pm on Friday. Will be sent out to Senators.

I drafted a memo to Professor Zumeta at the Evans School to look at clinic model to look at interdisciplinary model of higher education policy and hopefully they can look into higher ed policy and put out a report to give to GPSS and to state senators.

Spoke to Larry who is chair of House Higher Ed and look at models of funding higher education.

Meeting with federal and state legislative steering committees and implementing by-laws and looking over the job description accurately reflects what that person will be doing.

Voter registration

Following up with state legislators where deserved.

b. Treasurer

Colin: Budget. A huge amount of requests from units that are asking for funding and ones that are asking for large amounts of money. My personal philosophy is to focus on units that have been marginalized in past- ie mental health and ?? And fee increases and being more conservative with larger services in that fee (might need to re-summarize this)

Charles: Child-care matching grant?

Colin: I think they are asking for a small increase.

CHARLES: LAST YEAR WE HAD TO KEEP IT SOLVENT, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S FUNCTIONAL.

Melanie: Connor was giving us an update on this, last year on child-care grant they were not going to ask for an increase the following year, so there was a little concern about that communication. Also, when does SAF committee vote on this?

Colin: May 11th.

Melanie: Last year someone gave a presentation about this. There should be some kind of info with our senate. We should have had some quick updates at May 2nd meeting because in general this is a big thing we influence. There should be input about these big decisions that we make.

Colin: Can include this in the email tonight to Senators.

Trond: Would be nice to have senators

Colin: Science and Policy Summit on May 3rd and May 8th. Looking to include some younger members in the panel.

c. Secretary

Melanie:

Gave away most of the money in the diversity funds. Next year we will have a better process for this. This will run better.

UPASS: 20th anniversary last Friday. Article in the Daily about how number of transit trips was overestimated. The Daily later did a small column that showed support for UPASS.

Encouraged Judicial Committee to have another meeting this quarter.

Disputes: Trying to get a student survey to send out. Trying to get a DRAC meeting soon for recommendations for next year.

Jenn and I have started to talk about future communication work. Another brochure? Creating videos? And other ideas about communications.

The ASUW Board of Directors voted to ask SAF for some money to get a movie theatre back on campus. They think most of the money could be privately raised but would need to raise money from students. In past, there used to be movies on campus.

d. ASUW
[Absent]

e. President
Charles:

Identified our three candidates for Student Regent.

Give Adam documents on streamlining the process.

SCPB (Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting): Faculty version of PACS. Some of main items that have come up are
Looked at initial tuition proposals, no one bat an eye at the 9% increase for undergraduate tuition.

Working on College Council project- meeting with Evans School, College of Arts and Science, Foster School of Business

PACS- International student fee, students from EOI presented the Pay It Forward Plan. There are a lot of details to work out. Looked at potential tuition increases. Proposed tuition increases and there is a meeting the following Friday at 1:30pm.

7. Announcements

GPSS officials congratulates ADAM'S GIRLFRIEND SAM on her birthday.

8. Adjourn

Adam moves

Tron seconds

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

**GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2012**

Members Present:

**Megan Gambs (Executive Senator)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Charles Plummer (President)
Mateo Banegas (Executive Senator, via phone)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)**

Guests Present:

David Wieland, Washington Student Association

1. Call to Order

5:32pm Charles calls meeting to order

2. Approval of the Agenda

Colin moves to modify the agenda. Proposes adding item 4h: Suspending the bylaws for Senate Meeting on May 30th. Action item 10 minutes.

Adam seconds.

No objections. Motion to modify agenda passed.

Megan moves to approve agenda.

Adam seconds.

No objections. Motion to approve agenda passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 4/25/12 Executive Committee meeting

There are several changes to the minutes:

Melanie: In item 4a Budget modifications, add in: "surpluses for the socials in the unlikely event that this is necessary"

Charles: In item 6e President report, the names of the candidates for Student Regent are Ivan Barron, Chris Jordan, and Rai Nauman Mumtaz.

SCPB for 3rd line, not SPB. 5C: ADD IN 'APPROXIMATELY' BEFORE FIGURE 40.3

5a: Officer compensation and recommendations: CHARLES' LINE ABOUT TIER 1 'FEES' TO 'TIERS'

Melanie: In the Secretary report: REPLACE "WE" WITH "ASUW Board of Directors" in front of 'VOTED...'

Adam moves to approve minutes as amended.

Megan seconds.

No objections. Motion passes.

4a: STF Wireless Proposal

Adam moves to table this topic.

Colin seconds.

No objection. Tabling of topic approved.

4b. Budget/Tuition

Charles explains University budget documents to the Executive Committee members.

4c: GPSS Data Use

Charles: The GPSS Graduate Program Review committee surveyed about 700 students this year, in addition to those surveyed by the VP and staff. Build up a lot of data, been approached by Graduate School to use GPSS data for reports on graduate students by Graduate School.

Question to Executive Committee: How can we leverage some of this data and should we be looking for opportunities to take this data to units? LET'S have a basic conversation about this or other areas to take our data.

Melanie: Who has access to the data on GPR surveys? How can we publicize on our website what WE'VE BEEN DOING with Graduate Program Review?

CHARLES: TRYING TO DO END OF THE YEAR REPORT ON THE PICTURE WE'VE RECEIVED FROM GRADUATE STUDENTS
Can send around recent results with Executive Committee. For example, Foster School review.

Melanie: what is the return rate on our surveys?

Charles: 25-30% (on our larger programs)

Providing them (graduate schools/programs) with our instruments so that they can do their own survey. Additionally, the Graduate School is happy with way the process has gone this year.

Melanie: For institutional memory next year, Rudy asked the committee members if any of them are coming back. So far only one person said they are returning and would like to be on the committee. Also, it will be helpful to have senators from the programs that are getting reviewed next year - Kristen should put an emphasis on finding senators in those departments.

Mateo: Survey and data use: add questions on diversity. Interested in using our questions to develop uniform survey for entire student body. Lack of information on student perspective level regarding important issues.

Charles: Would be happy to share this information with the diversity committee.

4d. Tri-Campus Meeting

Charles: Meeting is June 2nd, 10am to 4pm.

4e. Washington Student Association General Assembly

David Wieland from the Washington Student Association:

General Assembly is May 19th- David will talk about some of the things that will be happening that day.

General Assembly- every campus comes together to decide what will be happening at WSA for the coming year. Items to discuss include:

1. Budget next year
2. Legislator of the year
3. Officers for next year.

1. Budget: 3.5% increase in dues is proposed, as staff is way underpaid. WSU is likely to rejoin with pro-rated dues in August/September. Have carry-over funds from last year which we can use to increase staff pay without increasing dues.

Melanie: Does WSU have an optional fee?

Adam: Proposing putting off the 3.5% dues increase. (Building a short-term unsustainable budget, banking on that it will be viable in the long run when WSU comes on.)

4f. SAF Budget

Colin talks about SAF Budget. Would like to check in with Executive Committee on philosophy. For example, underserved populations on campus- Colin will vote in favor of those, and also EMPLOYING A MORE 'BANG FOR YOUR BUCK' PHILOSOPHY.

Charles: return to aid from the fee- (return to financial aid)

Colin: Hall Health- public fund initiative

Charles: One SAF issue- movement of certain units within the university to come to SAF to make up for budget shortfalls. Generally, opposed to coming to students to bail out units. Consider those people who have gotten funding from bond fees when thinking about the application of units asking for extra funds from SAF. We should also penalize those that try to misuse student funds.

Charles: Campus Sustainability Fund- keep increases there at a minimum. Corporate sponsorship- they have been targeted as a recipient. Hold back with this unit. Pushing back against administrative creep that now want student dollars.

Megan: Raise SAF fee as little as possible.

4g. Transit Funding

Melanie: Last summer I advocated for raising revenue for King County Metro. This temporary measure passed but it will expire in one year (after the next legislative session) and would affect UW students through cuts in transit service. Would like to work on this over the summer and get buy-in from the Senate. Thinking of best way to do this, such as proposing an amendment to our legislative agenda. Proposing this language:

“GPSS SUPPORTS POLICIES AT THE LOCAL AND STATE level that improve affordable and accessible transportation options for UW students. Maintaining convenient transit service to the UNIVERSITY IS A PRIORITY.”

Would like feedback from the Executive Committee.

Adam supports this.

Melanie will send this language out to the committee.

4h. Propose suspending the bylaws for May 30th meeting.

Colin will be taking a position with Group Health in the fall and will not be able to fulfill duties of the position of Treasurer.

Proposed actions:

Ask Judicial Committee to meet next Wednesday 5/16. Colin will draft bylaw amendment. Will send out election notice to senators after Judicial meeting on 5/16. Charles or Exec can run the election.

5a. Bylaw Amendments

Melanie: We have one last chance to get any bylaw amendments passed by the Senate this year. We should all look through the officer descriptions and make any changes necessary to reflect the new committee structure. Should send to Judicial by next week.

5b. Committee Recruiting

Melanie: We all need to be finding people to run for the new Committee Chair positions, for the May 30th meeting. Would like to put out an email to Senators about committee positions soon.

Rene: We can set up GPSS email addresses for the new committee chairs. What do you want them to be?

Emails:

gpssfed

gpsswa

gpssstud

gpssgrc

gpssua

gpsssoc

gpssfnb

gpssdiv

5c. Legislative Update

Adam:

- There are a lot of things going on with federal issues right now and not as many with state issues now that the state legislative session has ended.

- Larry Seaquist, Chair of the House Higher Education Committee, is going to be holding a series of higher education stakeholder meetings again this summer like he did last summer. The meeting for May was canceled but there will be one in June.

- Federal Issues:

1) Sequestration is becoming a big issue as the deadline for congressional action approaches. Sequestration is the process by which if no congressional action is taken, automatic cuts of about \$100B per year will occur. This is an issue for graduate students because these cuts could disproportionately hit research grant authorizing institutions like NIH, NSF, the Department of Education, and NASA. This could lead to reductions in grant awards for graduate students.

2) Melanie has been doing a great job leading an effort on raising awareness on campus and the broader community about the fact that graduate students will lose all federally subsidized loans starting July 1st 2012. We are working on a call to action to get more graduate students involved and reaching out to important members of congress.

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice President

State level: Not much development going on in terms of policy.

b. Treasurer

Colin: Science and Policy and Summit: good speaker panel.

Getting ready for the move to the HUB.

SAF meeting this Friday.

Adam: I would have liked to see more students at the Science and Policy Summit.

Charles: Plan to scale back Higher Education Summit. We should think critically about the event and scaling it differently from year to year.

Colin: One idea is to make the Science and Policy Summit into 3 small events over the course of the year.

Megan: Will the video be uploaded to GPSS website?

Colin: Yes.

c. Secretary

Melanie: Gave away all the diversity fund money. There will be two other resolutions at Senate meeting – one on the coal terminal in Bellingham and one on travel grants from Daniel Coslett, for starting an ad-hoc committee.

Charles: Someone may be bringing a resolution about the International Student Fee to Senate.

Melanie: Looking to set up some meetings with Senators before the end of the year, to get their input on GPSS. Also can do an exit survey for Senators who will be leaving.

e. President

Charles:

College Councils- Business School Council met for first time this week. Talked a lot about budget. Dean walked students through budget. GPSS and ASUW need to help Foster students be proactive.

Sponsorship Advisory Committee- what should sponsorships look like on campus? Met with advancement staff. Where do students want to see sponsorship go. Where should we draw lines when it comes to accessing students, staff, and faculty on campus?

Board of Regents met last week. Capital side- spending down of Sound Transit surplus as mitigation for construction around campus. Budget and Tuition concerns-educational outreach

PACS- conversation on tuition with external leaders could have been more robust, might need to reach out once more to talk about what tuition policy should be going forward.

Good press on International Student Fee. Will send out correction to include mention of PACS in Daily.

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn

Adam motions to adjourn.

Colin seconds.

Meeting adjourned 8:37pm.

**GPSS Executive Committee Meeting
May 23, 2012**

Members Present:

**Charles Plummer (President)
Adam Sherman (Vice President)
Colin Goldfinch (Treasurer)
Melanie Mayock (Secretary)
Amy Winter (Executive Senator)
Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor)**

Guests Present:

**Erik Rose
John Kurpierz
Alex Krakow (incoming Law Senator)**

1. Call to Order

Charles calls meeting to order at 5:47pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Colin moves to modify agenda by moving 5a between 4a and 4b and to approve the modified agenda. (5a is now 4b1, 4a is now 4b2)

Adam seconds

Modification of agenda is approved

3. Approval of Minutes

Adam moves to approve minutes from 5/9/12 Executive Committee meeting.

Melanie seconds.

Minutes approved.

4a. Guest: Erik Rose and John Kurpierz

In fall Erik proposed a project to look at ways to reduce costs of tuition and other opportunities to lower costs of living for graduate students. Adam supported this project and GPSS acted as sponsoring client for this class project.

Cost of living is focus since it is a large portion of expenses for students.

Why GPSS? Is this the proper ENTITY TO BE LOOKING AT? "GRAD STUDENTS TAKING CARE OF GRAD students," CURRENT GENERATION SUPPORTING NEXT GENERATION.

GPSS is equal to \$31 per student per year.

Four options were looked at:

1) Housing Co-op

GPSS buys a house and rents it out to student. Can run without a profit motive. Any profit goes back in to expanding program.

Pros: Has market effect that impacts more than just the students living there.
Example: Berkeley has 1,300 students in its Co-op. University of Oregon
Cons: cost to initiate is expensive, slow to grow.

2) Bulk Buying Group

Pros: expand to allow grad students to access wholesale prices. Ethical control-sustainable, local and organic

Cons: Find space and staff. Not feasible to put it on campus proper.

Charles: Time has expired for this item. Will entertain a motion to extend time.

Adam moves to extend agenda item by 10 minutes.

Melanie seconds.

Motion approved, time extended by 10 minutes.

3) Graduate Residency Positions

ISSUE: MOST GRAD STUDENTS NOT IN MEDICAL TRAINING, DON'T HAVE RESIDENCY. CAN'T BUY equity/invest in private market.

4) Student Endowment

Might be a feasible way to aggregate money over time

Issues: inter-generational equity problem

Housing Co-op is best option to ameliorate cost of living for students. With institutional support might be able to help all grad students

Potential next steps:

1) create a capital reserve fund

2) create a capital budgeting committee and start this next year. They would provide a vision and explain why this money is being saved

3) Committee given authority to initiate a project

Erik and John would like to keep at this and start such a committee

Endowment- would be managed under consolidated endowment.

Endowment can raise a lot of ethical questions

4b1. Student Technology Fee

Two major issues: reallocating funds and appointment of committee chair.

Reallocation of funds from one category to another

\$366,000 approx deficit- giant chunk was to Microsoft Option-

\$320,000 surplus from Computer Labs

GPSS approves percentages in all these categories and we need to give them the STF

Committee permission to move things around to balance the books.

Taking best guess for what apps are out there and what preferred ratio of investments should be.

Charles: STF has been charged with driving tech spending and do that through these allocations. We told them that we wanted to spend less on computing and it is good to see that that is what happened (as reflected by surplus)

Josh: Pretty successful in driving people where we want to go

Adam: In order to help digest numbers, how far off were we in what types of proposals we were getting?

Josh: we were pretty spot on for most of the categories.

Colin: shift into collaborative came from Computer labs?

Adam: what is collaborative category exactly?

**JOSH: WE DIDN'T WANT TO PUT IT INTO SOFTWARE BECAUSE WE WANTED TO SAVE THAT FOR...?
Definition of collaborative is portable TECH...AND LICENSING SERVICES**

Melanie: suggests an orientation in STF for exec members in summer or fall.

Adam moves to approve moving funds.

Colin seconds

No objections, motion passes.

Approval of Chair of STF Committee

Curtis Howell- would be new chair of STF

Melanie moves to approve appointment of Curtis to Chair STF Committee.

Adam seconds

Curtis is approved as chair of committee next year, pending approval

STF Bylaw change proposal. Josh will send summary.

Article V- need definition of RFP

4b2. University Budget Update

Charles: not much has happened to budget, but PACS (Provost Advisory Committee for Students) finally received fee program increase information for programs in Educational Outreach.

4c. Senate Meeting Agenda for May 30th

Proposed Agenda:

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Election for Treasurer (40 min)**
(will require suspension of bylaws & bylaw amendment for Special Elections)
- 4. Coal Amendment (10 min)**
- 5. Executive Senator Election (15 min)**
- 6. Legislative Agenda Amendment (10 min)**
- 7. Committee Chair Elections (15 min)**
- 8. Bylaw Amendment (5 min)**
- 9. Travel Grant (10 min)**
- 10. University Budget Update (10 min)**
- 11. State of the GPSS (5 min)**
- 12. Announcements (2 min)**
- 13. Adjourn (1)**

Colin moves to approve the agenda for Senate meeting on 5/30/12

Adam seconds

No objections. Agenda is approved.

4d. Resolution and Bylaw Amendments

Melanie: There will be two resolutions for the meeting- Travel Grants to create ad-hoc committee and Coal Terminal in Bellingham. Also the proposal to amend the bylaws.

4e. GPA of the Year Award

Melanie: We can either vote on this tonight or wait until the June 6th Exec meeting.

Charles entertains a motion to table this discussion.

Melanie moves to table.

Adam seconds.

No objections, motion passes to table until June 6th.

Charles: When considering this award in the past we have focused on GPAs who have gone beyond THE 'CALL OF DUTY' NOT JUST THE PERSON WHO responds quickly to emails.

Melanie: For the future we might consider having only Senators nominate candidates. The process can be looked at.

5b. U-PASS Name Change

Charles: Does not see this happening any time soon. Apparently there is another RCW that governs transportation fees at universities. This RCW mandates that the Board of Regents has to apply a transportation fee to all faculty and staff. If we change the name

(TO "STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEE") ~~then~~ someone could bring suit that we should be following another RCW.

MELANIE: I'M NOT SURE THIS IS WORTH CHANGING. While it would be better to have a name that is more reflective OF THE PROGRAM, it's not worth all of the new issues.

Adam moves to make this an action item.

Melanie seconds.

Item changed from information to action.

Charles entertains a motions to retain current U-PASS program name and rescind Executive Committee authorization to allow President to enact a name change.

Adam moves.

Melanie seconds.

No objections, motion passed.

5c. Officer Tuition Waivers

Charles suggests that if David Parsons from UAW CAN'T come to next Exec Committee meeting then this issue will be passed off to Adam for next year.

5d. Legislative Update

Adam: Both State and Legislative Steering Committees have met- looked over agenda items from this year and recommend actions to next year Legislative Steering Committee. Hoping to have a legislator come to a meeting and give feedback in preparation for next year.

SEQUESTRATION: WON'T TAKE PLACE UNTIL JANUARY, AFTER ELECTIONS. MAKE PEOPLE INFORMED OF what is going on and get graduate students involved in contacting Congress.

Melanie: Good time to start working on this issue and would be more effective in bringing in other universities in WA state. If we want to make a difference, getting ASUW and WSA interested.

6. Officer Reports

a) Vice President (Adam)

Marketing plan for GPSS to re-introduce ourselves to graduate students

b) Treasurer (Colin)

Move to HUB, what to do with old computers. Working out how necessary that is- to destroy hard drives of old computers.

Archiving paper records and sending them to archive.

Any officers or staff should back up work to server.

**Producing transition reports.
Finishing up the financial books.**

Melanie: Members of social committee shall be appointed by Treasurer. Colin needs to appoint 7-9 Senators.

c) Secretary (Melanie)

Senator survey like last year- designed for everyone, not just those that were leaving.

Meeting to hear from those that have not been as active- such as Humanities

Wanted to make more progress on DRAC.

Recruit for Communications and Outreach Committee.

In urban planning- asked professionals taking on issue of higher education in their agenda

Asked department about CBE Lobby Day cluster-having that community and going with people you know

Going over idea of a student council tomorrow at CBE- that might be a way to get students to go to lobby day

d) ASUW

Evan Smith is not present.

e) President (Charles)

Graduate Program Review: Quality of work senators did this year was outstanding. How much does Graduate School care? Rudy developed a survey for external reviewers to see if they were

Melanie: Do you have a recommendation on what should be done?

Student Fee: Leo has written up an extensive review of student fees history at UW.

SCPB has met twice since we last met. Next capital campaign is next big thing on PRESIDENT'S DOCKET. LAST TIME RAISED 2.5 BILLION IN LAST CAMPAIGN AND NEW GOAL IS billion. We have moved up to #4 in fundraising among all public research universities.

Sequestration- While state cuts may not be a big issue next year our federal research funding is in trouble. If there is no deal made in congress the UW could see major cuts in 2014 as a result of cuts to federal appropriations. This should be monitored next year.

2Y2D- With almost no staff these initiatives are still under way and producing actionable results. Mary Lidstrom is heading this initiative now.

Foster School: Major issue involving PhD funding, and now the dean is aware and will figure out a way to ameliorate this problem

ASUW Senate: Talked about PACS AS REQUESTED. UPDATED THE SENATE ON THE PROVOST'S reinvestment priorities and her budget philosophy.

WSA Board Meeting this past weekend. Enacted a budget that is in deficit, keeping in mind that WSU will likely be joining next year

UW Alumni Association- talked about their success with UW impact, looking forward to expanding that impact

Graduate Program Review: Think about how those senators have proven themselves very effective at getting this data

Melanie: can we integrate that with new university affairs committee

Charles: Would be good to utilize the work of the senators more fully

Colin: question about PCE tuition increase

Charles: they tell vice provost what they want, and then he says yes and they agree, the provost does not have veto power day to day as it is delegated authority. It is an external entity, so we have outsourced decision making on these degrees

Colin: reason for asking is that we are stuck with 10-15%. Unless these programs are in debt, then they are using students as revenue.

Charles: Public Health is one school that will not be able to make up temporary funds that they have, they are using EOs to raise money

Colin: Discrepancy between in-state and out-of-state students tuition is smaller so that it seems that our program is more competitive against state-based programs. More of students are out of state, international is 2 out of 36.

7. Announcements

No announcements

8. Adjourn

Adam motions to adjourn meeting

Colin seconds

Meeting is adjourned at 7:57pm

GPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/6/12

Members Present:

Melanie Mayock, Secretary
Rene Singleton, SAO
Megan Gambs, Executive Senator
Charles Plummer, President
Colin Goldfinch, Treasurer
Adam Sherman, Vice-President
Michael Kutz, ASUW (proxy for Evan Smith)

Guests Present:

Jerry Baldasty, Graduate School Dean
Vera Giampietro, incoming Treasurer
Michael Kutz, incoming ASUW Director of University Affairs
Josh Hansen-King, Student Technology Fee Program Coordinator
Chris Lizotte, incoming Executive Senator
Kristen Hosey, incoming Secretary
Amber Trout, incoming Executive Senator

1. Call to Order

Charles Plummer calls the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Adam moves to switch 4a and 4b
Colin moves 5b to before 4c
Adam moves to approve, Megan seconds, no objections.

3. Approval of 5/23/12 Minutes

Melanie moves to approve, Colin seconds. No objections, motion carried.

4a. Gerald Baldasty, Graduate School Dean

He is moving to Senior Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs. Will have a focus on engaging students. Doug Wadden leaving and his position will not be filled. Provost Cauce and Jerry agreed to have Gary Farris be interim Dean for continuity. Jerry will remain involved. Switching to the new job August 1st.

Melanie: is there anything else you want to say about student engagement?

~~JERRY: I'M TRYING TO FINISH UP A LOT OF THINGS IN THE GRAD SCHOOL BEFORE FOCUSING ON VICE~~

This includes international students and program reviews. Working on video with community leaders endorsing grad education, e.g. Seattle City Councilmember Tim Burgess. My goal has always been to gain more fellowships and financial aid for students.

Adam: In terms of looking for new dean, is it going to be internal search, external search? Time frame?

Jerry: internal, I will be chairing committee starting around Sept 16, hoping to be done by early December.

Jerry: Is the Grad School doing a good job?

Adam: More communication, we will continue to grow in this area

Charles: Office Manager did a brief survey of THE GRADUATE SCHOOLS funding options, seemed to be disparities between how students experience the process depending upon department

Colin: Problem was that there is a first-come, first-serve basis

Jerry: used to be monthly allocation, prior allocation system was unfair for determining amount to each department. Now, departments bid every month. Goal is fundamentally to get people to conferences. Comparing the two systems, this has regularized it and made it more efficient.

Charles: problems with disparities were with academic unit policies, not necessarily upper-level of Grad School disbursing to units.

JERRY: WE DON'T necessarily have control over how departments operate.

Melanie: I wanted to mention, as someone from Urban Planning, out-of-state tuition waiver elimination HAS HAD A BIG IMPACT. I'VE HEARD WE HAVE MANY FEWER OUT OF STATE STUDENTS this year. People in my class have said they chose to attend because of the waiver.

Jerry: My prediction during the decision was that STUDENTS WOULDN'T COME, WHICH MAYBE happening. Interim-Provost Lidstrom set-UP 50 FELLOWSHIPS, BUT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES HAVEN'T been using them very aggressively. Will look into it. Troubling trend.

4b. Summer Exec Committee Meeting Dates

Adam: looking to hold five summer meetings: 6/27, 7/18, 8/1, 8/22, 9/12. And first exec meeting of fall quarter could be 9/26.

Melanie: IET'S hold off on setting the first Senate meeting date.

Rene: classes start on a Monday this year, Sept 26th is the first Wednesday of quarter. The GPSS move date to the HUB is between the 3rd and 7th of Sept, after Labor Day. Want everything packed by Aug 30th in case movers are early.

Adam: we can add more meetings or change Sept meeting dates as necessary.

Rene: Open Public Meetings Act training for new officers. Public access is needed, factor in when building is locked. Will need to post signs on the building doors with a phone number to call. Need master list for card-key access to Condon and HUB, with UW ID numbers.

Adam moves to approve the five summer exec meetings dates and first fall meeting date.

Michael seconds. No objections, approved.

4c. STF Bylaws

Charles: Can we act on this today?

Colin: The GPSS bylaws say that exec committee has power to do business between Senate meetings.

Melanie: Is it in the GPSS bylaws that Senate has to approve STF bylaw changes?

Adam: lots of policy changes

Rene: Would it be damaging to wait until June 27th?

Josh: feedback would be good at this point

Adam: we could discuss substantive policy changes now and make final decision later.

CHARLES: SENATE HAS ALWAYS APPROVED STF BYLAWS, NOT EXEC CMTE, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHY. IT IS RATHER TABLE OR WAIT UNTIL SUMMER SINCE WE'RE UNSURE ON BYLAWS. WASN'T ON LAST SENATE MEETING AGENDA FOR TIME REASONS.

Melanie: How big a deal, substantively, are these amendments? I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH EXEC APPROVING THEM.

Colin: One time decision at beginning of last-year on key server and software for tracking lab usage.

Adam: A lot of discretion IS GRANTED TO PROGRAM COORDINATOR WONDERING IF IT WOULDN'T BE WISE IN ARTICLE 11, SECTION 2 TO REQUIRE CONSULTATION WITH CHAIR, REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND NOT WANTING TO WAIT FOR APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF FLUIDITY OF PURCHASING, NEED TO ACT QUICKLY.

I DON'T WANT TO SLOW THAT DOWN, SO CONSULTATION RATHER THAN APPROVAL

Josh: Problem is defining consultation. E.g. what if chair disagrees on paying salaries, which would stop the running of the system. IT'S LESS ABOUT COORDINATOR MAKING INDEPENDENT DECISIONS AND MORE ABOUT CARRYING OUT DECISIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE. CONSTRAINED BY ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, DIRECTOR DOESN'T GET PAID IF OVERUSES ADMIN BUDGET.

ADAM: IF YOU'VE GOT 2 SOFTWARE OPTIONS, ONE BASIC ONE MORE ADVANCED. COORDINATOR MAY HAVE DIFFERENT OPINION THAN PROGRAM COORDINATOR. NEED TO ACCOUNT FOR WORST-CASE SCENARIO AND INCLUDING CONSULTATION MIGHT HELP.

Rene: Does this mean paying for money that was already allocated in budget. Many program coordinators have stayed in for long periods. Want to build-in check and balance system to protect coordinator, place monetary limits. Monitor and protect

Colin: for example, setting spending levels at which consultation is necessary

Rene: In the past, routine often erases reasoning for why bylaws are written. Need to account for future years

Adam: Makes sense that constraints on coordinator pay exist

Josh: admin budget is relatively small, given that it covers software and 4 people's salaries

Rene: How are salaries being determined?

Josh: hourly employees

Adam: Are there established pay rate increases?

JOSH: DON'T HAVE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH PAY RATES, THERE HASN'T BEEN DISCUSSION OF THIS BEFORE. WILL NOT NAME SPECIFIC LAB STATISTICS PROGRAM, WILL NAME KEY SERVER SPECIFICALLY. GIVES SOME FLEXIBILITY, KEY SERVER WILL NOT CHANGE. AT THE CORE, HELPS US MAKE EVALS OF WHAT IS GOING ON, EVAL SOFTWARE.

Charles: In response to Melanie, article 16, no. 3 of STF bylaws is a bit ambiguous, leaves room for Exec to approve and then hold up or down vote of Senate on Exec decision.

Adam: My only reservation is that a lot of the bylaws were written in cumbersome manner, I tried to correct some of this, eg Article 2 section 1.

Charles: Since there are proposals to make changes to the amendment, makes sense to wait to vote on this.

Melanie: We need to do some education of Exec members (including me) in advance of next meeting WHEN WE'LL VOTE ON THIS.

Charles: Could have a primer meeting on STF on June 20th. Charles can be present

Josh: \$30,000 was left on collaborative budget, will have \$140,000 overall left in collab. Would be great to have bylaws approved. Would like to move \$30,000 into admin budget.

Melanie: Do we have documents that explain what STF is and the previous problems?

Charles: We do have a written primer that I will send out
Adam moves to table this item. Approved.

4d. Appointments

Faculty Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting

Charles: This seat switches every year between ASUW and GPSS. Nominates Audrey Peek as the GPSS appointee for next year.

Melanie: Can you speak about the candidate?

Charles: Audrey was only candidate, but highly qualified. Passion for budgeting. Evans School, EOI staffer on higher ed issues. Composed, thoughtful, effective advocate. SCPB is primary Faculty vehicle for impacting the University budget at the Provost level. General oversight of academic units, budget and Faculty councils of units. In charge of running RCEP process when elimination of programs or departments is considered. ASUW and GPSS Presidents are on the committee, one voting student, faculty, admins. Critical committee to have student voice represented.

Adam: Audrey is analytical and strategic.

Adam moves to appoint Audrey to SCPB. Melanie seconds. Approved.

Bookstore Trustee

Charles: Interviewed three candidates with Adam: Ryan Bodanyi, Bin Ma, Soh Yeun Kim. Recommend Bin Ma, former employee of bookstore, for this position. She has done a marketing project for the bookstore, can look at the organization from a corporate lens. Loves the bookstore and its unique set-up. Other candidates were strong, but she had best perspective. Experience in book industry.

Melanie: Do we want to have appointees to these types of committees occasionally come to Exec ~~REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES~~ ~~REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES~~ We do have new committee structure, which could be a more appropriate place.

Kristen: The term for Bookstore Trustee is three years; how long will Bin Ma be around?

Charles: One of our appointment positions switches with ASUW; often switches early when someone leaves before their term is up. Bin will only be around for one year, so ~~WE'D HAVE TO FILE~~ the seat and keep it as a GPSS seat.

Rene: Recommend to pre-organize for transition of the seat and appoint someone in advance of Bin Ma leaving.

Kristen: They ~~OFTEN DON'T PUT~~ ~~OFTEN DON'T PUT~~ Board member in a leadership position in a subcommittee until after their 2nd year on the Board.

Adam: Yes, IT'S ~~AN~~ ~~AN~~ disadvantage, but Bin Ma is definitely the best qualified.

Megan: How big would be the limits of not being on a subcommittee?

Kristen: Meet once a month, but subcommittees have most impact. Depends on how often individual subcommittee meets. Football season, stadium remodel.

Charles: Bin Ma has commitment to values of bookstore and ownership model. Soh Yeun did also.

Melanie moves to approve Bin Ma, Megan seconds. No objections. Approved

Communications and Outreach Committee

Melanie: Nicole Secula from Music School nominated herself for Chair of this committee at the last Senate meeting, then withdrew and Ryan Shandera was elected. Would be good to get her on the committee. Also need to outreach to other folks to get more members. Committee duties will be defined in future. 5-9 members.

Megan moves to approve Nicole Secula. Adam seconds. No objections. Approved.

Social Committee

Melanie: Standard procedure has been to have potential appointees provide a paragraph or so about their background AND WHY THEY WANT TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE. HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET FOR potential members of the Social Committee.

Colin: Lianna Wood, the potential appointee, is from the South Lake Union Pathobiology program - would be good to draw them in more.

Melanie: I'm comfortable moving to the next Exec meeting to have more of a selection process, which helps build more buy-in.

Melanie moves to table, Colin seconds. No objections. Tabled.

4e. U-Pass and UAW Decision

There was a UAW 4121 grievance over the Universal U-PASS fee and student renovation fee. Latter is initial component of HUB/ECC/HH bond—grievance was over Hall Health portion, which will be refunded. Still not entirely clear if those covered by bargaining unit will have to pay upcoming fees from this bond.

UAW alleged a violation article 7 of the contract on instituting fees for 50% FTE members. Arbitrator found that University violated contract. Interpretation matters, student government WASN'T MENTIONED BIG ISSUES: HOW TO CARRY OUT REIMBURSEMENT. If UAW thinks those that did use U-pass will not be refunded. UAW says around 80% of members used U-PASS.

Adam: Where is the cut-off on if you used it? Once, more than once?

Charles: From technical standpoint, might be if someone used it at all. Still being worked out on UNIVERSITY'S END IN INTERIM, GPSS HAS TO CONSIDER IMPACT ON UNIVERSITY'S timeline is unclear.

Melanie: Discussed at U-Pass Advisory meeting last Friday. Josh Kavanagh from Transportation Services wants the reimbursement to happen through departments that employ ASEs, not Transportation Services. If it was through Transportation Services, would pull money out of their funds and impact next round of U-PASS pricing. I believe this should remain a universal program and the way to do that in light of ruling is to have departments pay fee on behalf of ASEs. An opt-in/out program will not work very well, undermine universal program.

Colin: Can we have designated person to go to UAW meetings and vice-versa?

Charles: We need to be very cautious about entangling with UAW.

MELANIE: CLOSER COORDINATION MAYBE WOULDN'T RESOLVE DISAGREEMENTS, BUT SOME OF the problems.

Megan: The communications from UAW have expressed support for universal U-Pass.

Charles: Read the decision, which makes considerations about what student government is empowered to do. Legality and organizational issues.

Vera: How many people are in UAW 4121?

Charles: approximately 4,000.

We need to chart out on our end and our position. On issue of SRF, can talk to Provost, Labor Relations as both budget and HR issue.

Chris: Are there changes being proposed for the future of U-Pass program?

Charles: Issue is whether arbiter decision makes it impossible to collect fees from ASEs, and if University will compensate. Opt-out would be damaging and difficult to arrange.

Adam: Matters where University will take money from if they choose to pay, what it is being taken away from.

Megan: Last bargaining agreement agreed to give ASEs \$50 a year to offset fees, so some pool of money has been created.

Charles: More likely, paying for U-Pass will become part of cost for academic unit to have ASEs.

Melanie: Seems to me that this is correct.

ADAM: CHARES' ANALYSIS PROBABLY MORE LIKELY.

Charles: One area to focus on is Article 1, which ensures that contract not restrict activities of faculty or student government. Important going forward, on a broad level, as GPSS needs to think about how this arbitration impacts student government. I think this does restrict student government, in contradiction of RCWs. Though union may be right about Article 7, argument on student government and RCW is incorrect in my opinion.

4f. Tri-Campus Meeting update

Charles: There was a Tri-Campus meeting held on June 2nd which was very productive. Action items: commitment to more frequent tri-campus meetings and standing committees. Rotating monthly meetings and legislative standing committee, others as needed including student life. Aug 4th at 10am is next tri-campus mtg, in Tacoma. At this mtg, will select chair, start to write bylaws.

Melanie: good reminder about grad students in Tacoma and Bothell, 600 and 800 respectively. In PAST, WE'VE HAD ~~NO~~ liaison from Bothell at GPSS Senate.

Charles: other campuses trying to grow legislative efforts, can help them in this process and keep them in the loop.

Adam: adding them to all-grad email list?

MELANIE: WE DON'T REPRESENT BOTHELL AND TACOMA AREN'T INCLUDED IN OUR emails.

5a. Graduate Program Assistant of the Year Award

Melanie: Next year it would be good to do a catalyst system rather than email to receive nominations. The award is for someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty in helping grad students. Ability & quality of advising, facilitating admin needs of student (payroll, etc), and facilitating student involvement in GPSS. We work with the Grad School on this, they make certificate and presents at June gathering.

In terms of nominations, it was only advertised through the Senate email list. 26 nominations.

Quick take: Jeanny Mai in Psychology, lots of nominations and lots of comments about role in connecting students within department. All candidates were responsive to student needs.

Chris: IT'S NOT just the quantity of nominations for Jeanny, but also the quality of her nominations. Consistently cited for going above and beyond.

Colin: Nursing was the closest to Psychology in terms of personal interaction with students and creating good environment.

Melanie: Different problems in different departments.

Charles: straw poll indicates support for Jeanny. In future, it would be good to have a more structured nomination process. Perhaps multiple people can sign-on to one nomination letter.

Colin moves to nominate Jeanny Mai, Adams seconds. No objections. Approved.

5b. Educational Outreach

Charles: Provost has instituted moratorium on moving programs into Educational Outreach. EO is a self-sustaining unit within the university. Idea originally was to support evening, continuing education, but over the last 3-4 years a lot of programs have been moved to EO for budgeting reasons, in spite of prior promises by Provosts. The Vice President of EO met with SCPB finally and provided some documents without authors and in hard copy only. Technically, EO reports to the Provost and President, but because of designated authority, oversight on day-to-day is very limited.

Four basic principles are outlined: format, alternate audiences and formats (e.g. niche professional), new interdisciplinary programs, program that is only offering of basic degree. Last one is a problem for I-School and Nursing and overall. EO has failed to pay fair share of faculty teaching in their programs. Some claims of opposite happening.

Colin: new interdisciplinary programs, sometimes re-naming and supposedly making programs interdisciplinary.

Charles: Units with both a traditional track and an EO track have shut down admittance to the traditional track to evade RCEP process.

Colin: 100% switch-over of two programs MHA, COPHP, also nursing

Melanie: Where is the money going? Do we have the same level of access to EO budget docs?

Colin: For MHA, cohort is getting bigger but faculty is not being increased.

Charles: Departments have used profit in different ways.

Chris: E.g. professional masters in GIS

Charles: Often the EO programs subsidize the rest of the department.

Melanie: Any way to get programs out of EO?

Charles: Possibility. Last Regents mtg changed issues of paying for benefits. Some might move programs to EO to avoid paying non-wage benefits.

Melanie: Press coverage of this issue would be good.

6. Officer Reports

a. Vice-President

State and Fed Steering committees HAVENT MET SINCE LAST EXEC.

b. Treasurer

Great working with everyone this year. Vora writing transition report. Kristen compiling books, just a few receipts to go. Luke has written docs on using sharepoints, uses and how-to. Met with Vera. Packing for HUB move.

c. Secretary

Sent an end-of-year survey to Senators, around 20 responses so far. Had 45 last year. Will keep open for two weeks. Transitioning senator positions for those graduating, but keeping all non-graduating Senators on the email list. Will send email to GPA list about GPSS presence at orientations. Giving away Not For Tourists guide, in future thinking about digital platform. Finishing up job descriptions for policy analyst. Interviewed for Organizing Director, two applicants. Checking for one applicant because they are not yet UW student

d. ASUW

Not Present

e. President

PACS getting some good press. Regents meeting tomorrow on capital and operating budgets. The Regents have an open resolution to the people of Washington State on re-assessing revenue sources. Budget and tuition at next meeting, usually the Regents defer to the PROVOST'S recommendations. Good opportunity to showcase student oversight via PACS. Transition memos. Student fee education ongoing. Great year, pleasure working with all of you. Welcome to new Exec members. Honoring Colin!
Melanie, Adam: Colin great role at keeping everyone accountable, office management and organization. Great ideas, very knowledgeable.
Charles: Agree, set the bar for treasurer position. Professionalism

7. Announcements

Rene: great working with everyone this year, very smooth. Increased Senate attendance is TESTAMENT TO EXEC'S WORK

8. Adjourn

Megan moves to adjourn, Adam seconds. Adjourn 7:58pm