

Senate Meeting  
October 1, 2008  
4:30 HUB 309

Officers Present:

**Jake Faleschini** (President)  
**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President)  
**Jamie Andrus** (Interim Treasurer)  
**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary)

Others Present:

**Liz Williams**  
**Mara Hall**  
**Matt York**

## **1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.  
He then entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) motioned to approve the agenda.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion Passed.

## **2. Treasurer Elections**

Jake Faleschini entertained a motion for the senate to hold an emergency meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in order to elect a new treasurer.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked if new students could run for the position if they were not at the meeting.

**Jake Faleschini** said no because they have to attend three meetings before they could be considered for the position.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked if the bylaws could be suspended.

**Jake Faleschini** said yes.

**Natalie** (Statistics) asked if the senate could wait another two weeks.

**Jake Faleschini** said it would be better to not wait because there was a lot planned for the meetings in November and it would be unfair to Jamie, the interim treasurer.

**Brian Lee** (Urban Design and Planning) suggested they ask the senate if there were any new students who wanted to run so they could figure out right then if an emergency meeting was necessary.

**Dave Iseminger** called a point of order and said that other committees could hold meetings that would count towards the three needed in order to run for the position, but he said that at that moment no one was eligible to run (because there have not been three meetings within the new academic year) so they have to hold other meetings.

**Brian Smolaik** (Atmospheric Sciences) made a motion to hold the emergency meeting.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) clarified that the person running had to attend three meetings.

**Dave Iseminger** said there were two more meetings would have to attend, Exec and F&B in order to qualify.

All were in favor.

3 abstained.

Motion passed.

### **3. Parliamentary Procedures**

Yutaka Jono went over the parliamentary procedures. He told the new senators to go over them and become familiar with them for the future.

### **4. Graduate School Review Committee Introduction**

**Jake Faleschini** introduced the Graduate School Review Committee to the senate. He said that each year different departments were put up for review by a committee. He said in the past this had been done by the chief of staff but it is a huge task and he thought it would be better to have a committee for it instead.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) asked which departments were up for review this year.

**Jake Faleschini** answered that there is a website.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) asked if it was a 2/3 present body or enrolled body for a vote.

**Yutaka Jono** said 2/3 present.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) asked if it was a conflict of interest if committee members' department was up for review.

**Jake Faleschini** said the chance of a member of the committees' department being up for review was very unlikely, but in the event that did happen that person could choose to not review their own department.

**Jared Nance** (Physics) asked if the committee member had to be related in any way to the department they were reviewing.

**Jake Faleschini** said that since the purpose of the committee was really just to look at if the students in the department were happy, it was unnecessary for a committee member to have any knowledge or background with a department.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to create the committee.

**Mike Vannatta** (Chemistry) seconded.

One abstained.

Motion passed.

## **5. Committee Appointments**

**Dave Iseminger** went over the committees. He said the committees that needed to be filled were Executive, Finance and Budget, Judicial, Travel Grants, Grad School Review, ASUW liaison, and the legislative steering committee.

**Kate Dieble** (Student Disability Commission) asked if you had to be a senator in order to be a committee member.

**Jake Faleschini** said yes, for these committees.

**Moz Benado** (Nutritional Sciences) asked if you could be in leave or if you had to be a full time student.

**Jared Nance** (Physics) asked if a senator could be on multiple committees.

**Dave Iseminger** said yes except for members on Judicial.

**Anne Menzel** (Political Science) asked what the time commitment was like for the Travel Grant Committee.

**Dave Iseminger** said they met once a quarter.

**Anne Menzel** (Political Science) asked how many applications they would have to review.

**Jamie Andrus** said usually about 30 to 50.

Richard Nobles, Charles Plumber, Lindsey Morris, and Kris Anderson are elected to the Executive Committee.

Anna Batie, Beth Curry, Moz Benado, Mark Jaffrey, Hande Ayan, Terry Shin, and Laina Mercer were nominated for the Finance and Budget Committee.

**Dave Iseminger** entertained a motion to approve the nominations.

**John Liston** (Communications) so moved.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed.

Nick Nasrallah, Ian Cairns, Annie Menzel, Lloyd Nackley, Stefan Kamola were nominated for Judicial Committee.

**Dave Iseminger** entertained a motion to approve the committee.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) so moved.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) seconded.

The motion passed.

Jason Harrington, Sean Mincer, Samantha Richards, Matthew Vechinski were nominated for the Travel Grants committee.

**Dave Iseminger** entertained a motion to approve the nominations.

**John Liston** (Communications) so moved.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

The motion passed.

John Liston, Richard Nobles, Marc Jaffrey, Jared Nance, Vedada Sirovica and bart Trzynodowski were nominated for the Graduate Student Review Committee.

**Dave Iseminger** entertained a motion to approve the nominations.

**John Liston** (Communications) so moved.

**Natalie Thompson** (Statistics) seconded.

There was a friendly amendment to increase the committee to ten people.

There was one abstention

The motion passed.

**Mark Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) asked how often the ASUW Liaisons met.

**Dave Iseminger** said once a week.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked who sat on the UBC.

**Jake Faleschini** said he did.

**John Liston** (Communications) asked if the fiscal services advisory board was through another committee.

**Jake Faleschini** said he sat on several committees and when he cannot someone from GPSS does.

## **6. Website**

**Matt York** explained the modifications to the website.

**Kate Diebel** (Student Disability Commission) said the page last year failed to meet accessibility standards.

**Matt York** said he was aiming to fix that.

## **7. Tuition Issues**

**Jake Faleschini** said the 2003 legislature gave the board of regents the ability to set tuition for all but undergraduate Washington residents. He said there had been a huge increase in tuition in the past years.

The main goal is to attain affordable, reasonable, and predictable tuition rates.

**Dave Iseminger** said that this would be a bill in the legislature this coming year. He said a bill was being crafted by the higher education steering board.

**Bob Hasegawa** (guest, Evans School) asked if they were trading local control for services.

**Dave Iseminger** said the debate was framed as reasonable, predictable, and affordable.

**Bob Hasegawa** (guest, Evans School) said the tuition setting motivations might not be in line with public policy.

**Jake Faleschini** said there might be democratically elected people that think they owe nothing to UW students, where the board of regents has a judiciary obligation to the students.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) asked if the board of regents was appointed by the governor.

**Jake Faleschini** said yes.

**Russell Hugo** (Linguistics) asked if there was a proposal for oversight every ten years.

**Jake Faleschini** said a formal stance was going to be taken on the issue but it was thought it would be best to leave the legislature to deal with it because they have more invested in it.

**Russell Hugo** (Linguistics) asked who had the oversight.

**Dave Iseminger** said they would have to wait for the bill to be raised.

**Jake Faleschini** said they were assuming the legislature would insert the dialogue into the bill.

**Dave Iseminger** said the current proposal was permanent but they did not know if the HEC board transferred it or not.

**Brian Smoliak** (Atmospheric Sciences) asked if there was anyway they could see it.

**Jake Faleschini** said they would email it out and post it online.

**John Liston** (Communications) moved

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) seconded.  
He then called for quorum.

Quorum was met, the motion passed.

## **8. University of Texas Summit**

**Jake Faleschini** said the top ten public schools in the country were forming a coalition to chat with each other. He said it would take place November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. He said the GPSS officers would not be able to go down so they wanted to send senators.

### **9. GPSS summit preview**

**Jake Faleschini** said the summit would take place on November 20<sup>th</sup>. He said they had crafted ideas over the summer and they had preliminary ideas of the lobbying agenda. He said three main issues were focused on: physical, institutional, and cultural social health in the state of Washington.

### **10. Funding Guidelines**

**Jamie Andrus** said that students could apply for three different types of funding: departmental allocations, travel grants, and special allocations. She said they were not allowed to pay for food or drink or fund anything that fits in or furthers education goals of a department. i.e. anything used for research or teaching. She said political things could not be funded, money for travel could not be provided either. She said applications were available on the website. Jamie-students can apply for 3 different types of funding.

### **11. Fall Social**

**Jamie Andrus** said the fall social would take place at 5:30 pm in the HUB ballroom Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **12. Announcements**

**Yutaka Jono** said that new Senators needed to apply online.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) said ASUW and alumni were holding homecoming applications.

**Jamie Andrus** said there was \$15,000 set aside for events so she wanted the senators to let her know what they wanted to do for events this coming year.

**Dave Iseminger** said he was looking into doing a voter turnout promotional event. He then said he forgot to mention the SAF committee and said that they could appoint two students to that so he told anyone interested to let him know.

**Jake Faleschini** said he wanted to organize GPSS nights out. He said he still wanted to meet with each senator individually so he wanted them to set up meetings when they were ready.

### **13. Adjournment**

**Yutaka Jono** moved to adjourn the meeting.

**John Liston** (Communications) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

*Approved on November 5, 2008*

## **Quorum Present**

### **Senate meeting Wednesday 10/15/2008: Minutes DRAFT**

1. President **Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order 5:40 p.m.

#### **2. Approval of the agenda**

- **Jake** entertained a motion to approve.

**Noah Benson (Gay Bisexual Lesbian Transgender Students)** so moved, **Beth Curry (Oceanography)** seconded.

- One abstention.

- Motion passed.

#### **3. Approval of the minutes**

- **Jake** entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

- **Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences)** so moved.

- **Marc Jaffrey (Earth and Space Sciences)** seconded.

#### **4. Treasurer elections**

- **David Iseminger: Dave** ran all of the election stuff last year and because the summer resignation made things difficult, he would be running the election this year.

- To vote you had to have been registered by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13; 12 Senators were not confirmed by that time; **Dave** entertained a motion to permit them to vote.

- **Noah Benson** so moved.

- **Chris Plummer** seconded.

- All were in favor.

- One abstention.

There were four Senators who were not confirmed by the departments.

- **Stephen Young (Geography)** motioned to allow the four individuals to vote and count them as provisional ballots.

- Seconded by **Beth Curry**.

- Friendly amendment: **Brian Smoliak (Atmospheric Sciences)**: Suggested creating a deadline by when they can be confirmed.

- **Dave** - suggested that the deadline be 5 p.m.

- Friendly amendment was accepted by **Stefan Kamola (Health Services Administration)**

- All were in favor.

#### **Judicial Judgment**

- The Judicial Committee gave their judgment on the question of GPSS officers voting.

- **Nick Nasrallah (Psychology, Judicial Committee Chair)**: Officers could vote with the intent they would serve the organization rather than individual departments.

- Second judgment: Interim officers have all the same powers as an officer.

- **Dave Iseminger** entertained the motion to approve the above.
- **Noah** so moved.
- **Nick** seconded.
- All were in favor.
- Motion passed.
  
- People who cast absentee ballots incorrectly: There were two people who did not follow the guidelines.
- **Dave** entertained a motion to approve these two votes.
- **Stefan** moved.
- **Nick** seconded.
- Motion passed.
- **Dave** spoke on the requirement for candidates to attend three meetings.
  
- **Dave** entertained a motion to suspend Article 5, Section G, Clause 4E.
- **Jason Padvorac (ASUW)** so moved.
- **Yutaka Jono (GPSS Secretary)** seconded.
- **Noah** objected.
- Senator **Elishema Fishman (Information School)**: Stated that she was not a Senator until a few days ago; she did not know about the position or the rules.
- **Yutaka** stated: “Depending on people’s schedules, it was hard to attend the meetings that were scheduled.”
  
- **Moz Benado (Nutritional Sciences)**- Asked whether this was a technicality on her department, and not of her.
- **Fishman** responded yes.
- **Noah** stated- “You don’t have to be a Senator to attend meetings.”
- **Brian Smoliak**- Asked: “Were we prepared to run an election at the last meeting?”
- **Dave**- Agreed with Brian’s point.
  
- **Brain Smolaik**: Because we were hesitant to suspend [the bylaws] at the last meeting he was confused because we [were] so willing [at the time].
- **Jake**- We were hesitant because it was the first thing on the first meeting of the Senate for the year.
- **Moz Benado (Nutritional Sciences)**: Asked: Can we poll other candidates on their opinion?
- **Dave**- Hesitated, as he didn’t want to put them in awkward positions.
- **Fishman**: Stated she wasn’t aware of the situation.
  
- **Noah** motioned to end discussion.
- **John Liston (Communication)** seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion passed.
- Point of information: It takes 2/3 vote to suspend the bylaws. [ed: customarily in GPSS]
- Nine abstained.
- Four objections.

- Motion carried.
- Bylaws were suspended.
  
- Current candidates: **Gabrielle Barber (Information School), Elishema Fishmann, (Information School), Timothy Hulet, (Evans School of Business), Pete Schewpe (Germanics)**
  
- **Dave** opened the floor for nominations.
- No nominations; **Dave** closed the floor.
- **Dave** reviewed instant-runoff voting.
  
- Candidates gave their speeches.
- **Yutaka**- Asked whether it was out of order to ask a question to all candidates; **Dave** responded that it was. **Yutaka** made a motion to suspend the rules.
- **Jason** seconded the motion.
- Majority nays, motion failed.
- Voting for Treasurer took place.

**5. Jake** introduced **Jessica Yellin** - Graduate student representative for GPSS.

- **George Martinez:** Announced he was going to talk about efforts made to integrate Senators to that process.
- **George:** New leadership in graduate school **Gerald Baldasty** is interim leader of graduate school.
- Gave some context: **Gerald** is really trying to strengthen ties with the graduate school and the students. Graduate school is under administrative review; it will be restructured.
- Initiatives were discussed; including helping colleges, units, departments doing a better job and assisting them in recruiting students for programs.
- George wanted to ask if they would be willing to go back to their departments and ask their chairs and their graduate program assistant/coordinator how GPSS could help in recruitment. He wanted to determine whether GPSS could be a resource for recruitment.
- Could this be integrated into the goals of GPSS that would represent the kinds of outreach and services that you would be doing anyway, and to work that much closer with the graduate school?
  
- **Jessica Yellin** – Asked, how did you find out about the University of Washington and what kind of recruitment activities did you experience?

**Liz** – Stated she was recruited during career week/work shop with the Evans school.

**John Liston** – Stated that his coworker got a postcard; he saw it and was convinced.

**Moz**- Stated she has been a participant in recruitment in her department; they came up with an idea about having dinner/lunch and that was exciting for potential students because it gave them the opportunity to meet with other students.

**George Martinez-** Stated graduate school is trying to come up with resources, ideas, processes, produces, relationships that apply to all of the different schools within the university. He asked for Senators' assistance.

**Kristian Anderson (Art History)** – Stated that if there was something more tangible he could take in to his department, he'd feel more comfortable about talking to his department about recruitment.

**George-** Stated that they [potential students] want to know why people have chosen the UW and what persuaded you the most to come here. They want to find a pattern from departments so that can then inform the grad school as of what they should do.

**Jessica-** Asked senate: Do you feel comfortable about feeling comfortable talking to your department about recruitment. Any red flags?

- **Brad Osborn (Music)** – Stated that his department has problems with funding; He wondered, what about motivations? Why should students want to bring in more students to compete with them for funding?

- **George-** Stated that too often, good things don't happen because we are captives of our ideas of equity and conformity; maybe not every department has to do this. Maybe certain departments can pass. But on the other hand, maybe there are other departments that want to do this; and funding for them isn't as big of an issue.

- **Brian Smoliak-** Asked: Whom are we speaking on behalf of? The graduate school or GPSS?

- **Jake-** we are speaking on behalf of each other, having students go through other students, not just potential students talking to administration.

- **George-** Suggested to maybe question could be how can GPSS grad school and/or 'I' help with grad student recruitment?

- **Jessica-** Gave some examples: "It could even be as simple as ..."

- **Kris-** Stated that this was a good idea, and he thinks that certain departments that opt out on this potentially will pass this up but they are the departments that need it the most – i.e., art history and music. Art and sciences that need the help but have the least amount of resources so they would pass it up.

- **Yutaka-** Stated that there are kids in ASUW that don't know about grad school etc., so he wants to create an info session at ECC and have current grad students.

- **George-** Stated that prospective grad students want info that is authentic and genuine from current grad students.

- **Jake**- Stated that leaders in departments and programs and people looking at the college will be looking to you.
- **Nick** – Stated that it might be helpful to ask what were some reasons why you did not want to come here [to the UW], why you wouldn't come here instead of why you would.
- **Brian Smoliak** – Suggested to perhaps group them into categories because each department is different.
- **George**- Agreed and that is why he wants to go through GPSS .
- **Brad** – Stated that [his department was] very interested in being involved, but again a tangible document to take to the department will help a lot.
- **George**- Said this is an opportunity for you to help a future grad student.
- **Chris Howick** – Asked, is it more general?
- **George**- Stated that they are asking you to relay to us best practices from your department and also relay back to us info /ideas about where we can all be doing more with grad recruitment.

## **6. ASUW Senate liaisons**

- **Yutaka**- Stated that the group met once a week; asked if anyone was interested.
- Marc**- Asked if different people could go each week.
- **Jason**- Stated that it might be possible to send a proxy, but he wasn't sure.
- **Moz**- Asked for time of the meeting.
- **Yutaka** responded that the meeting was Tuesday.
- **Marc**- Asked why does the same person needed to go each week.
- **Yutaka**- Responded that it helps for the person to be in the know of what's going on.
- **Yutaka** moved to suspend the rules and go to announcements.
- Seconded by **Jason**.
- **Phuong Nguyen (ASUW)** - Announced Homecoming rally was Friday at 8 p.m. and homecoming game was on Saturday.

## **7. Announcing the new Treasurer**

- **Dave** announced the winner: **Timothy Hulet**.

- **Rene Disch (Information School)** said: Thanks **Dave**!
- **Dave**- Stated that ballots were with SAO office if anyone wanted to make challenges.
- **John Liston**- Stated that he was serving on a board; he was leaving in winter, and he needs someone to fill his spot.
- **Matt**- Stated that SAF meetings start next week and he encouraged people to apply on the Web site.

### **8. Adjournment**

- **Kris** made a motion to adjourn.
- The motion was seconded.
- Meeting adjourned 7:02 p.m.

GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

HUB310

4:30pm

Quorum present

1. President **Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

2. Approved of the Agenda

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

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to amend the agenda by striking number five gold star, and also relocating resolution two above resolution one because the subject matter relates to the presentation directly before the resolutions.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approved of the Minutes

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

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) so moved, seconded by **Anna Batie** (Jackson School).

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Introducing Tim Hulet

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced Tim Hulet, the new GPSS Treasurer.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said thanks to everyone who came out to support him. He is the first year graduate student at Evans school, working on the degree in public administrations. **Tim** grew up in Issaquah for about 18 years of his life before he went off to school at BYU in Utah. Now, he is happy to be back serving at the University of Washington as the Treasurer for GPSS.

5. Presenting the Gold Star Award

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained the motion to skip the Gold Star Award since it had been taken off from the agenda and moved to the legislative agenda before the guest speaker came.

**John Liston** (Communication) so moved.

**Mitchell Kaufman** (Philosophy) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

6. Legislative Agenda Preview/ Local Control

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) incorporated feedbacks of previous legislative agenda from the students and Senators who attended the meeting last time into the new one. He said that the committee decided to turn the list of bullet points to "top priority items" on the front. That way, when too much information was being presented at the same time, the legislators at least had a chance to see what the crucial issues were. **Dave** further pointed out that the importance of the legislative agenda was to grant him the authority to

talk about the issues. Without this piece of paper, he could not address the issues in Olympia. **Dave** reminded Senators to keep things written down as fairly broad and flexible as possible, so the topics could be applied to the bill generally. For instance, a better policy statement would say, “GPSS supports state funding for child care program.” This will make anything that falls into the child care category easier for **Dave** to lobby on. He further highlighted some of the interesting issues on the agenda such as the university libraries supporting students traveling for research, and the push against the university North campus from the other campuses. Lastly, **Dave** asked if anyone has questions, comments or concerns, please talk to him in advance before Thanksgiving to make December meeting less cumbersome and more time-efficient.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) gave credits to **Dave** for his hard work to bring up the agenda last night since he had been running a fever.

7. Guest: City Council Member Licata

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced **Council Member Licata** who has been friends with University of Washington for a long time and welcomed him to talk about transportation issue affecting University of Washington students, and how that might change now that Proposition 1 has passed. He was also looking at the light rail and how that would change the university district and also looking at more rapid transit buses coming from other areas into the university districts and also maybe the extension of light rail.

**Council Member Licata** said that the plan was to expand Sound Transit system in perhaps between ten to twenty years. The plan would be financed by a sales tax increase of 0.5 percent, or an additional five cents on a ten dollar for each retail purchase. He then explained what the council would do to provide funds to extend the light rail project from the University District to Northgate. It was critical to get the rail reach there in order for the rail system to really make sense. By terminating it in University District as its final destination centre, it was not a good location for people who drive to park. He suggested going up to Northgate, there was a bus hub out there which allowed them to have easier access to University District and all the way down to the airport, using buses to supplement the Sound Transit system. The money from Sound Transit would also allow, at the initial stage, to go to the East Side. It would be questionable how much fund was needed. There was an equitable arrangement agreement with three areas since Sound Transit actually covered three major areas. It was more than just King County, because the heavy cross traffic for light rail, Shoreline, downtown Seattle and King County were mixed up. It looked like there would be a large pool of fund available. At this point, Council said it was unclear how exactly it was going to work out. As far as the students were concerned, the two major issues appeared to be: what is the actual configuration of the sound transit stop that would be near Husky Stadium and Hagget Hall. He tied it into the 520 renovation issue and said it looked like that 520 was going to be six lanes. The local community still wanted four lanes. He didn't think it was going to carry the day. **Council Member Licata** explained since Initiative 985 failed that would mean

that it would retain high vehicle rate. The actual configuration was still being negotiated with the University of Washington as it was coming to close agreement. The other major concern was the vibration near the tunnels. He thought that the engineers would have to work out the solutions. Overall, he stated that the number of people who commute to the University of Washington, their traffic was very high, second only to downtown. What the Sound Transit vote did was to put most of the money into the light rail, 2% of the money went to bus line, some called Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Those lines were primarily going to East Side and downtown Seattle. His concern on the council had been to make sure that the council worked with the county. The bus in Seattle was controlled by the county, specifically by Metro, which at one time was independently run. He said that the downside was that the city of Seattle now is very independent about how the money was spent. Consequently, the new fund came into metro now was divided into the formula called 20-40-40, of which 20% went to bus lines in Seattle, 40% went to the east and 40% went to the south. Therefore, Seattle was not getting as larger share of the fund as in the past. Many busses came down to Seattle with commuters ending up being empty going back up. **Council Member Licata** posed another question: how to make buses work more efficiently? He came up with the possible solution to increase the ability to encourage people to take the bus in the city. He passed out two sheets. One referred to the city-wide street car network, one of the branches extended from South community to University District. The other blue sheet showed the cost for the streetcar network. He implied that streetcar was a fixed rail, and it was not as expensive as light rail, but it was also not as flexible as light rail. The cost of the other branch was so heavy that even if streetcar system did go up to university district, they still needed the U-subsidy paid by local district or local business. **Council Member Licata** thus explained that the way the bus hour works in Seattle is that Metro assigns bus hours. The bus hour generally is 80 dollars an hour, and street cars run 120 dollars an hour. So they are about 50% more expensive. The public will be taking more bus hours to run the street cars and operate on a smaller footprint in the city. Logically, the street car system would eventually carry out more passengers, but the study didn't seem to show that. **Council Member Licata** then went on saying that the concept of Bus Rapid Transit is the government wants to provide efficient, cost-effective, reliable transit service, in some way, the rail system is the best choice. He analyzed that dedicated rail system has more reliability which is the highest motivator for people to take the same type of bus transportation service, if cutting off the reliability, people drop off; because they believe they have more reliability if they drive their own cars. The attractive advantage of the Rapid Bus Transit system is the lower cost. He reminded that the downside of BRT is a significant amount of labor cost because of bus drivers. The Bus Rapid Transit system has proved to be very successful in foreign countries, but in the United States, only few cities have tried it. It seems that Los Angeles is one of the best examples. Shoreline has put lots of money into fixing up low avenues and it works for transit, vehicle and business along the line. They have the money to do that. In our current budget we cut out all these funds. The only thing we passed is the major transportation project. Right now,

there is one way street, Mercer, going from the Seattle centre to I-5. And then a parallel street close to Virginia which takes most traffic from I-5 going to Seattle centre. They actually received the proof from the council. Paul Schell and his team decreased the construction and be a modest cost. When Greg Nickels became the mayor, he got rid of the couplet and changed both streets to two-way, primarily Mercer, literally doubling in size with twin lanes in each side, one side for parking. As a result, the project has grown from 19 million dollar project to 220 million dollar project. This project has been criticized. The cost has run over and it does not provide the solution we have expected. All the studies show more pollution and more danger. Because the council has the money, it has to make the decision next year. The major problem is that this project has drained the money away from another project. He finished the high level quick summary and opened the floor for questions.

**John Liston**(Communication) asked if there are any elevations for underground busses.

**Council Member Licata** answered they will be underground all the way through the university district and ended up at roughly 65<sup>th</sup> and Roosevelt. From there it becomes elevated.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked are there plans to improve the east Greenlake and north Wallingford area? She indicated quite a few graduate students take 44 and 48 in eastwest zones but the buses are full in busy time. As a result, they have to wait for another half an hour to get on the next bus.

**Council Member Licata** responded that the solution was to increase the bus frequency to create a better service. He stated that the city conducted a survey on the Seattle bus plan and they set goals for reliability of current frequency. However, the metro had not met the goal that they set on any of the groups. They had only met the goal of maintaining the frequency of 15 minutes and service for 12 hours a day. The reliability was another measure. There were a lot of improvements to be done. He restated that the evaluation of the proposal on street car was very important.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked how GPSS could get the information to look at the neighborhoods, how they were being serviced, and how to participate in the process.

**Council Member Licata** repeated the question and then responded there were multiple agencies and they all based on the federal funding. They had capital plans and program plans. Because the economy crisis we were in right now, King County government had to take a 90 million dollar cut just this year, and the city Seattle had to take a 30 million dollar cut. The problem now was they are shrinking. The largest single constituency group in Seattle that is the least organized is bus riders. GPSS would be the causes, too. He suspected that many of the GPSS memberships probably take the transit. GPSS should take up the challenge. What he would like to suggest and to work with GPSS was that to craft or request for that information which was to plan to. There is a specific state

call group for that function. For overall transit, there is none that he knows of which addresses that issue. Creation of participations will be good help.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked about urban planning.

**Council Member Licata** repeated the question how the city looks into revamping, renewing and updating their neighborhood plan. There were 32 neighborhood plans drawn ten years ago. The council was updating in a very minor way. In the past, the council had dedicated staff, money available, came up with the plans and very detailed document throughout the city. This time, the mayor's decision was that since a lot of work was done, the council was going to take a quick deal with the city to see what the council needed to change. He commented that the council was a little bit more aggressive. This year, 2009, the council decides just to focus on three neighborhoods which are largely impacted by sound transit, light rail. Because the cut back in staff of the city, approaching statewide solution by neighborhood plans doesn't work so well. Again, he emphasized that citywide stakeholders are really needed to be to look at the transit problem.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) thanked **Council Member Licata** and moved the meeting back to the presentation of local control.

#### 6.1 Legislative Agenda Preview/ Local Control

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) highlighted the priority items on the front of the page. The first was tuition setting authority, the second was mental health, and the third was child care. **Dave** then explained I-601. It was passed in 1993. There was much pressure to reduce spending. I-601 limited government spending. **Kelly Merrick** (Policy Analyst) further explained that Washington State had increased demand for higher education, but at the same time, there was a budget ceiling of a certain amount. **Dave** continued giving a brief overview on I-601.

**Nicholas Nasrallah** (Psychology) requested a clarification on what percent of legislative spending represented higher education.

**Kelly Merrick** (Policy Analyst) said she would do more research on it.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked if legislators could amend I-601.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) replied whether they can or not, they have.

**Richard Lum** (ASUW Office of Government Relations, non-Senator) asked if it was known that voters chose not to amend I-601 to include higher education.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) responded that **Kelly** would research the background. He continued talking about local control. There were two completely separate issues regarding tuition setting authority: "Who has the power? What legislations have that

power?” Up till 2003, the legislators had complete control over everyone who was not a resident undergraduate, and then they dedicated that authority to Board of Regents with no string attached. After 2009 the tuition, the “who” possibilities would be the legislators and the Board of Regents.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) commented as a side note that the Board of Regents set the tuition in almost every other state school in the country.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) asked everyone to shift from the “who” question to the “what” question. If GPSS picked a side between the legislators and the administrators, it was going to be a lose-lose situation.

**Liz Williams** (Evans School, non-Senator) wanted to know how much legislative budget was for high education.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) answered it was 10.9 %. He continued to say that the underlying issue from his stand point was to achieve a predictable, reasonable tuition rate. **Dave’s** recommendation was to try to get a safeguard and restrictions on the tuition amount, and to stay out of the discussion on who had that power. The safeguards were at the end of the resolution, in the memo. The logical question to ask, he said, was what happened if the tactic fails? **Dave** suggested avoiding complexities. Another question people kept asking **Dave** multiple times was “why don’t you go ahead and let us know which side we should pick?” He answered it was not his role to make that decision, but it was his role to put it out for the Senators to look for the sense of direction for that question. If there was some negotiating, it could be addressed. He stated why it was important to pass the resolution that day. First, a formal Senate approval to state where GPSS was going would allow him to represent Senate better. This was necessary for meetings in Olympia with other student lobbyists. It would be very helpful to go in and say that GPSS focused on the certain issues. Second, they were doing pre-session panels with legislative officials. If **Dave** did not have the authority from the body, that would be a huge unfortunate waste of that opportunity.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he had been in the negotiation with the administration for the last three to four months. GPSS got the endorsement from the Executive Committee at the end of this summer to send out the memorandum. Before GPSS leadership went over the details of the local control, it tried to think this through as much as possible. Initially they were going to oppose local control, after researching this summer they found that it was not necessarily the case that legislator control equaled lower tuition rates, or that regent control equaled higher tuition rates. That just had not been the case. Because of that, they asked whether or not it was the right policy to take, especially when GPSS considered that the issues for students were not who controlled the tuition, as much as what tuition rates were going to be, etc. Once GPSS clarified that, they really tried to consider what position to take. Traditionally, students had been opposed to the local control, but after being in the negotiation with the legislators, the ones Jake and Dave had been talking to, this new position was the right position to take.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) reminded everyone that the question had been shifted from the “who” to the “what” now. He recommended not talking about “who” for now, discussing the “what” instead.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he had been assured by the administration that if they were going to see tuition rate increase caps, they would put that into the language of the bill.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) stated GPSS would get back to the “who” question if needed. For the moment, he would rather try not to.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) asked if there were legislators who cared about the academic budget.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) responded that there were definitely legislators who cared much about the issues, and they would definitely be on people’s minds. In 2003, when the tuition issue came out there was a lot of vote trading.

**Mark Zelinka** (Atmospheric Sciences) asked if there was a formal definition for “reasonable, predictable and affordable tuition.”

**Kelly Merrick** (Policy Analyst) said it was an interesting question because she had spent quite a few hours looking for definitions but currently there was no Washington code for that term.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that every university had a different definition regarding tuition. He then introduced the tuition chart.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Law, non-Senator) asked what the bill would look like.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) responded, first, GPSS was not 100% sure about the bill because he had not seen it yet. Probably not all indications were going to be in the bill. He asked rhetorically why GPSS was doing this resolution today. Passing the resolution would give more authority behind this policy position to be able to go set up meetings with legislators. **Dave** said it was an important piece of the puzzle for GPSS to explain in the next two months. Hopefully, sponsors would be found by January 12.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Law, non-Senator) asked where the high figures came from, what sources.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said they came out during the September headquarter meeting. They liked the idea of policy language about tuition. Those were very carefully worded. They liked policy positions on it which basically went into the memo.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) commented, internally, he had spoken with faculty and people on board that if GPSS did not get the cap, GPSS would come out and discuss

about completely opposing local control in order to make sure reasonable, affordable tuition was secured. He had been assured that if GPSS agreed on a correct number, they would actually put that in the bill for the students.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Law, non-Senator) asked what that number was.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) answered that right now the resolution said 7 %.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that it was something GPSS going to talk about, the number as a body/ group.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) read the Resolution.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked if there were changes made ever since the Monday version.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) answered that the only change he had made was a few sponsors added on the top of the Resolution. **Dave** then entertained a motion to pass the pre-prepared amendments (as presented) to Resolution 2.08-09.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) so moved. **Noah Benson** (GBLTC) seconded.

Majority support.

1 objection

Motion carried

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) proposed [note: not a motion] “graduate professional students” replacing the language of “non-graduate students.”

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) brought the focus back to the local control question. He suggested that it would possibly put ASUW in precarious situation.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Law, non-Senator) reframed the debate. It seemed that the school had been getting far, unfairly raising the tuition for graduate students. Students had no way to predict how much it would go up.

**Trond Nielson** (Industrial Engineering) said that people were supporting the same issue of controlling tuition, whereas not having the same opinion on the “who” question yet.

**Richard Lum** (ASUW Office of Government Relations, non-Senator) said the just because the language was neutral on the issue did not mean it was of no consequence. It showed there was a policy reversal/change.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) stated that graduate students and undergraduate students were on the same boat.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) suggested getting through the resolution, and then moving forward debating the specific issues as they came up. However, at the same time, given that this was the graduate student body, a legislative stand point was needed in going down to Olympia. He urged this body to vote on this resolution now.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) responded that first, ASUW supported better tuition policy, ASUW was not arguing against that. Second, ASUW actually included graduate students.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to close the debate.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

**Sean Hughes** (Scandinavian Studies) objected.

A vote was taken.

A question of division was called.

23 ayes

20 nays

7 Abstentions

The debate was not closed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) added that GPSS would work on the resolution to make sure that GPSS had policy that was agreeable to everyone.

**Richard Lum** (ASUW Office of Government Relations, non-Senator) said it was not always the case that ASUW was neutral. ASUW either had to be against local control or it had no position on it.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) made a point of order, to only discuss pertinent issues.

**Scott Mackenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) argued that GPSS represented graduate students' interests. He did not think it was right for GPSS to deal with an issue based on someone else's decision about local control being better or worse than any other control means. The opportunity should be left available for each student government body to decide.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) spoke on behalf the ASUW Student Senate. He reaffirmed the ASUW Student Senate position against local control and respected the fact that the function of GPSS was to address the interest of graduate students.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked a question of privilege, and stated that the floor should be given to the people who have not spoken yet.

**Mitchell Kaufman** (Philosophy) wondered if GPSS could compromise and focus on asking the "what" question, instead of the "who" question.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) motioned to take a vote on closing the debate.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) seconded.

All were in favor.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to the main motion on the floor [to approve Resolution 2.08-09].

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) seconded.

Majority support

1 objection

2 abstentions

Motion passed; the resolution was adopted.

9. Resolution 1.08-09

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) presented the amended Resolution 1.08-09 and urged everyone to vote in favor of this revised version.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

**Mathew Vechinski** (English) wondered how the students were going to be represented for their programs or departments, by one or two Senators.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) replied that the reason why it said “A” seat and interim for the moment was because there was only one student that was interested in serving, as far as he knew. However, he was open to making it equitable.

**Mathew Vechinski** (English) said he was not sure why Senators had to approve this for the interim seat.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that it was because there was no official process for non-degree granting units and currently the bylaws only specify how to approve seats for degree granting units.

**Scott Mackenize** (Neurobiology and Behavior) asked whether this person would be representing people who had previously been in the program.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that his understanding was no because the seat would be representing the people in the interdisciplinary program as of currently. As they moved on, they would have a home department which there would already be Senators.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) added that the graduate school had reached out to GPSS to ask the Senate to be as inclusive as possible with these interdisciplinary programs.

**Jonathan Kocarnik** (Public Health Genetics) asked whether this interim seat was going to be the only interdisciplinary program in Senate.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) replied that GPSS had created the seat for one other interdisciplinary program at the end of last academic year. He believed it was molecular

cellular biology. So, this would not be the first time. However, he believed that molecular cellular biology was a degree granting program whereas this one specifically was not.

**Jonathan Kocarnik** (Public Health Genetics) asked if there were specific curricula taken in the program for the interim seat.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) was told by the GPA that the student who originally applied to become the biochemistry Senator was not in the department yet, until he finished the program. This was why **Yutaka** had the final clause amended in the new version, to have a research done about how it would be in terms of double representation.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to close the debate.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) seconded

The debate was closed.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to vote on the resolution as amended.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Resolution 3.08-09

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 3.08-09.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) so moved.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

11. Resolution 4.08-09

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to approve the memorial resolution.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) so moved.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) lead the moment of silence per the resolution.

A moment of silence was observed.

12. Announcements

1) Legislative Reception

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) announced that there were some fliers on the back table highlighting panel discussions on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> at the HUB. Everyone was encouraged to come. There would be open forums, with questions and answers.

2) Summit

**Jake Faleschini** (President) announced that the Summit would be coming up on November 20<sup>th</sup>. So far there were three panels that were going to be held during the day. It would be called the Second Annual Washington Higher Education Summit. There would be high level politicians and legislators in the room to discuss social, institutional and physical/mental health issues in the state of Washington. GPSS would love to have Senators attend panels on issues that are relevant to their areas of study. Also, GPSS would try to focus on the big picture to get legislators in and on the process of working with the university to deal with the current issues facing Washington. **Jake** also attended National Association of Graduate Professional Students the previous week in Minneapolis. He spoke on the importance of this organization and hoped to work with strong leaders in creating the agenda for the Western regional meeting.

### 3) Others

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) encouraged Senators to donate extra books for Mortar Board book drive, and the details were in the weekly email. **Yutaka** also announced that 2008 FIUTS cultural fest performance would be on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the Senators that it would be a GPSS sponsored event, and to please send invitation to other students.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that over the following two weeks, GPSS would be sending a couple of Senators to Texas.

### 13. Adjourn

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to adjourn.

**John Liston** (Communication) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm

GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008: minutes APPROVED  
HUB310  
4:30pm  
Quorum present

1. President **Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

2. Approved of the Agenda

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

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to table the approval of the minutes.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to add Resolution 6.08-09 to item 7.75 on the agenda.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

1 opposed

Motion passed.

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

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) so moved.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Gold Star Award Presentation

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) announced Gold Star Award winner this year is the Department of Astronomy. He explained Gold Star Award is an award given by GPSS to the department that is considered the “best.” One of the recommendation letters from others simply stated that Astronomy is awesome. Also, the accounts indicated students regularly cooperate with faculty and plus Astronomy is cool.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said GPSS would keep working on getting funding for grants to maybe expand to different awards in the future.

5. Longhouse of Knowledge Presentation

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced **Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator).

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) called point of information that the Resolution 5.08-09 is related to this presentation. He reminded the senators to pay attention.

**Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) introduced **Dr.**

**Charlotte Cote** (American India Studies, Assistant Professor)

**Dr. Charlotte Cote** (American India Studies, Assistant Professor) began her presentation. She said the University of Washington now has a capital project to build a native centre within architectural expressions to honor indigenous people

tradition. This dream of facility on the University of Washington campus has been in the minds, hearts, and souls of many people over thirty years. A few years ago, there was an Ad hoc committee gathered. **Dr. Cote** said they were very fortunate because **President Emmert** not only put the full support behind it but also provided the committee with an office in which they worked through. However, there is no money for listed capital projects as of yet. The progress they had made was to meet as many people as possible, and to serve many interests. She then went on stressing the emphasis of longhouse. Because Native American students, faculty and staff are underrepresented, the school uses it as a tool to increase the visibility and awareness of the region's native people. Also, in order to strengthen relationships with tribal communities and the region's native population, the University of Washington has an obligation to do it. The site was selected at the parking lot 6 between the quad and McMahan hall. One thing the committee really wanted to do was to invite tribal chiefs to put the Native American soul into longhouse. Lastly, **Dr.Cote** welcomed all senators to address any questions or concerns they may have via email to her.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) again thanked **Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) and **Dr. Charlotte Cote** (American India Studies, Assistant Professor) for coming.

6. Resolution 5.08-09 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON'S PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF A LONGHOUSE-STYLE LEARNING FACILITY.

**Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) clarified this project had nothing to do with student activity fees.

**Sean Hughes** (Scandinavian Studies) moved to accept the Resolution to bypass reading.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Majority supported

1 Objection.

Motion passed. Reading was suspended.

**Natalie Thompson** (Statistics) asked whether Native American students are priorities for use of this facility.

**Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) replied that as a Native American student here, she would dedicate longhouse to cross-cultural learning opportunities for creating a space for all students on campus. As for the meeting places, they are to be open to everybody. Therefore, the priority has been left for student use and the community and no real ethnic priority has been discussed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said as far as funding goes, the current budget is in the operational budget, it is not in the capital budget. The projections are only in the operational budget which does not include funding of capital budget such as longhouse.

**Olivia Perwitasari** (FIUTS) asked if the longhouse project would follow the model of Ethnic Culture Center's operation.

**Jonathan Tomhave** (Communications) answered that the Ethnic Culture Center (ECC) has been renovated and rebuilt to all minority and diversity. The committee is watching ECC facility and trying to be as complimentary as possible, not to be competing to each other and duplicate in any way. Again, for the policy of usage, it has not been discussed yet.

**Karen Capuder** (Former GPSS Native American Student Senator) added that there would be additional focuses of this project serving to help strengthen nation to nation relationships, government to government relationships between the university and native nations here in the States.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) asked if this longhouse project has other associated programs like ECC.

**Dr. Charlotte Cote** (American India Studies, Assistant Professor) answered it hasn't been determined and fully organized yet. There will be areas for housing programs in the longhouse building itself, and then Native American faculties suggest adding additional facilities. After the committee can get some money, it will all be determined by the funding. **Dr.Cote** said that the committee has to have the capital project budget secure before they can move to the pre-design phase.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) clarified that after the longhouse committee gets the pre-decide funding, it can then lead to architectures to get real design.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to close debate.

So moved and seconded by many.

All were in favor.

Motion passed

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to move item 10 on the agenda to right now.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) so moved.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

#### 10. Programming

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) reported that winter speed dating is scheduled for Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.<sup>1</sup> GPSS has substantial funding for social activities in the spring. He wanted to get feedback from all the senators. He would be sending email out by the end of this week to find out what activities each department would want to see.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) announced the future FIUTS happy hour.

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<sup>1</sup> It has been pushed back to a later date on February 3, 2009.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) commented 300ish people last year showed up for speed dating, way more than the attendants in Summit.

#### 7. 2008 GPSS Legislative Agenda

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) highlighted that he did actually receive feedback from senators and he has made minor changes accordingly. He explained the way he wanted to go through this agenda was to look at the mission statement in the top front first, and then going sections by sections in the back. He reminded the senators that the committee has been working very hard to wordsmith it already. Also, he could only lobby about things on this agenda, so he encouraged the senators to be as general as possible. He then said a short initial mission statement on the top front will help the bullet points show priority.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained a motion to approve the preamble section of the legislative agenda.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) moved

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

The preamble section is approved.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) explained why he flashed out some of the reasons on the front, considering the intensive lobbying in Olympia. He also pulled the fourth item to the back. The reason why GPSS has tuition is self-explanatory. The reasons for mental health and child care are because they are something GPSS has been cultivating over the past two or three years.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained a motion to approve the top priority, ranking order of tuition, mental health, and child care.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) so moved.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

1 objection

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked about the way the priority is.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) replied GPSS' number one priority is reasonable, affordable tuition, second priority is mental health, and third priority is child care. That means if someone came to him, he would point the ranking order accordingly. He proposed to leave it the way it is right now.

**Sean Hughes** (Scandinavian Studies) pointed the typo "Principal".

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) called point of information that the top three the front agenda was approved.

All were in favor.

Motion passed.

The top priority ranking section is approved.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) went on introducing the back of the agenda. He started with access section.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained a motion to approve the access section.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) so moved.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion

**Kate Deibel** (Student Disability Commission) asked what the operational definitions of underrepresented minority students are.

**Kelly Merrick** (Policy Analyst) answered that she didn't know.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) added that by the university standard, for the purpose of the graduate school, minorities are defined by race. However, some minorities are covered by other definitions.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said a dictionary definition is what GPSS needs on the legislative agenda.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked about using minority viewpoints as a dictionary definition.

**Kate Deibel** (Student Disability Commission) replied that the reason she asked this question is because different departments and fields have various underrepresented students.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) commented on that by saying that different discussions with different legislatures could shape more ideas.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said he missed the word "also".

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) asked about the historical arrangement guiding the second to the last point with the emphasis on "regardless of drug commission."

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) answered that some of these things related to both the federal and state level, and this allows GPSS to send something to federal lobby organization to say UW support this to add on as asterisk marks as people support different things. It always ends up winning to stay here.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that there are cases in other states that if someone has been convicted of a drug crime, he or she is not eligible for financial aid which makes the situation peculiar.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) commented on that by saying that historically since the 1980's, denying someone financial aid based on drug conviction has been used to systematically discriminate against minorities in our country.

**James Meabon** (Physiology and Biophysics) doubted that the qualification depended on different cases, too.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) suggested that there are rich parents who don't support their kids going to school. Also, there are cases such as adoptions. In short, he said there is a whole bucket load of issues to be solved.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) pointed out that there is a huge disproportion in financial aid.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) echoed Shawn's comment.

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) was concerned about the order.

**Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) asked if they are capable of using that money

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) gave a short answer, no.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) suggested changing the statements to accommodate more people.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) said it is not fair for people who commit major financial crimes and still get financial aid.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) echoed the last few points, wrapping up the drug issue. This issue could be very problematic in terms of morality which could lead the statement to a legal question.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) switched topics. He had two questions, first, is there any reason for using Graduate and Professional program as opposed to professional programs? Secondly, is it strong enough a statement to lobby on the longhouse?

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) answered; first, he set up the Graduate and Professional on the top in accordance with reasonable tuition so that everyone can read it, and second, yes, especially since the resolution has passed.

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) moved to close debate.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

All were in favor of closing debate on the section.

Debate closed.

The access section was passed unanimously.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) went on talking about the funding section. He highlighted I-601 from the last time and indicated that the capital project association suggested the addition of energy efficiency because the administration had asked the GPSS officers to consider putting it in the agenda.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) added that it take would take away some of the restriction on capital projects.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that there was some kind of debate about pay increases; some people here would literally be spending five to ten years of their productive lives, and that this could be an interesting battle. Finally, the last issue was also something the administration asked us to talk about because of the very liberal public disclosure here in the state of Washington. There had been some questions about what exactly in the portfolio had to be revealed, which could open the university to a little bit more liability, so there were some questions around that.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) clarified two things. First, as for the issues of energy efficiency, it was actually the school's position. Second, as far as public disclosure went, it had been used 89% of the time by private companies trying to acquire information about other businesses. As a public institution, it would often times be frustrating especially when it came to public investment.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained to approve the funding section.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) so moved.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) seconded.

Many objections.

Motion failed.

**Ian Carins** (Law) asked about the mechanism used in the case of sweatshops to block the access.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) answered that as far as he knew; getting clothing manufacturers to block the access was a different issue.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) called a point of information. He said here at the University of Washington, students have benefited from public disclosure.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) replied that it would not get rid of all information. That was not possible. The current situation was over and above what normal private and public institutions were required to disclose. Mutual funds were putting all the collected money into various sources for investment. The University was required to tell where the different funds were. Mutual companies would not take the University. They have to tell the entire world where the fund came from. It was not restricted in any way; he stated that he would get more information on that. **Jake** said he shared his concerns with **Jason**.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) moved to amend the language by striking the last bullet point on funding.

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) seconded.

No objection, motion passed.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) suggested changing “less” to “fewer”.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) pointed to the state employment salary increase. She asked if it included academic student employees.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) called a point of information and replied that her department had a contract.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) added that people were pushing for it, if they were lobbying for it. Then, it would be possible down in Olympia.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said the department would not be able to change the scholarships for the following year.

**Stefan Kamola** (History) asked whether this wording would be applied in a broader concept.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) amended to put “student employees’ pay increase.”

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) called a point of information that the question bounced back to Lindsay’s issue of contract.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) answered it did not.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) replied that the language still gave the power to negotiate on the issue of employment.

**Jason Herrington** (Museology) entertained a motion to amend “pay increases covering all student employees and for the purpose of matching reasonable, affordable tuition.”

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) so moved.

**Stefan Kamola** (History) seconded.

1 Objection

Debate on the amendment was opened.

**James Meabon** (Physiology and Biophysics) said that we understood the intention. However, changing the wording would not help in including academic student employees.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) moved to close debate on the objection to the language of the amendment.

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) seconded.

All were in favor of closing debate.

Motion passed.

Debate closed.

No further objections to the amendment, the amendment passed.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked what the unions' concerns were.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) answered that he knew that there was a goal to get into the legislature that would allow the university to have more control over the limited cost of the capital projects under a million dollars. So, the smaller projects would be underway.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said as far as he could tell, it didn't affect the union. He had not heard anything from the union and said that they do not support this, from his understanding.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to close debate and approve funding.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

1 objection

[**Dave Iseminger** allowed the objector to speak before closing debate]

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) asked about the complete student control of self-imposed student fees.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) answered that the debate about student fees had centered on how much it should be and how much it should be raised. He said he did not know how well it answered **Jason's** question, but he hoped it gave him the context.

All were in favor of approving the funding section.

The funding section was passed unaimously.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) highlighted the last two bullet points. With that background, he entertained a motion to approve the academic excellence section.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) so moved

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Many objections, debate remained open.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked GPSS to promote professional teaching at the University of Washington since it had been focused solely on research.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) asked about point four. He wondered if that was also about the partnership we had with the university.

**Kate Deibel** (Student Disability Commission) suggested keeping it wide open and diverse in definition.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to strike "present research" from the last bullet point, and to change it to professional development.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

1 objection

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) would like to change "research" to "professional development and research."

**Lloyd Nackley** (Forest Resources) seconded.

1 objection

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said the better thing to do was take out the word "research."

No further debate, debate was closed.

No objections to the proposed amendment.

Motion passed.

Back to the main section on academic excellence.

**Christopher Howard** (MBA) suggested changing “increased” to “increasing opportunity” in the second bullet point.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

No objections.

Motion passed.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) moved to strike “support research” from the second to last bullet point.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

1 Objection. Debate was opened.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) objected to the language change.

**Shawn Mincer** (social work) asked to include additional support from the library.

Because he said that library sources were not always research related.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) pointed out that there were abundant interlibrary loan resources. She would suggest keeping it as broad as possible.

**Genevieve Farrar** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) argued that getting information was research.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) moved to close debate,

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) seconded.

Many objections.

A Division was called

16 Aye

23 Nay

3 abstention

Motion failed, debate not closed.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) pointed out a grammatical error to the third bullet point “lowering”.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) called for a point of information on professional development.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to keep research in the language.[i.e. fail the amendment]

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) seconded.

No objection

Motion passed.

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) moved to close the debate

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed

Academic excellence section passed unanimously.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained a motion to pass the second to last section.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) so moved

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) seconded.

1 objection.

**Kate Deibel** (Student Disability Commission) moved to add mental health care.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) called for a point of information about student insurance in general.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to add “that includes mental health care and” in the second bullet point, after insurance.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

No speakers

Vote for the amendment.

Vote passed unanimously.

Section passed unanimously.

**Dave Iseminger** entertained a motion to pass the final section, and thus pass the 2009 GPSS Legislative Agenda.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) so moved.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

No objections

Last section passed

Legislative agenda approved unanimously

#### 7.5 Intracampus Transportation

**Todd English** introduced **Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services)

**Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services) gave a brief history of intracampus transportation, and described the issues and many related factors. The IMA Loop Shuttle was an extension between U-PASS and night ride. It was funded originally by SAF and then it became an unfunded service. Transportation Services was unable to resolve the issue. Transportation Services needed the fund by February otherwise the IMA Loop Shuttle would not be in existence in the following academic year.

**John Liston** (Communication) asked where the night ride went.

**Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services) answered it ran basically up and down the hill until 10:45 pm for the last drop.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked how many students used this service.

**Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services) answered that in the previous year about 900 students up to a high of around 1500; depending on the time of the day. There were 13 students per hour on average. There was a service at the end of closing time for IMA employees.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked what would change.

**Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services) answered that at minimum service for the loop to IMA to decline, but there was e-shuttle and night ride still.

**Lloyd Nackley** (Forest Resources) asked about the cost of the program.

**Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services) answered that the program cost between 25,000 to 30,000 dollars. They were doing a study looking at student drivers staffing three hours per evening would trim cost.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked where the funding was coming from.

**Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services) replied it originally came from SAF/ASUW, but now it was a security service. UPASS was not paying this.

**Josh Kavanagh** (Director of Transportation Services) touched on the final bullet point. Executive Office of King County Metro had ferry increases. The budget increase was for 17% last year, expecting another increase of 15% in February and another 13% in the following January. Metro would be down in Olympia to lobby for direct support. He said he would be happy to assist the Senate in understanding the large amount of data he had..

#### 7.75 Resolution Number: 6.08-09: RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PUBLIC APOLOGY FROM THE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD

Sponsors stood up.

**Lindsay Morse** (GPSS Executive Committee, Classics) asked if the meeting still had quorum.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said yes.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) read the Resolution and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 6.08-09.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) so moved  
Seconded by many.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) objected, to add the prepared amendment to include publications guidelines.

Sponsors accepted this as friendly.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) called for a point of information, explaining the additions.

**Sean Hughes** (Scandinavian Studies) wanted to point out the pictures and the articles.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) added the he had talked with the editor of *The Daily*. She did not seem to recognize that a number of people at the university responded to the pictures and the articles.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) responded that legalizing gay marriage does not go against anyone.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) said that as the person who wrote the article for response, he thought exactly GPSS' amendment as a formal body against the editorial policy.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) said *The Daily* is doing something very embarrassing to the student body in the newspaper, because taking a picture of a priest with a schoolboy would be out of line. He said this is very unprofessional.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that while everyone's opinion is appreciated, there is a journalistic standard.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that both the content and the image supported each other. They are offensive. This type of image was like a racial depiction or a religious depiction against a minority group. *The Daily* should be responsible for the poor choice. And they owed the students an apology.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) replied that a number of students thought that was the case. He made it clear that an apology did not have to be for the article itself.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) moved to add the final word after hateful to unprofessional

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) seconded.

No objections, amendment passed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to close the debate  
**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

Debate was closed

Vote on the Resolution

Majority yays

2 nays

2 abstentions

Motion passed, resolution 6.08-09 was passed.

#### 8. Committee Opportunities

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that there were really important committees to be filled. GPSS needed more representation on each of the committees, including legislative planning. He asked to email him if interested.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) asked what it entailed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) replied that the committees meet on Monday between 1:30 and 3 pm and to check out GPSS website for more details.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to table Admission Integration Follow-up.

Many seconded.

Motion passed.

#### 11. Announcements

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that at noon on Friday there would be free testing for HIV. Spaces were limited. Also, he announced the La Raza HIV/AIDS Awareness Week was from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he said there would be a performance at Meany Hall starting 7:30pm, tickets required.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) announced that the next FIUTS happy hour would be on Jan30th. Location TBA.

**Nick Narsallah** (Psychology) shared his trip to Texas representing GPSS and the UW on public institution student government. He then gave a quick recap; they had set up the foundation and alliance, also in regards to tuition caps for graduate professional students. The issues were being researched.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that five Ad-hoc committee needed senators to fill the roles. Also, there would be the Third annual summit planning committee. Last thing was to rewrite the Guide to Life. He encouraged Senators to sign up for the opening spots.

#### 12. Adjourn

**Jake Faleschini** (President) moved to adjourn at 6:44pm.

Many seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

*Approved on January 14, 2009*

GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes **APPROVED**

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

HUB 310

4:30 PM

Quorum Present

1. President **Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to amend the agenda to add 3.5 as an update about the Washington State Lobby drive, and item 8.5 to add a discussion about *The Daily*.

**Mike Vanatta** (Chemistry) seconded.

**Noah Benson** (GBLTC) moved to approve the agenda as amended

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) seconded.

Agenda approved as amended. No oppositions or abstentions.

3. Approval of the minutes

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to approve the November minutes.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moved.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) seconded.

Motion passes with no oppositions or abstentions.

Approval of December minutes

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

Motion passes with no oppositions or abstentions.

3.5 Introduction on the Washington Student Lobby.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) noted that many people got an invite from Dave regarding this on Facebook today. There is currently a petition drive going on starting today, and hopefully it will be finished quickly. The petition needs 6000 student signatures, as it needs to be fifteen percent of the student body. Dave explained the point of the petition drive by beginning at the end and working backwards. He explained that when we register for classes there are opt-in fees to ask if you want to be a member of WASHPIRG and ASUW. Currently, there is an extra spot not being filled and Dave is trying to get that spot to raise more funds in order to pay for Washington Student Lobby (WSL) membership fees to be able to be part of the organization. WSL is important because that's how Dave gets more access to more legislators in Olympia. Without being a part of WSL, it is harder for Dave to reach out to people outside of the Greater Puget Sound area. The fees are based on the number of full-time equivalent students. For the UW, this means that we pay \$25,000 to be part of the organization. If ASUW and GPSS don't have a sustainable fund to pay the dues, we will have trouble being part of that

organization which has been an effective lobbying group for the past twenty-five years. Without UW participation, the group could cease to exist. Dave explained that in order to get on the opt-in fee system, we have to have a vote of student body at the ASUW May general election, and that we need 15% of student body to say that we are okay voting on this. The petition is to have a vote to have the option to pay a voluntary fee. **Sarah Cody** (GPSS Legislative Assistant) is leading effort from GPSS. There will be petitions to pick up in the GPSS office. Anyone who wants to volunteer to get signatures can talk to Sarah.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked if the third opt-in button is new, and whether or not we have had one in the past.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that there has been a button in the past to use for an opt-in fee to use for the purposes of lobbying, but it hasn't existed for the past couple of years.

**Ben Golden** (proxy - Law) explained the brief history behind this. The money went to Affordable Tuition Now (ATN), which was UW centered and went to fund Lobby Day. When ATN folded and the idea to create a petition came up, the idea was that the money wouldn't go entirely to WSL. He is wondering where funding for UW-only events should go, as there was some debate a few years ago about WSL.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) explained the history behind the UW and WSL. He explained that a few years ago, some UW students felt that they would be more effective lobbying in Olympia if the organization was more UW-centric and raised funds for their own lobbying efforts, but this proved to be harder for legislators to comprehend because they want to hear from all students, not just from the UW. There were tense relationships between the UW and other institutions on lobbying because of this. Part of the negotiations regarding the UW's rejoining of the WSL involved negotiations on restructuring voting within WSL and this became a discussion of the fee system. The organization running petition drive is officially the University of Washington student lobby, UW chapter. Dave is currently the chair of this organization. The fees generated from this will most likely generate more than required for WSL dues, and Dave hopes that the organization will use funds for more than just WSL lobby dues.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) made a point of information. He mentioned that because this is done through a Registered Student Organization, we cannot do petitions inside the HUB as this is not a GPSS effort.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) explained that volunteers would be helping UW WSL.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked about the signature deadline.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that this would be in early March, so he is setting the deadline as March 1. He reiterated that the important thing to know is that the petition drive is going on, and that we need help getting 6000 signatures.

**Sarah Cody** (GPSS Legislative Assistant) is co-coordinating this with Bryce McKibbon. If you sign up with Sarah to volunteer, you will be contacted tomorrow with training times so you have talking points that are concise and will give you petitions then as well. She explained that more information will be given to volunteers within the next day.

**Lindsey Morse** (Classics) asked what would happen if we don't get the signatures.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) responded that we'd have to ask SAF for an allocation or to ask GPSS for help from the surplus, but we wouldn't be able to sustain \$25,000 for multiple years. Without the petition and the opt-in fee, we won't be able to sustain multiple years of funding.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) pointed out that ASUW President Anttimo Bennett is here.

4. Guest Speaker Mary Pat Wenderoth

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced Professor Wenderoth. She is a professor in Biology, a member of the Faculty Senate, and on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. She is presenting an idea in the Biology department for creating class lists with face names attached to each member of the class, and thought this would be a great idea, especially for teaching assistants. Being able to have this class list would be valuable for TAs to connect with their classes. This is also a good way for professors to get to know students. He mentioned that there are safety issues that we have to be careful about, so these lists have limited access. Only faculty teaching the classes have access to the pictures for students who are in their own class.

**Mary Pat Wenderoth** explained that the program started in Biology, and she wants to scale it up to the whole university. Because we have ID cards, our picture already exists on a computer. She mentioned that it is very important for students to feel comfortable in a classroom. She used to use a digital camera to do this in her classroom, but this took a lot of work. In the Biology Department, her smallest class is 100 students, and her biggest class is 250, and it is easy to feel like a number in the class. She came up with the idea of building a community of scholars in the Biology undergrad program. She spoke with FIG leaders and asked them what makes difference between a mediocre and a great teacher, and the FIG leaders responded that they liked professors who were organized, had a passion for the subject, and if the teacher learns the students' names. Research supports that faculty-student interaction and student-student interaction get students involved in the undergraduate experience. In a big university, to foster that, we learn student names by student photo list. She tried to find out if other universities do this, and discovered that the University of Minnesota, and that the University of Texas both do this. Five Pac-10 schools already do this, including UCLA, Cal and Stanford. The Biology Department uses built in web-cams on all of its computers, and the IT guy in Biology wrote a program that the department uses to generate these class photo lists. Professors tell students to go to the Biology study area to get their picture taken, which takes ten seconds. The student takes his/her own picture and gives the name s/he likes to be called if it is different from his or her official name. The student then selects one of the three pictures, which goes into the Biology database, which then generates a list of names and

faces for Mary Pat. It also sends her a list of emails for students whose pictures are missing so she can ask them to do this. Only Mary Pat gets this because she is the faculty member. Security is an issue, but TAs have access to student numbers, and this is equally sensitive information, so we need to treat the photo-class lists with the same level of confidentiality as you would treat any sensitive student information. Mary Pat feels that we should learn names to create a sense of belonging, as a sign of respect, to encourage participation and to promote learning. Mary Pat asked whether or not GPSS would support efforts to encourage the UW to supply a photo class list to the instructor of record for the classes. She said that the UW wants to make sure that students are behind this, and would like students to support this as well. She opened the issue up for discussion.

**Jonathan Cheng** (Bioengineering) asked what the cost of maintaining the program would be.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** explained that the university is already putting money into taking students' pictures and putting them on ID cards. Once they write the code that would put the pictures together with the class list, her understanding is that this won't cost anything more than asking for a class list. She explained how teaching assistants get their class list, and also said that whether or not students are behind this is important.

**Tom White** (Molecular and Cellular Biology) added that he had been a teaching assistant for two Biology classes that were on this system, and that it was very helpful and improved TA rapport with the students.

**Doug McIntyre** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) asked if Professor Wenderroth assumes that faculty will learn the names of all 250 students in their classes.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** said that this is up to the faculty member, and she wanted to provide the opportunity for faculty members to do this. She said that out of 250 students, she learns the names of 50 or 60 students each quarter.

**Jake VanderPlas** (Astronomy) wanted to share that there are many faculty and TAs in the Astronomy department who are already doing this on their own, and this would save them time.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) asked if there was any pushback from the administration on this.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** responded that budget crisis makes it hard to get this project to up to the top of the administration's list of things to do. She has been working on this for a year. She has the Faculty Council on Instructional Quality behind the project, and is looking to get more groups behind it. She said that they've run a story in *The Daily* about this, and also in *University Week* about it.

**Mark Zelinka** (Atmospheric Science) asked if this system could be made available to other departments now.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** said that this would be a burden on the Biology server, so this cannot be made available to other departments right now. She suggested that the IT guys from Biology and Atmospheric Sciences could talk to each other about the software, but that Biology could not maintain it.

**Benjamin Hannowell** (Anthropology) said that if this doesn't get to the top of the UW administration's list, each department could individually maintain this by using the STF funds which are extensive and easy to get if you can generate enough support.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** noted that smaller departments may take a hit, as would departments without good IT guys.

**Kylee Peterson** (Biology) noted that when she used the system, it was really helpful, but she felt that the students who were most at risk for not doing well were the ones who didn't get their picture taken, even when they were offered extra credit. She said that using the ID for pictures would eliminate this issue.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** uses two or three points of extra credit to motivate students to do this.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked about access and security. He wanted specific protocols on what happens to the information – would it be downloaded to the TA's desktop or laptop? He wanted to know what restrictions would be placed on the class lists, and how security could be built into this.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** responded that on the TA's MyUW page, this would be attached to the section TAs would be responsible for. When the TAs download the class list, they have student names, student numbers, and email addresses. Student numbers are extremely confidential information, and these photo class lists would be treated as sensitively as student numbers. The Biology Department reminds its TAs to be careful with this information on their computers, and to delete the information at the end of the quarter.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that this system works in other places, and that she knows of other colleges where student pictures are made available via a booklet.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** added that the School of Medicine publishes student pictures and hangs them in a hallway.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) noted that these books are called Facebooks [*sic*], and said that there are systems for downloading pictures if you are in the same community.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** replied that students consider Facebook their social life, and this is part of their academic life. She's finding that students want her to stay out of their social lives. She wasn't sure if these two areas could or would be cross-fertilized.

**Mike Vannatta** (Chemistry) wanted to know who in the administration would pull the trigger on this.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** responded that the Provost and the President want to hear that students approve of this in order to raise it to the top of the list of things to do.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked if students would have the option of opting out of this if they didn't want to have their picture taken.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** said that she had called UCLA to talk about all the legalities that they'd gone through to make sure this was okay to do, and that there was no way of opting out. It's a student-teacher confidentiality thing, and teachers have already seen students' faces to figure out who they are. UCLA has decided that this was something that students would be expected to do.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) pointed out that this could be problematic for some students. Students who have experienced domestic violence or rape in the past, and have security issues about how their face is used may not want to do this.

**Mary Pat Wenderroth** reminded the Senate that she has these pictures, and that this is not going to the web. Students are already trusting her as an instructor to deal with a lot of sensitive material. She pointed out that putting up one's name on the web could also be damaging, and she has to make sure that this never happens.

**Derya Baykent** (Education: Educational Psychology) noted that they are using this system in the College of Education with digital cameras and nametags to build a community. She said that students are welcome to use this to create profiles within the College of Education, and that they have found it helpful.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we will be drafting legislation in support of this. The Senate will have the opportunity to accept it or decline it within the next couple of months, and that if anyone wanted to take the lead on crafting the legislation, s/he should contact Yutaka.

## 5. Committee Appointments

### a. Ad-hoc

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we have five ad hoc committees that we think will be really important for dealing with issues through the next few years and to set up strategic planning for our organization. These committees are institutionally fundamental. The first is **Noah Benson's** (GBLTQ) and **Nick Nasrallah's** (Psychology) committee. They have been working with the University of Texas' student government to create an organization to represent the public ivies, which are the top thirty-six to forty public institutions in the country. The name of that organization is SAGE -- Student Advocates for Graduate Education. The UW has one of the lead roles in the organization now. The four colleges that have taken a lead on this are : Texas, UW, Michigan State and

Minnesota. We want to get a group of senators together to talk about the organization, and also about how we incorporate it structurally into our own bylaws.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) discussed his trip to Texas with **Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) last November. He said that the trip was very productive, and that they laid down the structural foundation for how the alliance would function. The alliance will be a two part system. One part is a governance clearinghouse where we would share information, strategies, and problems that other universities have and see how others have dealt with these issues. We share common interests, and this is why Texas wanted to set this up. They discussed who we compare ourselves to, and who are peer institutions are. This was why they came up with the idea of creating an organization of the top public ivy institutions. There are ten right now in the organization, and invitations are going out to twenty-two more. The alliance will be capped at thirty-two, and this was based on AAU standards for public research institutions. The thirty-two institutions are all classified as Carnegie One Research institutions.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) added that the second part of the alliance would take part in federal advocacy on an annual basis, which will start this year in April. They will be lobbying the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. There are ten member institutions for this year, and once the invitations have gone out, they will set the agenda for the following year. This allows us to have a presence in DC in addition to a presence at the state level. It allows us to amplify our voice. When invitations are sent out, SAGE will be representing 350,000 of the country's future leaders. He thought that this would have a powerful resonating echo in Washington DC when we talk about the issues and challenges we are facing with graduate education. The UW is the co-chair of governance in SAGE and we are doing weekly conference calls to make sure everything is going according to plan. The organization is basically creating a lot of structure on the fly, which has put strain on the cochairs.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) went on to discuss the topics SAGE is working on. He said that they have narrowed the advocacy agenda to two main issues. The first point deals with a loan repayment program that is federally mandated for any graduate or professional student who takes up public interest work. SAGE is trying to structure it so public interest work includes employment at a public institution. This could make public institutions competitive with private institutions. The second issue is still being researched, and there are committees researching the multiple issues that SAGE could support. These issues could include appropriations the Higher Education Act which was reauthorized last year, or for the America Competes Act. Both of these acts have authorization, but don't have appropriations yet. He discussed some of the work that has gone into this, and some of the things that still need to be done. SAGE is also organizing a Day on the Hill, including hotels and coordinating with federal relations officers. He said that there will be training on how to lobby once we get to DC, how to set up appointments, and with whom should we set up appointments. There are a lot of details that have to be worked out. The GPSS committee Nick and Noah will head will be multi-faceted. Nick wants to make this a permanent fixture in our student government. For this to last beyond the initial summit and initial members, it needs to be made a part of our

member institutions. This also fills a gap at the federal level to represent us at federal level. This could be the beginning of a federal relations committee for us. This would be a great opportunity for senators who are interested in this type of work.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) asked how many people Nick is looking for as volunteers for this ad hoc committee.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) responded that he is looking for five people. He said that the committee would tentatively meet once a month during the winter and spring, and that it would be more sporadic during other quarters.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked how this group will be better than NAGPS (National Association of Graduate and Professional Students), in which we have taken part in the past.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that other institutions such as NAGPS have a bad reputation, as they have become big bloated bureaucratic organizations that cannot get a solid agenda across. This is not an adequate structure to deal with issues. SAGE will be a smaller, more intimate group that we will use to get our issues across.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for volunteers for Nick's committee. **Brad Osborn** (Music) **Shannon Marsh** (Evans School), **Rich Nobles** (Psychology), **Kris Anderson** (Art History) and **Chris Howard** (Business Administration) all volunteered.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the SAGE committee will feed into a second ad hoc committee, as part of the issue is governance. He described a second ad hoc committee that will look at how other public institutions' graduate student government and executive committees work, their staff, and how much they spend next year. We need to look at our own organization to figure out if it is adequate. How can we improve our structure to deal with these issues? We are creating another sub-committee to take a look at our own structure. Jake noted that it took him five months to learn this job, and he thought he would have benefited from a year as a president-elect, and maybe this is something we need. He asked for four or five senators to take a look at our internal structure and tell us how we can improve.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that this committee will look at the internal structure of HUB 300 with its eight staff members and four officers. He suggested that there may need to be a second vice-president.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked for volunteers. **Noah Benson** (GLBTQ), **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) and **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) all volunteered.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced the Budget Guiding Principles committee. He explained that we are probably looking at hundreds of RA/TA positions being lost over a couple of years. Potential tuition increases may be proposed, and we are being asked to

make some tough choices. The administration and legislature are being asked to make tough calls, and Jake wants student input to make these calls. This will be a fast-moving process over the next four to five months, and we need a clear set of priorities for making these choices. The Finance and Budget Committee is not the right place for this, as F&B guides the office's spending patterns. He asked for four to five volunteers for this committee. **Noah Benson** (GLBTQ), **Mark Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences), **Lindsay Morse** (Classics), **Theresa Hastert** (Public Health and Community Medicine – Epidemiology), **Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering), **Marzieh Nabi Abdolyousefi** (Aeronautics and Astronautics), **Matthew Drooyan** (Aeronautics and Astronautics) and **Shane Mikes** (Business Administration) all volunteered.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) discussed the impact of the Summit, and said that he wanted to start planning for next year's Summit. He wants to form a committee of senators who will likely be here next year. The time commitment will happen mostly in spring, summer, and fall.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked how often the committee will meet.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) replied that the committee will not meet very often. It will meet once in spring, two or three times in the summer, and the majority of work will happen in the fall.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) asked why the committee needed to start meeting now.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) replied that we need to make "save the dates" now, set the topic, and reserve building space for it. It is important to do pre-planning, as there wasn't much of that this year.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that if this is an ongoing committee, and if your department elects senators, being on this committee would allow you to make a good case to run for reelection next year.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked for three volunteers. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) and **Anna Batie** (Jackson School) both volunteered.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that a topic involving the health industry might be timely. He encouraged South Campus senators to get involved with this.

**Jake Faleschini** introduced the Guide to Life committee as the last ad hoc committee. We are revamping Guide to Life, which has been sold in past. We need to update it to make it funnier and better. We are teaming up with The Graduate School to send it out to everyone who is admitted to the UW for Graduate School.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) introduced herself as the committee chair. She explained that there wouldn't be much time commitment, and that the Guide to Life needs to be done by March. She has two people, and is looking for three more. We will look at what

needs to be revised and what needs to be kept. The meetings will be once or twice within the next month. **Benjamin Hanowell** (Anthropology), **Brad Osborn** (Music) and **Hande Ayan** (Evans School) all volunteered.

#### b. GPSS/University Committees

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) discussed the Elections Committee. Election packets need to go out in March. This committee needed four people who shouldn't be intending to run for office, and cannot be on the Judicial Committee. The election rules were codified in the bylaws last year. The general packet needs to be updated with basic information.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) mentioned that the bulk of the work would consist of running the election meeting and making sure that strict protocol were followed.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that knowing the rules, following the rules, and being able to answer questions is important. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) and **Marzieh Nabi Abdolyousefi** (Aeronautics and Astronautics) both volunteered for this committee.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) reminded people that Executive Committee members cannot be on the committee.

**Alva Robinson** (Near Eastern Languages and Civilization) volunteered.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) added that officers also cannot serve on this committee.

**Benjamin Hanowell** (Anthropology) also volunteered.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) mentioned that he had sent out a call to action to the student body to recruit more people for committees. There had been a problem with people applying on website, so he is going through this slowly. He has twenty applications left to go through, and ten of these are for people who are interested in the Hall Health committee. We will be close to filling every committee at the university level by the end of the month.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) pointed out that this is the first time that we have been close to filling every committee at the university level.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) told people to apply for committees now via the website.

#### 6. GPRC/Bylaws

**Jake Faleschini** (President) noted that the Graduate Program Review Committee is currently operating without bylaws, even though it had been formed last quarter. The

Judicial Committee reviewed this last month and is now recommending bylaws to govern this committee.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) entertained a motion not to read the bylaws.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved and **Benjamin Hanowell** (Anthropology) seconded.

The motion passed without any objections or abstention.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) entertained a motion to vote on the bylaws unless there was discussion.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved, **Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) seconded. The motion passed without any objections

#### 7. Tuition/TA information

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he thought we'd have more to talk about and that there was a rumor that the College of Arts and Sciences was going to cut teaching assistantships by twenty percent. He spoke with Ana Mari Cauce about this, going over the budget, the budget cuts that Arts and Sciences had been asked to model, and how she figured the college would deal with that. The meeting that had been planned for tonight was cancelled. The governor's budget that was released on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> called for a fourteen percent cut to the university's operating budget that comes from state funds.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) pointed out that the fourteen percent number is specifically for the University of Washington, as the UW is expected to take a higher cut than other institutions.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we've been asked to take a \$160 million cut over the next two years. This figure is roughly equivalent to the budget for the College of Arts and Sciences. The last time we've had a cut this big was in the 1940s. The governor's budget will not necessarily be the one adopted by the state. There is a discussion of a tax increase that will go to voters just for higher education. We might get a bailout from the federal government. We have no idea what this will look like in May or June.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) explained that a seven percent tuition increase raises \$10 million. On top of this, the governor's budget mandates no raises for any state employees. This gets rid of the two percent staff raises, saving \$10 million, and not raising faculty salaries saves \$10 million. This leaves \$26 million left to raise. Academic units are modeling eight, ten, and twelve percent decreases to their budgets. Administrative units are being asked to model fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five percent decreases in funding over the next two years. The Graduate School is considered an administrative unit, and provides a huge number of research and teaching assistantships. The Graduate School is looking at decreasing funding for students by seventeen percent. They are also getting rid of two assistant deanships in order to save money. Everyone is assuming that the twenty percent cut to budget will be adopted and academic units are assuming a ten percent cut.

The College of Arts and Sciences has said that they will probably reduce teaching assistantships by twenty percent next year. This would mean cuts to a lot of positions, and Jake was trying to figure out ways to deal with it and mitigate damages to grad students, including more affordable housing for grads, making sure that there are jobs still available for students, and that there are options for loans available as well despite the credit market drying up. Graduate students are the least powerful group at the university, so we will end up taking a big hit. He is trying to mitigate damage as much as possible, but it could be a pretty difficult next couple of years. He was not sure where tuition will be set right now. He wants to hold the line for tuition increases at seven percent, and he was not quite sure where we're going to come out. He is having a hard time with the news that we have to cut jobs and raise tuition and finds this unacceptable.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) discussed this from the perspective of the Legislature. He asked if the governor's budget had any power, and answered that it is just a proposal, and has no actual force. The governor may set the stage, but the legislature creates budget. They could start from square one and do nothing that the governor wants. Others want to start with her proposed budget and go from there. Cuts to higher education are not firm. People are assuming that a thirteen percent cut is a starting point, and that this figure could go up or down. The biggest hits in the governor's budget are in the Department of Natural Resources and DSHS. It is time to talk to legislators and discuss how these cuts will impact us. We grad students need to make the best case for higher education right now. The cuts are not as deep as people thought they could be, and financial aid is fully funded at same level as in the past with slight increases. Regarding undergrad tuition, there is talk that the Legislature would not go beyond a seven percent increase because of the commitment they made to the students of Washington.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that he will be treating the GPSS online discussion board as a blog, and that this will be the best way to get information from him. On the blog, he will post information about important bills and deadlines for contacting legislators. People should get Dave information about their home district legislators. He wants to know whom to target so we can be effective advocates with those people.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) mentioned that Lobby Days are coming up. Lobby Days will be reconstructed -- one is next Friday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> and the other is Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to train people to talk about issues and have more one-on-one interactions. Senators who would like to attend either Lobby Day should contact Sarah at [gppsleg@u.washington.edu](mailto:gppsleg@u.washington.edu)

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) urged students from Washington to contact their legislators, and asked what out-of-state students should do.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) replied that students should contact the legislators for the district they vote in as many legislators assume that we vote in the 43<sup>rd</sup>. Also, students should contact the leadership in the different houses, and said that the Speaker of the House is from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we will be sending out more information to the senate about this.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked Dave to send out an email explaining why we need to get information to our legislators and a link to blog to send out to our constituents.

#### 8. Programming

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that Speed Dating is back by popular demand! The event is on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; it will start at 6 PM and go until 8:30. Students should register on the GPSS website. Students must pre-register to attend the event as there are a limited number of seats. There will be a waiting list, and senators should pick up flyers on way out.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) asked about gender balancing and GBLT tables.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said there will be a male seeking male, a female seeking female, and options to switch between tables. We will find out by preregistration whether or not gender balance will be a problem.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that this was a popular event last year. Students really enjoy these kinds of things, and the opportunity to meet other grads is important.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that the second event will take place in the spring. He is still looking for people to make suggestions for this event, so it can appeal to many in the student body. We have the funds to make this a good-sized event, so think big!

#### 8.5 The Daily resolution update.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) pointed out Sarah from The Daily's "non apology apology" in today's paper. It gave information on the code of ethics, information on how we can get involved in the process, and also expressed her openness in working with the GBLT community to get their presence in paper. Part of her demonstration of this was her willingness to do a center spread on Kyle, the protest organizer, on Tuesday. Jake had an hour-long meeting with her and The Daily's administration, and felt that they came out of this meeting in a good place, but Sarah still doesn't understand the harm she caused. She was strongly opposed to giving an apology, because she felt backed into a corner and that an apology would be seen as a response to our threat to fire her. He is okay with accepting this if the paper was moving to a better place. Part of this step is safe zone training with the Q Center for the entire editorial staff. This was her idea, and she came into the office with this. He was in dialogue with her about sexual harassment training. Jennifer Self at the Q Center felt this was in a positive place right now. Jake said that although the apology was not a full apology, he still found our call to The Daily to be fulfilled. He thought that The Daily responded, that we made an impact, and that there would be a long way to go and a lot of work to do. The paper was starting to become more aware of issues and how hate speech and sexual harassment affects the community.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) said that he was completely unhappy with the article because it started with the attitude that “GPSS is trying to censor us.” All of The Daily’s standards were broken in the article, and Sarah will not apologize because she feels it is a free speech issue. **Noah** felt like the point of article she wrote was to get us to concede and made us look bad. **Noah** wanted to call a vote of confidence in Sarah.

**Ian Cairns** (Law) asked if senators reflected after reading it, and asked what our options would be if we decided that the article was inadequate.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the option is to call a vote of no confidence, and that if we call on her again to formally apologize, she won’t. We should not expect more than a backhanded non-apology apology. We have one voting member out of six on the Student Publications Board. ASUW has a piece of legislation submitted by Yutaka that mirrors the one we passed. If this goes through, ASUW can call on their senate members on the publications board to vote with us. **Jake** doesn’t think that they will and that we shouldn’t call vote of no confidence now unless we know we’re going to win. He said that he does not think that we as a student government are government entities for the purpose of the First Amendment. The Daily cannot sue us if we decide to react to the content of publication because we are not a government entity. He thought that we can go this route in the Student Publications Board, and that this would be a tough battle.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) discussed other options. We could always change our position and create another resolution accepting that progress has been made, but that we are not too happy with other things. We should acknowledge that this has been done and commend the effort, but we want to see other measures taken or we will go to the Student Publications Board.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) said that she spoke with a friend in her department who writes for The Daily who said that the ACLU was with The Daily. She initially got a “come and get me” feeling from reading the article. This is not enough. The Daily needs to publish an acknowledgement discussing the training they are receiving.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) said that we look ineffective if we back down from this. He wanted to see something more from The Daily.

**Jared Nance** (Physics) said that we should not drop it now when we have the chance to say something else. We need to make a concerted effort, otherwise we will not back down.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) thought that it was unfair for Sarah to pin this on Jake.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) noted that Sarah had a week and a half.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) noted that Sarah is in charge of making the poor decisions and that she did not take responsibility for them.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that we need to be asking her to publicly acknowledge the steps that The Daily is taking. That is what Sarah should do. He agreed with Anna about this.

**Patricia Lopez** (Geography) asked about the faculty and administration in charge of The Daily and of Sarah.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that there is one faculty member and one administrator who responded to this. He met with the administrator overseeing The Daily and with Sarah, who is a hardcore First Amendment person. She didn't believe that Jake had read Supreme Court cases suggesting that student governments aren't state actors for the purposes of the First Amendment, and she hasn't read law on this issue. It was clear in the meeting that the administrator has confidence in Sarah. Legally, as an administrator, she would have to recuse herself so she does not have a First Amendment case against her. The only people left on the board would be students, and we could call a vote of no confidence because we would be in majority at that point. The ASUW process won't happen for at least a month because of the complicated process. It will not be until the February board meeting that we'd be able to call a vote of no confidence. He suggested that any of us who think this is an issue should go to the Student Publications Board meeting and explain why this isn't a censorship issue. It is about journalistic standards and sexual harassment.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) noted that meeting would take place in the Communications Building, room 65.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked about the sentiment of other student members of the committee.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the ASUW hasn't defined its position because ASUW has to define the position first. **Yutaka** submitted a resolution to ASUW similar to the one here. One senator from ASUW was interested in co-sponsoring, and that's it.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he thought that we need an ASUW resolution passed in order to call for a vote of no confidence in Sarah.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) thought that we could do one of three things. We could; 1. Entertain a motion to table discussion to the next meeting to go back to our constituents; 2. We could follow up on our resolution as it stands and request a vote of no confidence at the meeting tomorrow. This will show how frustrated we are with situation. Or; 3. We could table and have a motion for alternative language to come up with a middle ground.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to write a letter in response to the points that Sarah made in her article and suggest what she needed to do. He hoped that Noah and others would work on this.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to table discussion until next month as opposed to the other two options.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) and **Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) were opposed.

**Mike Vannatta** (Chemistry) wanted to know why we put this off until now when we could have put it on the agenda right away.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we still have quorum and mentioned that we had guests earlier and could not discuss The Daily right away.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) preferred that we table calling a vote of no confidence and go ahead with something else. He thought that we need to make the decision with ASUW.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that he thought we should move towards the third option to maintain the possibility of doing something different. He doesn't want to table a future discussion about what we could do. Option Three is a compromise position that would take a vote of no confidence off the table.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) called for a point of information. He said that the first and third options he proposed can happen at once.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) asked what we stand to lose by calling for a vote of no confidence tomorrow.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that if we call it and lose, we look a little silly.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) noted that it would be our representative who would do this, not GPSS.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we need to have more of a dialogue before we call for a vote of no confidence.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved to amend the motion to postpone calling for a vote of no confidence until the next meeting, and to send communication to Sarah saying that we know she hasn't apologized and want her to do things in meantime.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) seconded.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) objected. He said that it was important to table the discussion because we discussed original resolution in December at the end of the meeting. There were people who didn't want to talk about it. He thought that we should make sure that people are aware of what we are discussing. He wanted to protect the minority view within the organization.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) wanted to know if we could call a special meeting of senate to address this in one or two weeks' time.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) wanted to amend the motion to send Sarah a message that she needed to do more.

The motion to table discussion to the next month passed with the amendment to send Sarah the message that she needed to do more. The motion passed with one opposition. **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) was opposed.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that Brad had asked what we stand to lose by calling for a vote of no confidence tomorrow, and that it depends on what we want to accomplish. If we want to show that GPSS is mad, we can do it. If we want to call vote of no confidence to remove her, we won't win. If psychological shock is what we're going for, it is worth considering.

**Douglas McIntyre** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) asked about the form the note to Sarah should take.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) agreed with Yutaka and would like to see vote of no confidence called at the Student Publications Board meeting.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that he suggested this so we can show our fangs.

**Theresa Hastert** (Public Health and Community Medicine – Epidemiology) said that we need to have teeth to back this up.

**Ian Cairns** (Law) said that we may undercut ourselves by calling for a vote of no confidence tomorrow if we want to do it for real later.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that as a strategic move, he was in favor of calling this vote, but that it was better to have people on board for this.

**Mike Vannatta** (Chemistry) asked how many people sit on the committee.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that there are six voting members on the committee and that we have one of them. There are two from ASUW, one journalist from the community at large, one faculty member, and one administrator. The committee has not supplied its bylaws.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) urged many people to show up to the meeting tomorrow.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) suggested that we table the discussion because the meeting was currently running 30 minutes over.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that we need to add in our response why this isn't a free speech issue.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to close debate and vote. **Anna Batie** seconded. The motion passed with no abstentions or oppositions.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) explained that there was a motion on the table that more action should be taken. The motion passed with one nay (**Dave Iseminger**, Vice President) and three abstentions. Those interested in crafting the letter should talk to Doug McManaway, GPSS Executive Assistant.

#### 9. Announcements

**Becky Bartlein** (Global Health) mentioned that the 7<sup>th</sup> annual health conference will take place April 3-5 here in the HUB. The conference will showcase speakers from all over world, including Harriett Fulbright. It is an opportunity for the UW community to showcase its resources. The topic covers global health education and training. Registration is now open.

**Benjamin Hanowell** (Anthropology) introduced himself as a new senator from the Anthropology department.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) announced the joint FIUTS/GPSS Happy Hour at Big Time on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Time TBA. Monday is the MLK Jr Day of Service, and one more spot on the GPSS team is open.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved to adjourn. **Mike Vannatta** (Chemistry) seconded. Motion passed with no oppositions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

*Approved on February 4, 2009*

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February 14<sup>th</sup> 2009

Quorum Present

1. Call to Order

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) motioned to add 5.5 Jackson School Representation pending bylaw approval.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to add item 4.5 Reimbursement for the Vice President.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moved to approve the agenda.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

3. Approval of the Minutes

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) motioned to approve the minutes.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

4. Lobby Day Announcement

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that in the past GPSS has done one large Lobby Day with charter buses, and this year they want to do targeted individual meetings and use a vanpool to be fiscally responsible. The first Lobby Day was on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the next one will be on February 19<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged people to come down on lobby day to talk about the important graduate issues on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We have an hour-long training session to talk about the issues and how to effectively advocate for them. Email Sarah at [gpssleg@u.washington.edu](mailto:gpssleg@u.washington.edu) if you are interested in coming down.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) also discussed the petition drive to have a star system check box to generate lobbying fees. He wants everyone in the room to get 100 signatures, and asked senators to pass them around to our classes. GPSS has approval from the Faculty Senate to pass these around our classrooms. There is a packet in the back to discuss what to do if there are questions. Dave set the petition deadline as next Friday for getting signatures as many as we can. Petition sheets should be turned back into the GPSS office.

**Vedada Sirovica** (Germanics) asked if she could pass out the petition while she was teaching the class.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that it was fine for teaching assistants to distribute the petition.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that if GPSS doesn't do this, we could bankrupt GPSS within three years, as we don't have the funds to continue paying the WSL fees.

**Natalie Thompson** (Statistics) asked if signature-gatherers need to be careful about getting dual signatures.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) mentioned that there are two petitions for the star system, and to make sure to tell people that there are two petitions going on so they are aware of it. One is for WashPIRG – their current star system box for registration. They are in the same reauthorization process as GPSS. And don't get signatures in the HUB.

#### 4.5 Vice President Reimbursement

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that Dave has been down in Olympia, living in an apartment while there. In the past, the budget has allowed for Dave to get reimbursed for that expense, but it was taken out of this year's budget as nobody had lived in an apartment in Olympia before. GPSS needs to add a little line to the budget allowing Dave to get reimbursed. Tim entertained a motion to amend the budget.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) wanted the line to read and/or three months so he can get reimbursed for travel to and from meetings.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) moved to amend the budget.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed with no oppositions or abstentions.

#### 5. Bryan Pearce, UW Bookstore CEO

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced Bryan Pearce from the bookstore, and mentioned that we have GPSS representatives at the bookstore. The University Book Store is a corporation, but acts as a trust for the student body. The legal arrangement exemplifies the structure that it should be and the way that it is meant to represent the student body. All of their financial decisions are supposed to be representing us. They give a certain percentage back to students to fulfill their message.

**Bryan Pearce** said that one of the most important things he does is meet with student groups and talk about the bookstore. All University of Washington students are beneficiaries of the University Book Store trust. Bryan admired our Speed Dating event, said that the bookstore has a variation of the Speed Dating event called 'Read Dating,' which will work the same way, and people will talk about what they are interested in from a literary standpoint.

**Bryan Pearce** said that the bookstore is a unique organization, as there are only two college stores that are organized as trusts – the University of Washington and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He started with student perceptions of the bookstore, that it is a ripoff, a monopoly, that everything is expensive, and that students don't get much at buyback and that we can get books cheaper online. There is a negative perception of what goes on at the bookstore, and the store has to deal with this all the time. He discussed the mission and the vision of the bookstore. He mentioned that the slides he is using will be available to the senate after this presentation. The mission and vision of the bookstore are tied to the UW, and the bookstore supports of the UW no matter what is happening on campus.

**Bryan Pearce** said that there are over 4500 stores in the US, but the organizational structures are very different. The University Book Store is a for profit corporate trust/coop. The big difference between the association/foundation, not for profit corporations and for profit corporate trusts/coops and university departments and contract managed or private stores have to do with where the money goes. In the first three categories, earnings and benefits are delivered directly to individuals. Only four stores provide an annual rebate like the UW bookstore's rebate. Virtually all bookstores charge more for textbooks.

**Bryan Pearce** said that the bookstore was founded in 1900 by UW students. The student assembly ASUW was founded in the same year. The first store was in Denny Hall in a closet of the president's office. In 1924, it moved onto the "Ave." Moving onto The Ave generated a lot of outside business for the bookstore and allowed it to expand. In 1930, the rebate program started, created by students. In 1932, the bookstore became incorporated as a for-profit corporation. This happened because ASUW was bankrupt. In 1964, the bookstore trust was established. The parties to the trust at the time were the Board of Trustees, the ASUW Board of Directors, and the UW Board of Regents.

**Bryan Pearce** gave an overview of the current UW board of trustees. He mentioned that there are three undergrads and two grads on the board, four faculty members, one administrator, and Bryan as the CEO. This type of board structure means that the bookstore can provide valuable services to campus. Only UW students, faculty and staff are beneficiaries by virtue of their active status.

**Bryan Pearce** also discussed the UW customer rebate. He said that the rebate amount of ten percent is the highest it has ever been. UW students actually save an additional one percent via the rebate card, as no sales tax is paid on the rebate amount redeemed. The program will be automated as of July 1, and all purchases will be tracked by the Husky Card. Over \$1 million in rebate value is estimated for 2008-2009, and since 1930, the bookstore has returned over \$28 million in rebates, most of which has gone to students. The bookstore has returned more to students through the rebate program than it has retained in its history.

**Bryan Pearce** showed a breakdown of sales. Only 37% of sales come from course books, and at most college stores, 70-90% of the sales come from this. So because the bookstore

is diversified, it is not dependent on textbook sales for profit. Course books and tech products are producing the lowest profit margins for the bookstore.

**Bryan Pearce** discussed the seven store locations throughout Puget Sound. He mentioned the special academic pricing on products at the tech center. He mentioned the free services offered by the book store, including WiFi and gift wrapping.

**Bryan Pearce** said that the prices students pay are a function of faculty decisions and publisher decisions. Most of the price for coursebooks goes to publishers. Most of what is being paid for used books goes to UW students. Via the rebate program and selling books back, the bookstore can reduce the cost of books to 12.5 cents on the dollar. He listed the things the bookstore does to help students save money on course books. He said that the bookstore is engaged in Open Source textbooks with WashPIRG.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked what the bookstore is doing to inform professors about the books they choose for courses and to bring down the cost, if most of the money we are paying for textbooks goes to publishers.

**Bryan Pearce** said that bookstore staff actually go and meet with department heads to talk to them about this. The bookstore also deals with individual faculty members, and if they are ordering bundles and there are alternatives, bookstore staff talk with professors about it and also about lowering costs. Used books provide the greatest possible savings, and bookstore staff educate faculty about this. The vast majority of faculty members don't know about their choices until the bookstore talks to them. Some faculty members dig in and want the new books on the shelf. Typically faculty authors who are getting royalties from the publishing companies insist on having new books on the shelves. Academic publishers are huge public companies, and they have a representative force that descends on faculty and tries to sell them the newest, latest textbook. Often there are kickbacks, and we do not know to what extent this happens.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) added that we should talk about the role of GPSS and TAs for getting the message out and creating opportunities for Bryan and others to come to departments and discuss how to make cheaper textbooks.

**Bryan Pearce** said that students are the most powerful voice on campus, and that he has created student ambassadors.

**Jake VanderPlas** (Astronomy) asked about the rationale for delaying the rebate rather than implementing it at the time of purchase.

**Bryan Pearce** said that the bookstore cannot give out the rebate at the time of purchase because it doesn't know who the eligible recipients of the rebate are until later. It has been difficult to differentiate who is who with regards to the rebate. The bookstore has to establish the rebate before the year begins. It is not allowed to deliver the rebate to a non-UW faculty, staff or student.

**Scott MacKenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) asked for a justification of the bookstore's products and areas of sales.

**Bryan Pearce** said that the bookstore is not Barnes and Noble, and that the seven merchandise areas are based on what students want. He mentioned that the Clinique counter arose after the Nordstrom store that had been across the street closed. The product has to be in demand from UW students, the bookstore has to produce a profit, and all the money we make from the Clinique counter allows the UW to keep its rebate high to reduce prices of textbooks, fund scholarships and provide benefits throughout the year. People from the community who come to the bookstore for gifts are high-profit customers, whose profits are pushed back to UW students.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Training – Masters) asked if there was a need for the bookstore to be a corporate trust, and asked why it was not set up as a nonprofit.

**Bryan Pearce** said that nonprofits would not have to pay federal taxes, but only on income. Payroll taxes would still have to be paid. The portion that would not have to be paid would be between \$2-300,000. The reason that they are a corporate trust has to do with the Bellevue and Mill Creek stores, which do not sell textbooks. The bookstore would not be a 501c3 store because of Bellevue and Mill Creek. The bookstore gains more by being a corporation and providing the benefits to students.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) made a motion to suspend the rules to add item 6.5 Local Control to the agenda. He said that GPSS needed to do it at this meeting. Dave moved to suspend the rules in order to do this.

**Dana Little** (Law) seconded. Motion passed without any abstentions or objections.

#### 5.5 Bylaws / Jackson School

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that the Judicial Committee met to review amendments to the bylaws to suspend the bylaws, and Sturgis requires that the bylaws reference themselves to do this. He entertained a motion not to read the proposed bylaws.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved to not read the bylaws.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that the new bylaws would require a 2/3 vote of the senate or a unanimous vote from the Executive Committee in order to suspend the bylaws. He explained the bylaws.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) moved to adopt the bylaws.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) seconded.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) offered a friendly amendment to correct the spelling in the bylaws.

The motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) spoke about the reason for suspending the bylaws, which had to do with Jackson School. In the previous year, GPSS created a structure allowing for changes to departmental representation. However, the current process stated that the restructured seats can only be approved in the fall. She asked to suspend the bylaws to split the Jackson School representation. She reviewed the criteria for splitting: 1. To provide evidence of unique degree-granting programs. 2. A unique application process. 3. A uniquely defined curriculum. 4. That there is no dual representation. 5. Indications of student support.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) asked for the first criterion to be repeated.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) responded that unique applications were the first criteria.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked how large the programs are.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) replied that some programs have 50 students, and some are as small as 20.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) entertained a motion for the Jackson School to split its representation from the school-wide level to the program level.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved.

**James Meabon** (Physiology and Biophysics) seconded.

**Kyun Chung** (Pharmacy) objected. He asked if there was a minimum enrollment size for splitting, as his department was larger than twenty students.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) responded that there is no minimum.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) pointed out that there are departments on campus whose programs have fewer than 20 students who have representation in the senate.

**Kyun Chung** (Pharmacy) asked if representation should be proportional to department size. .

**Jake Faleschini** (President) responded that we are a senate, not a congress. GPSS decided last year, after much debate, to follow the departmental model.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that any of these could come before the Internal Review committee as suggestions.

**Adrein Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) pointed out that GPSS is already disproportionate

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) said that the Bylaws create a process for more representation.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) asked how it would affect department allocations.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School) responded that this is a matter for the Finance & Budget committee.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for the vote.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved to close debate.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to allow the Jackson School to split its representation.

33 yays

0 nays

9 abstentions

Motion passed.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) entertained the motion to create these as voting or non-voting seats.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved to create these as voting seats for the Jackson School.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) seconded.

**James Meabon** (Physiology and Biophysics) asked about the process to approve a Senator, and pointed out that at this point, these seats were not approved by the Secretary.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) said that she had spoken with Paula Milligan, the Jackson School Graduate Program Administrator, who had approved these seats. She also said that the webmaster has yet to create these seats on the website.

**Scott Mackenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) said that people should have had more notice about these seats.

**Kyun Chung** (Pharmacy) asked if the people voting tonight were emailed their materials.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) responded that yes, they had.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to close debate. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

The motion passed unanimously with the majority in support.

9 nays and 11 abstentions.

## 6 The Daily Discussion

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that this has been an ongoing discussion since November. He said that the issue before us is that at the end of last meeting, Jake had the task to write an opposition to Sarah's non-apology apology that she had printed in The Daily in early January. It was printed the following Friday. GPSS didn't feel that her non-apology apology was sufficient, and requested a real apology or else we would come back to them with a decision regarding what to do after the next meeting. We have still not heard anything from The Daily, except that they refuse to apologize. Sarah spoke at the ASUW meeting and refused to apologize, that she felt that it was a poor decision, but that she felt that GPSS had backed her into a place where she couldn't apologize. We are in a spot where we can let it go, we can write another resolution that responds to the fact that they haven't apologized yet, and we can call on them to do a number of things – task our Student Publications Board member to call for a vote of censure saying that she screwed up and to put this on the permanent record, ask our SPB member to call a vote of no confidence on the editorial staff, ask our member to fire the editor in chief, or ask our member to suspend any of the employees. Jake doesn't feel comfortable saying which one is the right thing to do. We prepared a resolution unique for us as it leaves the end blank. We are asking the senate to fill it in. If we do decide to resolve something, then we can put forward a position. He pointed out the options at the bottom of the resolution for what we could do, which are not exhaustive.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked about the decisions being made by ASUW, and what the other governing bodies want to do.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said that Yutaka submitted a mirror of the earlier resolution in ASUW a few weeks ago. It was discussed in committee a week ago and the statement calling for Sarah Jeglum's resignation was deleted. The resolution to go before senate only requests an apology, but someone could put the call for resignation back in, not specifically call for an apology and ask for steps forward. The strongest act they might take is calling for censure. It is likely they will call for an apology and to talk about steps moving forward.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he and **Lindsay Morse** (Classics) did a presentation of that legislation in ASUW, and the second reading will be next week. He strongly encouraged all senators to come to that meeting.

**Scott Mackenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) said that the problem with this issue is that people have different priorities. Sarah Jeglum wanted to allow people to speak their minds, and not censure their opinions. If she apologizes now, we are going to censure her.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) said that Sarah does not seem to understand the job of the editor. The Daily can publish any pro con article but they need to be careful about how they approach it. There's a difference between pro-con pieces and printing offensive content belittling gays which is how many of us took it. We have yet to invite

Sarah here. She said she wanted Q center training. Why is editing a piece the same as censorship? We should invite her here.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that Sarah's job is to censor the paper and that is part of her title. The issue that most people are taking is that she is not doing her job.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that he would entertain a motion that we adopt a vote of confidence or at least move to censure. The reason for this is that none of this is a satisfactory answer. The Daily is supposed to provide a safe environment for students, and if she is saying she can't apologize because we're threatening her, she's violating the last part about The Daily being an independent organization. Our job is to represent the graduate student voice and if we are angry, we should state that. This is consistent with the resolution we passed earlier. He is open to the idea of censure as well.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that as one of the original co-sponsors, he agrees that we as a body made a decision a couple of months ago to pass the initial resolution. We made a decision to call for the apology or ask for some type of sanction. He would support a spirited debate for censure or one of the other options. There should be some level of responsibility called for on this decision, and we should follow through on the initial resolution or make a change in language that calls for action on the part of The Daily or something should happen. He said that the freedom of speech issue is a powerful issue, and he has never seen this as a speech issue. If it was, he wouldn't have co-sponsored it. He sees the issue as a person who has not fulfilled her obligations with regards to the paper's mission. Decisions about the images were editorial decisions. Putting a picture of a man and a sheep with an article about LGBT folks is offensive. It would be like caricaturing African Americans with an African American piece. It's a decision that went against their mission to create a safe learning environment for students on campus. When you demean people, you create an unsafe environment with these types of issues. This is not the job of a university newspaper.

**Dana Little** (Law) wanted the chair to elaborate on the options – sanction, censure, and the vote of no confidence.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that this was not greatly elaborated in the Student Publications Board bylaws. A censure is an official mark on the record of whomever you decide to censure. It doesn't do anything as far as removing them or taking away their rights and responsibilities for editing the paper. For most other things, Sarah is an effective editor. In other circumstances she has done her job well, in this instance she messed up. This would be a mark on her record if she were to apply for a job and an editorial position. It is a powerful mark on her record. The other options are to suspend, which takes her out of her position for an amount of time, or to get rid of her entirely. We could do this for anyone within The Daily. That said, we have one voting member on a panel of nine. Whether or not this goes anywhere is something to think about.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) spoke for having Sarah Jeglum talk to the Senate, and if we don't like what she says, discuss the option of censure. Censure is a big deal. She would have a very hard time getting a job after censure.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) said that this process has gone on for a long time, and that we are losing traction. He agreed with Anna's comment. He made a motion that we invite Sarah Jeglum to come to the next meeting to talk to us.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved that GPSS ask Sarah Jeglum to speak with us at our next meeting.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) seconded.

Two objections.

**Tom White** (Molecular and Cellular Biology) was concerned about the delay. He wondered what would happen if Sarah declined the invitation or couldn't make it.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that Sarah Jeglum has had multiple conversations with Jake and personally doesn't feel as though she needs the opportunity to talk to us. He agrees that the traction component becomes problematic. How many months go by before we make a decision on the issue. Why are we chasing her? Why hasn't she come here?

**James Wiker** (Jackson School – South Asian Studies) said that she has had ample opportunity to express her point on all sorts of mediums. We would not add anything new to this issue if she addresses us.

**Jacob Nelson** (Computer Science and Engineering) said that perhaps the issue we are trying to resolve isn't as important as we think it is. Sarah will stop being the editor in a short period of time. If we want to do something targeting the newspaper or urging safe space training, this would be better.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that the one thing that is coming across is that Sarah Jeglum doesn't understand the magnitude of her editorial decision. But there are other people involved. There is a supervisor who is a full-time supervisor to the staff, and that person is much more of an institution on the paper. Sarah mentioned that this person should come before the body. She is also supervising the pieces that are coming out. There needs to be institutional changes made to the paper, and there are institutional issues with the paper.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) suggested that we add to any other motion that she has a chance to talk to us before we take any other action, or censure her if she refuses to come.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that since there isn't anything specific, there needs to be a formal amendment with a specific disciplinary action.

**Vedada Sirovica** (Germanics) mentioned that this issue is not really about Sarah. It is a matter of letting the larger community know that she is accountable for things she does with the paper.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) said that he would like to point out that there is a way that their office is flowing, and he is not sure that the conversation we are having – there is no forward momentum regarding what it is we are trying to do.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved to offer an amendment. We invite Sarah Jeglum to speak at the next meeting, that we move for censure if she does not show, and that we revisit it if she does show.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) seconded.

**Eric Gleave** (Sociology) clarified what it is that we are voting on.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that what GPSS needs to do is get her to come in here and explain herself or make a decision. We can't make any more vague threats.

**Rene Singleton** said that we could invite her to speak, and reminded us that we don't know the outcome of this. We may change our minds after hearing her speak. She suggested including either action or speech in the resolution.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the motion on the floor as it stands is to invite her to come and speak at a meeting. He called the question.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) asked for a point of information, and asked if we could have an emergency senate meeting.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we could to invite Sarah to come and speak to us. Otherwise, as the motion stands, it is to invite her to come and speak at the next senate meeting to make a decision as to what we want to do.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that she is for letting Sarah speak, but having gone to the ASUW meeting, it would be pointless to have her come here as she would sidestep all the questions. Lindsay said that Sarah wasn't answering the questions. She was asked what he would have to have said for her not to print it. Sarah replied that it would be on a case by case basis, and that she would not censor her authors. She has had multiple opportunities. There are 650 comments on The Daily's website. She has had opportunities to answer our issues, and she refuses. It's valid that it is taking too long, and we should vote to censure her.

**Christine Lloyd** (Microbiology) said that in the general view of students, we have lost momentum on this. It seems silly to debate something that happened in November. Emotions are running high with this. She would love to invite Sarah to face her accusers,

but she is not certain if we can be civil entirely. This may be part of the reason why she wouldn't want to show up. If we invite her, we have to pledge to remain halfway civil.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) called for a point of information. He said that given that we are a senate body ruled by Sturgis, we would have to remain civil anyway. He said that this would not be an issue as we have rules by which we are governed.

**Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) asked about the ASUW resolution.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that ASUW would vote on this on Tuesday. She also said that if we call Sarah Jeglum to come speak we should have the editorial supervisor come too.

**Scott Mackenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) said that he was opposed to taking any action in November on this issue. He said that Shawn made an argument to take action, and that he would be moved to take action on this now.

**Gary Brattin** (Music) said that to know to what extent to seek punishment, we should ask how many times she has stirred up a hornet's nest before.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we have researched this.

**Gary Brattin** (Music) said that it would be a bad choice on our part to ask her to apologize again. We asked her and she didn't do it. He thought that whether she gets fired or not, we need to document some sort of grievance about that.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to amend the motion to read that GPSS directs its SPB rep to censure Sarah Jeglum.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) called a point of order and asked if we have to exhaust the speakers' list.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved to close debate.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

Motion passed with three abstentions and one opposed, and debate is closed.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) called to a vote on the amendment.

Motion passed with four oppositions and seven abstentions.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) discussed how ASUW responded. After she met with them, it was at that point that the committee removed the clause regarding resignation, and a move to censure didn't have a second.

**Kyun Chung** (Pharmacy) said that censure seemed like a harsh action to take. It was a viewpoint, it was flawed, and she thought it was representative of that side. She chose to let it go up, and looking back on it there was a lot of discussion about it. He doesn't see it as a flaw in her editorship. Her decision to let it go in the paper may not have been an act of negligence.

**Sanjay Hari** (Biomolecular Structure and Design) agreed with the last speaker. We should think hard before legislating against someone's potential future.

**Kylee Peterson** (Biology) is concerned that censure won't get us what we want. Will a censure go into The Daily? A suspension might be more obvious. If they choose not to report on a censure, nobody would know.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to purge the speakers list and close debate.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Two oppositions. Four abstentions. Motion passes.

**James Wiker** (Jackson School – South Asian Studies) said that the editorship of The Daily is a point of trust and an important position. We can't let one bad decision go if it had such an affect on the community. We need to make sure that there is a society of responsibility to cultivate. This isn't a singular action, it is repeated actions. She made poor editorial decisions when she published it and she has continued to defend those decisions repeatedly. There's no responsibility without censure or calling for her resignation that shows that we as the grad student body cannot support this type of behavior. She has continued to make the same mistake repeatedly by failing to acknowledge that she made a bad choice.

**Tom White** (Molecular and Cellular Biology) said that nobody on the Student Publications Board is taking the lead in holding her responsible. It would be negligent of us to not make the effort on the board. The board would not pass it, but we owe it to the people we represent to have the board vote on censure.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) agreed with the prior two speakers. Any sense of responsibility has to come with some type of action. It would be the carrot without the stick. If The Daily doesn't meet the standards, there should be some type of penalty. He thinks we do need to do something now. His constituents are not happy with this process, especially with us not doing anything. His constituents get the sense that we are not doing anything. That nine-person board may or may not vote for censure.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) mentioned the ideas that had been kicked around. He said that timing is crucial, otherwise there is no point. But he is not convinced that we are going after the right person. We have to keep in mind that this is safety for her too. She is a student. In an educational setting, is it appropriate to go after her? Maybe we should go after the system – maybe there is some sort of safety net.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) suggested that going after her supervisor could happen in the future. By taking action against Sarah now, we could still take action against her supervisor in the future.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) said that this doesn't make sense now. We are one of nine, so we don't have the power to really threaten her. There is no point in doing something like this. The university is supposed to be safe for everyone, including her.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that we have a representative on the body that is designed to advise Sarah. The point about creating safe spaces is a good thing, but we should treat it as a separate issue.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to amend the motion to create the document into a resolution, "8.08-09," to censure Sarah Jeglum.

Majority support,

Four opposed. Seven abstentions. The motion passed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called a vote on the resolution 8.08-09. He read the last clause on the resolution.

Resolution passed by a vote of 24-12-5.

## 6.5 Legislative/Local Control

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) asked to see the agenda.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained a motion to limit discussion and debate on 6.5 to six minutes and then exhaust and table the rest of agenda except for announcements.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) seconded.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) objected because committee formation can't be tabled.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) explained that the committees could still meet as unofficial working groups.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) withdrew her objection.

Motion passed with one abstention.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that this was really important, as there are hearings on this on Friday. We have not taken a position on local control so we can say that our issue is reasonable, affordable tuition. Dave said that the survey results were confusing, as the comments were unclear. He is going to entertain a motion and explain why this should be our position. He read the motion.

**Dana Little** (Law) moved, and **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) seconded.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that the reason why this was so important is that there are a lot of different views on this. We can talk about it from a lot of different ways. There is a large debate going on in the legislature whether or not we should be a high tuition high aid state or low tuition low aid state. It seems like there is a push for high tuition high aid, and that the UW administration is leaning towards that route. We do not want to have the body that is heavily influenced by the administration to have that authority. While it is scary to give it to the Legislature, giving the Board of Regents unfettered local control is a scarier thing.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked that based on his argument, do we know if the legislature will adopt the high aid high tuition model?

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that this won't be decided this year. If we want to have more influence on this debate, the proper venue is the legislature.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said that from the ASUW perspective this is awesome. Undergrads will be lobbying for legislative control.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) said that he is personally against legislative control because it has worked out poorly in other states. The Board of Regents fundamentally has the best interest of the university in mind. It is a mistake to believe that raising tuition is always bad for students. It is true that the Board will be interested in what is best for the university.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning—Masters) asked if this was for future classes or our class? Will this affect us? He wanted to know Dave's motivation.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said there is a bill going through the legislature determining who has that power and why. The bill mandates unfettered local control forever. He has suspicions that it will not say this at the end. It might make it through one of the chambers in complete unfettered local control forever. No comment hurts his credibility at this point.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) said that she went to Olympia to present to the legislature. They were receptive to listening to students. Even those for high tuition stayed after the meeting to talk to students. Grads are caught in the middle between high tuition increase and job losses.

**Dana Little** (Law) asked about how high the tuition increases would be. Is 16% the actual amount, or is it up to 16?

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that if we are talking about tuition rates for 09-10, the Board of Regents has said that this is what we want it to be. The Legislature will set it. The bill would allow the Board of Regents to set it.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that we are getting close to quorum.

**Dana Little** (Law) called the question.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) seconded.

Motion passed to close debate with no objections.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) called the question. 25 in favor. Three oppositions.

Eight abstentions.

7. Announcements

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) announced the guitar ensemble concert this Friday. It costs \$5.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said that he is leading the textbooks campaign with WashPIRG and to talk to him about it.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that to tell constituents to work through us about questions, comments, feedback about what the bookstore should be doing for students.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) has been doing the distinguished mentor award that the grad school awards to one professor the entire year. He is supposed to do the distinguished teaching award over the next three weeks. He asked for one senator to do it. **Lindsay Morse** (Classics) volunteered.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to adjourn.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

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**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Quorum Present**

**1. Call to Order**

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to amend the agenda and add 5.5 Legislative Agenda authority edition. For two minutes

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded

None opposed. Agenda amended

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to amend the agenda to include a one minute SPB report after Mark Emmert as item 4.5.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

None opposed. Agenda amended.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) moved to approve the agenda as amended.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

None opposed. Agenda approved.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) offered a point of information. We have two sets of minutes to approve -- from the Elections emergency meeting and from the last meeting.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the emergency elections meeting.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved. **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Science) seconded.

Motion passed. All in favor.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Senate meeting.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved. **Brad Osborn** (Music) seconded.

Motion passed. All in favor.

#### 4. President Emmert

**President Emmert** said that he would like to spend fifteen minutes answering our questions. He gave a quick update about the state of the economy and its impact on the UW. He said that the budget works on a biennial basis, and that the Legislature is trying to decide what our budget will be for the next two fiscal years. We had budget shortfalls for the current year, as some revenue didn't materialize because of the deteriorating economy. We had to absorb a 9% base cut during the current year. We had enough cash reserves to take a 4.5% budget cut and roll the rest of that forward. The governor came out with a budget in December based on the best guesses for what the revenue for the state will be for the next two years. In December, the guess was that we would be \$6 billion short for the next two years for revenues for a current services budget. A week ago, the new revenue estimates show an \$8 billion hole because the economy continues to go down. They will have the final revenue estimation on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Legislature will use this to balance the budget. Most people think this will be around \$8 billion, but it could be \$8.5 billion. The Legislature has to either cut revenues or raise taxes to fill the hole. It is not a constitutional requirement that they balance the budget, but it is something they always do. They may pass two budgets – one with new tax revenue and one without new tax revenue. This would go to a vote of the people, and the people would have to approve those new taxes. They would probably encourage a vote sometime during the summer. We will get into the spring, maybe into the summer, before we know what the budget on July 1 will look like. The governor's budget cut 13% of state revenue for our budget. The Senate asked the UW to model 20% cuts and how we would manage that. At that time, the guess was that we would have to shrink our total employment base by 6-800 positions across the university because 85% of our money is spent on people. At the 600 position reduction level, we would take 400 positions out of administrative costs and support structures and another 200 out of other instructional areas. Something like 2/3 of our budget goes to instructional areas. We would overcut in the non-academic areas and undercut in the academic areas. We would try and deal with that by eliminating empty positions rather than laying people off. On Monday, the administration eliminated 70 positions from marketing, alumni relations and development. Of those 70, 36 were filled. On Monday, 36 people lost their jobs. We took 16 positions and converted them into half-time positions. People still have their jobs, but it's half the job it was. We don't get as much sympathy around this as we'd like, because so many companies are laying off very large numbers of people. We're trying hard to minimize our impact on our people. If we have to absorb cuts of that magnitude, we will also take fewer students to not damage the educational experience of the students that are here. In our estimate, we said that we'd shrink the overall enrollment between 800 and 2000 students. This comes at a very unfortunate time because right now the applications for the UW are at an all-time high for this incoming freshman class. We have 21,000 applicants for around 5000 freshman seats. That's the largest applicant groups we've ever seen. It's tragic that we find ourselves having to take budget cuts just as demand for higher education is peaking. Right now, we should be investing in higher education to drive the economy forward. We also worry about time to degree. We've spent a lot of time, energy and money making sure that students, especially undergraduates, can get through the university in a timely

fashion. The time to degree for undergrads is down to 4.4 years. Our estimate is that the cuts will move the time to degree from 4.75 to 5 years because of lack of classes in a timely fashion in the sequences that students need them in, as well as reductions in advising and tutorial staff. Teaching assistants are considered instructional staff, but the bad news is that the offerings of teaching assistantships and graduate student support is one of the few areas in which department heads have flexibility. In making offers going forward into the coming year, all of the departments are being very conservative in what they're offering for the next year and who they're offering it to. Departments are letting in fewer students. Department heads will all be conservative until we know what we have on our hands going forward.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) read one of the submitted questions. Will the UW take steps to put holds on capital projects?

**President Emmert** said that capital projects at the UW are funded in a variety of ways. There are two pools in the state budget – operating funds and capital budget. The state capital budget for higher education will likely be very modest this year. They will probably move some capital money over to operating money. There are people who don't like that because building buildings is a great way to stimulate the economy. President Emmert supports the latter view, but there's not going to be state money to do that. The projects mentioned in the question are funded by auxiliary funds. The HUB renovation is funded by student fees. We are taxing ourselves via student fees to pay for the renovation of this building. The HUB renovation is a project that students want to do, and the administration is likely to support this. The proposal was brought about a year ago for the HUB renovation, and President Emmert initially said no because the project was too expensive. The project is now a \$120 million project with \$80 million in student fee money. The Boat Street Marina project was finished a while ago. We have continuing construction that consists of already funded existing projects. We may begin some new residential construction by Terry/Lander hall. These are auxiliary dollars from self-funded projects. We are not using any operating money for any capital construction that we can possibly avoid.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we will have a presentation on the HUB next month.

**Beth Curry** (Oceanography) asked about the College of the Environment and how this is coming along. She wanted to know if students could have a more active role in this, and that there doesn't seem to be a vision statement for interdisciplinary work.

**President Emmert** said that for 1.5 years, we have been working with faculty leaders to consolidate academic programs across the UW into a College for the Environment. This is a restructuring and reorganization of existing units. Already, we have around 400 faculty who work in fields associated with the environment, and many of those individuals are the absolute leaders in their fields nationally and internationally. We have never been able to have the sum of the parts add up to something whole. This is an attempt to provide first of all a consolidation of that brainpower to allow ourselves to do

something that we wouldn't be able to otherwise. It includes the provision of new academic programs across those fields. Students are hugely interested in this. Interdisciplinary research projects are likely to be well-supported going forward. A year ago, we had hoped to get state support, but this won't happen. Right now, we have been slower in deliberating about how to put this together while dealing with budgetary challenges right now. Going forward, we will be starting to address those issues. The conversation about what the college will become and how it will be shaped and how it will deal with interdisciplinary questions will be taking place starting probably next quarter. This will be an elaborate formal process and will probably last through much of next year. He encouraged those contemplating whether or not to be part of this to talk to their department heads to offer views and ideas directly.

**President Emmert** said he was willing to come back to speak with GPSS when we have more clarity after budget challenges.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that President gave a town hall to the UW campus, and said he would do two to three more this year.

**President Emmert** said that they taped it, and access to that is online.

#### 4.5 Student Publications Board meeting report

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that at the last meeting, we moved for a vote of censure through the SPB board on Sarah Jeglum. Three GPSS representatives were present along with our SPB representative Tanvi. The reps raised issues discussed by our letters to the editor. The SPB went into caucus, and two representatives spoke. One spoke against censure, citing First Amendment issues. The Faculty representative spoke for censure based on harm done to campus. The vote failed by 2-5, and Yutaka thought that it was significant that the faculty also wanted censure. In the discussion, Sarah was asked why she didn't apologize. Her answer was that this was because GPSS threatened to fire her otherwise, and that this became a matter of political pressure. Now, there's no pressure. So why doesn't she apologize now?

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) added that she and **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Science) were at the meeting. Sarah approached them and said that she was interested in getting more graduate student involvement in The Daily. She mentioned that they are going to have a blog on their website, and they would like a grad student to write this.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that a number of people commented to him afterwards that our GPSS representatives did a good job expressing the views of the student body. He said that it was telling that the person who voted with us was the faculty member, who is a professor of communications.

#### 5. Committee Formation

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we formed five ad hoc committees two months ago, but didn't approve them. He entertained a motion to approve the committees.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

Motion passed. No objections or abstentions.

#### 5.5 Legislative Agenda

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that there is a bill he really wants to talk about. The bill involves student wellness and safety. He said that there is a bill that would not ensure adequate and safe rental housing for students. He wanted language expressly stating the opposite. The second thing officially codifies that we support faculty representation on the Board of Regents as long as safeguards exist with regards to conflicts of interest.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked if the first is the bill giving authority to the landlords to inspect housing.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that this bill would eliminate local governments' ability to mandate third party inspections and pass on fees from those inspections to landlords themselves. The fee could get paid by the tenant or by the city. It would prohibit local governments from passing on that fee to landlords. The fee prevents outside inspections of the residencies that we're renting. It takes away tenants rights from that standpoint.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moved to create language stating that GPSS supports adequate and safe rental housing for students.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) seconded.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) relinquished his chairship to **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) and offered an amendment. He wanted GPSS support for legislative initiatives to create a Center for Human Rights at the UW.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) and **Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) accepted these as friendly amendments.

This was approved by consensus, as **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) pointed out that we couldn't accept friendly amendments on this.

Motion passed with one abstention. None opposed. Approved by majority vote.

#### 6. Resolution 7.08-09

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) read the resolution. It is in support of student photo class lists.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) entertained a motion to suspend reading of the resolution.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School REECAS) asked if students can opt out of the list.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that no they cannot. The secure information is already available. Adding their picture would not add a significant risk, considering that it's only being given to the teaching faculty and to the teaching assistants. If they've been abused by a faculty member they're entering into a class with, than we have an issue. Only TAs and professors would have access to this information.

**Scott MacKenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) mentioned that the resolution doesn't say that the list goes to the TAs. He asked if we could make an amendment.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that it was in the fourth Whereas clause.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that TAs are considered teaching faculty.

**Stefan Kamola** (History) wanted to propose to move the sentence from lines 27-29 to the bottom of the actual resolution.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) seconded the motion to move this sentence.

**Jessica Yellin** (CIDR) said that there are variations in which faculty comply with the confidentiality of this. Some faculty have not complied with other things involving confidentiality, including leaving class lists outside the door.

**Stefan Kamola** (History) offered a point of order. What faculty do with the class lists is outside our jurisdiction.

**Scott MacKenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) said that class lists wouldn't go up on bulletin boards.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) had concerns about how this information would be disseminated.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) offered a point of information. This would go on the MyUW page.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) offered another point of information. Photo class lists could be downloaded from the MyUW page.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) offered another point of information. This resolution would support confidentiality of this.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the question. Three abstentions. Motion passed to amend the resolution.

**Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) said that his department has building class lists. He wanted to know how many departments had this. How would this differ from a department class list?

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the difference was that it would be available from MyUW. Many departments are doing this on their own. This would be available to professors and TAs actually teaching the classes.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the vote.  
Motion passed with two opposed and two abstentions.

#### 7. SHIP Plus Presentation

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we have been working hard over the last year to create a new health insurance plan for graduate students, because we didn't feel that the current health insurance plan had enough coverage for graduate and professional students, especially for older students with families. He introduced Matt, our representative on the student health insurance committee, and Ping, Jake's counselor on health issues. She has helped with big picture on health care at the UW. We did a survey last year asking the student body what they needed. Grads said that we need better health care options, and are willing to pay a little more for this. SHIP Plus will be a second option for better health care. It is 15% richer than the current plan. We successfully negotiated the plan.

Mara takes over minutes at 5:23

**Ching-Ping Liu** went over the slides/handout of the different plans being considered. She said they ended up going with the original SHIP plan and the moderately high plan. She went over the big differences between the current SHIP plan and the new SHIP plus plan. She said right now when you go to Hall Health on the SHIP plan, you get 80% coverage and in the new plan you will get 90% coverage, and the maximum copay has been dropped.

Anna back at 5:26

**Ching-Ping Liu** said that mental health will be treated like any other medical issue. We would have mental health parity with SHIP Plus.

**Ching-Ping Liu** gave the cost breakdown between SHIP and SHIP Plus. When you enroll for Autumn 2009, this will be available as an option. One of the big changes is that the insurance carriers are afraid that students would opt in and opt out. To avoid opting in and opting out, if students enroll in the higher plan, they have to enroll for the whole year. If you start spring quarter, you can enroll then. You can leave and come back if your eligibility changes.

**Matt Erickson** said that GPSS needs to market this program in order for it to be successful. We have a voluntary self-enrollment system with regards to health insurance

for students. We cannot require students to carry health insurance, and that lowers our pool of insurees. With a lower pool of applicants, the rates remain higher because the risk is more volatile. We're trying to develop a marketing scheme to have student input. He requested GPSS help in getting the word out about this, because we have to sell this to make it work.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked if we're supposed to forward the draft version.

**Ching-Ping Liu** said that no, we can't, as the draft version has to go by the providers.

**Matt Erickson** said that the marketing brochures will be available on May 1. They will drop off materials and coordinate from there. Matt said that we're going for a two-tier plan because of the survey about what students wanted from their health insurance. Students wanted lower cost and higher benefits. Originally, they were trying to go for a three-tier plan. The insurance company was cautious with negotiations, and we had to bargain with them to get a two-tier plan. This addresses student concerns about affordability, broad benefit scope and coverage. It gives students a choice for either a more economical version of health insurance or better coverage. It will be in the registration process where students will opt in to this. They have to choose one or the other before they choose their classes. But this process has had problems in the past.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) asked about students with the GAIP plan. Could those students opt in and opt out?

**Ching-Ping Liu** said that this would be considered a change in eligibility. Students could opt in and opt out.

**Stephen Young** (Geography) said that having marketing to make it viable confuses him. Wouldn't this also do something to risk parameters for people in SHIP? He wondered about the benefits for this.

**Matt Erickson** didn't want to get too far into specifics. Both SHIP and SHIP Plus are underwritten by the same provider. However, if there are too many enrolling in SHIP Plus and too few enrolling in SHIP, that will cause the people in SHIP to subsidize the people in SHIP Plus. The group is trying to address that by getting the balance between populations for each group.

**Ching-Ping Liu** said that this may not be viable down the road if the marketing plans don't succeed and it becomes a subsidy issue. This isn't ethical. It is important to encourage people to opt into the higher plan to balance it out. It is a struggle to create a consistent pool.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that if people respond with money the way in a similar manner to how they responded in the survey, it should be fine. It will work out fine if people buy what they say they want. Marketing in this case is giving people information about this new health care option.

**Matt Erickson** said that we have to worry about getting enough people in this plan. If we don't get enough people in this plan, the insurance company is going to cut it. It may take a year or two to see how things balance and to see what students really want.

**Ching-Ping Liu** said that students aren't very well-informed about their health care. This is part of a bigger picture to educate students about their own health care.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) cut off the discussion in the interests of time. Ping and Matt will be back in April and May to discuss this.

**Ching-Ping Liu** asked students to email her and Matt with suggestions and questions about the SHIP Plus program.

#### 8. Elections Packet Approval

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) presented the Elections Packet. He ran over some of the highlights. There are a couple of items in the packet that are incomplete. He ran through the key dates. If you're planning on being nominated through the GPSS website, materials need to be received by Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>. This deadline is 1.5 weeks before the actual election. If you wish to challenge the neutrality of the independent witnesses, that needs to be done by Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The elections will take place on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Challenges to the elections can be lodged by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> by 5:30 PM. He mentioned that the third witness has yet to be appointed. The Student Activities Office will be getting back to us with a third person. He mentioned that one person dropped out from the Elections Committee, and that they could use another person.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked for one more person.

**Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) volunteered.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that there has been a question raised regarding whether or not a candidate can have a TA position during their term. Currently, the elections guide says that officers cannot hold another RA/TA position. This is a case of the bylaws being precise but slightly missing the point of what was intended. People who are GPSS officers should not hold TA positions during the school year, but the intent of the bylaw isn't to preclude people from working over the summer. This will be referred to the Judicial Committee. Trond wants to allow people who can receive a summer TA position to still run for election with the proviso that the person would be ineligible for the position if the Judicial Committee rules on this.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) clarified that this didn't preclude someone from running if they have a TA position.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that he would like the Judicial Committee to rule on this before it actually happened because of a potential conflict of interest.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) agreed.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) raised a point of information. He said that he has been asked to recuse himself from this discussion, as he is an officer.

**Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) asked what the procedure is to replace someone if someone quits the position.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that the current officers must hold another election for the open position. He encouraged people interested in running for office to read through the elections packet.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved to approve the elections packet. **Jason Herrington** (Museology) seconded.

Motion passed with none opposed. Two abstentions.

#### 9. GPSS 09-10 Budget

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that one issue is a fairly substantive change, but we have managed to decrease our overall cost for the year.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) presented the budget. He said that there are two current versions of the budget on the table. One was approved by the Executive Committee, which was later amended by the Finance and Budget Committee on Friday. Since the Executive Committee couldn't meet, Tim is presenting both. The Executive Committee version does not have anything allocated for the Guide to Life; the F&B version does. He wanted to focus on the F&B version of the budget.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) pointed out that Guide to Life sales are highlighted at \$30,000. He said that there's a big change to the Guide for this year.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) discussed the partnership with Not For Tourists on the Guide to Life. We're going to create a NFT UW student edition that will be Husky Purple. It will be their current Seattle guide plus all of our GTL information. We think that ASUW is going to do this with us. It looks like the bookstore will buy 2000 copies from us, and we are going to sell some to ASUW to sell off. We will be trying to sell 500-100 ourselves. They are going to cost \$10 per copy as opposed to \$4, but it will be a much better product. The NFT Seattle edition retails for \$20. They're considering putting some money back into student resources off of each copy that is sold. We need it in the budget so it can happen. If it doesn't happen, the money will revert back to the general fund. This looks like this is going to be a very promising relationship.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that there's a sample of the NFT on the back table.

**Scott MacKenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) asked when this would be published.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that this would be published for the 09-10 school year. He said that the committee has been working on reforming the GTL, and is jumping into making the partnership happen. We would sell the editions in September.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) noted that the initial printing would have to be covered from this year's General Fund, which has to be approved by the Senate later. He noted that travel expenses have changed in the Vice President's fund, as this next year is supposed to be a short session.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) explained the changes to lobbying activities. He wants wiggle room to subsidize transportation for students who testify. There needs to be a small amount of money for students to do that.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) pointed out the Guide to Life line item as the difference between the Exec version and the F&B version, as we forgot to allocate funds to print it for the 2011 fiscal year. This was corrected in F&B.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) noted that we break even because the sales are the exact same cost as the price.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) highlighted the salary increases and tuition waivers. There has been a 2% salary increase per year for officers. The tuition increase is based off of this year's tuition. This is the only thing we have to go off of right now. Under Yutaka's suggestion, the summer web developer would not need to work as many hours since the major construction of the website has been completed. The wage for that position has been increased to better fit the market for webmasters. The employment and stipend benefits are based off of the current rates for this year.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) noted that last year GPSS supported OCHA – Off Campus Housing Affairs – under the ASUW budget. ASUW pays most of the operating costs. There is a plan to keep OCHA open throughout the year. 30-40% of the students who come to the office are grads who come during the summer. There have been talks of keeping it open throughout the summer. She entertained a motion to add it back into the budget.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we'd have to do this later.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) offered a point of information. He wanted to know how much would go to this.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) said \$3000.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that pending suggestions to the internal review committee, we may need to add an officer position. He asked how to deal with this.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that he thought it would be too late to do this for this year, but that we could do it the following year. A staff position might be doable.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that this would come back to senate. And then go through SAF.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that this would go to SAF.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that the funding applications to SAF are due by the end of this month, which is why we need to pass the budget today.

**Elef Kirkinis** (Applied Mathematics) asked how much we expect back as revenue for the Guide to Life.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that it would be exactly the same, as the Guide is sold at cost. In the future we could make money off of it if it becomes very popular. Right now, we figured we'd get it out there and sell it at costs. If demand increases, we could make money off of it.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that this would be a service for grad students.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) wanted a history of the background of the travel grant supplement.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said he wasn't here when the transfer was made. There's talk that travel grants will have to be suspended for next year because right now, as it is, we have a bunch of state budget numbers that have been frozen, and we cannot supply travel grant funds from those budgets. This makes the process for travel grants a little more difficult. There's talk that the rest may be cut off as well. If we see the need for more travel grant funding from our general fund, we can visit that later and move to move funding from the general fund to the travel grants fund. This would be a mid-year allocation by the senate.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) wants to revisit this when the budget shows what we actually have.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the governor froze all funding on travel. And it is at issue whether or not our funds are a part of that. We're trying to work through whether or not student fees are a part of that freeze.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) moved to put \$3000 into the budget under the head of OCHA support.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked why this money was removed.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that it was just a way to lower expenses.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said he was at the meeting where this happened. We had a presentation by members of OCHA. They wanted more solid numbers as to what graduate students were using the organization. There wasn't justification for this by grad student members.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the ASUW rep was not present at the meeting at which OCHA was presented.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) said that OCHA is off campus housing. They redid their website, and ASUW paid to have this done. It provides a listing of apartments, anything available around the U District, Wallingford, Greenlake. The office helps students find housing and subletters. It is run by students and is a good resource for those who are trying to find housing. The director reported to Phuong that 30% of the students who come into the office to talk to them are graduate students. There is an increase for students over the summer.

**Elif Kirkinis** (Applied Mathematics) asked if this was SHA.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) said that yes, it is. It is in the HUB on the ground floor.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that as the ASUW Board member, he felt that this was a good enterprise to help grad students.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the question.

Motion passed to reinsert \$3000 into the budget for ASUW. Two abstentions.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) explained the reason for dropping the General Fund. SAF has asked us to use the General Fund more because we have built it up so much. There's no need to have a general fund that is 2/3 the size of our budget.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) moved to approve the budget.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

## 10. Legislative Update

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) handed out two charts -- bills that are alive and bills that are dead. He highlighted the tuition policy bills. It's not over yet. There are still a lot of technical procedures that need to be done for it to pass on the floor of the senate and the house. Reauthorization of the Board of Regents would happen with no restrictions other than revisiting this in the future. There is still discussion of capping tuition increases for resident students. There will be a vote. It will be close. A bill promoting Primary Care students in the med school would shift costs onto specialty students. The sponsoring senator backed down and made it a loan forgiveness program. HB 2118 is a work group to talk about state tuition policy. They expanded the committee to address

looking at graduate student policies and added a grad student member to be selected as part of that board. He is getting credit for breaking the biggest barrier to hate crimes legislation. The textbook bill is scheduled for a fuller vote to mandate course materials four weeks prior to classes starting so we can get our books cheaper.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) offered a point of information. He wanted to know if we needed to offer a position on the UW North.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that the bill that didn't die creates a campus in Snohomish County. It is scheduled for a floor vote in the senate. The House killed a similar bill. He might come back asking for insight, but right now, we don't have a position on it. It's not a UW North, but it is kind of related.

**Dana Little** (Law) asked if this was the Everett campus.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) explained the proposals for the campuses. He said that he is still learning about where this bill is going on the creation of a college.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked if we have a position on the expansion of domestic partnership benefits in the state.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that our position has been restricted to how it affects UW employees. We have not taken a broad social standpoint on domestic partnerships.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he has heard from many people that if it weren't for Dave's testimony, the hate crimes legislation would not have made it out of committee. We're starting to feel like we're getting more traction on capping tuition for graduate and professional students.

## 11. Emergency Management Discussion

**Sarah McLean** from the Emergency Management Department explained that her department is very small. She gave some background on the department. She is doing outreach to faculty staff and students. The student population has been difficult to reach. They are working with residence halls and Greek system students. She wants students to help the department develop outreach and areas to talk with students. She discussed the Seattle fault. If it ruptures and we are on campus, we will be stuck here. Seattle could be turned into an island by a large earthquake. There are things we can do to get better prepared for an emergency. Their office does education, but also mitigation issues. She manages federal grant money. She mentioned some of the projects going on around campus to secure shelving and make sure that things that can't be replaced are taken care of. The Restore the Core project is part of this. She asked us to pass on information about UW Alert. It's a way of mass notification if something major has happened. Her department also manages the blue phones on campus. She asked for our help to spread the message about being better prepared.

**Scott MacKenzie** (Neurobiology and Behavior) asked about incidences on campus after which the UW sent out notices to parents of graduate students. He asked if their office took care of this.

**Sarah McLean** responded that this could be something safety related coming out of UWPD. They're working on bringing everybody together so they are presenting one message and working as a unified team on campus.

**Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) asked if the department goes after funding for Emergency Management.

**Sarah McLean** said that as a state institution, the UW is part of the State of Washington's mitigation plan. In order for us to apply for federal funding, there has to be a plan in place. The State of Washington and the UW have a comprehensive plan that also covers Pack Forest and the branch campuses.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked what GPSS senators should do. He suggested that senators approach the deans and chairs and talk to them about what their department does. Last year, Social Work bought everyone in the building an emergency kit.

**Sarah McLean** suggested that this was a good idea. There's a mobile population of students that don't have this. Their office is working on projects involving emergency supplies. In the next month, she hopes that there will be a "Husky To GO" kit that will be a sling pack with a 72 hour emergency kit that will be \$35 or so that will have all of the items in it. They're also looking at a plastic pouch – a 24 hour pouch. This would be the basics that students can carry in a backpack. Go back to departments to talk about what are we doing as departments. Discuss windstorms and snowstorms – how to communicate with your family and find out about info on campus. They're trying to develop a Facebook site.

## 12. Announcements

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we will try to keep the senate meetings to 1.5 hours.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) announced that at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting she will be discussing what the UW can do to help homelessness. We're looking at the possibility of hosting Tent City 3 on campus. She asked us to ask our constituents about this. There is a survey going around to get student input.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that we need nominations for the GPA of the year award. We get to nominate who gets the award. FIUTS/GPSS happy hour is tomorrow. There will be a FIUTS fundraiser and a charity concert featuring local bands afterwards. GPSS will be partnering with ASUW for a spring event at the end of the year. He asked that suggestions for bands or performers to be emailed to Tim. If you would like to ask your department what it is doing to cut their budget and face this economic crisis, that would be

greatly appreciated. Collect the info and email Yutaka and Jake to see what our options are.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) announced a tax info event for graduate students.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we are trying to track what's going on to have the right info for the media and the administration in order to keep the administration honest throughout this whole process. He asked senators interested in helping to email Doug McManaway.

13. Adjourn

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) moved.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

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**April 8<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**No Quorum Present at 4:37 PM**

### **4. HUB Project Update**

**Renee Singleton** (Student Activities Office) presented on the HUB project. She introduced Paul Zuchowski, the Associate Director of Student Union Facilities. She gave us a history lesson on the student union movement. The student union movement started in the 1800s in Oxford, England. The UW didn't get a student union until the mid-1930s and early 1940s. Students wanted to have a place for students to gather and have debates. They started raising funds, and raised funds for the HUB on their own. They used student fees and institutional support to build the first HUB. In the 1950s, they voted a second time to increase their fees, start raising funds again and expand the building. During the 1970s, students decided to tax themselves, increase their fees and expand the building one more time. That was one of the last major expansions.

**Paul Zuchowski** (Associate Director of Student Union Facilities) explained that when Lincoln Johnson arrived 13 years ago, he began hearing from many students about the building, and decided in 2006 to convene a steering committee composed of 16 students, 2 faculty and 2 staff to discuss problems with access to the building. They talked to everyone about potential renovations. The main issues these students identified were the decentralization of programs and services, poor circulation and wayfinding, lack of daylight, insufficient accessibility, inadequate ventilation and inadequate seismic, mechanical and electrical systems. Students in the steering committee wanted four main goals: that the building become a more welcoming space, that we open up the building, connect to campus and build community. These remain the goals throughout this process. He displayed the floor plans. The front plaza will be raised so someone in a wheelchair can come right in and access the building. North End and South End accessibility will be improved. If you enter the building, there will be atria – openings that will let in light from the roof all the way down to the first floor. Stairways will be in those atria. The South End atria will go from the basement all the way up to the third floor. The Resource Center, which is now in the sub-basement, will be relocated to the first floor. They're going to work on expanding the sidewalk as well. They're going to add several elevators to the building. They're going to take the HUB Auditorium and take all of the seating out, so there will be a space for a band if the ballrooms are booked. They're also going to take the West Ballroom and bring it parallel to the East Ballroom. Both ballrooms will have windows and will be easily accessible. GPSS is going to be moved to the front of the building, and the office will look out on the HUB lawn. Making student services and activities the focal point of a new building is what they are trying to do. Right now, they are making presentations to various groups – ASUW and GPSS included, moving towards seeking Services and Activities funding for this renovation. SAF has mandated that all three student services projects – Ethnic Cultural Center renovation, HUB renovation and Hall Health renovation – seek resolutions indicating what our opinion is of these three projects. **Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) mentioned to him that a resolution will be discussed at a future meeting. If it is supported, it will go to the regents, and

construction will take place over a two year period, and everyone will be moved out of the building.

**Paul Zuchowski** (Associate Director of Student Union Facilities) said that the cost of all three projects together is \$148.5 million. For a 30-year bond, the student fees would go up \$83.19 per quarter. The fee would not be collected until the Ethnic Cultural Center is finished in Fall 2011. He said that it'll be up to students whether or not these three projects go ahead.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that some of the students in his department have been getting feedback about a need for a quiet space, meditative space or multifaith space. He wondered if there were any plans in the HUB design to include an open space like that.

**Paul Zuchowski** (Associate Director of Student Union Facilities) said that the resource center is going to move up to the first floor. That space is meant to become a lounge for those folks in the basement. It'll be used for whatever they want. They probably will not designate it as the mediation room exactly, but the Muslim Student Association will be down there.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked if there was any discussion about gender neutral bathrooms.

**Paul Zuchowski** (Associate Director of Student Union Facilities) said that it was the plan to have these in the building.

### **1. Call to Order – Quorum present**

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the meeting to order at 4:55 PM.

### **2. Agenda**

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) objected and moved to strike the HUB project from the agenda.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed with no further objections or abstentions.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to approve the agenda as amended.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

### **3. Minutes**

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to approve the minutes.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

### **5. Transportation Committee Update**

**Josh Kavanaugh** from the UW transportation office gave a presentation on UPASS fee increases. He said that we are talking about \$4.10/week to keep the UPASS program alive. In FY 2008- FY 2010, we are looking at a 79% increase in transit costs. He is now spending \$22.3 million for transit. The UPASS will be increasing in price by \$49/quarter next year. This will preserve unlimited access to the six transit agencies. This is extremely important to what we do at the university. The cost is going up, but the UPASS still creates value for the individual user. 80% of the university community is commuting in a manner other than single occupancy vehicles, and this has been made possible only by the UPASS. The carbon saved through the UPASS program is equivalent to planting 200,000 trees a year. The value that UPASS creates for all students is huge. To go out and buy the transit products that students need for their commute, it would cost \$270/quarter on the retail market, and UPASS delivers it for \$99/quarter. He showed a chart of the cost recovery associated with the UPASS program. UPASS is a subsidized program. He said that the cost increases made the office think about whether or not to continue the UPASS program, and the answer was a resounding yes. He came to GPSS to let us know what would be going on with UPASS fees and parking fees. There will be a public hearing coming up on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and he expected that it will be in the HUB during the noon hour. He invited us to participate in this discussion, and said he wants to hear what everyone has to say. People who cannot attend in person can log on to the website and have their comments entered into the public record.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked if Josh and his office were taking into account attrition, considering that UPASS is opt-out.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that even with attrition, they would still be breaking even. His office is modeling a 7% attrition rate, largely composed of students living within a mile of the university.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked about the current opt-out right now and about the threshold for opting out.

**Josh Kavanaugh** explained that the current opt-out rate is 10%, and that it is a rough figure. They don't have models for increasing rates of this magnitude. He thinks that the opt-out rate will be 7%, because of a shift from parking to UPASS. The people that leave UPASS are subsidized. As people leave the program, they save money over time.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) asked why the cost of the program increased so much.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that they survey every other year to build the ridership model to determine the amount they pay Metro. They are bound by that historical methodology. The model has them paying over \$22 million a year, \$19 million just to Metro. They do believe that number is inflated, based on the timing of the survey and that folks will leave the program because of people leaving at this rate. Metro has a strong counterargument, which is that we were under a flat rate contract when gas prices were high.

**Laina Mercer** (Public Health and Community Medicine – Biostatistics) asked if the individual transit rates were going up.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that two Metro rate increases have taken place already and that another one will be taking place this coming January.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) asked what would happen if we took out some of the transit agencies from UPASS.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that the cost of including Kitsap and Pierce transit agencies were almost inconsequential. The student price reflects the fact that students in general are not using the other transit agencies as much.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) asked how finalized the price proposed for summer quarter was.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that the price would be final. If there was objection about the rates proposed, the program would be bankrupt and the regents would not approve them. He said that he is taking a self-imposed budget cut of 1.5 million to 2 million, by closing gatehouses and doing cost efficiency measures in the parking system.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) asked why the decision was made during spring break.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that the UW transportation committee had its final meeting during spring break, and that there were previous meetings to talk about the trend that they were on. He also pointed out that the student representatives on the committee could provide a proxy and that was not utilized. It would not have changed the vote, because the vote of the committee was unanimous to keep the program alive. There was significant debate about the rates and about how much we could cut. Students were present in the meeting about the initial budget. They spent down the operating fund balance that they have. He said that he has zero margin on this budget, and if parking revenues are off or something is wrong in the models, he doesn't have any margin to cover with.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to extend the time allotted by five minutes.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) seconded.

Motion passed with one objection.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that the SOV parking permit is going up by \$5/month. The gatehouse rate is not changing in the hourly rate. He felt that \$3/hour was enough, but the daily maximum is increasing. People who need to park all day on campus will be paying more.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked about the opt-in opt-out option, and if it would go away and be a full opt-in. He wanted to know what happened to this.

**Josh Kavanaugh.** said that this is still on the table. If we go to a mandatory fee, we would run into I-601, and limit the ability to grow the program. His office is still evaluating this. As an institution, we need to have a conversation about what the institutional burden should be regarding the UPASS. He thought that the institution should contribute money to the UPASS program, in addition to having students pay into the program.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that there is a substantial UPASS increase, but not in the rate of people who drive vehicles. He said that by raising SOV prices and keeping the UPASS lower, that would make it so people would take transit.

**Josh Kavanaugh** said that they are raising parking more in real dollars than the UPASS program. Mass flight from the parking system into UPASS would happen if they raised the cost of parking at the same percentage as the UPASS system. He said that the model for the program has ended.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) commended Josh for reaching out to us and letting us know the bad news and the numbers that they are looking at. He has been really open in communicating with us. He thanked Josh for sharing this information with us.

**Josh Kavanaugh.** introduced the members of his staff who accompanied him to the meeting.

6. Resolution 9.08-09

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) presented the resolution.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) entertained a motion to not have to read it.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) so moved.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) called for a point of order and wanted to know what the motion was.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that this was based on an ASUW resolution passed about a month ago. Chris Bruno has collected volunteers in order to replace incandescent bulbs with CFLs. Seattle City Light has already donated all of the replacement bulbs. This resolution is in support of that, and to commend those involved for taking this effort to make UW more environmentally friendly.

No speakers for debate, **Jake Faleschini** (President) called the question.  
Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

#### 7. Resolution 10.08-09

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) entertained a motion not to read the resolution.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) so moved.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) said that an old version was sent out, a clause needed to be taken out, and sponsors needed to be added.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the question.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

#### 8. SAGE Appropriation

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) and **Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) went to a conference for SAGE. The public ivies, some of the largest in the country, are going to be part of this organization. Most of the organizations will be going out and lobbying federally to set up this institution. This will be the first association of the public schools. He said that we need to start working on a federal level to get more funding for public institutions. It helps to have people in DC working hard, advocating representatives to get more money for public institutions. He said that we will be heading to DC at the end of the month.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that they will be arriving on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, do an orientation and a meet and brief with the federal relations office of the UW. They have meetings with all representatives for the State of Washington. He explained the budget estimate as of two weeks ago for hotel costs, air flight and additional expenses. They will be renting a full day of space for all ten universities to do their planning. The total budget is proposed at \$2000 for travel for he and Jake for the entire trip.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he is asking the senate to appropriate this from the general fund to the president's travel fund. The president's travel fund would subsidize Nick's travel. **Kris Anderson** (Art History) will be joining them because he will be in Philly for a conference, and he will stay at the hotel. The fund will pay for **Kris'** train ticket.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that the student regent has funding from the Board of Regents to join them.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) may come out if he has time, depending on when the current budget session from the State of Washington shows up.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the per diem does not reflect the federal rate, and it is more than that.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that it is a quarter of the per diem.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) brought up some F&B concerns with the airfare. She said that F&B thought that they could get cheaper airfare if they relaxed their time constrictions regarding bringing both Jake and Nick back in time for the senate meeting on April 29.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he would do a search for the cheapest airfare.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) said that he wanted to be mindful of the fact that every person counts in the senate. He said that he would pass it as it stands.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that we saved a little bit from the per diem.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he would make up the expenses and he was okay with that.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) brought up a parliamentary concern.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for a motion.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved to appropriate \$2000 from the general fund to the travel budget for the SAGE conference.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) seconded.

Motion passed with three abstentions, no objections.

### 13. Elections Announcements (Judicial Recommendations)

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to suspend the rules and have a judicial report on the bylaws.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions.

**Lloyd Nackley** (Forest Resources) objected, asking if they were going to wait for Trond.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that he was here. Objection removed.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) explained the concern, that any graduate student couldn't hold an appointment in addition to being an officer. They were asked to go over this in accordance with summer stuff. After a long discussion, Judicial felt that there was no conflict within the bylaws, which necessitated them to reword or restructure. In addition, Judicial felt that one of the claims brought forth was that the consequences of the statement now went against the vain or light in which it was written, which they felt was beyond their interpretation. There is no proposal for change in that text, but if this body was to propose, vote, and approve a change in that statement to allow officers to hold a GSSA for the summer, Judicial would stand by that.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for a motion to change the bylaws.

**Nick** decided to go over Judicial's second statement while the bylaws were being brought up. That was the review based on Elections. The second issue they reviewed briefly pertained to a change in the bylaws that JC made while he was chairman last year, and it was in regard to proxies for GPSS officers. There is a statement concerning proxies for committee meetings, and it was in direct conflict to legislation we just passed. JC corrected the statement to add as stated in Article 6, Section H, Clause 1A. He entertained a motion to instill and support those bylaws.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) moved to approve the suggested language on Article 6, Section H, Clause 1A.

**Moz Benado** (Nutritional Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed with two abstentions, no objections.

## 9. NFT Appropriation

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the appropriation was only supposed to be three minute, not thirtys. He said that he had already spoken to GPSS about the collaboration. NFT has asked us for a deposit that would normally be 50% of the overall cost, and would like it by April 15<sup>th</sup>. He negotiated that down to 33% because they're not doing that much work until we get all of the information into them. That work won't be done until June 1. We presented this to Exec, and Exec thought it was a good idea to go ahead with it. We would appropriate \$8334 from the General Fund for depositing money for the NFT Seattle UW edition. Jake said he doesn't know if this is fully going to go forward yet. If it doesn't go forward, it reverts back to the General Fund. Unless we have a solid business plan to offload all the books for the purchase price, he won't make a deposit.

**Moz Benado** (Nutritional Sciences) asked the cost of the books.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that they are \$10 each, and we are looking to print 2500 books.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) moved.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

#### **10. Special Allocations Appropriation**

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that he is asking for funding for special allocations, as we have gotten low. We've gotten low on both special allocations and department requests. The one-time requests would carry through to the end of the year to cover the applications we have right now. As of Friday, for special appropriations, we were down to \$346, and had an event canceled for an extra \$1000. The balance is at \$1346. For departmental allocations, we are at \$1870. He proposed that we transfer \$3000 from the general fund to special allocations and \$2000 to departmental allocations. That would bring the totals for special allocations to \$4346 and departmental allocations up to \$3870. If the money doesn't get completely used – special allocations will run out – he encouraged departments to apply for funding, as we may not have as much funding for next year.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) offered a point of clarification, explaining why the departmental allocations had gotten low. Tim transferred \$3000 from departmental allocations to special allocations to cover that.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moved to transfer \$3000 from the general fund to the special allocations and \$2000 from the general fund to the departmental allocations. .

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with one abstention.

#### **11. Tent City Presentation**

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) presented on Tent City. The Daily covered a forum held last night. She presented some facts about homelessness in King County. She said that there are nearly 8000 people homeless in King County. She said that Tent Cities are temporary solutions to homelessness in King County. Tent Cities 3 and 4 are in operation. These are legal, having agreements with the city and the county. Tent Cities are generally sponsored by churches, and Tent City 3 was previously sponsored by Seattle University. They cost about \$700/month for 100 people. It's an efficient way to spend money and help people out. SHARE/WHEEL is the organization that sponsors this and funds it. She said that GPSS would be looking at hosting Tent City 3, and as of June, they won't have a place to stay. This is a long-term problem. She said that she is currently part of an MPH class looking at UW being involved with tent cities. Tent City 3 has a consent decree with the city, allowing Tent City to encamp 30-90 days with the host. They have to rotate every 1-3 months. Tent City has residents on guard 24/7, and are really respectful of their hosts and make the neighborhood a better place. Crime in the areas the tent cities are at tends to stay the same or go down. Shannon would like to see

the UW host Tent City, maybe as something that would come once a year. She said that hosting Tent City would fit in with our UW vision statement. She said that they have support within the UW community, and have reps within the Law School, Public Health and Public Affairs. Tent City needs space, an electrical hookup and a faucet. They don't ask for a lot, just space. The costs are primarily in kind – land, and people to coordinate. Seattle University estimated about \$1000 for electricity and water during the duration of their stay, it would be a small drop in the UW budget. Seattle University could turn this around, and interacting with folks in Tent City changed a lot of minds. While Tent City was at Seattle University, the residents counted 5000 people that had contact with them, including classes and panels. They also had programs with law students and medical students, so they would get some real-world interaction. Seattle University's profile went up after hosting Tent City 3. She said that she will bring forth a resolution about this at the next meeting.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that there will be time for questions about the resolution when Shannon presents in April.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) asked for the timeframe.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that we're looking at June.

**Lesley Jantarasami** (Forest Resources) asked about the locations proposed.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that two parking lots near the Burke have been suggested. She said that the Tent Cities were on the tennis courts, and left one of the courts vacant for pick-up basketball and tennis games between students and tent city residents.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that this is a great learning opportunity for our campus. He said that they had Tent City in his neighborhood last year, and it was great.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) asked about the legal issues about hosting Tent City.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that she had analyzed the hosting decree. She said that Tent City can be hosted by a school. Nothing presents a problem once we have a location.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) said that the Tent City hosted at 45<sup>th</sup> didn't run into any problems.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) said that her church had a good experience hosting Tent City.

**Jacob Greenberg** (History) asked about checkpoints and security regulating moving in-between Tent City.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that the fence has to be a cloth border. She said that a lot of people came through during visiting hours posted by Seattle University. Seattle University didn't have any security or checkpoints. Tent City 3 does not allow anybody with serious criminal records. We are treating them with trust when they come onto campus. The residents were respectful of Seattle University's request not to use facilities without being asked.

**Rebecca Bartlein** (Global Health) said that Seattle University faced the time factor. Some administrator has to coordinate with the Tent City council. Someone has to be in charge of coordinating so boundaries aren't overstepped.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that they are working on similar resolutions in the Faculty Senate and in ASUW.

### 13. Elections (Continued)

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) mentioned that nominations for elections remain open.

### 12. Legislative Update

**Sarah Marsh** said that **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) was unable to be here this evening. **Dave** wrote a note saying that things are changing all the time in Olympia. The tuition increase is probably going to be about 14% increase for the next two years. The one thing that has not changed is that grad students are still in the dark! The primary care tuition waver bill will not make it out of the legislature this year. There will be work on it in the summer and fall.

**Sarah Marsh** said that for each bill she mentions she has the bill number and then a summary so if anyone wants this, to contact her. The Global Asia institute bill passed and will head to the governor's desk. The hate crimes bill was pulled to the floor on Monday and it passed the House today and is now on the governor's desk. The human rights center bill passed all committees and could be pulled to the house floor in the next week. Dave reported that things look good. The textbook bill passed all committees and can be pulled to the house. The financial aid bill passed all committees and can be pulled to the floor. Dave is unsure if the tuition authority bill is still in committee, but there are still ways that it can be passed although the deadline has passed.

### 14. Announcements

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he met with the provost today and the UW budget committee. The Provost has given Jake her word that even if they win the ability to set tuition here at the UW that tuition for grad students will not rise above 7% next year. He said that he has been advocating for that. It is in their interest because they have to pay most of our tuition anyway because of RA and TA waivers. Raising tuition above 7% doesn't generate any revenue. We're also at market rate, while the undergrads are not.

Professional increases will probably still be at 10%. It is possible that one or two of the professional schools could go above 10% next year. If that were to happen, it would likely be in the Medical School.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that Provost Wise is scheduled to be at the ASUW meeting. It will be a Town Hall for Provost Wise. It is on Tuesday at 5 PM in this room.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) had a question about budget cuts, and asked about TA and RA cuts. If we aren't TAs anymore, why wouldn't they raise our tuition?

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked for people to get involved on the budget cut task force. He said that we're sending out a survey to gather info from graduate and professional students to discuss how these cuts are affecting us. Jake has been arguing for tuition waivers for RAs and TAs who are losing their RA and TAs and are in their 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year. He is asking for tuition waivers for those PhD students so they can complete them. We have a miserably low PhD completion rate when compared with other schools. We are trying to generate more jobs with NIH grants. He is also working with financial aid to get better financial aid for graduate students who are losing their RA and TA positions.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the Committee on Crime Prevention on campus is being restarted by ASUW, and they are looking for a graduate student volunteer. They will meet weekly.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) said that the most the committee will meet is weekly.

**Doug McManaway** (GPSS Executive Assistant) said that the Student Regent application is due tomorrow at 11:59 PM, and nobody has uploaded theirs yet.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we have a few open committees still. Sarah will be sending out an email to senate regarding this.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) said that ASUW Board of Directors Election is going on, and applications are due this Friday if interested. They are also hiring at [jobs.asuw.org](http://jobs.asuw.org)

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) announced that Vermont was the first state in the US to legislatively approve same-sex marriage. It looks like there are another 4-6 states with legislation in their agenda in the next few months. If all of this legislation passes, the Northeast will be an enclave for same-sex marriage.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the pow-wow will be happening this weekend.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that Friday at 11, they're doing an honoring ceremony at the site location for the Longhouse of Knowledge.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we've had a lot on our plate this year because of the budget. He thanked all of us for coming to meetings and representing students. He said that we will be having an emergency meeting of the senate next Wednesday to discuss the budget.

15. Adjourn

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to adjourn.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Emergency Senate Meeting  
Wednesday April 15, 2009

Officers Present:

Jake Faleschini

Tim Huelet

Yutaka Jono

Staff Present:

Mara Hall

Jessica Spiegel

Quorum was not met so guest Richard Lum discussed the budget and tuition until quorum was met.

### **1. Call to Order**

**Jake Faleschini** called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) motioned to approve the agenda.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed

**Jake Faleschini** entertained a motion to reserve \$2,000 from the General Fund for buses to take students to Olympia if need be.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) so moved

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial Engineering) seconded.

Motion passed.

**Beth Curry** (Oceanography) asked Jake to elaborate on Rep. Frank Chopp

**Jake Faleschini** said Frank Chopp is the speaker of the house and represents the 43<sup>rd</sup> district. He said he has been very antagonistic towards UW this year. Jake said nothing goes through the house without Chopp's signature.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) said Chopp neglected to inform his district of how he was planning on dealing with revenue cuts. He said he was in disagreement with a lot of the administration on campus and that he had held very few meetings with people.

**Jake Faleschini** reminded the senate to remember that UW students are Chopp's constituents which means they are his largest block of voters.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) asked if there was any threat of President Emmert declaring a state of emergency which would then lead to faculty layoffs.

**Jake Faleschini** said the President could not lay off tenure-track faculty. He did say, however, that there is a piece of legislation that was going through the senate, which will potentially allow Emmert to be able to have that power. He wasn't sure if it would pass, but the conversation had started. Outside of the legislation the only way tenure-track faculty could be laid off would be if a state of emergency was declared.

#### **4. TASK FORCE**

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that GPSS had set up a Task Force, which she chairs. She said the task force had sent out surveys and has gotten just over 1,000 replies. She went over the preliminary findings of the survey.

Statistics:

They found there were additional concerns for international students since their loss of TA-ships could lead to their deportation.

She said that their funding is disproportionately coming from the state.

59% were in state

28% were out of state

9% are international

Responses:

They found that PhD students rely more heavily on TA ships and, because it takes longer to complete a PhD than a Master's degree, these students would be more likely to leave UW if they lost their funding.

Master's students would try to finish more quickly.

Professional students were most concerned with increased tuition because they are paying their own way unlike other departments which rely on funding from other sources.

Lindsay said that the survey asked if students were satisfied with the information they had been given and responses were mixed. Some students found they were getting bombarded with too much information, while others felt that they were not getting enough. She said a lot of students said they were happy with the information they were getting from ASUW and GPSS.

She said that the main concerns that students had were that most of the information that they were getting from the administration had been directed at in-state undergraduates.

They wanted to hear more about graduate tuition and position cuts.

Lindsay also went on to say students that had meetings with their departments seemed to be much more satisfied with the information they were getting, but she said only about 16% of the students who responded had had meetings within their departments.

Another concern students had was where to look for alternate funding sources. Lindsay said the committee was going to look into options and try and get that information out to students.

Lindsay asked the Senators to set up focus groups within their department to find out what their departments are saying. She wanted to know about what the departments are doing as a course of action, as in setting up meetings, plans of action after funding cuts etc.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial Engineering) said he thought it may be a good idea to compile a list of people students could contact for more information.

**Theresa Hastert** (Epidemiology) said she thought other sources of information would be good to look at as well. She suggested setting up something with links to go to.

**Jake Faleschini** said he would look into setting something up.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial Engineering) said a blog would be nice to have.

**Jake Faleschini** encouraged everyone to post information on the Senate's blog on the GPSS website.

**Yutaka Jono** suggested that the Senators also check the ASUW and OGR websites.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said there were flyers with the legislators' contact information by the door. She then asked if there was anything else the Senators wanted the Task Force to do.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that a page of relevant facts would be helpful to have.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said the survey was closing that night and after that the information would be compiled and made available to everyone.

**Ethan Lucas** (Marine Affairs) asked if they knew what sector the 1,000 cuts were coming from.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that those numbers are for everyone and that the Task Force was trying to figure out what percentage of that number was going to be TA and RA ships.

**Jake Faleschini** said that part of it will be positions that are currently not filled. He said they thought about 300-400 of the loss of positions would come from these unfilled jobs. He said the range he had heard for graduate students being cut was about 500-600.

**Theresa Hastert** (Epidemiology) asked how many graduate students there are.

**Jake Faleschini** said 13,000 but only 900 are employed by the University.

**Rene Singleton** said this whole dilemma will happen in stages. She said good activism is the first stage but she said everything will change to another stage within the next two

weeks. She wanted to make sure that Senators were going to their departments and differentiating the facts from the rumors. She suggested that the Senators look to their Executive Board for truthful information.

**Hugo Harrison** (Linguistics) said that he has talked to International students and faculty and everyone has been somewhat in the dark about everything, so he thanked GPSS for all of the information.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said the Task Force is very concerned about International students because they rely so heavily on state funds. She said how much can be done about it is unknown but they are looking into it.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) said he had been encouraging students in his department to apply for instate residency as soon as possible.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said they would send a link out to senators about informing their constituents on how to do this.

**Jake Faleschini** thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and told them to feel free to come to GPSS with questions or concerns.

## **5. Adjournment**

**Jake Faleschini** moved to adjourn.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) so moved

Jason Padvorac (ASUW) seconded

All were in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

**GPSS Meeting**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**No quorum as of 4:40 PM**

**Jake Faleschini** (President) welcomed people to the GPSS meeting. He decided to move to the first info item on the agenda.

**4. Hall Health Update**

**DC Dugdale**, director of Hall Health presented on the Hall Health renovation project. He acknowledged the GPSS representatives on the advisory committee. He said that he was asked to comment on a care-delivery model. He said that they have been planning a renovation for a while, and that they were asked by SAF to deliver a renovation plan. He showed a slide listing the goals of the plan – quality, access, and care. He said that they expect an increase in demand for services in the next decade. He said that the facility does serve non-students, and non-student revenue allows them to reduce the cost for students. He thought that renovating and expanding Hall Health was in the best interest for students, as they could bring in more revenue from non-students.

**DC Dugdale** (Director of Hall Health) explained the next steps for the renovation project. He said that ASUW passed a resolution supporting the project, and that SAF is scheduled to review it in May. The timeline for construction would be from May 2010 to August 2011. He declined to present on the details of the renovation due to time constraints.

**DC Dugdale** presented on care delivery at Hall Health, and things they could do better in a renovated facility. He wants to develop a Patient Centered Medical Home at Hall Health for UW students on a public health model. This would give students access to health services that they don't currently get. As this model would be applied at the UW, it would provide a universal healthcare system for UW students. He said that they want to offer certain basic things to all students. It would involve health promotion and disease prevention as well as state of the art care. This model would also use the electronic medical record with bi-directional access with students and the care team, and this would allow for measurement and improved results. They want to test the concept with the freshmen coming in this fall, and with a manageable number of entering graduate students, possibly from the Health Sciences group. He offered to answer questions about this or about the renovation.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked what was causing the expected rise in Hall Health demand.

**DC Dugdale** (Director of Hall Health) said that the plan to increase the number of dorms on campus would significantly increase Hall Health demand. He said that as the outside-of-campus health care system evolves, his belief is that it will be harder for students to get care in the community, and that they are more likely to turn to Hall Health. The trend in student health care is that there are more things to take care of. There will be more people around on campus with ongoing medical issues.

**Aaron Hayman** (JSIS – Middle East Studies) asked how the renovation time period would affect provided care.

**DC Dugdale** (Director of Hall Health) responded that they would operate throughout the renovation. Their goal is to preserve access for students during the renovation. They will probably need to restrict access to non-students for parts of the renovation.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) asked if the new facility would have a sick bay.

**DC Dugdale** (Director of Hall Health) said that the plan will not include an overnight stay area. Historically, Hall Health had that in the past. He said that virtually all universities have gotten rid of their overnight stay units because there isn't enough demand for it and it is a very expensive service to operate. He said that there are resources for that in the community.

**Brian Smoliak** (Atmospheric Sciences) asked for more details about the physical renovation.

**DC Dugdale** (Director of Hall Health) said that the outside of the building will not look very different. He said that this is a big contrast with the HUB and the ECC renovations. Most of the changes are internal and support a significant reorganization of the care.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) asked if the renovation would allow Hall Health to expand its operating hours.

**DC Dugdale** (Director of Hall Health) said that the plan as part of the renovation is to not significantly change the hours. Hall Health's hours are 8-5, although there are people in the building until 5:30 or 6. Although there is some demand for expanded hours, that demand is relatively modest. Student health centers that are open longer hours tend not to be next to a hospital. Right now, the program plan does not call for a significant expansion in hours. This is not part of the renovation plan.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that there will be a resolution on the renovations later in this meeting.

### **Quorum Reached at 4:50 PM.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to add Resolution 14.08-09 as item 8.5 to the agenda. This is the resolution about the SHIP Plus plan.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections

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

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

3. Approval of the minutes

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to approve the minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) moved to approve the minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) seconded.

Motion passed with one abstention and no objections.

5. Resolution 13.08-09

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced the resolution. He said that there are three major capital projects coming up – the HUB renovation, the Hall Health renovation and the ECC renovation. All of these have been in the works for many years. In his opinion, looking at the long-term infrastructure that we need for the student body, these are very wise investments and need to happen. Given the price of construction right now, this is the right time to be moving ahead with these projects. We are looking at a 20-25% reduction in construction costs. These investments would save money for the student body, and are wise investments for the student body.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to do away with reading the resolution.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) seconded.

Motion passed without any abstentions or objections.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to amend the resolution to add Eric Godfrey as one of the recipients.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) seconded.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) took this as a friendly amendment.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) asked if this resolution had Ana Mari's name on it or not.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that it does not currently.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) asked if the resolution was to show support for these projects.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that yes, it was. He said that these projects will not be paid for until the bonds are taken out.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) offered a point of information. This resolution will say that we support the project via SAF fees. But the next step is to send the resolution and the project to the SAF committee, and they will debate it. Then it goes to the regents.

**Theresa Hastert** (Public Health Epidemiology) asked if there was a sunset clause on the fees.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the student fees would last for as long as the length of the project's bonds, which is approximately 30 years.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to approve the resolution.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with one objection, three abstentions.

6. Bylaws (elections)

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) read the new language in the bylaws that would allow officers to hold GSSA appointments during summer quarter.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we're doing this because the current bylaw excludes people holding a GPSS office over the summer while having a teaching assistantship. He said that the argument against it would be to spread the wealth around campus. The argument in favor is that the original intent of excluding people from holding both at the same time was that it was too much during the school year to be a full-time student, hold a teaching assistantship and be an officer. The bylaw was meant to exclude people from doing all of it at the same time.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) moved to approve the new bylaws.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) seconded.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) objected in order to start debate.

**Theresa Hastert** (Public Health Epidemiology) said that it's not like the teaching assistantship could go to a different person, as it was unlikely that two officers would be up for the same teaching assistantship.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that if he had gotten a teaching assistantship, he would be a Music teaching assistant and the GPSS Secretary at the same time. This means that a Music student could not get that teaching assistantship.

**Theresa Hastert** (Public Health Epidemiology) asked if this was only for teaching assistantships. She said that her concern was that the current bylaw would preclude people from doing their research if they held appointments for multiple quarters.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) asked why we wouldn't take this up as an individual case, rather than as a change to the bylaws. He said that this would address the problem.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) offered a point of information. She said that the bylaws preclude someone from even running if they have a teaching assistantship lined up. She suggested that they ask the candidate these questions at the elections.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that we have set up a system for suspending the bylaws, and therefore amending them to allow someone to hold a teaching assistantship during the summer while holding a position was unnecessary.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that this could become subjective. The senate could just exclude a person from running for no real reason. We need to have a system in place that is clear and true to the original intent of why we enacted it.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) argued the opposite.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that the Judicial Committee had reviewed this change and didn't see it as a problem, and asked that the Election Committee review this and rule on it as well.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that this would apply only to the summer, when GPSS positions are only 10 hours per week. There is a decrease in the number of hours worked, and in the amount of work. He said that a summer change is very different from a yearlong change. He supports spreading the wealth for a yearlong position.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that the summer GPSS position is different than that from the rest of the year regarding the funding source. She also said that departmental teaching assistantships are not funded from the state during the summer, whereas a teaching assistantship and a GPSS officer position come from the same funding source during the year.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that he thought this was overkill, as we have a system in place that would allow the suspension of the bylaws and to review things case by case.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he thought there would be few circumstances where this would come up, and this summer would be one of them. He would rather have a wider field for potential officers, especially since a teaching assistantship during the

summer is twenty hours and the officer position is ten hours. You're not making that much money, and it's not a time conflict. He said that it doesn't seem like hoarding for him. Approving this bylaw would open up more people to run for an officer position than would otherwise. Some folks would be precluded from being officers for the entire year just because they wouldn't have funding over the summer if they don't work both the teaching assistant job and the 10 hours a week of the officer position.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if officers received a tuition waiver during the summer.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) responded that there is no summer tuition waiver for officers.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that if you took a GPSS position during the summer, you would not have a tuition waiver.

**Elef Kirkinis** (Applied Mathematics) asked what was the hourly rate for officers during the summer.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that it was \$19.79 an hour.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to exhaust the speakers list. No second.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) disagreed with Yutaka's earlier point. She said that people had been allowed to do the position from abroad over the summer, so why couldn't people serve as officers and summer teaching assistants at the same time?

**Elef Kirkinis** (Applied Mathematics) asked why officers weren't fully funded over the summer.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that there wasn't a need for them to work more than that.

**Elef Kirkinis** (Applied Mathematics) said that we could put in more summer money as a reward for service.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) asked Elef to clarify his question.

**Elef Kirkinis** (Applied Mathematics) asked why summer officers don't have tuition waivers plus full salary.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that many departments hardly offer graduate courses during the summer and most of the faculty goes on leave.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) offered a point of information, stating that the bylaws change would allow someone to be a teaching assistant over the summer and be an officer.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to close debate.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) seconded.

All in favor with no objections or abstentions.

**Jake's motion** carried with seven abstentions and no objections.

#### 7. Tent City Resolution

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that she spoke to this at the last meeting. She said that the resolution would support the UW taking a similar step to what Seattle University did and host Tent City on campus. The visits are 30-90 days, and the location has not been determined. We would have significant input from the community with regards to the location. Location is a prime issue. This would cost little to nothing to the university.

**Doug McIntyre** (Urban Design and Planning -- Masters) asked if there were any problems when Seattle University hosted it.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) responded that there were no problems. She said that Tent City actually provided added security for Seattle University. She said that they're getting emails from Seattle University graduates commending the experience.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) asked about programs going on this summer that would conflict with hosting Tent City. Are the kids using campus a concern?

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that the resolution doesn't bind us to a strict timeline. She said that they haven't looked at any specific programs on campus. She said that security hasn't been a problem.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked if she knew of any public universities that hosted this.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that no, there weren't any public universities that she knew of that had hosted Tent City. Seattle University was the first. All of the legal research indicates that there's nothing that would bar them from this.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) said that his concern that he pays a lot of money to use the campus, and he wouldn't want hosting Tent City to jeopardize any UW investments.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) asked him to clarify his concern.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) said that he was concerned that hosting Tent City would conflict with another public good for the university.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that all that Tent City would need would be a place, but that's it. She thought that there was enough land to meet everyone's needs.

**Russ Hugo** (Linguistics) asked about the increased general security issue. Was there any way to use this to boost security for them as well as for students? What kind of security are we talking about?

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) offered a point of information. He said that the recent crime hasn't been an increase from previous years. We're not seeing an increase from year to year.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) offered a point of information. He said that there's an underlying fear...

**Russ Hugo** (Linguistics) asked about risk for the Tent City residents – for being out in the open and being subject to crime and harassment.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that tent cities have a fenced enclosure and 24 hour security patrols.

**Doug McIntyre** (Urban Design and Planning) asked how much space they would need.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said that they would need half a football field.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) entertained a motion to suspend the reading and close debate.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) so moved.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) seconded.

Motion passed with one objection and four abstentions.

**Aaron Hayman** (JSIS – Middle East Studies) moved to pass the resolution.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed with one objection and five abstentions.

#### 8. Resolution 12.08-09

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that this resolution passed ASUW Senate last night with a slight amendment. She said that what drove Maggie to write the original resolution was the fallout with *The Daily*. Maggie wanted to see something positive come out of all of the negative. The minor change was that there was some concern about the actual date that the 25<sup>th</sup> of November might fall on, since it was so close to Thanksgiving. She amended the resolution to change the date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in November, in keeping with the resolution that passed ASUW. The idea was that a day would be set aside to

commemorate the Q Community and their allies. There would be programming set up to do so.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to adopt the resolution.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections and one abstention.

#### 8.5 SHIP Plus Resolution

**Matt Erickson** presented on the SHIP Plus plan. He did not go into the details of what the plan offers. He said that we're going to a two-tier plan to increase student options with regards to health insurance. He said that we're trying to market the new plan and the plan as it exists. He said that there have been improvements to the existing plan as well. He said that at registration, when you sign up for insurance, you have to do it before registering for classes. He said that we're trying to get the word out that there are options for insurance. He didn't want students to be ambushed with this. He said that they're nagging the administration and the insurer to produce all of the marketing materials. It would include both plans and the specifics in their entirety. He said that the insurance company is creating a nice brochure at no extra cost to us. He said that we should distribute the student brochure to our constituents. It's at the printer right now. He said that the resolution asked for our assistance marketing the plan.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) presented the resolution.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to approve the resolution.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with two abstentions and no objections.

#### 9. Climate Action Plan Presentation

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the UW ranked in the top ten of environmentally sound universities in the country. He said that this is a good way to attract students here. He said that the Climate Action Plan committee has been developing a set of policies for the university both academically and non-academically for our carbon footprint. He said that we would table this for a little bit until the presenter arrived.

#### 10. Legislative/Budget Update

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that there is a document giving his final wrap-up about the bills and the budget to get everyone on the same page. He said that the governor and the legislature are thinking about a special session. Once they open this up, they can do whatever they want for up to 30 days. On the last day, a bunch of policy bills were enacted to ensure that the operating budget would be used in the way they wanted to. It's questionable if they can use \$70-\$80 million in the operating budget without these bills being passed. None of the issues will be about higher education. He said that there were

14 issues on which we focused on the Legislative Agenda, and we have a 71% passing rate for these bills. He highlighted the tuition setting authority bill. He said that the bill was passed with a four-year sunset clause, financial aid reporting, and requiring that tuition increases over 7% be applied to instructional costs, and that decreases to instruction have to be less than administration and an audit of the four-year universities by the legislature. The governor would have to veto local control in its entirety to defeat all of these measures. The textbook bill passed, so we should be getting textbook info including ISBNs four weeks before class. Our tuition dollars are staying here. The Hate Crimes bill passed and was signed by the governor.

**Rene Singleton** (Student Activities Office) said that she thought Dave did a really good job.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that he appreciated Richard Lum.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that budget news has been difficult this week. He said that those of us who attended the budget cut emergency senate meeting – we have the basic information. Our fears were realized. Our cut was substantial – about 22% once you include the federal stimulus funds, 26% without it. He said that with undergraduate tuition increased to 14% over the next two years, it cuts our cuts to 11% for the next two years. He said that this would lead to 500 fewer TA positions for next year, and RA positions would probably be cut by a similar number. He said that there's not a full plan yet for how to mitigate these. He said that 90% of our budget is spent on people, and tenure-track positions are protected from being cut. He said that it will be difficult to figure out how to mitigate these.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) said that although the outcome has been grim, he wanted to extend his congratulations to the board working tirelessly on this matter throughout the year. He thanked Jake for his efforts throughout the year.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we all got the email about the Task Force survey. We are looking for senators to meet with their departments and report back about the survey. He said that we have 1100 responses from this survey, and we're picking out individual quotes and working with news sources to get those out there so people all over the state know what kind of cuts we're facing. He said that all of our senators and congress people on the hill know the cuts that grad students are facing this year and they are not happy about it.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that **Lindsay Morse's** (Classics) email was listed on the senator roster.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that, as the Bookstore Board of Trustee representative, we have to think about how we talk to professors and faculty about getting the book information to the bookstore. Right now, the legislation targets the bookstore, and it's the faculty who puts the book order in. We need to think about how we as a

group and how the undergrads send that message to faculty – that this bill only works if faculty put their order in 4-6 weeks ahead.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) seconded what Shawn said.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that this legislation gives the bookstore more authority vis-à-vis professors.

**Aaron Hayman** (JSIS – Middle East Studies) asked what grad tuition would look like.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the increases he's looked at show grad tuition at 7% over the next 3 years, and professional tuition at 10% over the next 3 years. He said that in President Emmert's last email, he said that they haven't made any decisions. That worries Jake, as in his conversations with the Provost, they haven't been talking like this. They have to make the decision by June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) asked when was the last time Jake talked with Emmert about tuition hikes and whether UW would go private.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said no.

## 9. Climate Action Plan

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced David Margason, Bruce Ballack and Ruth Johnston from Climate Action Plan

**David Margason** introduced a village island in Northern Alaska, Kivalina. They have done nothing to contribute to rising sea levels so it's unfortunate. What are they doing about this...they are suing Exxon mobile. Other communities have tried the same attempts but nothing has really gone anywhere.

**David Margason** said that our reliance on energy and cars is responsible for climate change. He said that we could get alternative energy to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. He said that the UW is leading the nation's climate change movement. He said that we are leading the movement using three different methods.

**Bruce Ballack** gave us a broad overview of the Climate Action Plan. He said that 600 US college presidents have signed a plan to lower emissions and increase student involvement in climate-related programs. He said that Ruth Johnston is running the whole climate action program, doing coordination and research. This involves 100 people. He said that the project is in its early phases at this point. He said that he is one of the co-leaders of the academic part of the Climate Action Plan. He said that the big piece is the administrative side, as administrators decide how they're going to spend the money. He said that academically, we need to prepare our students to deal with this problem after they leave here as well. The university is obliging itself to make curricular changes, research changes, and outreach changes to affect this. He explained that our

original atmosphere came from volcanoes, and that life has changed the primordial atmosphere. He gave examples of student groups who are very concerned about the environment and willing to become active. He said that it's impressive how many students are active on campus. He said that there are currently 500 courses at the UW related to environmental curriculum. He said that the curriculum committee is working on its final recommendations. He noted the centers and institutes working on this. He said that now that we have a College of the Environment, which will originally be science-focused. It will integrate many different departments. It will provide a home for faculty, grads, and undergrads interested in research on climate change. The research group has four main goals. He said that we need to connect the colleges and schools to one another. He said that Ruth will talk about some of the administrative policies taking place. He requested comments and input from us on this plan. He said that students at every level have been participating in these discussions.

**Ruth Johnston** said that President Emmert signed a climate commitment, and we have to work towards becoming climate neutral at some point in the future. We have to write this plan, get it done, and submit it by September 15<sup>th</sup>. They're doing the UW as a whole, as well as Bothell and Tacoma. It is a very large approach that is a plan to plan, largely because of the budget. We have to think about the incremental things to do in order to get there. She showed an illustration of most of the people who are working on this. She said that people from Bothell, Tacoma, and Seattle, faculty, staff, and students have been meeting regularly about this. She said that they're choosing the State of Washington targets, to be 15% below 2005 by 2020 and 35% below 2005 by 2035. We don't know how long it will take us to be climate neutral. Right now, the date is TBD. She explained the mitigation strategies for the university. We have to look at the energy supply and demand. There's a lot going on in each building that is demanding energy. She suggested that we could do more by having affordable housing close by. She discussed potential ways to fund the Climate Action Plan. She said that they are in Gerberding Hall. Their email address is [smhelp@u.washington.edu](mailto:smhelp@u.washington.edu)

#### 11. SAGE Update

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that SAGE was the organization we pulled together of the Top 10 public universities in the country to meet with officials in Washington DC. He said that the meetings in DC went well, and they've asked us to host next year. He said that we'd be sending out further invitations, and this would be part of our Summit next fall. He said that people with questions should reach out to him on that.

#### 12. Announcements

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that the Spring Social will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>. He said that we will be asking for volunteers to help out throughout the event. He asked people to respond to the email he would be sending out tomorrow. He said that we don't have any more Special Allocations funds left, but we do have departmental funds left. The funding cutoff will most likely be coming soon. He said that we should get funding requests in as quick as we can.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) said that she finished the layout for the NFT Seattle UW edition, so the project will happen.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the candidate statements and resumes for electoral positions should be sent to [gpsweb@u.washington.edu](mailto:gpsweb@u.washington.edu)

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that ASUW elections are May 11, 12, and 13. There is a ballot measure on there related to lobbying funds. There are two ballot measures on there. It would give the right for voluntary student fees to be used for lobbying purposes. We've signed a petition, there's something on the ballot, and now we're having a vote.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) offered a point of information. He said that WSL and WashPirg are not in competition for funding.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) encouraged us to vote in the ASUW elections. He said that one of the board members will represent undergrads in GPSS.

13. Adjourn

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) so moved.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

## **GPSS Senate Meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### 1. Call to Order

**Jake Faleschini** (President) explained how the elections meeting will work. He explained why there are things on the agenda other than the elections. He called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) moved to approve the agenda.  
**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

### 3. Minutes

**Brad Osborn** (Music) moved to approve the minutes.  
**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

### 4. GPSS 2009-10 Officer Elections

**Jake Faleschini** (President) turned the chairmanship of the meeting over to **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President).

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) clarified how elections will work. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) will describe the elections process. **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) will assist him as parliamentarian.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) explained the elections procedure. He said that ballots will first be handed out to everyone here. He said that they will work through the positions in this order – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. He explained that candidates will have five minutes to speak and five minutes for questioning. Candidates will be questioned in a group, so if there are three candidates in the group, there will be fifteen minutes for questioning. The senators can mark ballots at any time. Ballot counting will take about half an hour.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) recommended that all current officers and candidates not sit at the table where people will be speaking. Current officers and candidates moved away from the table in the front of the room.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) and **Mark Frymoyer** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) handed out ballot papers.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) introduced **Jake Faleschini** (President) as a candidate for president. He asked if anyone else wanted to run from the floor.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that all ballots will be verified by comparing the signature on the ballot with a list of current senators. He said that proxies are not allowed at this meeting.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) verified that no one else wanted to run for president from the floor at this time.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced himself. He said that it has been a really tough year. We have been required to provide a level of service that we haven't been asked to provide in past years. He pointed out our accomplishments this year. Jake said that things will likely not let up next year. We do not know if we will have more temporary money for teaching assistantships and whether or not that will be filled in next year. He said that the senate needs someone with his knowledge and passion. He would like to keep alive the spirit of public service within the senate. He said that his specific proposals are outlined in his statement of purpose. He thanked the senate for its support and said he hoped to serve the senate again next year.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone else wanted to declare themselves for president. As nobody responded in the affirmative, **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) declared nominations for president closed, and invited **Jake Faleschini** (President) to take questions.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that this year was the first year in which the senate had a difficult time achieving quorum at the beginning of each meeting. He asked how Jake wished to mitigate the lack of quorum and the length of the meetings.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that this was not the first year in which quorum was difficult to achieve and maintain. He said that last year there were meetings where quorum was difficult to achieve. He said that he wasn't sure why we've had difficulty maintaining quorum, except that people have been asked to take on a lot this year. He said that we have managed to have quorum at every meeting, and have more committees filled than in the past. He said that next year, we need to communicate better with the senate, and that this is the job of the secretary.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) asked what projects Jake wanted to do next year.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the health web portal will be a project for next year. He wants to put all of the information about mental health and physical health in one place on the web. We will have a lot of work to do on the Guide to Life, and this year's project was only the beginning of the work we have to do on this.

**Adrien Renaud** (Urban Design and Planning – Masters) asked about incentivizing meetings to get people to show up. He suggested funding or ranking of the senator as an incentive.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that was an interesting idea that the Executive Committee would have to take up and that would have to be approved by the senate. He said that meetings have been long this year, but it has been an exceptionally difficult year. He said that he would work on creating more efficient meetings next year.

**Anna Batie** (Jackson School – REECAS) asked Jake what he would like to improve on next year.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that his relationship with the administration has been strained because of the budget, and he would like to improve it next year. He said that he doesn't want the administration to think of GPSS as a hostile organization. He also said that he wants to improve our relationships with ASUW, and that we should be reaching out to them more. He wants to run efficient, smooth meetings next year as well.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone would like to run for Vice President from the floor at this time. As there were no responses, he invited Richard Lum to come and speak.

**Richard Lum** introduced himself. He gave his background – he worked in the federal government and in nonprofit groups. Student representation on committees is an important aspect of the Vice President's role to ensure that a student voice is heard, especially with an issue like creating an account for faculty to donate part of their compensation to fund teaching assistantships. He said that, as student body president of his college, he sat on many committees, including the Board of Trustees. He said that the Vice President also needs to manage resources and staff. He managed a staff of three in Seattle and in Olympia. He mentioned the SAGE conference, and that possibly combining that with the GPSS summit will take a lot of advanced planning to exercise fiscal restraint and make it an effective tool for graduate students. He managed several conferences while working for the Brookings Institution. He mentioned that they brought legislators to campus to speak to students this year. These meetings had high turnout on campus, as well as a significant impact. He highlighted the importance placed on tuition and childcare in the legislative agenda, and said that while we won't have the opportunity to change the current tuition authorization, we will be able to advocate for funding for graduate and professional students. He said it was important for GPSS to look at non-fiscal policy issues in its legislative agenda. He suggested that we could advocate that slots that already exist could be offered to graduate and professional students. He discussed some of the bills that would be likely presented early in the next session. These include the financial aid bills and the creation of a policy group on tuition policy, and he started discussing why students opposed that bill.

**Sarah Reyneveld** introduced herself. She mentioned that this year has been challenging for graduate and professional students due to cuts to the operational budget. She has been active in the budget debates, and explained that the Provost has given a one-time \$10 million allocation. She gave three reasons to re-elect her as Vice President – experience, credibility with legislators, and credibility within the UW committee. Her experience will allow her to hit the ground running with the position. She said that lobbying depends on

relationships in Olympia. She knows how to work the legislative process, and has built credibility with legislators and staff over the past five legislative sessions. She mentioned who she had worked with in Olympia last year. She said that the GPSS lobbyist will have to ensure that our interests are represented in the tuition debate. She mentioned that the legislature did not establish a cap on graduate and professional tuition. She explained that the high tuition high aid model is not a good one for tuition policy. She said that she supported the creation of an advisory board on tuition policy. As past Vice President, she was very active on campus. She had a very high committee success rate. She worked with the Vice Provost for Student Life on campus issues. She led the committee that created SHIP Plus. She worked with the past GPSS president to provide free mental health care to students on campus. She summarized the issues that she will support next year. She said that she is a collaborator, and will work to establish a strong legislative agenda next year. She wants to get more senators involved in lobby day.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone wanted to run from the floor at this time. As there were no responses, he declared nominations for Vice President closed.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said that Sarah and Richard took different positions on a tuition board, and asked them to clarify their positions.

**Richard Lum** said that students opposed the final version of the bill, which included the independent colleges of Washington. The independent colleges have an interest in a high-tuition high-aid model. He said that the high tuition model has a sticker shock effect, and consequences for minority enrollment. He said that the committee's findings would have come out at the time they set tuition.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that she sees the value in an education study that would look critically at the issues. She agreed with Richard, that she would have to make sure there was no high-tuition high-aid language in the bill before supporting for it. She had researched this issue while working for Governor Gregoire. She said that, in general, education studies can be productive venues.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) pointed out that both candidates had a lot of experience. He asked each candidate to speak to an issue on their radar that we don't know about that would affect graduate and professional students.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that she had partially written the childcare legislation. She said that she has a leg up on this type of bill, or on any bill dealing with mental health. She said that she has worked on these issues for the past two years. She understands tuition policy in depth, and felt she could bring that in depth knowledge to the table.

**Richard Lum** said that after this year's budget examination process and having been in Olympia for all of the discussions about what goes into the budget, he thought that his expertise would be on what was appropriated for this year. He wants to have creative discussions about taking what we already have and legislating on issues that don't have

fiscal impact. He knows why certain issues ended up in the budget and why some were eliminated. He said that he could bring this knowledge to the table.

**Richard Nobles** (Psychology) explained that Sarah had served in a short session, while Richard had been involved this year. He asked how these would affect their terms and how they would approach the vice presidential position.

**Richard Lum** said that the bills that didn't pass and went back to committee will likely be the first heard. He said that he knows where the bills are and why they are there, and which ones are important to delay or to get amendments to make them more student-friendly. This would expedite the process on bills.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that she served in a short session last year, and understands how important it is to wear the legislative hat and work on initiatives here at home. She said that the Vice President will have to devote a lot of efforts to student initiatives here on campus. Having served on the budget cuts task force, she said she has a leg up on budgetary issues. She said that she is ready to hit the ground running on this, as well as on RA/TA cuts. She said that she has connections with Senator Kilmer and others, and has already formed opinions on key legislative issues. She said she has served in a short session and would bring this experience to the table.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) asked the two candidates to explain their relationships with the folks who represent our campus.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that Speaker Chopp has not always been a friend to the UW. She said that, if elected, she will try to make a substantive connection with his office to make sure he understands the budget process and where we are coming from to make sure the stigma dissipates. She said that she has good relations with Senator Murray, and had worked with him on several issues in Olympia. She said that we have not been making enough inroads to making connections with the 43<sup>rd</sup> district. They should be stronger advocates of the university.

**Richard Lum** said that he had had several good meetings with all three representatives of the 43<sup>rd</sup>. While Speaker Chopp has a spotted history with the administration, that history has more to do with the Board of Regents and the president of the UW. Both Speaker Chopp and Representative Pedersen have said that this has been a very educational year about education and financial aid for them in general. He had regular meetings with Senator Murray, and he helped kill a couple of bills in the senate that were bad for students. He brought students down for lobbying efforts and met with all three of them.

**Andrew Everett** asked that, given the Vice President's job description, which line item is each candidate's biggest weakness and how will they address that.

**Richard Lum** said that the GPSS summit would be his greatest weakness, as he did not actually plan the Summit. This would be the institutional knowledge item he would work the hardest on. He knows least about this mechanism.

**Sarah Reyneveld** agreed. She said that she was used to working on the Summit in another budget climate in which we have gotten more support. It will be an adjustment for her to come in and not be able to get as much funding. She said that would be challenging, as she was working in a different kind of budget climate last year.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone would like to run for secretary from the floor. As there were no responses, he invited Raghav Mohindru to come and speak.

**Raghav Mohindru** took the opportunity to thank the officers for their efforts. He introduced himself and said that he was running for the secretary position. His understanding is that the secretary works hard to communicate with others about the position and represent GPSS in different organizations. He said that he felt he was a good fit for this position because he has performed similar roles in other organizations. He said that he has been involved in funding meetings with the dean of the university and different professors. He has worked with different student departmental organizations and created events like Educational Week to create awareness of different subjects for students. He had served as the president of International Employees at GE while working there. In that position, he organized cultural events to help international employees be more productive while there. He said that he is helping the marketing club develop a website for the purposes of accessibility. He said that he maintains the membership and email list for the marketing club. He felt that he would be a good fit because he understands and respects diversity, having worked in different countries, and felt that he would enhance GPSS' diversity efforts as a whole. He would enhance the transparency of decisions made by GPSS for graduate students. He said that some students don't know about how GPSS functions and are not involved. He will promote more information sessions between graduate students and GPSS, so graduate students can know what GPSS is doing for them. He said that, given the opportunity, he would want to work for this university and GPSS as the secretary.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) introduced herself. She said that she is currently a doctoral candidate in the Classics department. Over the past year, she has worked pretty tirelessly on behalf of graduate and professional students at the UW. She started out as an Executive Senator, and has been able to work with all the officers. She also has represented both the graduate and professional student voice on the Student Tech Fee Committee and on the ASUW Student Senate. She is also a member of the CHORUSS steering committee. She said that she has gotten to know some ASUW senators well, and knows members of the future Board of Directors. She has worked closely with them on certain pieces of legislation. She met with senators from ASUW to make decisions with them when *The Daily* debacle was occurring. She has attended several meetings of the ASUW Steering Committee, and the Board. She proxied for the current secretary at a Course Fee meeting. Next year, she would like to improve the relationship with ASUW,

and felt she was in a good position to do that. We could do that through joint legislation. She said that she chairs the Budget Cuts Task Force. She understands the issues that we are facing now, and the ones we will be facing in the future. She is in a good position to advise future officers on these issues. She is the only graduate student voice for students on the Budget Impact Subcommittee of the Graduate School. She has attended forums with both President Emmert and Provost Wise to ask questions about the budget. She has already reached out to members of the media to discuss how budget cuts will affect graduate and professional students. She has worked with the current GPSS president on a presentation he will give to the Board of Regents tomorrow about budget cuts to graduate students. She explained her experience with diversity outreach. Next year, she wants the relationship with ASUW to be more cohesive, reach out to the media, update the website in a few ways, and work on the Facebook group. She also wants to institute a GPSS newsletter.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) introduced himself. Brad discussed the secretary's responsibilities as per the bylaws. He explained that the secretary is responsible for all publications. In his past four years as a scholar, he has had a good track record with publications. He said that he has been employed several times as a professional writer. He explained that he recently served us directly as a co-author on the Guide to Life. He said that he has worked closely with the current publications assistant on this project. He talked about office management next. He said that he manages an office right now. He said that he is looking forward to working in a more collaborative office. He discussed community outreach. He said that he will work to strengthen ties with ASUW. If elected Secretary, he said that he would not solve our budget crisis alone. He will help facilitate subcommittees and committees to do work. He wants to bring the deliberations of these committees to the Senate floor. From 2006 to 2008, he facilitated biweekly meetings using parliamentary process. He said that he noticed that ASUW kept a rigorous speakers list to make it a more egalitarian process. If elected, he will extend an open door policy to senators, and invited senators to hang out in the office and see how things are run if elected.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone would like to run for secretary. Hearing no responses, he closed nominations and invited all three candidates to answer questions.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked each candidate to speak to one or more specifics as to how they would use their role in community relations to advance the role of GPSS.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that, using the experience he has had working with faculty on the advisory committee, it would be nice to have an interface with the faculty and the undergraduates. He said that we don't have as much communication with people who make decisions.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that he wasn't sure about how Yutaka did this. Through his experience, he felt that there was a lack of communication between student senators and

graduate students. He wanted to organize more information sessions for the purposes of increasing communication.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) explained that she has already reached out to *The Daily* and members of the media. She said that there are a couple of articles about graduate students in *The Daily* today. She said that she would like to see more written about graduate students in *The Daily*, especially since we and undergraduates face different issues. She would like to start up a newsletter with GPSS to get our issues across, including officer reports.

**Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) mentioned that the Secretary sits on the Board of Directors. She wanted to know what each candidate would bring to the position of board member, representing the entire student population.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that he would enhance diversity efforts by organizing events that would cater to the needs of international students. He suggested increasing English language courses. He would like to enhance diversity efforts so people can work better and stay in the US.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that she has a lot of experience working with ASUW. She'd like to continue working closely with them. This past year, she went to Lobby Day twice, and most of the people who went were undergraduates. She was lobbying on behalf of both undergrads and grads when she went to Olympia. She would like to see a closer relationship between ASUW and GPSS. She would like to see more joint events.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) explained that both he and **Phuong Nguyen** (ASUW) sit on the faculty council on student affairs. The deliberations there tend to be focused on undergraduate interests. He's noticed that there aren't as many research opportunities for undergrads as there are for grads. He would like to get more opportunities for undergraduate research and give more incentives for undergrads to do this.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) said that part of the job as secretary would be to promote parliamentary procedure. He asked each candidate to discuss how they would use parliamentary procedure, and be an organized person in running senate meetings and in handling the orders of meetings in the Executive Committee and in other meetings.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that she has been on many committees this year, at both the ASUW and GPSS level. She has experienced parliamentary procedure in all of these committees. She has experience running meetings at a high level. She pointed out her experience with committees.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that his experience as a president of a housing cooperative allowed him to act as a facilitator. He said that we have to know when to stifle discussions and time them. If elected, he would like to be sharp with parliamentary procedure itself.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that he has not been aware how meetings work in GPSS. He said that he is aware of how to conduct meetings and create consensus for students. He said that if the issues are more related to graduate students' future, he cannot allow conflict to go on. Generating consensus is a must in the secretary position. Decisions should be made within the allotted time in meetings.

**Brian Lee** (Urban Planning and Design PhD) said that he has noticed that the members of the senate have come from certain professions, and explained that the job of the officers would be to communicate with the student body. He asked how each person would reach out to specific disciplines.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) said that the question does not have an easy answer. He said that he enjoys going to conferences. He said that going to conferences would allow him to get an idea of the issues students are facing. As Secretary, making sure senators are distributing emails would be important. He said that right now, there is a one-way communication between the Senate and the student body. He said that he would have a suggestion box.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that he felt like the communication between Secretary and departments is of prime importance. The Senate body should be the one to decide how to incentivize meetings. He has attended a few GPSS meetings and has noticed that many people show up. He said that these meetings can be run in a way for people to take interest. He would like people to be more aware of what was happening in GPSS and how these decisions would affect their lives. He would like to address the communication gap between the senators and the students by incentivizing the structure, and it would be the role of the Secretary to do this.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that, on the GPSS Budget Cuts Task Force, they sent out a survey and got just over 1100 responses. These were from students from different departments. They made sure to look at each department and responses from each department. She knows how science students have different concerns, especially with the budget cuts. What they found in that survey is that students are concerned about competitiveness, changes in the atmosphere in departments, and things like that. She knows how different departments have different concerns.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked about increasing participation from sitting senators. He noted the lack in certain departments of senate representation, and asked how they would increase department participation.

**Raghav Mohindru** said that this was a really good question. He said that awareness of GPSS decisions was very important. He felt that some departments were not participating because they don't know how important the decisions we make are. Organizing more informational sessions was something he wanted to do. He said that people are not aware of how GPSS can fund departments.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) would like to work with different departments' orientations to make GPSS more known on campus. She comes from a small department which typically has only one Senator. She said that no one has talked to her department at orientation about GPSS. At the beginning of the year we could get more interest in GPSS this way.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) noted the article in *The Daily* about ASUW and the lack of interest in their proceedings. He thought that this was a way to link up with ASUW. He said that a senator from Middle Eastern Studies asked about representation. He said that he would like each department to hold an election for the position of Senator. He thought that offering a small stipend to encourage representation might be the way to go.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) asked if we have to maintain quorum through elections. Aaron called quorum, because anyone who wants to run for treasurer would lose access to that position if quorum was not maintained.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he wasn't sure if this was anything but informational.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the quorum number was 36.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) and **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) counted valid present Senators and proxies and ultimately those present counted off and 35 Senators or proxies were present. He said that a quorum count implies that the meeting ends and that there can't be any more action items – only informational items can happen.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked everyone to stay in the room.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) called a point of privilege. He moved to recess for two minutes.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that this was against parliamentary procedure. He said that we're supposed to adjourn immediately. He said that we're supposed to adjourn with announcements.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that **Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) needed to keep the meeting going.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said his understanding of parliamentary procedure is that meetings without quorum can proceed only with information items. He called for the next informational item to proceed while he consulted with **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) and relevant parties on the parliamentary question at hand.

## 5. CHORUSS Presentation

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that the University of Washington has been given the opportunity to participate in a pilot program with CHORUSS. Students would be asked to pay a fee to CHORUSS, which would keep UW students from getting sued for illegally downloading music. STF has set aside 200,000 for the project, and they want to get opinions about it.

**Sanjay Hari** (Biomolecular Structure and Design) said that the program was blackmail.

**Andrew Everett** pointed out that university resources are still being used for illicitly downloaded music.

**Jake Vander Plas** (Astronomy) said that he knew that many students would not like the idea of network monitoring software on all the computers.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that she met personally with one of the CHORUSS representatives, and that they were insistent on the fact that no identifying information would be tied to this. She said that CHORUSS is collecting fees that would be distributed to the major labels. They need to find out what's being downloaded to distribute that money. She said that the UW has been receiving threatening letters about illegal downloading. She said that the CHORUSS representative doesn't care how it's done.

**Jamie Andrus** (GPSS Resource Assistant) made an announcement. She said that the quorum number we were using is incorrect, and that the number we need is 35, not 36, so we are still in session.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) suggested that we move back to the action items on the agenda and then proceed with the election.

Back to item 4. Elections.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that we will continue with the election of treasurer. He asked if anyone would like to run from the floor at this time.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) nominated himself to run from the floor.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) introduced himself, explaining that he had been in the position for 8 months. He is close to finishing a complete budget cycle for the organization. He has been working on running efficient meetings and having an open and efficient budget process are things. He likes to get things done. He said that those of us who have been involved with GPSS know that our budget meetings have taken quite a bit of time. He was able to cut down the amount of time for the budget meeting. He was able to get feedback from officers, F&B, and the Executive Committee on the budget. Currently, as a member of the SAF committee, we are looking at our SAF allocations. GPSS will be finding out soon how much money the organization will have. He expects that the budget he created will be an accurate budget and will be awarded to us. He said that he will continue to provide the programming that we have enjoyed, and will make Speed Dating

a February tradition. He said that he will take event feedback into consideration and improve the events that we have had. This next year, he plans on fighting to keep funding for GPSS at its current level, and hopes to increase it despite the troubled economic times we are in. He helped the officers come up with sacrifices they could make in their own budget. He will work with them to do the same thing for next year. As chair of the Finance and Budget Committee, he has noticed that the makeup of the senate has changed. He is currently working on policies that will address the issue of the new program representation that is coming through in senate to allow for the appropriate level of funding for each program and department. He said that he is working towards a career in public budget and finance. He has a vested interest in continuing to do a good job for GPSS.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) introduced himself. He apologized for the quorum call. He thanked the officers for their diligent work in a hard year. He has been part of GPSS since 2007, and was unable to serve in his senatorial role last quarter due to a course conflict. He is presently serving as one of the NASAA co-presidents. He is also part of a group helping to form an association of Anthropology graduate students. He said that Anthropology is facing considerable budget cuts. His information was not allowed up on the website for two weeks. He discussed his involvement on other committees. He said that he helped organize the TA union at Michigan State during his three years there. He is presently cross-affiliated with GO-MAP and the other minority groups on campus. He said that the meetings had to go longer this year because of the issues we have been dealing with. We can do better things to increase our publicity. He said that he served on the Executive Committee last summer. He is familiar with the GPSS role as an organization. He said that his idea is diversity through inclusion but not exclusion. He has been a project manager for budgets in excess of \$1 million. He said that he can get caught up to speed over the course of the summer with what Tim has done. He has done considerable work in the public, private, and federal sectors. He said that he thought that GPSS is critical for graduate and professional students at the university. He thought that we could unite on budget cuts and go after issues of funding to bring about greater participation in GPSS.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if anyone else wanted to run from the floor. Hearing no, he declared nominations closed.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) said that normally people don't run from the floor for GPSS officer positions. He asked why Aaron ran from the floor instead of going through the typical nomination process.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) said that, due to a Winter Quarter schedule conflict, he couldn't attend GPSS meetings. Ben Hanowell became his proxy for the Anthropology seat. He tried to stay up to date as to what was going on. The second problem came from the fact that the department secretary went on vacation for two weeks during the time that the budget information started coming down the pipeline. During this time, they were transferring the seat from Ben to Aaron, so he was delayed a meeting due to that problem.

Since nominations from the floor are still part of the process, he wanted to give it a chance.

**Beth Curry** (Oceanography) said that this year on the Finance and Budget committee, we have had a hard time with allocations. She asked what roles each candidate would take to drive graduate students to come forward and ask for funding.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that one solution would be within the funding policies that already exist. The committee can take attendance into consideration when making its decision. This past year, the committee has not done that. He said that we could take this into consideration next year. He said that we haven't considered this traditionally, but since we have been speaking about incentivizing senate meetings, this would be a reasonable way to incentivize the meetings.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) said that if senators have missed meetings, the seat becomes null and void. He said that we already have a policing action. He said that this would be something for the Executive Committee to brainstorm. We need to increase active participation in GPSS. When we have the first social, this would be a good time to make face-to-face interactions. Going to and having GPSS senators represent GPSS to departments and programs will help the cross-fertilization of ideas happen. He said that people are burned out right now.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) said that he sat on the Finance and Budget Committee this last year, and we have had debates about what we should and should not fund. There are guidelines for what we should fund, and we are going to review our mission statement. He asked Tim and Aaron to discuss the mission statement for what we should fund and what that would be like.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) said that he thought that the \$350 the departments should apply for was first come first served. He said that we may want to change the funding structure. Ideally, he would like to see things funded that would help graduate and professional students connect with each other and across departments. These will make us stronger. The bigger your network is, the bigger your chances are of being able to move forward. He suggested making a sliding scale for funding.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that things like toasters and espresso machines are nice to have in student lounges. He said that some priority should be given to things other than the usual toasters that we get requests for. He said we had our last funding meeting this past week, with over \$1000 left in departmental funds. There are rules in place to have consistency. What should be funded first are things that can create unity within the department that the department can't provide.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked us to complete our ballots. He identified the witnesses so everyone knew who they were. He read the regulations regarding elections challenges.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that we're moving on to information items, and made clear that the announcement of election results would be an informational item.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that we no longer need quorum, and people can either stay or go home.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to adjourn.

**Brad Osborn** (Music) seconded.

Motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Meeting officially adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Informational items continued without quorum.

#### 8. SAGE Presentation

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that he went to the hill and spoke with a lot of people.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said he would keep this brief. He said that he and **Kris Anderson** (Art History) and **Jake Faleschini** (President) went to DC a couple of weeks ago to meet with SAGE. As a group, SAGE met with over fifty congressional legislators. They got a lot of traction on some issues, more than they thought they'd be able to, at least in the first year. He said he'd give a more detailed report on this at some point. The other news to report is that the members of SAGE voted for the UW to host the fall meeting next year. We'll have an opportunity to showcase our institution to top schools across the country.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said he spoke with the Provost earlier today about this. They would split the cost with GPSS. If we could donate \$10,000 from the General Budget, we'd get \$10,000 from the Provost, and if we threw in money from the Graduate School for the summit, we'd get \$25,000.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said that the next administration would be putting together a task force on this. Nick said that as far as SAGE is concerned, if people have questions, contact him. He said he'd provide more info as it becomes available.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked if the SAGE committee was different from the Task Force.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said this would be something for the Executive Committee to pick up over the summer. SAGE is not the most efficient mechanism. This needs to be a committee that can meet on a short-notice basis.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) presented on the Guide to Life. A display of Guide content was shown. The Guide to Life will consist of 44 pages in the front of NFT Seattle. **Rene Singleton** (Student Life) is working on the contract. Last year, we sold 476 copies of the Guide to Life, and Anna wanted to sell at least 500 copies to the

departments. It will be marketed to students through departments. She mentioned that she wanted senator help in marketing to departments. She thanked the committee and GPSS for supporting the project. She asked for questions and comments

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked for a page count.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) replied 44 pages.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) asked when a mock up will be available.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) replied that she has our section and an NFT Seattle guide if anyone wants to see it. She was not sure when a mock up would be available.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) asked if there will be a coupon section for students

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) replied that there won't be this year, but it can be an idea for next year. It could conflict with the Survival Guide. She gave a timeline highlighting how quickly this had to be put together. Other questions can be e-mailed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said Anna deserves a lot of credit.

#### 9. SHIP Plus Presentation

**Ching-Ping Lin** said that she has a stack of printed brochures for us to bring back to our departments about SHIP Plus. She wants to target Law, Medicine, and other professional schools to let them know that we do have another plan. She encouraged us to pick up a stack.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that Ping and Matt Erickson have done a great job representing us on this committee.

#### 9. Announcements

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked us all to vote in the ASUW elections. It will end tonight at 11:59.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that at the end of the ballot is the predictable tuition measure. He encouraged us to vote yes.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) said that a week from Friday is the opening of the MFA show at the Henry. He suggested that we see what the School of Art is turning out.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that FIUTS' Global Gala will be on the South Campus Center this Friday. He suggested that we check the Facebook group for more info.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said there will not be a special session of the legislature. There have been two bills signed by the governor – the Human Rights Center

and the Global Asia Institute. They were signed on Monday. The governor has until next Tuesday to sign bills, and she has not signed the breaking tuition cap bill and the tuition setting authority bill. He thought that they haven't been signed yet because there are parts of the bill that may not be to the governor's liking. She can veto sections of the bill, but not line-items. He said that the part that can be cut is the legislative audit of Higher Education.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that the Board of Regents is meeting tomorrow. The Office of Planning and Budgeting and the Provost's office are presenting the budget for regent consideration. There will be presentations from ex-officio representatives, of which he is one. He said that his presentation will be around 11:50 or noon. The budget being presented has graduate student tuition being increased by 7%, and professional student tuition by 10%. A couple of schools will be moved from Tier 1 to Tier 3, increasing tuition by \$1000.

#### 10. Election Results Announcements

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) announced the election results.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) won the President position.

**Sarah Reyneveld** won the Vice President position in a close race.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) won the Secretary position.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) won the Treasurer position.

**GPSS Meeting**  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) explained that he will not call the meeting to order until quorum is reached, and that he will start with informational items. The meeting will begin with Item 8 on the agenda.

8. 2009-10 Brainstorming

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) opened this up to the floor. He asked senators to discuss what they think are the priorities for next year. He asked: on what should GPSS prioritize its energy and funds?

**Kate Deibel** (Student Disability Commission) thought that we should focus on training for teaching assistants, since there will be fewer teaching assistants for larger classes. Providing more support for teaching assistants will be a growing concern.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that the TA/RA contract will be renegotiated next year. Given the climate of larger classrooms and fewer TAs, overworking TAs will be an issue.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) suggested that the RA/TA union contract be on the GPSS radar.

**Stefan Kamola** (History) suggested that we get in touch with the union early.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) suggested having a union member come and present about the union. Their leadership should talk with our leadership over the summer. Dave thought it would be a good idea to have the union talk to the full senate as well.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked what was going on with CIDR closing. Will something be replacing it? He said an email was sent around discussing the CIDR closing this afternoon.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) announced that the meeting had achieved quorum.

1. Call to Order

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) called the meeting to order at 4:40. He said that the senate would come back to brainstorming.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) entertained a motion to table item 5 because we don't have the award and we didn't invite the department.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) moved and **Kris Anderson** (Art History) seconded that.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to approve the agenda.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

### 3. Approval of the Minutes

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to approve the minutes from the earlier May meeting.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) announced that **Jake Faleschini** (President) had texted him to ask if we had quorum.

### 4. Appointment of Summer Judicial and Executive Senators

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that we need four people to volunteer for Summer Exec and four people to volunteer for Summer Judicial. He said that Summer Judicial would meet once, but Exec acts as the full senate. Last year, Exec talked about the tuition policy stance that we needed to take before the body met for the first time. People need to be in Seattle to serve on these committees. There will be at least one Summer Exec meeting a month. People could call in if they needed to.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that the first Summer Exec meeting would be June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that around the middle of each month, there would be a Summer Exec meeting.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) nominated **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences), who accepted the nomination.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) nominated himself.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) nominated **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering). He accepted the nomination.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) nominated himself. He asked how many senators were needed for the committee.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that we need four senators, but there could be elections for the Exec positions.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) moved to nominate the slate.

**Stefan Kamola** (History) seconded.

Motion passed without abstentions or objections.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) moved to nominate people for Judicial. He said that we need 4-6 people. This would be just a summer position, if the officers and the Executive Committee need consultation. He gave the example of someone resigning mid-summer as an example of the kinds of things Summer Judicial would deal with.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) nominated **Susan Dine** (Art History). She accepted the nomination.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) nominated **Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences). He accepted.

**Stefan Kamola** (History) nominated himself.

**Kate Diebel** (Student Disability Commission) nominated herself.

**Theresa Hastert** (Public Health and Community Medicine – Epidemiology) nominated herself.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) asked if **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) had been nominated. He said that **Jake Faleschini** (President) had asked **Nick** to chair the committee.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) had to be here to accept the nomination.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that we could appoint **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), and he could decline it later.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that he didn't see a problem with nominating **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) in absentia.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) nominated **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) in absentia.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to accept the slate.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

Motion passed without objections or abstentions.

#### 6. NFT Presentation/Resolution

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) presented the layout for NFT. She explained that the text will now go all the way across the page instead of in columns. We will be getting mock up of the final product in June. She said she wants to sell at least 500 copies to departments. She introduced the resolution in support of departmental purchases of the NFT Seattle UW Edition. It says that GPSS really wants departments to buy them for new students.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked how many grad students come into UW system every year?

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) proposed 2,000-3,000.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) said that NFT had a lot of undergrad info in it so she wants the bookstore to market it to them.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) read the whereas clauses.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) motioned to close the debate and to approve the resolution.

**Noah Benson** (GLBTQ) seconded.

The resolution passed without any objections or abstentions.

#### 7. Officer Reports

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that he wanted to review what GPSS achieved order to brainstorm priorities for next year. He said he'd be reporting as **Jake Faleschini** (President) and as himself, as **Jake** was in Walla Walla with The Innocence Project. He broke GPSS impacts down into three categories. He first discussed how we impacted the University of Washington this year. We held the Summit, focusing on public service, hosting 80 legislators. We created the Budget Task Force committee within GPSS. A little over 1000 students replied discussing the budget cuts. We had strong student representatives on budget committees. We secured money from the Provost to save TA positions. We implemented SHIP Plus. We prevented tuition increases for graduate and professional students above the levels we have seen in the past. We revamped the Guide to Life to make it more user-friendly and have more information to help orient new students to Seattle. We took the lead on the HUB, ECC, and Hall Health projects. **Jake Faleschini** (President) worked on securing \$20 million from the administration, and has been working on private fundraising. We had an 82% appointment rate for university and GPSS committees. Our last big impact was that we took a stand on community inclusiveness and tolerance. We supported the Longhouse. Our discussion and reactions to The Daily and its publications editorial standards go here. We passed the Center for Human Rights resolution and Tent City resolution, and we had a lot of FIUTS Happy Hours.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) reported on our impacts in the State Legislature. There were 15 major bills that GPSS had positions on. Our interest prevailed on 11 of them. Outside of the budget, that 73% success rate is impressive. He testified on behalf of GPSS over 20 times in the Legislature. There's a bill that would have granted building fee authority to the university – this bill would have allowed the university to have complete control over building fees, which would eventually have led to students subsidizing capital projects on campus. This was defeated. We had a good dialogue on tuition policy, and the bill died because when they added a graduate student to the committee they added special interests. We succeeded in getting ourselves included, and we defeated that bill. We defeated the transfer of building account money from the capital budget to the operating budget. We passed the textbook disclosure bill. We have enshrined in state law that we can have voluntary student fees that we can use for lobbying purposes. We passed the expansion of hate crimes bills to include gender identity and expression. We defeated the Third Party inspection rights for landlords and

tenants, which would have limited local government's ability to mandate third party inspections. The Legislature passed the Center for Human Rights and the Global Asia Institute. Our cap or kill model for tuition wasn't achieved, but there were substantial limits imposed on the setting of tuition authority. There will be an audit of Higher Education by the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) reported on our impacts on GPSS. We revamped the webpage. We created the Graduate Program Review Committee which got more senators involved in the ten-year reviews. We created and launched SAGE, the consortium of public institutions for federal lobbying. We created the Washington Student Lobby UW chapter and lobbied to get a sustainable fund, which required getting 6000 signatures. We had two really great socials, and a successful speed dating. We had two successful elections, and nobody challenged anything in them.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) asked about the WSL button. When does that go into effect?

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that it won't go into effect until fall quarter.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said she registered for fall and it wasn't there.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) suggested that maybe it comes into effect in late August, when undergrads register.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) gave his year-end report. He started with the Finance & Budget Committee. We were able to fund 26 different RSO events over the course of the year. We funded 16 different departments, and they were able to get things like dishes for the lounge all the way to things like a Nintendo Wii for the lounge. He plugged departmental allocations for next year, as we had leftovers this year. The Travel Grants Committee helped fund travel for 49 different graduate and professional students. Our General Fund will be right around \$200,000 at the end of the year, close to what we budgeted at the beginning of the year. The Fall Social was before his time, and he heard that things went really well. 800 students came, and there was talk of bringing the band back from that. Between two and three hundred students attended the spring social. People wanted the band to come back, but they should be a little bit quieter so people can talk. Speed Dating seems like it was the hit of the year. We were able to fill all 200 slots for Speed Dating. We have success stories, including **Dave Iseminger's** (Vice President). We have had multiple requests wondering if we're going to be doing more Speed Dating events. He is hoping that next year, we can throw together two speed dating events to open up more slots for success stories. He asked if there were any questions.

**Sarah Reyneveld** asked about advertising for the spring social.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) admitted that it was a little slow compared to years past. He said that for next year they will start advertising a month in advance.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that traditionally there are more people in the fall social because GPSS advertises it heavily to incoming graduate students.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked graduating senators to email him, because we need to know who will not be here in order to retire senators. If you're no longer going to be a senator, let Yutaka know. He said that there were 15 resolutions this year. Minutes and agendas are part of his job. He attended both ASUW senate and board meetings. This helped create a good relationship between GPSS and ASUW, even though it was a rocky year. He pointed out that he was wearing all three nametags from his three years of being a secretary. He thanked us for three years of service.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) gave a Dave Letterman style top-ten list.

10. The Graduate School still exists.
9. The Spring Social was complete with drinking games.
8. The Secretary miscounts quorum during an election meeting.
7. Officers kept their goal of total senate meeting hours under 5000.
6. Speed Dating was a success for Dave, but not for Yutaka.
5. Yutaka is finally leaving the office of Secretary.
4. President Emmert is Facebook friends with Yutaka and Dave.
3. However, President Emmert is not Facebook friends with Jake.
2. Jake did not assault any administrators.
1. Despite a bad relationship with The Daily, grad student readership quadruples.

8. 2009-10 Brainstorming

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) reminded us what we had talked about earlier.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that it would be interesting to think through putting together an ad-hoc committee that would formalize a relationship, especially in a contract year, between GPSS and the union. Should we have a more formal discussion, especially since it will be a big year regarding contractual negotiations and budget cuts?

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) suggested passing that on to the Executive Committee.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) said that the TA training issue and the union issue are separate. He wanted to do a survey asking about pedagogical training for TAs. Until we know what the pedagogical training is between departments – this might be something to invest in.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) said that Highway 520 and other transportation issues will probably be on the radar.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) said that Highway 520 will become a toll way.

**Theresa Hastert** (Public Health and Community Medicine – Epidemiology) suggested an orientation or a kickoff for GPSS senators, which might improve the buy-in for some

of the meetings. She wanted a formal warm-up to tell people what was expected of them as a senator.

**Sarah Reyneveld** asked if **Theresa** wanted a formal orientation or a happy hour.

**Theresa Hastert** (Public Health and Community Medicine – Epidemiology) suggested both. She also suggested outreach from long-standing senators or Executive Committee members – a phone call suggesting that they come in and chat.

**Rebecca Bartlein** (Global Health) added to that. She thought that making sure that senators who aren't active know that they should open up the opportunity to others who want to be here would be a good idea. GPSS should make sure that new senators know what the responsibilities are. A survey showing if this meeting time works for senators is a great idea.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that this is something that we have talked about in the last week. Traditionally, senate meetings have been 4:30 on Weds and the day of the month rotates. We did start to talk about bus schedules in Exec and why we lose quorum.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) said that we had discussed this in Exec. Moving the day or the time may work better for graduate and professional students.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) asked to daylight both TA application processes and the budget “lock box” in departments.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) clarified that we don't know the inner workings of budgets, and that this is what **Anna** meant. He served on the selection committee for the new HFS director, and suggested that we invite him over to GPSS to talk about the need and concerns from the graduate housing sector. She's been here for six months, and we should reach out to her to talk about the special needs we have.

**Sarah Reyneveld** suggested a survey of what speakers the senate has enjoyed in the past before we say which speakers can come to meetings.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) restated this. Senators should think about what type of speakers we want to come, what speakers they've appreciated and haven't appreciated, etc.

**Rich Nobles** (Psychology) gave a point of information. We also discussed that in Exec. He thought this served as good reinforcement to what we've been talking about.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that sometimes what is pitched to officers and Exec is not what the presentation ends up being. There are many examples of that from last year.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) suggested morning socials – coffee hours at Allegro. Something for morning commuters would be great. This would capture another group of grad students.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) said that with the creation of SAGE, we need to have a conversation about whether or not we need to be involved in two lobbying groups at the same time.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that we are members of NAGSPA and SAGE. We need to discuss this.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) said that we have agreed to host the SAGE conference. We'll need to get the ball on this early.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that we have had the first meeting of the SAGE planning committee for the fall. It will be an ongoing discussion over the course of the summer.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said that we're hosting the SAGE summit and our own. He suggested combining the organization of the GPSS summit and the SAGE summit.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said there needs to be more open access regarding the two summits.

**Ian Cairns** (Law) said that he has been approached by some people about the following issue. Because of the economic downturn, there is a longer period between graduation and employment. Health insurance is an issue. Some schools let students buy into health insurance during that time.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that there is a discussion in the Legislature about revamping financial aid. The Legislature is ready and willing to work on financial aid. IT might be a good time for this body to have a conversation about what we need from state financial aid.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) thought that **Ian Cairns** (Law) point was part of a bigger discussion around constantly pushing and advancing health care, mental health care, and child support. This is a key part of that discussion.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) wanted to organize a meeting between the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District and GPSS. It would be nice to meet with them where students live and get to know them.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) said that one thing that came to light was how the disconnect between the UW and the rest of the 43<sup>rd</sup> affects students. Not

everyone is out talking about the problems we have with the UW. Talking about ways to connect with the district is a good idea.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) gave a point of information. She went to a meeting of the Grad School Budget Task Force. One of the final things said was that the UW needs to reconsider its relationship with the 43<sup>rd</sup> and its relationship with the state. The legislature was so quick to cut so much of our budget. There's a perception of the UW that may not be a perception that we want, with regards to relating to the larger community of the state. 30% of UW students are first generation college students. We need to discuss things that set us apart from other peer institutions. We accept more people from out of state.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that he had the enrollment numbers per zip code and correlated this with legislative districts. He said that this aided his conversations with legislators. GPSS should do marketing about where we come from.

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) suggested scheduling meetings between senators and the entire Higher Education committees from both the House and the Senate. She also suggested a discussion about the quality of teaching at the UW and how the budget cuts affect this.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) suggested reaching out to the University Chamber of Commerce as a senate body.

**Sarah Reyneveld** said that she has connections with Senator Brown. She suggested taking the opportunity to invite Speaker Chopp. If this body made a specific request to Speaker Chopp to talk about graduate and professional student issues, that would be huge in bridging that gap. Senator Murray has come to the legislative reception, but Speaker Chopp has not. He should engage in dialogue with graduate and professional students with talking points.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that Senator Brown wanted to reach out to us to talk to the Summit or a meeting. We could get the senate majority leader from Spokane to talk about graduate and professional student issues. We could bridge the gap with our Pharmacy outreach program in Spokane. If we set up a meeting with Senator Brown, this would be a good way to reach Speaker Chopp.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that someone brought up senators taking a more active role in their departments – informational gatherings and workshops. We need to engage with our departments as well as with this body. We need to get the word out to departments about who we are and what we do.

## 9. Announcements

**Anna Batie** (JSIS – REECAS) thanked the officers for their hard work this year.

**Kylee Peterson** (Biology) had a thank you for GPSS from her department. Earlier this year, her department planned a grad student retreat. Money from GPSS helped do it. That's an example of the stuff we can do within our departments.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) announced the Special Regents Meeting tomorrow in Kane. He said that people concerned about internal decisions in the university should come. It will be at Kane 110 from 1-3 PM.

**Lindsay Morse** (Classics) said that if you want to speak, you have to sign up at the website. It is possible that they will be accepting speakers tomorrow. She said that there will be a meeting on Monday to discuss CHORUSS with actual CHORUSS representatives. She will be at that meeting representing the student voice. She asked senators to talk to her or to email her at [morsel@u.washington.edu](mailto:morsel@u.washington.edu) with comments. She also asked for improvements to the website.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said that ASUW and GPSS are cosponsoring the Spring Show, this Friday at 3 PM on the HUB lawn. Built to Spill and Ra Ra Riot are coming. It will be free.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said that Wednesday, June 10, is Lavender Graduation at the Don James Center.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) said that the School of Art MFA show is at the Henry. It is free.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) asked how long it would run.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) said it would be up for a month and a half.

**Brian Lee** (Urban Design and Planning – PhD) is sitting on the transportation committee. All three GPSS reps on that committee are graduating, and the committee will meet over the summer to determine the UPASS rate. It is important for three people to go and represent the students. They have meetings the third Monday of every month.

**Yutaka Jono** (Secretary) thanked **Brian Lee** (Urban Design and Planning – PhD) for his work on the transportation committee.

**Dave Iseminger** (Vice President) said that **Jake Faleschini** (President) would be speaking at graduation.

**Kris Anderson** (Art History) moved to adjourn.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.

No objections or abstentions. Motion passed.

The 2008-2009 senate officially adjourned at 5:34 PM.