Meeting called to order at 5:34 by meeting chair Alice Popejoy

Approval of Agenda
Alice entertained a motion to approve the agenda for November 12, 2014
Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences) moved to approve the agenda, Joseph Telegen (English) seconded
Agenda for the meeting on November 12, 2014 approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes
Alice entertained a motion to approve the minutes for October 29, 2014
Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy) moved to approve the agenda, Elloise Kim (English) seconded
Minutes for the meeting on October 29, 2014 approved with no objection

Motion to table Election Update until Alex arrives
Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy) moved to table the election update agenda item until Alex Bolton was present at the meeting, Evan Firth (Oceanography) seconded
Agenda item was tabled

GPSS Spotlight- Disability on Campus
Tiffany- Executive Liaison to the UW Committee on Disability Issues
● Tiffany introduced herself as an MSW/MPH student who is very active in disability issues on campus. She identified herself as someone with a disability due to injuries
Defining Disability
● Tiffany presented her survey results about whether the ADA definition of disability is limiting. Her results show that it is. Tiffany said we should use more inclusive language so students who could benefit from the services on campus and can access them and receive support.
● Tiffany discussed negative language and gave the example that the universal symbol for disability is a wheelchair, and she said that it is too limited and not a fair description for the community.
Accommodations
● Tiffany said there are two common responses from students who don't have accommodation: 1) my disability is not that bad 2) someone else need it more than me
● Tiffany said there are several groups on campus that are dedicated to disability accommodation on campus including the D center and Disability Resource Services.

What’s Next
Tiffany talked about Disorientation, a campus event intended to help campus become more inclusive and help incoming students know what it means to be a part of the UW community.

Tiffany talked about some of the projects related to disability that she has been working on. One was a petition to stop the UW-Tacoma Halloween Event. She participated in dialogue with the student organization that was supporting the “insane asylum” Halloween event, and after petitioning and several discussions the issue was resolved and the student group issued a formal apology.

Tiffany discussed some upcoming potential events, such as intergroup dialogues and panel discussions on various disability topics.

Q & A

Brian Tracey (Marine and Environmental Affairs): This falls under the Diversity Committee, and I would love to start a conversation between the two groups

Alice Popejoy: What are some of the challenges you have encountered working on this issue? Tiffany: People are not necessary comfortable with disclosing that they have a disability. When people talk about diversity, disability groups are often left out. The definition of disability is currently too limited. We want to be able to include people with mental disabilities, and even AIDS and other issues that are not necessarily visible.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): What is intergroup dialogue? Tiffany: It is a discussion format that emphasizes shared voices with everyone at the table.

John Lurie (Astronomy): What resources available to instructors and TAs? Tiffany: There is no required training for the faculty at UW for dealing with disability. People would like to have more knowledge on what language to use, and how to react to disabilities, but resources are fairly limited for that.

Daniel Grafton (Public Administration): What does it means to have a disability and what are some of the resources that are available to students? Tiffany: Disability Resource Services is the main resource. The D Center is also a great resource. They serve any students with disabilities and their office is in Mary Gates Hall. They serve all students with disabilities, they are not just limited to deaf students. Right now they are volunteer based but they are currently recruiting some staff now.

Election Updates
Alex Bolton gave an update on the November elections results. State Initiative Measure 1351 reducing class sizes in higher grades passed, this is another piece of legislation that would put pressure on the K-12 education budget. Democrats now have smaller majority in the State legislature. The youngest women was elected into the House, and in the Senate the Republicans have a straight majority on their own.

Q&A

Steve Carlin (Chemistry): Have they decided how this is going to fit in the budget? Alex Bolton: That is likely not going to happen until the end of this session, but the topic is being discussed.
Chrissy Elles (Law): Another thing you can do is join a professional organization, for example societies like AAAS and CNFS. Alice: If you would like to know more about this, you can visit AAAS to learn more about upcoming events.

Bylaws Revision
Members of the Judicial Committee are introduced
Alice Popejoy: the Judicial Committee is going to present to you substantial changes to the bylaws that we will then vote on.
Joseph Telegen (English): we rise to recommend that GPSS support these bylaw changes, we as a committee have met to discuss them and we approve them.
Alice Popejoy: Can you explain what the changes are?
Natalie Gordon: Point of information- The Judicial Committee just presents their recommendation, the author of the changes should present the actual changes.
Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): These changes were put together collaboratively by the Executive Committee, but I am here as the representative. Firstly we fixed the spelling and grammar errors. Secondly, we changed gendered language to non-gendered language, from he/she to they. We want this to be able to carry on to a diverse community. Third, the Committee Coordinating Board- this has never actually happened and people are functioning well without it so we took it out. Fourth, the bylaws said the Treasurer supervised all administrative staff, but we switched so officers will supervise the staff that report to them. Fifth, we created the Graduate Student Experience committee. The Academic Administrative Committee, and Student Life Committee are being combined into this new committee. Also, we changed the name of the Treasurer's committee, now it’s called Community Outreach and Events Committee. Finally, we changed the Executive Senator election process because want the election process to be more democratic. There is no longer nomination from the Executive Committee.
Natalie Gordon: I have a few friendly amendments I would like to propose on behalf of the Executive Committee.
- Article 6 section D, clause 1.f, Graduate Student Experience Committee: we suggest adding Services and Activities Fee Committee, and Student Tech Fee Committee. Before this list of committees we suggest changing that these liaisons “may” be members instead of “shall” be members to avoid quorum issues.
- Same section, clause 2.b.3 we suggest changing the language to “including but not limited to” each of the following issues and added “At the discretion of the President” in that clause.
- Same section, clause 1.a, we suggest changing the language to “at least five” to avoid quorum issues.
- Same section, we suggest changing sexual assault to sexual assault prevention and response.
- Article 2 section D clause 2, we suggest adding “the” in front of ASUW to be in alignment with the rest of our bylaws.
- Article 7 section C clause 3.d, we suggest removing “and” because UW committees accept GPSS nominations only from the President.
Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): I accept all of these suggestions as friendly.
Joseph Telegen (English): The Judicial Committee approves of all these friendly amendments.

Q&A

- Dave Zerby (Business): In Article 6 section D cause 2 section d, in the list of issues that the committee will address, should we say including these issues and others? I am also concerned about the limitations of adding “prevention and response” because it narrows the issue. Joseph Telegen (English): The language was quite awkward, instead of saying the committee contributes to sexual assault, it now says “sexual assault prevention”, so we just clarified the language without the intention of limited the scope.

- Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences): I have a question about committee membership for the rest of our committees. Now it says nine members, is it possible to change that if more people want to join? Alice Popejoy: there is nothing that is preventing us from saying “there’s only five” if we want to do that.

- Natalie Gordon: Point of information- any proposed amendment has to be directly related to the friendly amendments that are being presented now, but those would be great bylaw amendments to present separately.

- Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): If you would like to propose that, it does not need to be a super long process. Any senator can propose a change of bylaws.

Approval of Bylaws
Alice entertained a motion to approve the bylaw revisions as supported by the Judicial Committee
Branden Audet (International Studies) moved to approve bylaw changes, Chrissy Elles (Law) seconded
Bylaw revisions approved without objection.

Campus Day of Legislative Events
Austin Wright-Pettibone (OGR Director) & Alex Bolton are introduced.
Alex promoted the Inclusive Innovation Pipeline event, Monday at 3:00PM-4:00PM in HUB 250.
Alice Popejoy: We have approximately a two billion dollar hole that we cannot fill in the State of Washington. And this is a pie of money that we can cut funds from. These are human services, corrections, or higher education, so higher education is basically on the chopping block now. We are trying to change the perspective in Olympia toward graduate students and stress that we are contributing and bring a lot of value to this community. Please encourage everyone to come to our event on Monday.
Austin Wright-Pettibone: We are having Governor Inslee coming to the ASUW Legislative event after the Pipeline event on Monday. We don't have a full text of what he will be talking about, but we know that he will be talking about higher education, the environment and more. Senator Bailey will also being joining us. ASUW is pushing very hard for the tuition freeze. The benefit of all these approaches is that we are connecting students to these issues instead
of going through institutions. The more we can go out there and say that this is where we are feeling the impact of the higher education cut, and support the idea that higher education is very much the economy engine, the more we are able to let the legislators know that we are contributing to this community.

Alex Bolton: A big impact we can make is that we should put a face to these funding cuts, and we can really make a huge difference by showing up at both events.

Austin Wright-Pettibone: To satisfy Initiative 1351 I have had legislators tell me they could cut 75% of education and corrections and more and they will still not be able to fill the deficit. So this is a conversation that is already going on. Graduate students are likely to be affected by this.

Q&A

- Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences): Where would those cutting be? Alex Bolton: In our state the initiative is basically being treated as legislative. So that’s where all the dances are happening
- Vanessa Kritzer (Public Affairs): Is it open for any students to share their stories at the Pipeline event? Alice Popejoy: We will have a few selected graduate students, but we do want as many graduate students to come to the event to share their stories through poster sessions, discussion, and more.
- Tiffany Woelfel: I think promoting this to the School of Social Work would work extremely well and reach more students who care about this topic.
- Jason Young (Geography): What is the actual mechanism we are addressing? Is it increasing tuition or reducing funding? Alex Bolton: It’s more like all of the above.
- Evan Firth (Oceanography): It also affects the staff hours right? Alex Bolton: yes.
- Eddie Schwieterman: If you ever TA a class, class sizes may increase if there is a significant funding cut. There are a lot more direct effects as well, such as health insurance and more. Everyone is affected by this.
- Alice Popejoy: Monday is our best opportunity to advocate and continue to push for support for stopping funding cuts.
- Daniel Grafton (Public Affairs): Point of information, when is the event? Alex Bolton: The Pipeline event is at 3:00 in Hub 250 and the reception is in the Lyceum at 4:30.
- Chrissy Elles (Law): Point of information, how long is the reception going to last? Austin Wright-Pettibone: the speech will start at 5:30 and we will have a dinner afterwards that will last until 7:30.
- Alice Popejoy: Please put the posters everywhere and please try to send the email that Natalie will be sending you out to your constituency.

Board of Regents Update

Alice Popejoy: I want to crownsolve a little bit on what your questions would be regarding the issues that the Board of Regents will be discussing tomorrow, and I will ask them at the Board of Regent meeting on your behalf. Also you are welcome to come, and if you feel really passionate about this, you can go to the UW Club and join them at their pre-meeting dinner. There are a lot of sub committees where the big decisions that are made. But the first one is finances and asset management. Second is student affairs regarding programs. These are
the main issues that are coming up at the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. There will be appointments as well, there will be a new dean for the School of Pharmacy. And we will be hearing from the Foster School regarding a new Masters program, the Master of Supply Chain Management. There are other similar programs and they are all fee-based programs, and it is obvious that this is a money maker. The University is going toward the direction of having more fee-based programs. The question I asked is how many more the business school foresees creating, and they said they expect to have more of these new programs coming up.

**Time Extended**
Alice entertained a motion to extend time
Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy) moved to extend time by 10 minutes, Evan Firth (Oceanography) seconded
No objections

**Board of Regents Part 2**
Alice Popejoy: Next is the Animal Research and Care Facility (ARCF) - The Board is voting to approve construction at preferred site underneath Portage Bay Vista. Also they will vote on the Life Sciences Building which will approve the use of alternative public works and delegate authority to award construction contracts. This is controversial because this will be using student tuition dollars to fund the project. PACS’ official standing is against using student tuition dollars for this project.
Branden Audet (International Studies): Do you know what type of research that they will be doing in the Animal Research Facility? Alice Popejoy: I presume it will be the continuation of the current research program.
Roy Burstein (Global Health): Point of information, do you know whether the University would ultimately make the money back from this Life Sciences facility? Alice Popejoy: The College of Arts and Sciences has come up with a 30-year plan to pay back this loan to the University of Washington.
Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): Do you know the reasons why PACS did not support this? Alice Popejoy: It sets a precedent. Since this is a public institution the state has responsibility for the maintenance of roads and new building construction. They are concerned that this might set a precedent of using student tuition instead of encouraging state funding. I know a lot of other schools have few buildings in mind, like the School of Public Health. And who knows whether these schools won’t model this system of funding by using student tuition dollars.

**ASUW Action Items**
Amber Amin (ASUW representative): We have our legislative reception on Monday. Also if you are interested in women in politics there’s the Elect Her event. It will be this Saturday. The idea of the event is to get more women to run for leadership positions.
Alice Popejoy: Are there a couple of resolutions coming through ASUW?
Joseph Telegen (English): Not yet, but I would like to introduce Zack. He is in his second year at the Law School and he is also involved with ASUW. At the last meeting we had a visit from
the Board of Regents. Marnie Brown encouraged us to contact her directly with any questions or concerns.

**Officer Reports**
Alex Bolton: Come to the Pipeline event and the Legislative Reception on Monday.

Douglass Taber: The Travel Grants Committee had a record breaking of cycle going through the applications and granting funds. The Science and Policy committee is helping get the Innovation Pipeline event up and ready to go.

Natalie Gordon: The Diversity funding application is up on the website. Also the union is establishing a group on micro-aggressions. They are letting the University know that micro-aggressions are an issue on campus and they want to do something about it.

Branden Audet (International Studies): What is micro-aggression? Natalie: Micro-aggressions usually are comments that may be degrading or demeaning, or gestures, implications, or comments that are condescending rather than physical assault.

Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): I know the person who is organizing this. There are TAs and RAs who have had professors roll their eyes at them and things like that. It’s systematic. And it is also hard to isolate one incident and say that this is the exact issue and I am going to take action.

Alice Popejoy: Work on the childcare issue is going great.

Adrian Kane (History): Who should we email the childcare issues and stories to? Alice Popejoy: Please send the stories to Natalie at gpsssec@uw.edu.

**Announcements**
Vanessa Kritzer (Public Affairs): In the Diversity Committee we discussed UW’s new branding. There are requests for stories about what it means to “be boundless” especially in respect to diversity. We would also like comments about what you think about the marketing campaign in general. Also, here is going to be an event on November 19th regarding Ferguson from 4:30-5:30. Also on November 21st from 1:30-4:30PM there will be social justice training event at the Evans School.

Monica Cortez-Viharo (Drama): Shannon Jackson, a professor at Berkeley, is coming to do a talk in Communication room 120, with a reception following in room 104. She will be talking about the ways in which the university has delineated what it means to be an English program, or what it means to be a Drama program.

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences): There is a toy drive starting the Monday before Thanksgiving and going through Friday of finals week. We will be donating the items to Children’s Hospital.

**Adjournment**
Alice entertained a motion to adjourn
Branden Audet (International Studies) moved to adjourn, Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy) seconded.