

Title: **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERIM SENATE SEAT FOR BIOMOLECULAR STRUCTURE AND DESIGN**

Sponsored by: Sanjay Hari

Written by: Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary).

Resolution Number: 1.08-09

WHEREAS the GPSS Constitution provides Senate seats for each degree granting unit; and

WHEREAS the GPSS Constitution and Bylaws currently have no process for non-degree granting programs; and

WHEREAS there is currently no Senate seat representing the interdisciplinary program of Biomolecular Structure and Design; and

WHEREAS students in the interdisciplinary program of Biomolecular Structure and Design are in a program separate from the departments of Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biology, Bioengineering, or any other department or program; and

WHEREAS the students in the program are not incorporated into degree-granting departments until after the completion of the program,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the GPSS shall officially recognize an interim Senate seat representing Biomolecular Structure and Design; and

THAT a Senator be chosen from a student within the program; and

THAT the GPSS Judicial Committee presents a judgment on the issue of student representation from those in graduate or professional non-degree granting programs that do not fall under any degree granting programs.

Presented to GPSS for approval on October 27, 2008

Approved on November 5, 2008

Title: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A POLICY THAT PROMOTES REASONABLE, PREDICTABLE, AND AFFORDABLE TUITION FOR ALL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Sponsored and Written by: Jake Faleschini (GPSS President) & David Iseminger (GPSS Vice President)

Co-sponsored by: Yutaka Juno (GPSS Secretary), Kris Anderson (Executive Senator), Anna Batie (Jackson School Senator), Noah Benson (GLBT Senator/Summer 2008 Executive Senator), Felecia Cerrato (Public Health Genetics Senator), Marc Jaffrey (Earth & Space Sciences Senator), Scott Mackenzie (Neurobiology & Behavior Senator), Shawn Mincer (Social Work Senator), Lindsay Morse (Executive Senator), Richard Nobles (Executive Senator), Charles Plummer (Executive Senator)

Resolution Number: 2.08-09

WHEREAS in its upcoming session the Legislature of the State of Washington will set tuition rates, debate whether tuition rates for students who are not resident undergraduate students should be controlled by the State Legislature or by the local governing boards for each of the public institutions in Washington, and approve a biennial budget; and

WHEREAS policies that lead to reasonable, predictable, and affordable tuition are critical for the University of Washington to fulfill its mandate to provide accessible education; and

WHEREAS high tuition and insufficient financial aid causes students to drop out of the University of Washington and prevents others from enrolling at all; and

WHEREAS the frequency and severity of these problems causes many students who are eligible for financial aid to incorrectly believe that they, too, would be unable to attend the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS these financial aid problems inflict the greatest harm on the communities that are most underrepresented at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS all the aforementioned problems persist despite the historic fundraising efforts by the University of Washington administration; and

WHEREAS the attached memorandum, titled “Recommended Language for Reasonable, Predictable, and Affordable Tuition for Graduate & Professional Students in Public Universities” calls for insertion of language into upcoming legislation for graduate and professional student tuition setting authority that would mandate tuition caps, guarantee that financial aid increases match tuition increases, require consideration of recruitment and retention, and ensure that services are improved commensurately with tuition increases; and

WHEREAS graduate and professional students have expressed less interest in who has tuition setting authority than they have in ensuring reasonable, affordable, and predictable tuition; and

WHEREAS adequate funding is necessary for the University of Washington to be able to provide a world class education, but, despite exceptional financial responsibility and frugality, the University of Washington is enduring a financial crisis that increasingly threatens the ability to provide basic services; and

WHEREAS the State of Washington is facing an economic and budgetary downturn, causing the University of Washington community to face even more difficulty in the attempt to secure adequate funding; and

WHEREAS students' chances of success on this issue are maximized if the ASUW, GPSS, University of Washington administration, and other parties lobby a unified agenda; and

WHEREAS the attached memorandum has been fully endorsed by the Summer 2008 Executive Committee of the GPSS, the Leadership of the Washington State University Graduate and Professional Students Association (WSU-GPSA), and the President and the Executive Director of the Washington State Lobby (WSL); and

WHEREAS the attached memorandum details a policy that would benefit graduate and professional students if implemented.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE:

THAT the GPSS fully endorses the policy set forth in the attached memorandum, titled "Recommended Language for Reasonable, Predictable, and Affordable Tuition for Graduate & Professional Students in Public Universities;" and

THAT the GPSS supports continued efforts to collaborate with the ASUW, University of Washington administration, WSU-GPSA, WSL, and other parties to craft a lobbying agenda that can be supported by students and administrators at universities all across the State of Washington to ensure reasonable, affordable, and predictable tuition for graduate and professional students; and

THAT the GPSS neither endorses nor opposes Legislative or Local Governing Board control of tuition rates for graduate and professional students as long as legislation enacted includes language that will mandate tuition rate caps, guarantee that financial aid increases proportionally match tuition increases, require consideration of recruitment and retention, and ensure that services are improved commensurately with tuition increases; and

THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to University of Washington President Mark Emmert, Provost Phyllis Wise, Chair of the University of Washington Board of Regents Craig Cole, University of Washington Student Regent Jean-Paul Willynck, Vice-Provost of Student Life Eric Godfrey, Interim Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting Gary Quarforth, Office of State Relations Director Randy Hodgins, Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating

Board Ann Daley, Chair of the Higher Education Coordinating Board Bill Grinstein, Higher Education Coordinating Board Student Member Sasha Sleiman, Washington Student Lobby President Jake Stillwell, Washington Student Lobby Executive Director Mike Bogatay, the President of the WSU-GPSA Jessica Moore, Vice President of the WSU-GPSA Kayla Simmons, ASUW President Anttimo Bennett, ASUW Office of Government Relations Director Richard Lum, and Chair of the ASUW Student Senate Jon Solomon.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 24, 2008
To: Washington Higher Education Board
From: University of Washington Graduate & Professional Student Senate
Washington State University Graduate & Professional Student Association Leadership
RE: 2009 Local Control Bill: Recommended Language for Reasonable, Predictable, and Affordable Tuition for Graduate & Professional Students in Public Universities

I. Introduction & Background

The Higher Education Coordinating Board's Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education in Washington calls for an increase in advanced degree production by 8,600 degrees annually by 2018. In order to attract and retain graduate and professional students to our public universities in the State of Washington, we must ensure that tuition rates are reasonable, predictable, and affordable.

In the most recent decade there have been dramatic tuition increases for graduate and professional students at public universities in the state of Washington. In the last five years alone graduate and professional students at the University of Washington consistently saw tuition raised from 5.1% (nonresident Tier II degrees for 2007-2008) to an astounding 24.8% (resident Business Masters' Program for 2004-2005).¹ At Washington State University graduate tuition increased between 2-7% each year for a total increase of \$1,790 since the 2003-2004 school year representing a 129% increase over the five year period. Washington State University's most expensive professional program, veterinary medicine, saw a 145% increase (\$5,310) over the same five year period.²

Beyond percent increases, the actual dollar increases show a substantial rise in tuition expectations for graduate and professional students. The following represent *dollar increases in tuition operating fees for Washington residents* in various programs at the University of Washington since the 2003-2004 school year.³

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| Graduate Tier I: \$3,089 | (from \$6,121 in '03-'04 to \$9,210 in '08-'09) |
| Graduate Tier II: \$3,331 | (from \$6,364 in '03-'04 to \$9,695 in '08-'09) |

¹ http://www.washington.edu/admin/pb/home/pdf/tf_history.pdf (for increases from 1981-2008) and <http://www.washington.edu/regents/meetings/meetings08/june/joint.html> (for increases in 2008-2009).

² http://www.ir.wsu.edu/base.asp?si=01&db=bpweb&id=45&ns=home&tn=tuitionfees&sf=date_posted&sd=desc.

³ http://www.washington.edu/admin/pb/home/pdf/tf_history.pdf (for increases from 1981-2008) and <http://www.washington.edu/regents/meetings/meetings08/june/joint.html> (for increases in 2008-2009).

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| Graduate Tier III: \$3,574 | (from \$6,606 in '03-'04 to \$10,180 in '08-'09) |
| Pharmacy: \$5,008 | (from \$8,767 in '03-'04 to \$13,775 in '08-'09) |
| Law: \$5,852 | (from \$12,610 in '03-'04 to \$18,462 in '08-'09) |
| Medical/Dental: \$6,671 | (from \$11,341 in '03-'04 to \$18,012 in '08-'09) |
| Business Masters (incoming): \$11,281 | (from \$9,312 in '03-'04 to \$20,593 in '08-'09) |

Compounding the issue of an affordable, and therefore accessible, advanced degree is a lack of increased funding in financial aid for graduate and professional students. State and federal financial aid support for graduate and professional students has not increased at the same rate as tuition and fee increases. Even if it had, a growing gap between tuition and financial aid would still exist because a dollar for dollar match is not achieved by raising financial aid support by the same percentage as tuition rates.⁴ Additionally, while the federal government recently increased the maximum loan amounts for graduate and professional students in the 2008 Higher Education Authorization Act, the total cost of *tuition alone* for Washington residents is dangerously close to surpassing this federal loan maximum – forcing many graduate and professional students to take out large amounts of private loans simply to cover the remaining tuition costs, books, and living expenses.

II. Policy Position

It is the stance of the graduate and professional students of Washington that reasonable, predictable, and affordable tuition rates are imperative to attracting and retaining students to advanced degree programs at Washington Universities. The State of Washington should work to close the gap between advanced degree production and degree demand in the State. Affordable education will help Washington students obtain Washington jobs. Washington State needs to ensure that all students, particularly low-income students, are not precluded from obtaining advanced degrees due to tuition costs.

Financial aid offerings never keep pace with the cost of tuition. Graduate and professional students recognize that some tuition increase is inevitable in some years. Yet, diligence in funding of financial aid and maintaining reasonably low tuition is necessary to ensure that low-income students are not priced out of a graduate or professional education.

Finally, graduate and professional students find it imperative that they see a direct correlation between tuition and fee increases and student services for graduate and professional students. Only when a commensurate increase in services occurs will graduate and professional students accept continual increases in tuition.

III. Recommended Bill Language

Section 1 Reasonable, Predictable, and Affordable Tuition Mandates

⁴ This is because the principle for financial aid is smaller than the principle for tuition.

(A) When making tuition increases for non-undergraduate students the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall:

- (1) Consider the impact the proposed dollar increase may have on the ability for the institution to recruit and retain students in the degree program for which tuition increases are proposed;
- (2) Maintain a reasonable, predictable, and affordable tuition by raising tuition no more than the rate at which resident undergraduate tuition is raised as described in RCW 28B.15.068(1);
- (3) Increase financial aid proportionally to the increases in tuition costs; and
- (4) Utilize tuition increases to commensurately enhance graduate and professional student services including, but not limited, to technological innovations, student health insurance coverage, child care services, and mental health services.

(B) In the event any of the aforementioned governing boards violates any of the four mandates contained within clause (A) of this section, a private cause of action shall exist.

(*****Author's Note: References to "non-undergraduates" should more accurately be written as "graduate and professional students" to reflect the authority and scope of GPSS's constituents. However, the original memo is preserved for authenticity. ~November 5, 2008)

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FULL-TIME, FACULTY-LEVEL Q CENTER DIRECTOR**

Sponsored and written by: Dave Iseminger (GPSS Vice President) and Noah Benson (GPSS GBLT Senator) on behalf of the graduate and professional students involved with the ASUW Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Commission.

Co-Sponsored by: Yutaka Juno (GPSS Secretary) and Shawn Mincer (Social Work Senator)

Resolution Number: 3.08-09

WHEREAS, University policy is to promote diversity on campus; and

WHEREAS, Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, intersex and queer students (hereinafter collectively referred to as "queer"), staff, and faculty are an important part of campus diversity; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, the Q Center has been a crucial safe space for queer students, staff, and faculty on campus; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center has created positive change on this campus in many ways, including providing SafeZone training to over 1,000 members of the campus community; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center provides brief crisis intervention services to queer students at a time when they may be most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center has organized important annual campus events to build community and support and celebrate the queer community such as the GBLTQ Welcome Luncheon, Coming Out Day, the annual QPOC Colors reception, Transgender Awareness Week, and Lavender Graduation that have made the campus more welcoming of the queer community; and

WHEREAS, the Q Center empowers students to educate and advocate for queer student issues including the need for gender neutral and unisex bathrooms; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center's discussion groups have encouraged dialogue among different communities on campus; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center provides countless resources to the UW community, including its extensive lending library; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center operates from an anti-oppression framework, recognizing the intersectionality of all oppression and works to dismantle it; and

WHEREAS, All of the Q Center's accomplishments have occurred despite the fact that currently the University provides funding for only a part-time Director, because of the commitment, dedication and countless unpaid hours of current director Jennifer Self who graduates within the next academic year; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center could accomplish even more on campus if it had a full-time Director, especially in light of the 2007 donation by David Kopay of \$1,000,000 dollars that created an endowment to support Q Center activities; and

WHEREAS, The Q Center could provide valuable leadership in the development of a Queer Studies Curriculum if the Director was a member of the faculty; and

WHEREAS, The most highly-qualified candidates for Q Center Director will be difficult to recruit and retain if the position is not a full-time, faculty-level position; and

WHEREAS, Other highly regarded Universities in the United States such as Duke University, the University of Michigan, the University of Minnesota, and the University of California – Los Angeles, all have full-time, faculty-level Directors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, The GPSS supports the University funding a full-time, faculty-level Director for the Q Center; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Vice President for Minority Affairs & Vice Provost for Diversity Sheila Edwards Lange, University of Washington Student Regent Jean-Paul Willynck, Vice-Provost of Student Life Eric Godfrey, ASUW President Anttimo Bennett, Chair of the ASUW Student Senate Jon Solomon, and Student Activities Fee Committee Chair Matt York.

Presented to GPSS for approval on November 5, 2008

Approved on November 5, 2008

Title: Memorial Resolution for the Victims of the University of Central Arkansas Tragedy

Sponsored and written by: Jake Faleschini (GPSS President) and Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary)

Resolution Number: 4.08-09

WHEREAS, On October 26, 2008, two students were killed and another student was wounded by a shooting; and

WHEREAS, This tragedy occurred near a dormitory on the University of Central Arkansas campus; and

WHEREAS, On our own University of Washington campus, Rebecca Jane Griego was killed by a gunman on April 2, 2007.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, GPSS offers its sincerest condolences to the University of Central Arkansas community; and

THAT, GPSS observes a moment of silence in their honor; and

THAT, GPSS will continue to lobby, both locally and nationally, to create a safe learning environment on university campuses; and

THAT, A copy of this resolution will be sent to the University of Central Arkansas student government representatives.

Presented to GPSS for approval on October 27, 2008

Approved on November 5, 2008

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON'S PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF A LONGHOUSE-STYLE LEARNING FACILITY**

Sponsored and written by: Karen Capuder

Co-sponsored by Dana Arviso (GPSS Native American Student Senator), Aaron Naumann (GPSS Anthropology Department Senator), Leslie Caromile (Pathology) and Shawn Mincer (Social Work).

Resolution Number: 5.08-09

WHEREAS, The University of Washington, through discussions, and in consultation with tribal governments in the region and Western states, has determined that best practices indicate that high priority should be given to supporting programming and strategies that support the Native American community on and off-campus; and

WHEREAS, A campus-based longhouse-style learning facility will serve as an acknowledgement of the First Peoples of the Puget Sound and the greater Northwest, and will help raise awareness about the cultures and histories of regional Native nations and their relationships with federal and state governments and institutions; and

WHEREAS, A campus-based longhouse-style learning facility will be a welcoming place for all members of the UW community, and a space which will provide for place-based and cross-cultural learning experiences for all campus community members; and

WHEREAS, The University of Washington is dedicated to increasing the recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of Native American students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, The Native American proportion of the population of Washington State is currently estimated at 1.6%; and

WHEREAS, The Native American proportion of the population of Graduate and Professional students at the University of Washington is 0.9% in graduate schools and 1.1% in professional schools; and

WHEREAS, The Native American proportion of undergraduate students entering UW as freshman during the period 1999-2007 was between 1.1 and 1.3%; and

WHEREAS, The Native American proportion of the UW faculty is 0.4%, and at the professional and classified staff levels the proportion of Native American employees is 1.1%; and

WHEREAS, The six year graduation rates for Native American students entering in 2001 reveal that the rate of Native American student graduation was 53%, lower by an average

of 14 percentage points than any other underrepresented minority student groups (African American, Pacific Islander, and Latino); and

WHEREAS, The University of Washington has learned, upon review of other college and university cultural campus center facility program examples, that the construction of campus-based, longhouse-style facilities such as those found at the Evergreen State College, the University of Oregon, and the University of British Columbia (a) have been found to dramatically increase the recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of Native students; (b) contribute to the promotion of academic excellence on the campus for Native students; (c) help draw and retain Native staff and Native faculty; and (d) could improve relations between tribal communities and the University of Washington, as well as contribute to the development of other inter-cultural and academic benefits and research partnerships; and

WHEREAS, With the advent of the University's First and Second Annual Tribal Leaders Summits, along with strong support from the University President and the Board of Regents, the longhouse project has become an institutional priority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, The Graduate and Professional Student Senate of the University of Washington hereby professes their support for the construction of a longhouse-style facility on the University of Washington's Seattle campus.

Presented to GPSS for approval on November 15, 2008

Approved on December 3, 2008

Title: **RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PUBLIC APOLOGY FROM THE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD**

Sponsored by: Jake Faleschini (GPSS President), Dave Iseminger (GPSS Vice President), Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary), Lindsay Morse (Classics), Shawn Mincer (Social Work), Tim Hulet (GPSS Treasurer), Anna Batie (Jackson School), Kris Anderson (Art History), Rich Nobles (Psychology), and Noah Benson (GBLTC)

Written by: Jake Faleschini (GPSS President) and Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary)

Resolution Number: 6.08-09

WHEREAS the University of Washington Role and Mission Statement reads, “the University fosters an environment in which its students can develop mature and independent judgment and an appreciation of the range and diversity of human achievement;” and

WHEREAS the GPSS promotes diversity and a safe learning environment for all; and

WHEREAS in the November 25, 2008 edition of *The Daily*, there was a picture of a man and a sheep, created by Matthew Jackson, accompanying the article “Gay Marriage? Let’s stop and think about this,” written by John Fay; and

WHEREAS the juxtaposition of the image with the article implied that homosexuality is likened to bestiality; and

WHEREAS the Editorial Board of *The Daily* is responsible for the placement of the image next to the article; and

WHEREAS many graduate and professional students found this to be offensive, hateful, unprofessional, and contrary to our goal of creating a safe learning environment for all students,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the GPSS officially requests 1) an explanation of *The Daily's* publication standards ensuring journalistic integrity about the selection of articles, the selection of accompanying images, and the layout for all sections of the paper including the opinions section, 2) sharing of any contemplated amendments to *The Daily's* publication standards ensuring journalistic integrity, and 3) an apology from the Editorial Board of *The Daily*, all to be printed in the same newspaper; or

THAT the GPSS officially requests the Editor-in-Chief and the Opinions Editor of *The Daily* to resign.

Presented to GPSS for approval on December 1, 2008

Approved on December 3, 2008

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT PHOTO CLASS LISTS**

Sponsored by: Derya Baykent (Education: Educational Psychology)

Written by: Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary) using material originally written by Mary Pat Wenderoth (FCIQ chair)

Co-sponsored by: Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary), Tim Hulet (GPSS Treasurer), Mark Zelinka (Atmospheric Sciences)

Resolution Number: 7.08-09

WHEREAS, The mission of the University is to promote the continued improvement of teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that having student photos available to faculty allows faculty to learn student names and thereby produce a more welcoming and safe environment for student learning to occur; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Austin stated in *What Matters in College (1993)* that two things that made the biggest difference in getting students involved in the under-graduate experience were greater faculty-student interaction and greater student-student interaction, and although learning student names may seem a trivial matter in the entire university enterprise, it is a powerful means to foster both of these interactions; and

WHEREAS, Student photos are already taken for the student ID card and stored on UW computers, and this photo data could be tapped and photo class lists made available as an option for the faculty and teaching assistants at their MyUW teaching page (a password protected site); and

WHEREAS, Adding student photos to class lists would promote a greater sense of community and identity among the faculty, teaching assistants and students which in turn would create a stronger and more vibrant community of scholars at the University of Washington.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, The Graduate and Professional Student Senate of the University of Washington strongly endorses the University's effort to supply a photo class list as an option to all teaching faculty; and

THAT, Faculty and teaching assistants would be informed to treat student photos with the same degree of confidentiality as they do all student information (student ID numbers, grades, etc.).

Presented to GPSS for approval on January 20, 2009

Approved on March 4, 2009

Title: **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GPSS STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Sponsored by: Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary)

Written by: Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary)

Resolution Number: 8.08-09

WHEREAS GPSS Resolution 6.08-09 requested either an apology from the Editorial Board of *The Daily*, or the resignation of the Editor in Chief and the Opinions Editor; and

WHEREAS in the January 14, 2009 edition of *The Daily*, Sarah Jeglum published an opinions article titled “Moving forward together,” in which she refused to apologize or resign;¹ and

WHEREAS GPSS decided to table the issue at its January meeting until February 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS GPSS has decided that it will come to a decision at the February 4, 2009 meeting,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the GPSS officially directs the Student Publications Board representative to move for a vote to censure Sarah Jeglum, Editor in Chief of *The Daily*.

Presented to GPSS for approval on February 3, 2009

Approved on February 4, 2009

¹ <http://dailyuw.com/2009/1/14/moving-forward-together/>

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
CFL EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Sponsored by: Lindsay Morse (Classics)

Written by: Lindsay Morse (Classics), drawing on ASUW resolution R-15-8, sponsored by Chris Bruno

Co-sponsored by: Lloyd Nackley (Forest Resources), Anna Batie (Jackson School: International Studies), Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences), Phuong Nguyen (ASUW), Jason Padvorac (ASUW)

Resolution Number: 9.08-09

WHEREAS the University of Washington and the City of Seattle have partnered to reduce climate change by replacing all incandescent light bulbs on campus with compact florescent lamps (CFLs); and

WHEREAS CFLs are much more energy efficient and longer lasting than incandescent bulbs, making them more environmentally friendly and more cost effective; and

WHEREAS about 4,000 CFLs will be installed, saving approximately 2.1 million kWh over their lifetimes and \$12,000 each year; and

WHEREAS this is a student-driven project, supported by multiple RSOs; and

WHEREAS President Emmert has pledged to fully support the project; and

WHEREAS Seattle City Light has agreed to donate the CFLs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Graduate and Professional Student Senate of the University of Washington strongly endorses the University of Washington CFL exchange project, and will assist in replacing any incandescent bulbs in GPSS offices with CFLs from the project; and

THAT the GPSS commends the administrators, officials and students who have planned and implemented this project, and recommends that this project serve as a model for future projects of environmental stewardship on campus; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to GPSS President Jake Faleschini, UW President Mark Emmert, ASUW Board of Directors, Chris Bruno, and Seattle City Light.

Presented to GPSS for approval on March 3, 2009

Approved on April 8, 2009

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

Sponsored and written by: Anna Batie (GPSS Jackson School REECAS Senator)
Co-sponsored by Jake Faleschini (GPSS President), Erin Ter Beest, (GPSS Jackson School Senator), Ian Cairns (GPSS Law Senator), Hande Ayan (GPSS Evans School of Public Affairs Senator), Shawn Mincer (GPSS Social Work Senator), Richard Nobles (GPSS Psychology Senator)

Resolution Number: 10.08-09

WHEREAS, Washington State Senator Paul Shin's Senate Bill (SB5172) establishing a University of Washington Center for Human Rights has broad sponsorship and is currently in committee; and

WHEREAS, A campus-based Center for Human Rights would honor the achievements of University of Washington students, faculty, and staff in the area of human rights; and

WHEREAS, For the past two years, the University of Washington has been recognized as the top producer of Peace Corps volunteers; and

WHEREAS, A University of Washington Center for Human Rights would gather existing campus resources about human rights in one place; and

WHEREAS, A Center for Human Rights would recognize the University of Washington as a leading incubator of human rights activism; and

WHEREAS, SB 5172 allows the University of Washington to seek private funding for a Center for Human Rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, The Graduate and Professional Student Senate of the University of Washington hereby professes its support for the establishment of a Center for Human Rights.

Presented to GPSS for approval on March 10, 2009

Approved on April 8, 2009

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HOSTING TENT CITY III.**

Written by Health Services Class 572: Lauren Applewood, Chami Arachchi, Emiko Atherton, Noah Barclay-Derman, Shelan Debesai, Sage Emry-Smith, Richa Kumar, Odile Lallemand, Tracy Lantow, Marisa Laufer, Jamie Lee, Shannon Marsh, Maggie Milcarek, Jessica Nguyen, Kathlyn Paananen, Abigail Pearl, David Smolker, Amanda Wysocki.

Co-sponsored by: Shawn Mincer (Social Work), Ian Cairns (Law), Dana Little (Law), Hande Ayan (Public Affairs), Rebecca Bartlein (Global Health) and Robert Baker-White (Public Health: Health Services).

Resolution Number: 11.08-09

Sponsored by: Shannon Marsh, School of Public Affairs

WHEREAS, A resolution in support of the University of Washington hosting Tent City passed 03/01/05 by the Associated Students of the University of Washington (R-11-25); and

WHEREAS, According to the 2008 One Night Count of people who are homeless in King County found 8,439 people who were homeless in our region, a 15% increase from the 2007 count; and,

WHEREAS, Of those 8,439 homeless persons, 5,808 people were living in shelters and transitional programs and 2,631 people surviving outside without shelter. Of those outside without shelter 1,976 of them were in Seattle; and,

WHEREAS, According to the 2009 One Night Count of unsheltered homeless people in King County, 2,827 people were surviving on the streets without shelter with a significant 68% increase of unsheltered homeless persons in South King County; and,

WHEREAS, According to a 2007 King County report, 30% of the single individuals who were homeless were women and at least 1,000 of the people who used homeless services were children. Veterans and people of color were overrepresented among those who were homeless; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout King County only 32.4% of rental housing is affordable for low-income families. Only 12.6% of rental housing in Bothell is affordable, and 9% of rental housing in Kirkland; and,

WHEREAS, Tent City III offers a temporary fix to the problem of homelessness here in King County by providing temporary housing to those without housing for a minimal cost; and,

WHEREAS, An August 2004 report made by the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Homeless Encampments (CACHE) to King County officials said that tent cities are a necessary, yet temporary fix to the greater problem of homelessness that King County has not yet fully addressed; and,

WHEREAS, Seattle University hosted Tent City III in February 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Tent City III has moved 35 times since 2000 to different host places; and,

WHEREAS, Tent City III is currently staying at Cherry Hill Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Tent City III will soon need a new host to allow them use of land on which to live for a period of time not to exceed 90 days; and,

WHEREAS, As students at a major public university located inside of King County within the greater state of Washington, we are intimately involved with the problems of poverty and homelessness.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, In an effort to promote social justice and community outreach, the graduate and professional students of the University of Washington support the university in hosting Tent City III for a period of time between 30 and 90 days; and,

THAT, The decision on where to locate Tent City should involve significant student input from across the campus community; and,

THAT, In an effort to provide sustainable solutions the graduate and professional students of the University of Washington should consider renewing Tent City III's visit annually as the city's Consent Decree allows; and,

THAT, Students, faculty and staff at the University of Washington be encouraged to investigate possibilities of mutually beneficial educational opportunities for students and Tent City III residents such as a version of UW's Access program.

Presented to GPSS for approval on February 20, 2009

Approved on April 29, 2009

Title: **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER AS QUEER COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY**

Sponsored by: Lindsay Morse (Classics).

Co-sponsored by: Jake Faleschini (GPSS President), Tim Hulet (GPSS Treasurer), Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary), Noah Benson (GBLTC), Anna Batie (Jackson School), Richard Nobles (Psychology), Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences), Shawn Mincer (Social Work), Kris Anderson (Art History)

Written by: Lindsay Morse, drawing on ASUW Resolution R-15-23, sponsored by Maggie Capwell, GBLTC Director

Resolution Number: 12.08-09

WHEREAS, on November 25th, 2008, an article appeared in the Opinion section of the *UW Daily*, entitled “Gay Marriage? Let’s Stop and Think About This”; and

WHEREAS the opinion piece and its accompanying graphic of a man and a sheep displayed an attitude that many found both homophobic and offensive; and

WHEREAS the University of Washington Role and Mission Statement states that “the University fosters an environment in which its students can develop mature and independent judgment and an appreciation of the range and diversity of human achievement”; and

WHEREAS the attitude displayed in this opinion piece makes it clear that discrimination against the queer community exists at the University of Washington, which is contrary to creating a safe learning environment for all attending the University; and

WHEREAS students struggling with their sexual identity and their allies may have been negatively impacted by the message of this opinion piece.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports the designation of fourth Tuesday of November as “Queer Community Awareness Day;” and

THAT the GPSS will support and encourage programming done by the GBLTC, the Q Center, Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity, or any other university community groups, in relation to Queer Community Awareness Day; and

THAT the GPSS encourages official recognition of this day by including it in the UW Student Planner; and

THAT a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the ASUW GLBTC Director Maggie Capwell, the Q Center Director Jennifer Self, ASUW President Anttimo Bennett,

GPSS President Jake Faleschini, The UW *Daily* Editorial Board, UW President Mark Emmert, Provost Phyllis Wise, Vice-Provost of Student Life Eric Godfrey, Vice-President of Minority Affairs and Vice-Provost of Diversity Sheila Edwards Lange, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Ana Mari Cauce.

Presented to GPSS for approval on April 8, 2009

Approved on April 29, 2009

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CAPITAL RENOVATION PROJECTS OF THE HUSKY UNION BUILDING, THE ETHNIC CULTURAL CENTER, AND HALL HEALTH.**

Written by Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary), based on ASUW Student Senate Legislation R-15-26 written by Jed Bradley.

Sponsored by: Jake Faleschini (President), Tim Hulet (Treasurer), Yutaka Jono (Secretary), Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences), Rich Nobles (Psychology), Lindsay Morse (Classics), Kris Anderson (At History), and Phuong Nguyen (ASUW).

Resolution Number: 13.08-09

WHEREAS, The Husky Union Building (henceforth mentioned as HUB) is a central meeting location for students; and

WHEREAS, Last major expansion to this building was done in 1975-7; and

WHEREAS, The proposed renovation to the HUB would increase energy efficiency, improved accessibility, removal of health hazardous materials such as asbestos, and more flexible programming in the current auditorium space; and

WHEREAS, The Ethnic Cultural Center (henceforth mentioned as ECC) was built in 1971, housing five underrepresented student groups; and

WHEREAS, Today, more than fifty affiliated organizations and forty student organizations utilize this facility; and

WHEREAS, The proposed renovation to the ECC would allow improved access to meeting spaces and programming opportunities to the organizations using this facility; and

WHEREAS, Hall Health Primary Care Center (henceforth mentioned as Hall Health) provides on-campus healthcare for students; and

WHEREAS, The proposed renovation to the Hall Health would allow for increased number of students to utilize this facility, as well as offer better privacy protection.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, GPSS supports the proposed capital renovation projects for the HUB, the ECC and the Hall Health; and

THAT, GPSS recommends that the Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAF) approve the bond request for this capital project with the increase of approximately \$84 per quarter (for this bond); and

THAT, A copy of this resolution along with the minutes and the vote counts pertaining to the debate and the vote of this resolution be sent to University of Washington President Mark Emmert, ASUW President Anttimo Bennett, Director of Student Activities and Union Facilities Lincoln Johnson, Associate Director of Student Activities and Union Facilities Paul Zuchowski, Provost Phyllis Wise, Vice President for Minority Affairs and Vice Provost for Diversity Sheila Edwards Lange, Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life Eric Godfrey, ECC Director Victor Flores, Hall Health Director David Dugdale, Services and Activities Fee Committee Chair Matt York, and the University of Washington Board of Regents.

Presented to GPSS for approval on April 20, 2008

Approved on April 29, 2009

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHIP (STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE) PLUS PLAN**

Written and sponsored by: Matt Erickson (Law student) Jake Faleschini (President), Ching-Ping Lin (Biomedical and Health Informatics student), Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary)

Resolution Number: 14.08-09

WHEREAS, A significant reduction in the number of teaching assistants (TAs) and research assistants (RA's) are expected for the 2009-10 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Students who lose their TA and RA positions will lose their graduate appointee health insurance as well; and

WHEREAS, Last year, student life conducted a campus-wide survey in which they assessed the current student health insurance options; and

WHEREAS, The survey results indicated a need for a second health care option with increased health care benefits and coverage; and

WHEREAS, Many students do not have insurance and are uneducated to the benefits of insurance and consequences of remaining uninsured given the high cost of medical care; and

WHEREAS, GPSS representatives have been working with the Office of Student Life to develop a two-tier health insurance plan to address this stated need of the student body; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Student Life has created an improved student insurance plan called Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) Plus which includes the additional coverage requested in the survey, which would be available as an opt-in plan; and

WHEREAS, A certain degree of student participation is necessary to make this two-tiered system sustainable and successful; and

WHEREAS, The ability to opt-into SHIP Plus will be available to students upon registration for the 2009-10 academic year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, The Graduate and Professional Student Senate of the University of Washington strongly endorses these increased options available to students; and

THAT, GPSS will help to promote this plan and advertise it to the student body; and

THAT, Upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to President Mark Emmert, Vice Provost of Student Life Eric Godfrey, ASUW President Anttimo Bennett, and the ASUW Board of Directors.

Presented to GPSS for approval on April 23, 2009

Approved on April 29, 2009

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENTAL PURCHASES OF THE NOT FOR TOURISTS (NFT) GUIDE SEATTLE EDITION**

Sponsored and written by: Anna Batie (GPSS Jackson School REECAS Senator)
Co-sponsored by Jake Faleschini (GPSS President), Benjamin Hanowell (Anthropology),
Hande Ayan (GPSS Evans School Senator)

Resolution Number: 15.08-09

WHEREAS, GPSS has collaborated with Not for Tourists (NFT), a guidebook company, to create the Not for Tourists Guide to Seattle, University of Washington Edition, a guide to both the University of Washington and to Seattle; and

WHEREAS, The NFT UW Edition contains an updated version of all the information in the GPSS Guide to Life and all the information included in the NFT Guide to Seattle; and

WHEREAS, The information included in this guide is of value to incoming students; and

WHEREAS, Current graduate and undergraduate students at the UW helped write the edition; and

WHEREAS, The Graduate School provided useful information included in the guide; and

WHEREAS, Many entering students will find a copy of this guide helpful upon beginning graduate school at UW; and

WHEREAS, GPSS will sell the NFT UW Edition at cost, but only in bulk to Graduate Program Assistants (GPAs) and Graduate Program Coordinators (GPCs); and

WHEREAS, The NFT UW Edition will be less than half the price of the normal NFT Seattle Edition.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, GPSS would like all Graduate Program Assistants and Graduate Program Coordinators to purchase an NFT UW Edition for all incoming graduate students; and

THAT, Copies of this resolution be sent to all Graduate Program Assistants and Graduate Program Coordinators.

Presented to GPSS for approval on May 21, 2009

Approved on May 27, 2009