

**GPSS Senate Meeting**  
**October 7, 2009**  
**Approved November 4, 2009**

1. Call to Order

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced the GPSS staff. He yielded the floor to the ASUW president.

**Tim Mensing** (ASUW President) said he is looking forward to working with the GPSS.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. He introduced **Jerry Baldasty** (Dean and Vice Provost of the Graduate School).

**Jerry Baldasty** (Dean and Vice Provost of the Graduate School) said the graduate school is developing robust special initiatives, in terms of workshops and other opportunities. He said individual departments do a superb job in helping students to understand studies, but other services, like pursuing jobs, is what they focus on. He said he will work with the GPSS and will try to work with GPSS and put graduate students on every major committee. He said he wants to take a look at the leave policy, examining such issues as whether a dissertation status should be created and whether to adopt a ceiling. Talking to people in business and government, he said, graduate education is not a private good, but a public good. Graduate school enriches the economy, makes the country more competitive, and solves pressing social problems, he said. He concluded and offered handouts.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) moved to amend the agenda to move the welcome address to before the approval of the agenda.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) moved to approve the agenda.

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

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

3. Minutes

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) moved to approve the minutes from May 27.

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

Motion passed with no objections. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) abstained.

#### 4. Informational Updates

**Jake Faleschini** (President) announced the need to focus on higher-education funding.

There has been a huge budget cut, and it was the first year that students will be funding more than 50 percent of their education through tuition. He said we either need more support from the state, or more flexibility on finances in the university. He said it is a conversation we need to have. He said members of the state Legislature have said they hate giving money to the university because it's a black box, they don't know where it goes. They think we're an inefficient organization that eats a giant check, he said. All told, they're not giving us much anymore, he said. The state provides less than 10 percent of the university's funding, and that the state is the fourth largest contributor to UW's budget, behind federal funding, private donations and student tuition, he said, adding that we need to confront our senators about this and have an open dialogue.

He announced a list of VIPs who will participate in the upcoming SAGE/GPSS Higher Ed Summit. State Senate Majority Leader Sen. Lisa Brown will deliver the keynote address. Also participating are UW President Mark A. Emmert; Sen. Derek Kilmer, D-Gig Harbor, chairman of the Higher Education & Workforce Development committee; Ann Daley, of Higher Education Coordinating Board, who advises the governor on higher-education policy; Rep. Scott White, 46th District, who is a member of the Higher Education committee, works as an adviser of UW and used to teach at the Evans School; and Rep. John Burbank, 36th District, director of the Economic Opportunity Institute, a progressive think tank that deals with tuition policy issues in Seattle.

The second panel focuses on activity-based budgeting (ABB), a new model UW is considering implementing, he said, involving allocated money in a more transparent manner in line with certain principles rather than past action. He said it has had mixed results when universities implemented it in the past. He said GPSS is trying to bring in different experts and their experience in implementing the system. He said ABB has consequence to university centers like the graduate school that doesn't pull in revenue.

These are the questions asked at the summit, he said. He asked that at least one senator from each department came to at least one panel throughout the day. He said there are currently six senators on the steering committee for the summit, and said anyone interested in joining should e-mail him.

The summit is in conjunction with SAGE, a national organization formed last year at the University of Texas that brought together student leaders representing graduate students from the top 10 public schools in the U.S, he said. He is very excited about this organization, as it looks to be the new federal lobbying arm for the top 10 public universities in the country. GPSS is bringing them to the summit and having conversations about internal government for SAGE and discussing the lobbying agenda.

He introduced new student regent **Ben Golden**, a second-year law student. He also introduced **Rene Singleton**, of the Student Activities Office, which oversees GPSS activities and makes sure we're keeping in line, he said.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said he is excited about the “Guide to Life” book. It was lots of work getting it done last year, he said, and he is excited with the content and how it looks. Last year, GPSS teamed up with the publishers Not for Tourists. He said they published a special UW student edition that also offers an orientation to UW students. Written by and for graduate students, he said it offers tips on how to do things like apply for an in-state tuition waiver, what to do when you have a conflict with advisor, etc. He said GPSS entered into an exclusive sales contract with the University Book Store. He said it is being sold for \$13 a pop, and it normally sells for \$20. He said it is flying off the shelves, and he didn’t expect them to sell so fast. He said none of the committee members who worked on the project were there, so no shout-out.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) offered a shout-out anyway.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said the shout-out will get recorded on the minutes.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) announced the launch of the new GPSS Web site, which features information like committees, downloadable applications and Web polls. She said the GPSS just joined Twitter.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering), who helped develop the new site, said to let him know if anyone sees anything broken on the site.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said they are working on document archives, and invited people to let them know if there’s something they’d like to see.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) yielded the floor to **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) to discuss the fall social.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) discussed the GPSS-produced poster for the event. He said DJs from Rainy Dog Radio will play music, and that there will be food and drinks and that it is free to graduate students and their guests. He asked the senators to take fliers and posters to get out to the various departments, as they want to get a big turnout.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) thanked the graduate school for funding for event.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said if someone wants to bring a non-student, e-mail the GPSS office to get on the list. A student ID and proof of age would be required.

## 5. Internal Committees

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) addressed those who are interested in joining committees. She said it’s a great opportunity to get involved in policy making on campus, and that there is a range of committees currently available, with more vacancies now than ever. Openings are available on everything from faculty councils on benefits and retirement to councils on instructional quality to student activity fees allocations.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) encouraged all senators to show up to meetings once a month and serve on one internal GPSS committee and one external committee within in the university.

a. Executive Committee

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said candidates can apply for the officer corps, senators can nominate or senators can run from the floor. Four senators asked to be on committee for the upcoming year, he said. We have absolute confidence in those senators, he said, because they served this summer on the summer executive committee. He is happy to nominate the four of them to serve on committee:

- **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)
- **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering)
- **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)
- **Kristian Anderson** (Art History)

**Jake Faleschini** (President) opened up nominations from the floor. He said there are only four positions, and if anyone else would like to run, they can, and people can give speeches on why they would like to serve, and there would be a vote.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked if any senators would like to run for the committee.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked if the four nominees would stand.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moved to approve the nominations  
**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) seconded.  
Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

b. Judicial Committee:

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) asked if it's true that anyone who serves on this committee cannot run for officer positions.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said committee members can run, but they must resign from the committee 30 days before the election.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) asked for nominations.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) nominated **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology).

**Susan Dine** (Art History), self nomination.

**Robert Baker-White** (Public Health – Health Services), self nomination.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) nominated **Genevieve Farrar** (Civil and Environmental Engineering). She accepts.

**Maren Anderson** (Scandinavian Studies), self nomination.

**Natalia Sanoja** (Law), self nomination.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moves to approve the nominations.

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

Motion approved.

### c. Graduate Program Review Committee

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said committee members take recommendations to the provost on what should be done with the program, whether it needs improvement, whether things are operating well, and how it's treating graduate students. He said it's a great committee for PhD students thinking of a career in academia. It will help them learn how the departments work and operate and what university looks for from departments, he said.

He said the committee meets twice a quarter. He said each senator who sits on the committee attends 10-year reviews of a different department, to avoid bias. The committee oversees a poll that goes out to students asking them how their departments are operating, he said. It reports back with a report that goes into consideration for the provost. He called on **Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences), who served on the committee last year.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) said it was an interesting committee and a good way to learn about other departments, how other graduate students run program, how they accommodate looking for jobs. He said the challenge is that some departments are more amenable than others. He said he had to chase down people for meetings rooms, which foreshadowed the fact that it would be an interesting meeting. He said it doesn't take a lot of time to do the write-ups. And he said serving on the committee takes a bit of personality to go up and talk to people.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for nominations.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said 6-10 would be needed, and that this goes through the Executive Committee. She said they are looking for volunteers and the committee members would get appointed at the first executive meeting.

**Nuvala Tofig Fomban** (Bioengineering) asked if members can sit on another committee. Self nominated.

**Dave Garfinkle** (Drama), self nomination.

**Patti Carroll** (Astronomy), self nomination.

**Gary Brattin** (Music), self nomination.

**Ken Lindsay** (Biochemistry), self nomination.

**Beth Curry** (Oceanography), self nomination.

**Nuvala Tofig Fomban** (Bioengineering), self nomination.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) we do 20 a year, we'd like one more

**Betsy Cooper** (Political Science), self nomination.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said they'll present the names to executive committee next week, and there will be an orientation next week for new senators. He said they will send an email tomorrow or tonight announcing when it is.

#### d. Finance and Budget Committee

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said this committee recommends the budget for GPSS. She said if you like the nitty gritty of budgeting, this is a good committee for you. It meets twice a month, she said, adding that they are looking for 5-9 nominations.

**Mark Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences), self nomination.

**Andrew Kosydar** (Biology) nominated **Beth Curry** (Oceanography), and she accepts.

**Chris Howard** (Business Administration – MBA), self nomination.

**Beth Curry** (Oceanography) nominated **Andrew Kosydar** (Biology), and he accepts.

**Matthew Drooyan** (Aeronautics and Astronautics), self nomination.

**Court Weddle** (Business Administration – PhD), self nomination.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) nominated **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), who respectfully declines.

#### e. Travel Grant Committee

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said he would like to change the meetings to once a month after complaints. He said there are 4-6 spots on the committee.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said he's been on the committee, and it feels good to give students money. He said he can't do it this year, and that it doesn't require a lot of work. He said there are peak moments and down moments, but that it's a nice committee and a great way to enter into committee process.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said they are trying to reduce peaks and valleys. He said it would review about 10 applications a month, and that it's not a significant time crunch.

**Travis Reynolds** (Public Affairs) asked if committee members can apply for grants.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) replied that it is possible, and that the committee member would just have to recuse him or herself. He said he did the same thing while on the committee.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for nominations.

**Charli Archer** (Law), self nomination.

**Andrew Kosydar** (Biology), self nomination.

**Anthony Didlake** (Atmospheric Sciences), self nomination.

**Travis Reynolds** (Public Affairs), self nomination.

**Nathan Parrish** (Electrical Engineering), self nomination.

**Ken Lindsay** (Biochemistry), self nomination.

#### f. ASUW Representative

**Jake Faleschini** (President) introduced **Jed Bradley** (ASUW).

**Jed Bradley** (ASUW) said it was his first GPSS meeting. He said it was very cool, there are two reps from GPSS in ASUW senate and two from ASUW on the GPSS senate. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) and **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) held the seats last year. He said that a representative or liaison would let the other student senate know what they are working on. He said it is really important that, when there is a big issue on campus, both bodies pass something jointly, showing unanimous support for the issue. He said ASUW meets on Tuesdays at 5p.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said there is a significant time commitment, but they don't have to go for the entire meeting. He said last year he and **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) split the position. He said it would be possible for two or three senators to team up and split the position.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said a proxy form would have to be signed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called it attendance by committee. He called for nominations.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said anyone who wants to be the Secretary next year should do this position.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called it a good way to liaison into the Secretary position.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for nominations again. He offered cookies to volunteers. He said this is always the hardest position to fill each year, as it's a big commitment. He said that if there is a group of people who afterwards who feels like they could do it in a partnership to talk to them. He said if the spot remains vacant, the officers must fill the spot. He asked that volunteers email if they are willing to attend meetings once a month as a proxy with officers as the representatives.

#### g. Legislative Steering Committee

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said she is excited for a strong legislative agenda this year. She said the committee is responsible for devising the legislative agenda. Discussed would be positions on tuition and child care. She said 12 nominations are accepted. She said the committee meets around 3 times for 2-hour sessions. She said they make for in-depth discussions and debates.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences), self nomination.

**Andrew Kosydar** (Biology), self nomination.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering), self nomination.

**Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) nominates **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences), who accepts.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) nominated **Gary Brattin** (Music), who accepts

**Rick Cruz** (Psychology) asked how much time putting together briefs for the senate takes.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said she would work with staff on briefings. She said the committee members would help present that.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology), self nomination.

**Rick Cruz** (Psychology), self nomination.

**Russell Hugo** (Linguistics), self nomination.

**Maren Anderson** (Scandinavian Studies), self nomination.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) can just appoint the committee.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said she waves her wand and the nominees have been appointed.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said there has been great participation. He said that brings the action items to an end. He said they try to put action items at the beginning of the meeting. He said if senators need to leave, they can feel OK about it as they moved into the informational part of the presentation.

## 6. Tuition Policy Discussion

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said the tuition situation is a crucial part of GPSS's legislative agenda. She said GPSS has advocated for tuition issues in the past session. She called for dialogue on where senators think we should go. She said there was a caveat, that the legislature probably won't act on tuition policy this session. But she said she hopes to come up with suggestions on what good policy should be. She said she wants GPSS to be front and center in debate.

She began her powerpoint presentation. On the tuition policy overview slide, she offered an overview of the 2009 session. She said tuition is controlled by the Board of Regents, which can decide how much to increase or decrease as much as it wants. She said the vice president tries to work to establish legislative control so we can put a cap on the amount of increase for graduate and student tuition. She said that efforts have been unsuccessful, and passage of a bill for local control. She said GPSS lobbied for a sunset clause, that expires in 2013, so she said the debate will come up again. She said tuition remains locally controlled.

She said it's a very difficult budget year for the UW and the legislature. She said tuition increases and further cuts, 2-4%, to the university budget are expected. It would slash 25% of operating budget. She said tuition increased for graduates and undergraduates. She said GPSS objected to the increase in law school tuition of 14% because of a pre-existing agreement not to go over 10%. She said that is the state of the current budget plan.

On a slide titled "Disinvestment in State Appropriations for Public Tuition," she said the burden has been on students to make up budget shortfalls. She said state appropriations have shifted over the past 30 years, from 75% of instruction costs in 1980 to 38% in 2008. She said this disinvestment has been countered by tuition accounting for a larger and larger share of costs. She said the 25% budget cuts from last year, and likelihood of future cuts, will continue to put pressure on the University of Washington to increase undergraduate and graduate tuition. She said that this illustrates that UW is becoming a more tuition-dependent school.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said the state is the 47th best funder of higher education in the country, ranked behind Alabama and Louisiana.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said she wanted to discuss the types of tuition policy under consideration, and wanted to talk about the pros and cons of each, and open things up for discussion. She asked what direction tuition policy should go. She said one option under consideration is to raise tuition to a high level and raise financial aid to that level. She said that plan would bring in more revenue from the population that can afford to pay. She said the University of Michigan did this.

She said the second policy under consideration, as touted by the President Emmert and others, is mediocre tuition, benchmarked standards to peer institutions that we want to be competitive with. She said we're almost already there as it is, and it wouldn't be a huge change from what we already have. She said the pro is that it would increase revenue, and the con is that there would be sticker shock that would reduce enrollment of low-income students. She said financial aid packages would increase student debt, and nonresidents pay a little more.

She said the "mediocre tuition benchmark" would maintain a competitive level, and would have a clear and consistent framework. She said it would be an achievable policy, and an effective tool. However, she said it is unclear if it would be equitable and efficient, and it would not necessarily capture change in aid levels. She said a cap would be very difficult to attain for graduate students. She said her instinct is not to advocate for this in this year's agenda, as has been done in the past. She asked for feedback.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said, as a representative of international students, and as international students will not be eligible for aid, he would advocate for the mediocre option. International students would bear brunt of tuition, he said. He advised that Americans should get residency to lower tuition.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said it seems very reasonable. He said that for undergraduates, mediocre would be an increase. He said ASUW would oppose that, but wouldn't oppose GPSS's efforts. He said he wanted to clarify that before there was any confusion.

**Sean Schneider** (Genome Sciences) asked, if a high-tuition, high-aid model is enacted, what would stop future administrations from cutting financial aid.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) concurred.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said there is no guarantee that it will be there. She said that if you look at Michigan, a lot of the potential drawbacks have actually happened, so it's less successful and more like a private school.

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) said discussions on what to do with leave would be a big concern. He said that as graduate students, at some point we'll take leave. He said what they decide will have an impact, and he asked that we be sensitive to that fact.

**Court Weddle** (Business Administration – PhD) said all of his future constituents are fully funded. He said he has indirect problems for the high-aid option. He asked for any information on fully funded students on why they should oppose the plan.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that for students who are funded, depending on the department, they would bring in fewer funded students. He said that those who are working tuition off as a TA or RA are costing their respective departments that amount of money through the back end.

**Court Weddle** (Business Administration – PhD) said it's difficult to get fully funded students to understand why it's a real concern to them.

**Natalie Sanoja** (Law) agreed.

**Shannon Marsh** (Public Affairs) said the high-aid plan discourages diversity.

**Lloyd Nackley** (Forest Resources) asked if there is the potential for, if we benchmark and they go to high aid/high tuition, we will shift with them.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said our policy would be that they could not increase beyond the median of the Higher Education Coordinating (HEC) Board. All tuition is a moving target, and high tuition/high aid is too.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said part of the fight is: who are we pegging ourselves to? He said it binds us to be a part of that discussion. Some of the other states have caps on how much they can increase tuition, and he said we would advocate to compare ourselves to them.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said we cannot choose those schools. We would have the discretion to do that except through the HEC board, she said.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said, speaking for ourselves and constituents, he supports the mediocre plan. He said he echoes what someone said about diversity. He said he did his master's work at Michigan. With ever increasing shift of financial aid to loan packages, he said he found that students got a lot of financial aid, a small percentage of which was actual aid. He said many people coming out of that program come out with onerous levels of debt in what is called a student aid package. He called it highly problematic.

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) said a lot of UW's departments are paying us more than they have to. He said we get more than the actual schedule in the RA and TA pay. He said the increases of pay are at the professor's discretion. He said the plan would have an impact in having TA and RA-ships that compete with other universities.

**Andrew Kosydar** (Biology) asked if any other models exist.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) replied, low tuition, low aid (low tuition as aid). He said GPSS has been advocating for that as long as the graduate students have been involved in legislative lobbying. The

hope is to just keep tuition where it's at, he said. He said since the Husky Promise program was enacted there is a more compelling argument against that position. He said there was a switch in focus because of that program.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said the Legislature chose not to take the tuition cap route. She said graduate students end up subsidizing undergraduate students. She said she wants to find something more workable and sustainable, and more feasible long-term solution. She said we could advocate for a cap, but she doesn't know how successful that would be.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said his department is driven by a large group of master's students that has taken hits from PhD funding. He said he has to get out of his head and represent other constituents that have different needs than he does.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said this discussion was very helpful in determining policy.

**Travis Reynolds** (Public Affairs) said it sounds like the consensus is high tuition plus GOOD aid.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said it was written into tuition policy a bill that a specific portion of tuition had to go into aid. He said aid has actually increased because we lobbied them to give a certain percentage of tuition into financial aid. He said we will continue to fight for that this year. He said that after hearing the discussion it seems like mediocre tuition benchmarking is where we should be headed. He said hearing that from you is what we will advocate for this year.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) added, if it is adopted by the Senate in the legislative agenda.

## 7. Announcements

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) announced a FIUTS Halloween party.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering) said it is co-sponsored with KEXP.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said he wanted to send out a second reminder on the fall social and asked senators to promote it with their respective departments.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said FIUTS and GPSS are teaming up for a happy hour next week, Friday evening at Shultz's. She also invited everyone to Shultz's after this meeting.

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

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

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm

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1. Call to Order

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said quorum has been met and called the meeting to order at 4:35p.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

**Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) moved to approve the agenda.

**Charli Archer** (Law) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

3. Approval of Minutes

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moved to approve the minutes from the last Senate meeting.

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

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) motioned to move Committee Openings to item 3.5 on the agenda, to give President Emmert time to arrive.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) seconded.

Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.

3.5. Committee Openings

a. Graduate Program Review

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said there are openings on the GPR. He said it's a useful committee to PhD students, as it makes recommendations to the provost on programs. It's a good way to learn about how good schools should operate and how to improve schools.

**Jerry Baldasty** (Dean and Vice Provost of the Graduate School) said graduate students play an important role on the committee. He said they have the ability to talk about how well a program is operating.

**Erin Abu-Rish** (Nursing (Seattle)) self nominated.

**Karl Starns** (JSIS - Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies) self nominated.

**Sarah Sprinkle** (JSIS - International Studies) self nominated.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) accepted the nominations, and then said they would revert back to discussing the committees after President Emmert's talk.

#### 4. Presentation, President Emmert

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said UW has opportunity and challenges. He said what we're facing right now is pretty common, and that are overwhelming opportunities, and significant challenges. He said there never has been a time in human history when the role of higher education and research has been in greater demand, involving issues of environmental sustainability, energy, mass urbanization, etc. He said there is a goal as a university of becoming carbon neutral as soon as possible. He said we need terrific innovations in a relatively short period of time. He said there must be research and new innovations and technologies to have that occur. He said we need new ways to deliver global health care. He said universities are what will provide these things. He said opportunities are enormous, and that the federal government provides significant funding and scholarships because they recognize this.

He said the challenges, both near term and long term, are mostly financial. He said if we were a business we'd talk about product lines. Demand for teaching, research, medicine have never been higher. Looking at demand side, a businessman would say, buy this stock. Everybody wants to "buy" our product line. The problem is, he says, in a public university, the funding and operating model is not unsustainable any longer. Great public universities were built on the premise that states would support the core infrastructure. Then the federal government would support research activities. What happens is the federal government continues to support at various levels. UW is second in attracting research funding, next to Johns Hopkins. He said what's happened is the states have backed away from their relative commitment to support public universities. That's created a huge funding problem, when you look at the rising tuition, he said, citing a trend line over the past 20 years that he drew on the board.

He said we have crossed a Rubicon when tuition crossed state funding for the first time ever. Since 1999, he said the total state government budget is up 38%. Funding for community colleges is up 28% and funding for all of higher ed is up 17%. He said funding for four-year public universities is down 7%, and funding for UW is down 12%.

He said to be successful in this new environment, we must change the fundamental operating and revenue model UW relies upon because the old one is broken. He said he thinks we have a few years to get in position to take advantage of great two-decade opportunities. It's getting there that will be big challenge. So he said that's what he's about these days, and getting the Legislature to change those ratios.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked how much time and energy is spent lobbying the people in PR efforts as opposed to the Legislature.

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said we do a reasonable amount of public opinion surveys on those questions about how people feel about UW. He said there is an extremely high impression of UW, but they don't want to give us any money. Health care, K12 education, social welfare, transportation, community colleges, universities, other. Polls, in both years, just beat "other." 8% said we were highest priority. Health care, prisons and social services have been crowding everything else out. He said we need to communicate with people about the value of a university.

**Erin Abu-Rish** (Nursing) brought up alumni giving at private vs. public institutions. She asked how UW does in comparison with others.

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said remarkably well. He said there was a fundraising campaign to raise \$2 billion by June 2008, and they raised \$2.6 billion. He said 2009 financial aid was actually bigger than in 2008 in terms of individual donors. He said alumni are very generous, though it's not as strong as at the good private universities. He said because UW got into that game pretty recently, in the past 5 or 10 years, it doesn't have been endowments. He said prior to that UW was getting about \$100M in earnings off endowments, a third the amount the state gives UW (\$300 million). That said, he said state money is unrestricted, spent mostly on staff and faculty salaries. Donors gifts are highly restricted.

**Sean Schneider** (Genome Sciences) asked if UW is a victim of its own success, as the Legislature sees us getting federal grants, and they say "They don't need us, they're fine."

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said no good deed goes unpunished. He said when they raised donor money, the Legislature says, "Why are you asking me for money, Bill Gates just gave you a bunch of money?" He said there was \$1.4 billion in funded research this year. People read that and think UW is rolling in money. But those funds are highly restricted. He said they can only be used for specific purposes. Do anything else and you go to jail. He's said UW can't use that money to spend the history professor's salary.

**Kristian Anderson** (Art History) asked what UW's commitment is to programs like arts that have high costs but little revenue.

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said they need to make sure they're using resources effectively, restructure how they manage budgets internally. He said he wants to line up the way UW spends money so it's clear what the subsidies are. This is activity-based budgeting (ABB). He said UW is not a technical institution. It must have quality programs. If you don't have art history you are not a university anymore. He said UW can't charge tuition rate commensurate with costs, so we make the conscious decision to subsidize those programs because it wouldn't be affordable to charge that high tuition. He said you can't have great university without great humanists and great artists.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said UW seems like a giant black box, where there are just a handful of people who know where the money goes. He asked what the plans are to make it more transparent.

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said he thinks the perception is wrong. All budgetary information is public. It's complicated and hard to follow, and there are only 10 people who have skill set to interpret all that. But he said it's not private. He said by the end of the year UW will be a \$3.7 billion enterprise, with 35,000 to 36,000 full- or part-time employees, spanning 50-55 countries, 40,000 or 50,000 students, another 50,000 around the world. Having one person understand that is complicated. Nonetheless, he said that's complicated. A shift to ABB would provide greater transparency and common-sense aggregation so normal human beings can look at it and see where funds go. He said he wants to run seminars for legislators to come on campus and see how budgeting works. He said UW uses resources efficiently, producing degrees at lower cost per student than any other system in the country.

**Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) said temporary money was allocated by the provost to save TA-ships. He asked what will happen with that.

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said the truth is that there is a \$1 billion or \$2 billion additional shortfall the Legislature is dealing with starting January. He said it's not unreasonable that they'll try to take more out of higher education. He said hopefully it's disproportionately smaller this time. He said if they do, we have to figure out how to manage it. He said the way we had temporary money this year is we used some year-end, one-time balances, so we can't do it again. He said if UW doesn't get a big cut from state, we might be able to save those jobs. He said UW balanced the budget through unpleasant stuff. 460 layoffs. Usually, the University will hire 200 full-time faculty, but UW hired a tenth of that. He said \$10 million was put into temporary positions that support TAs. He said if we don't get more budget cuts and hold constant, we will be able to fill that up with permanent money. He said if the state comes and takes more money, then we've got issues. He said we're not out of the woods here.

**Adam Webber** (Urban Design and Planning) said that considering situation, are they able to make long-term investments in being a research university that works toward these problems?

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said we have to find ways to continue to position ourselves for those great opportunities. He said he put together a working group. He said it's a buyer's market right now, and if we can find a way to make some modest investments in areas that will drive the university forward, that would be good. He said it's a bad market, but boy it's a great time to go down to Berkeley and steal some professors.

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) asked what student government can do to help.

**Mark Emmert** (UW President) said to keep aware of the issues. Keep in touch with **Ben Golden** (Student Regent). He said we will need help on communications issues, help us think through these things. He said, be vocal with legislative colleagues.

### 3.5. Committee Openings

**Jake Faleschini** (President) work group, subcommittees have openings. Go online to look at them.

#### b. Finance and Budget

**Adam Webber** (Urban Design and Planning) self nominated.

#### c. Hub Transition

**Jake Faleschini** (President) Great time to buy materials, 20% below average market, so have opportunity to take out long-term 40year bond and rebuild a building and needs to be remodeled. Currently spend \$10M in utilities on the HUB, eco inefficient. \$150M rebuild that will cost more like \$100M because we're building it now. For two years building will be shut down. GPSS and ASUW will be relocated, not sure exactly where, but it will likely be in Condon Hall.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) time?

**Rene Singleton** (SAO Advisor) said no more than two hours a month

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)

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

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) self nominated.

#### d. ASUW

**Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) self nominated.

**Katie Cleary** (Public Affairs, proxy) nominated **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs).

### 5. Bylaw and Constitution Amendments

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said the summer Judicial Committee was chaired by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), and they forward recommendations to Exec. **Jake Faleschini** (President) said those recommendations were reviewed, sent back to Judicial, which is now chaired by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law), and they have a number of bylaw and constitutional amendments to present.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) asked **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) and **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) to present.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said there some are technical to resolve issues, just one or two that are substantive.

Article III, Section A

**Natalia Sanoja** (Law) said the change would require senators to attend two meetings per quarter.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said there is room to work around it if there is a class conflict.

**Eleftherios Kirkinis** (Applied Mathematics) said GPSS might end up without senators from some departments. He said if GPSS was to disbar him nobody will replace him.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said language for disbarment already exists.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said the spirit of the rule is if you can't be a meeting you can work around it.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said the change is more flexible and allows a person to come and not make it harder.

**Natalia Sanoja** (Law) said that with a senator coming only to one meeting a quarter, it is difficult to get familiar with what's going on, especially come springtime when voting for new Exec members.

**Andrew Kosydar** (Biology) said it's his second year on GPSS, and that if the rule were to be applied, he would not be a senator because of TA-ship that conflicted.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said the change will not affect that. Senators can still ask the secretary if that's the case and she can give you a bye if you attend by proxy.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said GPSS completely understands when senators have class conflicts.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said the spirit is not to attack the senate and we want stricter demands. He said there was a problem last year when GPSS had a hard time meeting quorum, and it couldn't pass legislation.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said the last section of the passage gives a lot of power to the Secretary.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said the Secretary position is a liaison. He said that is a power that he would trust the Secretary to hold.

**Kristian Anderson** (Art History) said that if a Senator felt the Secretary was wrong, the Senator can always take it to Judicial.

**Laura Back** (Student Disability Commission) asked what the rationale is behind one meeting being attended in person rather than by proxy.

**Natalia Sanoja** (Law) said being able to express concerns in person is ideal.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) offered a point of interest, that the original requirement was for senators to attend in person at least once. And it allows GPSS to build quorum by allowing proxies.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said proxies were allowed for class conflict, historically speaking.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) increased requirement because quorum is high but only required one-third attendance. He said there were two or three meetings last year where GPSS barely made quorum. He said that when that happens the entire senate shuts down. He said it doesn't seem like much to ask.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) asked if votes can be done on individual items.

**Court Weddle** (Business PhD) moved to close debate.

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

The motion passed, with one opposed and one abstention.

Article III, Section A passed, with two opposed and two abstentions.

#### Article IV, Section F

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said there was a quorum call at officer elections last year, and there were proxies there, but proxies are not allowed to vote at the election meeting. This revision gives clarification. Proxies can approve minutes, etc., but can't cast a vote in elections.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that's because senators can vote via absentee ballot.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) offered a point of interest, saying last year there were 20 votes cast outside, and just over 35 votes actually in the meeting.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said, suppose the proportion got even higher, to 80% of people voting absentee. He asked, wouldn't that disfavor floor candidates?

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said the revision has nothing to do with allowing people to vote via absentee ballot.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said it does because if proxies aren't counted for quorum, the vote would be nullified.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said the revision doesn't really go to that.

**Kristian Anderson** (Art History) motioned to close debate.

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

The motion passed with three opposed.

Article IV, Section F passed with three opposed and one abstention.

#### Article IV, Section G

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said they don't have anything in bylaws on what to do if they lose quorum at a meeting. This revision allows GPSS to move to informational-only items, which would allow them to try to gain quorum by getting senators to come.

**Court Weddle** (Business PhD) asked, don't you need quorum to approve the agenda?

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said sometimes you can have quorum but will lose it.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) asked if the revision is superfluous because of Sturgis.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) said the proposed revision would be useful because of obscure rules.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said he would argue that anything in GPSS bylaws could be duplicative, but they don't have the time to go through and take out anything that repeats.

**Kristian Anderson** (Art History) moved to close debate.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) seconded.

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article IV, Section G passed with two opposed and one abstention.

#### Article IV, Section H

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moved to close debate.

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

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article IV, Section H passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Articles V.C.2 and V.D.2.b

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said a revision is needed to the president's duties to include that the president serves on the Executive Board.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) asked if in the past the president and vice president serviced by tradition.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said they just created a student group last year to control student fees.

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

The motion was seconded.

Articles V.C.2 and V.D.2.b passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article V.G.4.m 1

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said this revision fixes grammar, and addresses instant runoff voting, what happens if there are three candidates for an office and only votes for one, and how to determine how to proceed. She said it offers more clarity.

**Natalia Sanoja** (Law) asked if there were any questions.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) moved to close debate.

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

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article V.G.4.m 1 passed with no one opposed and one abstention.

Article V.G.5

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said last summer an officer was lost. He said the bylaws stipulated that they needed to have an election. But that conflicted with requirements to be present at a number of committee meetings.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said he was concerned that at worst they could be waiting until the end of the quarter to have a replacement.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked if that is better than asking the senate at its first meeting to suspend bylaws.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said the president is allowed to name a temporary replacement. He said the revision allows leeway to not carry out in haste and violate GPSS's own rules.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moved to amend language in revision to two meetings rather than three.

**Karl Starns** (JSIS - Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies) seconded.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) objected, and asked why.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said that if it's two senate meetings, at least one committee will meet in the required time. He said that, assuming that most candidates will find ways to attend one of those three meetings, there will be three meetings under normal settings.

**Travis Reynolds** (Public Policy and Management) asked what the argument was for three.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said it gave GPSS enough time to find someone to fill the position. He said a candidate must attend three meetings (senate or committee) to be eligible. He said he wanted to give enough time to get a good replacement. He said he didn't want to have to call an emergency meeting and suspend bylaws to do that.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) asked if two would satisfy the same requirements.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said if that had to happen, they could do it at second senate meeting.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said the Judicial opinion is indifference between the two. He said that despite the three requirement they would probably end up doing it in two anyway.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) called for a vote to amend to two as opposed to three.

The motion passed, with 22 voting for two meetings and 14 voting against it.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moved to approve the updated revisions to Article V.G.5.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) seconded.

The motion passed, with no one opposed and one abstention.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said he is inclined to do one more and table the rest for the next meeting.

#### Article VI.A.1.b

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said this revises the requirement that a member of the Executive Committee serve on the Student Technology Fee Committee.

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said the rationale is there are four executive senators, and three are not asked to do anything else. She said it's a large time commitment, and STF is an important committee, so it's unfair to ask for one Exec member to attend the meeting but others don't have to. Also, she said **Jake Faleschini** (President) has a position on the committee if something comes up. She said they have very capable representatives on the committee. She said they have to be vetted by Exec anyway.

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

The revision to Article VI.A.1.b passed, with no one opposed and one abstention.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said he was entertaining a motion to table the revisions until a future meeting.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asked if the senate could help facilitate dialogue. He said Judicial is formalizing a complaint process. He asked senators to review the proposed revisions before the next meeting and come prepared with dialogue.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) moved to table the discussion.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) objected, and asked if they can go through the ASUW revision to make it official.

#### Article VI.A.1.d

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said this revision allows ASUW the freedom to appoint their representative to GPSS.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moved to close debate.

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

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

Article VI.A.1.d passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) moved to table the bylaw discussions.

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

The motion passed with no one opposed and no abstentions.

#### 6. Husky Creed

**Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moved to table until the next meeting.

**Court Weddle** (Business PhD) seconded.

The motion passes with no objections or abstentions.

#### 7. Proposed Legislative Agenda

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said there have been extensive debates in the committee. She said there is a draft copy for senators to review. She said she doesn't want to vote on it yet, but for senators to look through it and come back with comments. She said it is a document of official GPSS positions. She said if an issue senators want is not on the agenda, now is the time to voice that concern.

She said it's dire budgetary times, so more compelling and urgent language was necessary. She said she wanted to talk about the investment of graduate education. She said the document urges the Legislature to make no additional cuts. She said there are 3 main lobbying points:

1. Fund graduate and professional degree production at levels competitive with global competitors.
2. Reasonable, predictable tuition.
3. Maintain accessible and affordable student services.

She said they want to restore funding to the graduate fellowship trust account. She stressed the importance of performance agreements.

She said it's also the first year GPSS has a federal lobbying agenda, thanks to efforts with SAGE:

- Increased access to federal loans, loan forgiveness for public servants.
- Tax incentives for fellowships and graduate student assistantships.
- Health care reform could eliminate student health care plans.
- Visa reform for international students.

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) said there is proposed legislation that has full tax exemptions for fellowships and assistantships.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said that would provide an extra month of income for everyone in that position.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) said that in the state legislative agenda, nothing is mentioned about out-of-state fee waiver, as had been in the past.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) asked if he meant the restoration of tuition subsidy. She said that's in there. She said the lobby couldn't get it then and won't get it now, but it's good thing to keep reminding legislators.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) discussed the H1B visa.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) provided a clarification.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) asked to keep comments to the document.

**Kristian Anderson** (Art History) said it's a great document to take back to constituents. Senators applauded.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said she would like to be able to pass it at the next senate meeting, and have a discussion between now and then.

## 9. Summit Report

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said the summit went really well. He said pre-eminent leaders from across the state and country were in attendance, and that it went off absolutely fantastically. He said there is a link to TV coverage on the website.

**Trond Nilson** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) said the footage is good stuff.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said it was covered by TVW and UWTV. He said there's a version that covers beginning to end, and there's a two-hour edited version. He said it really spoke highly of GPSS that we pulled off an event like this. He said he doesn't think there's ever been anything like this.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) asked if **Jake Faleschini** (President) could send out a blurb about it so senators can send it out to constituents.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said GPSS also hosted SAGE that weekend. He said he will talk about that another time because it's so late. He said four GPSS delegates are now serving on SAGE, which represents top public institutions in country. He said they started writing bylaws and a constitution and developed federal lobbying agenda for year at the conference. He said it's a very powerful group. He thanked two senators also on SAGE, **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) and **Kristian Anderson** (Art History). He presented gift bags to them.

## 10. Announcements

**Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) said the GPSS newsletter has been named GPreSS, which was submitted by **Lloyd Nackley** (Forestry).

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said to spread the word about the Fall Social, an '80s dance party. He said there will be free pizza on a rolling basis, lots of other snacks and goodies, prize giveaways, beer, contests.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) asked who the DJ is.

**Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) said RainyDawg Radio.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said there will be a Wii projected on the wall.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) announced the Veterans Day Medal of Honor ceremony, which will be honoring 8 UW grads who received the medal.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said the ceremony is for the memorial that they've been building in front of Parrington Hall.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) asked senators to put up posters at their respective schools.

**Douglas McManaway** (Executive Assistant) said the entire memorial was built out of student advocacy.

**Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) said it was privately funded.

**Jake Faleschini** (President) said a celebration is planned for the LGBT community on the same day an unfortunate article in The Daily was published last year.

**Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) said there are more committee openings, including SAF and STF.

**Ben Golden** (Student Regent) congratulated GPSS for the GPSS summit and SAGE conference successes.

## 11. Adjourn

**Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moved to adjourn.

**Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) seconded.

The motion passed with no objections or abstentions at 6:22 p.m.

**GPSS Senate Meeting**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**  
**Approved January 13, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. **Jake Faleschini** (President) calls the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. **Charli Archer** (Law) motions to approve the agenda
- b. Seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering).
- c. Motion passes.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) motions to approve the minutes.
- b. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) seconds.
- c. Motion passes.

**4. Presentation by Josh Kavanaugh on the UPass Program.**

- a. Metro fares for each one-way bus ride: \$0.25 increase in fares starts in January 2010. Another \$0.25 increase in January 2011 has also been decided. Josh will be inviting signatures from presidents of shared governance and unions on campus in a letter thanking the Council for their work on the UPass/Metro system.
- b. Rate increase seen last year was necessary to save the system. Transit partners were warned that participation with UPass is significantly off with fare increases: drop in students participating from 84% to 73%. Faculty participation was also seen to decrease.
- c. For UPass to continue in the future these lost individuals need to return to the system. Riders using the pass 1-2 times per week helped to offset the debt of users who ride 1-2 times per day. Only intensive users are left in the program, which will show another significant increase in price in the future. Unless changes to the UPass program can be made, including funding, prices will continue to increase and could be the end of the program.
- d. Significant activity will be seen in alternative modes of transportation including advocacy for walking/biking. Initial push for advocacy needs to be with the City of Seattle.
- e. The real concern is seen with a potential doubling of the city parking tax (\$0.20 on every dollar for University parking goes to City of Seattle) in order to pay for Alaska Way Viaduct. Funds should be kept for transportation concerns in the University.
- f. Funding structure behind UPass: Used to see significant subsidy from parking program. Now more people are not parking on campus, reducing these funds. Parking revenues cannot grow proportionally to meet the demands of funding. Increasing socialization of program can help to decrease cost increases in the future.

g. Questions

- i. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) asks about statistics from drop in the program. Are they new students, now driving, etc.
  1. **Josh Kavanaugh**: Great data does not exist for this. Some samples say that people who are leaving program are a broad swath of the student population. These people are most easily within walking distance to University. Those who are living in the suburbs and urban core are still riding. Our ultimate goal is to determine how to reduce costs overtime and increase users.
- ii. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) asks what Josh's strategies would be for students to advocate for the UPass.
  1. **Josh Kavanaugh**: Direct aid to University of Washington through state aid as a student or faculty/staff. Transportation could be included in the benefit structure of the University. The end result (socializing UPass across students and faculty/staff) would benefit students just as much as staff.
- iii. **Cindy Elder** (JSIS - Middle Eastern Studies) asks for more information on the less expensive UPass option.
  1. **Josh Kavanaugh**: Price point/mix of services is not quite right unless we move to a model that brings in revenues from across the population. A student fee matched by one for faculty/staff is a long way away, but campus shuttle access, Zipcar discounts, etc. would all be seen as part of the University community.
- h. **Jake Faleschini** (President): no more Senate meetings until after this letter will be sent to the Council. Entertains motion to direct him to sign it.
  1. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) moves to make an agenda change (make it 4.5) to have a vote in support/not of Jake signing the letter
  2. Seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering)
  3. No objections – motion passes
    - a. **Charli Archer** (Law) moves to direct Jake to sign the letter.
    - b. Seconded by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology)
    - c. No objections, no debate, motion passes – Jake will sign onto letter.

## 5. Legislative Agenda

- a. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): Background on budget climate
  - i. Currently state revenue forecast shows \$2.6 billion shortfall. More emphasis on our legislative agenda to preserving financial aid programs, such as In-State Tuition Waivers. Waivers are currently

funded by foregone revenue making them highly vulnerable. State Need Grant for low-income students is also vulnerable.

- ii. Child care and mental health advocacy has been proposed to decrease in light of budget cuts and need to advocate for tuition waivers and other tuition assistance.
- iii. Legislators in Olympia mention the state need for revenue vote. Language is proposed to change with regards to graduate and professional revenue to make it more explicit.
  1. Question: **Travis Reynolds** (Public Affairs) questions if graduate and professional students should be opposed to reducing grant funding for undergraduates versus our own funding.
    - a. **Jake Faleschini** (President): We can come back to senate about additional issues. Something this important would likely be brought back to senate.
    - b. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary): Is the State Need Grant specifically mentioned, and where?
    - c. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): Yes, under funding. Sarah sees supporting the State Need Grant as a win-win, if state isn't providing money for this
    - d. **Travis Reynolds** (Public Affairs): Question is if UW got rid of state need grant to use GPSS funding to fund them, which he is in support of.
    - e. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): If this happened, it would be brought to the senate
    - f. **Ben Golden** (Student Regent): if need grant is cut, the decision with what to do with these funds is internal – these are two different audiences.
- iv. Goal of producing X number of graduate and professional degrees by 2018 is not being met, we are behind target.
- v. Legislature decided to cut funding for out-of-state tuition. Things like waivers or state work-study may be affected.
- vi. Establish tuition rate cap and achieve mandatory financial aid increases that are proportional to tuition rate increases.
- vii. “Sustain current levels of funding” versus increasing, given the current budget situation.
- viii. Graduate Fellowship Trust Account was cut at the last minute, we would like to see that funding returned.
- ix. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology): asks about “greater use?”
  1. **Jake Faleschini** (President): There are use restrictions and revenue restrictions, we are talking about both types of use in the agenda.
- x. Federal Lobbying Agenda
  1. Visa reform for international students, funding to increase access to federal loans, etc.

b. Questions:

- i. **Jarrett Egertson** (Genome Sciences): Typo under funding “access to financial aid...”
- ii. **Chris Howard** (Business Administration - MBA): Are there any programs or bills going through the Senate that will get this kind of funding? Who is going to have to pay for this?
  1. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): We’re asking for no new cuts, basically to preserve what we have. We’d like to remind legislators about things that were cut that we’d like to get back in the future. In terms of Federal issue, student aid act is on the table with the Perkins loan. Immigration reform may also be on the table shortly. Budget bills are being approved, so it’s always possible.
  2. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology): Backing of congress from previous sessions for things we’re trying to get funding for. Reverting TAs and fellowships back to tax-exempt status should be a part of tax reform for the next year.
  3. **Chris Howard** (Business Administration - MBA): If they’re cutting budgets, where are we putting our support so we can get more money?
    - a. **Jake Faleschini** (President): That’s the legislators’ job. You tell them what you want and it’s their job to figure out where to get it.
  4. **Eleftherios Kirkinis** (Applied Math): Why are we saying “sustain current levels” rather than “restore previous levels of funding”?
    - a. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): We’re on the defensive. We’re going against K-12 system, homeless system, etc. so we’re already facing an uphill battle.
    - b. **Kris Anderson** (Art History): We would be coming across as egotistical if we ask for increases since everyone’s getting cut.
    - c. **Jake Faleschini** (President): Last year the University tried that approach, asking for increases to budget even though economy was facing downturn and now we’re facing huge cuts. It’s important to come off the right way in Olympia.
    - d. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): Everyone in Olympia that she’s talked to has said there will be cuts. We are just saying in a more defensive way to keep current levels.
- c. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moved to adopt the Legislative Agenda, **Charli Archer** (Law) seconded– no objections, motion passes

## 6. Husky Creed Resolution

- a. Motion for Jake to not read the resolution, **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) motioned, **Andrew Kosydar** (Biology) seconded. Motion passes.
- b. **Elizabeth Higgins** speaks.
  - i. Document was first conceptualized in 2007. Many institutions have such a code. Creating a document to replace Student Conduct Code was not wanted. Vision and Values statement of the University. Document with vagueness allows for creativity in the future, stringently worded document would not allow interpretative changes in the future.
  - ii. Questions:
    1. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology): our resolution against The Daily, is that against the creed, and would we be comfortable violating the creed?
      - a. **Elizabeth Higgins**: The whole point is that this provides a platform for debate and dialogue. We don't want this document to prevent you from writing to the Daily, but this would help to increase dialogue and debate in a productive manner.
    2. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs): Word "protect" is very confrontational. It has circular logic. Are we voting for this today, and is it too late to have debate?
      - a. **Jake Faleschini** (President): We're interested in presenting this to create dialogue, and possibly creating a group to work on it and then bring it back to the senate with our own GPSS flavor.
      - b. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs): How will this creed be used and where will it appear?
        - i. **Elizabeth Higgins**: ASUW is creating a task-force to work on this. We'd like to have GPSS work on this task-force as well. It could become a part of convocations for incoming students and commencement. Lecture series/debates around this. It can't be something we stamp and then it dies, it must be talked about forever or it has no meaning.
    3. **Jake Faleschini** (President): It seems there is hesitancy to move forward as is, entertains a motion to table the resolution.
      - a. Motion to table by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), Seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) – 2 opposed, 4 abstentions.
      - b. Volunteers to work on Creed: **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs), **Derya Baykent** (Education – Educational Psychology), **Karl Starns** (JSIS – REECAS),

**Andrew Kosydar** (Biology), **Kylee Peterson**  
(Biology)

i. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work): Timeline?

1. **Elizabeth Higgins** would like this to be implemented for next fall.

## 7. Affordable Textbooks

a. **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW):

- i. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary): Point of information – there are two additional cosponsors, **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) and **Kris Anderson** (Art History)
  - ii. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs): Passage that UW faculty be encouraged to use earlier editions. Are we encouraging that faculty do these things, or asking that administrators enforce this?
    1. **Jake Faleschini** (President): We do not have the power to force UW faculty to use earlier editions.
  - iii. **Cindy Elder** (JSIS – Middle East Studies): Do we want to talk about electronic textbooks, scanned versions, etc.
    1. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work): This is an ongoing struggle, driven by budget cuts. E-textbooks and open source textbooks, are being pursued by bookstore. University bookstore is working on this.
    2. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary): Point of Information, this is covered under “more effective and more affordable models.”
  - iv. **Eleftherios Kirkinis** (Applied Math): line 21, why should they be commended? Would like to move wording from “recommended” to “urge.”
    1. **Jake Faleschini** (President): Point of Information, bookstore is not a private corporation. It is 1 of 2 public trust bookstores in the US.
    2. **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW): Some faculty go out of their way making textbooks affordable to students. We want this to be the start of a discussion to give credit where it’s due.
  - v. **Karl Starns** (JSIS – REECAS): Who decides what constitutes a “pedagogical” change?
    1. **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW): Faculty members
    2. **Karl Starns** (JSIS – REECAS): Is there any way we can specify what a “pedagogical improvement” is?
    3. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering): Maybe one way to say this is “those who are doing this, we commend you. Those who aren’t, we’d like to encourage you to do so.” Change wording to “proactive” UW faculty.
- b. Motion to close debate by **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) – seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law), all in favor.

- c. Motion to approve: Moved by **Charli Archer** (Law) seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), all in favor, motion passes.
8. Move to table “bylaw / constitution amendments” to January by **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), all approve, motion passes.
9. Motion to approve formation of the Husky Creed Committee by **Charli Archer** (Law) seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), all in favor, motion passes.

#### **10. Committee Formation**

- a. Summit Steering
  - i. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering)
  - ii. **Erin Abu-Rish** (Nursing)
  - iii. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President)
  - iv. **Andrew Rose** (English)
- b. **Jake Faleschini** (President): 2Y2D committees, there are 7 subcommittees. They are listed on our website.

#### **11. Announcements**

- a. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): Check out the website for committees
  - b. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) commends Jake and others for killing the Graduation Fee
  - c. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) congratulates Jake and Sarah for getting healthcare bill to preserve student healthcare plans
  - d. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary): There are still a couple of spots open for MLK Day of Service – email her ASAP to sign-up!
  - e. **Ben Golden** (Student Regent): Please fill out the survey that Jake sent out to all graduate students! We appreciate feedback. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary): There is a link to it from the GPSS website.
12. Motion to adjourn by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), all approve, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

**GPSS Senate Meeting - January 13, 2010**  
**Approved February 3, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. **Jake Faleschini** (President) calls the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) moves to amend the agenda.
  - i. Add 6.5 budget survey response presentation with Ben Golden (Student Regent) and Cam Clarke (GPSS Policy Analyst) – informational, 20 minutes
    1. Seconded by **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS)
  - ii. **Kris Anderson** (Art History) motions to add 6.3 – memorial motion to Haiti
    1. Seconded by **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary)
    2. Motion passes
- b. motions to approve the agenda as amended by **Charli Archer** (Law)
- c. Seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
- d. Motion passes

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. **Charli Archer** (Law) motions to approve the minutes
- b. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) seconds
- c. Motion passes

**4. Gold Star Award Presentation**

- a. The award goes to the Classics department after a heartfelt nomination

**5. Bylaws/Constitutional Amendments**

- a. Wanted to revamp the ways people could file complaints
- b. Judicial Committee recommended amendment to the bylaws and constitution – nominated by Judicial Committee and endorsed by the Executive Committee after four revisions
- c. No questions posed by the senators
- d. Constitutional changes require a 2/3 majority
- e. **Charli Archer** (Law) motions to amend the constitution as presented
- f. Seconded by **Kris Anderson** (Art History)
  - i. 3 abstentions
  - ii. 0 not in favor
  - iii. Motion passes
- g. Motion to approve the bylaw changes in Article 6, section E
  - i. **Mitchell Kaufman** (Philosophy)
  - ii. **Charli Archer** (Law) seconded
  - iii. 0 not in favor
  - iv. 2 abstentions
  - v. Motion passes

- h. Motion to approve Article 6, point L
  - i. **Charli Archer** (Law) motions
  - ii. **Mitchell Kaufman** (Philosophy) seconded
  - iii. 3 abstentions
  - iv. 0 not in favor
  - v. Motion passes
- i. All amendments approved!

## 6. Resolution 01.09-10: Husky Principles

- a. Husky Creed language and substance issues examined and edited
- b. Now known as the Husky Principles due to religious connotations of word “creed”
- c. The Principles should guide the everyday actions students have toward one another
- d. “Support freedom of thought and expression” changed from “protect”
- e. “I will” changed to “I will strive to”
- f. “Improve our University community and the world,” “northwest region” removed since “the world” encompasses this
- g. Questions by the Senators
  - i. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) states issue about previous Daily article from last year that compared homosexuality to bestiality. We hope these Principles will allow us to encourage conversations not on their right to free speech to write this article, but a disagreement on the content
  - ii. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) wanted to know what the distinction was between the two.
  - iii. **Sean Schneider** (Genome Sciences) could only see this being used in finger pointing between student organizations.
  - iv. Husky Principles will provide a set of expectations for conduct, so we have some sort of level playing field to have a conversation around
  - v. **Sean Schneider** (Genome Sciences) asks what the point is.
  - vi. **Alexander Domesle** (Public Health – Environmental and Occupational Health) thinks it is important for UW to have a mission statement, and sees that there could be value in the Principles.
  - vii. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) is there a danger of oversaturation of mandates for how students live? Do we need another piece of paper telling us how to live? Telling students how to be engaging in a University is a little troublesome.
  - viii. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) states the distinction between “will” and “strive.” These are goals that we should strive for.
  - ix. **Sean Schneider** (Genome Sciences) both sides are going to claim to have the Husky Principles on their side.
  - x. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) – we are supporting people’s rights to free speech.

- xi. **Yuaka Jono** (FIUTS) many of the international students feel that it sounds nice, but what's the point? As international students our perception of free speech is already very different from American customs. There is a lot of skepticism among FIUTS students.
- xii. **Rick Cruz** (Psychology) hears concern over these Principles not having teeth. It may infringe on our ability to be creative. However, having some kind of inspirational principles is important. There should be inspirational standards that we are striving for. However, with so many other mission statements, etc. this could just be some other piece of paper for people to read.
- xiii. Motion to call a vote by **Kris Anderson** (Art History)
  - 1. Seconded by **Theresa Barker** (Industrial and Systems Engineering)
  - 2. In favor – 30
  - 3. Opposed – 18
  - 4. Abstentions – 13
  - 5. Motion passes
- xiv. **Kris Anderson** (Art History) – point of information: Do you need majority to pass with abstentions? It is a majority of those voting.

7. **Haiti Memorial – Kris Anderson** (Art History)

- a. Asks for approval of the senators for Exec Committee to draft a memorial resolution to Haiti
- b. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moves to send this letter
- c. **Sean Schneider** (Genome Sciences) seconds
- d. Motion passes

8. **Budget Survey Response Presentation**

- a. **Ben Golden** (Student Regent) started a survey for students back in November.
- b. It went out in early December, 2,400 graduate students responded – about 25%.
- c. **Cameron Clark** (Policy Analyst) has been helping to analyze results.
- d. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) will send out a link to the raw data.
- e. Big takeaways
  - i. Tuition Predictability is an important issue – tuition legislation has been heard by the administration
  - ii. Transparency and accountability – students want to know how their money is being spent.
  - iii. Students want to know what each fee is and where it's going
  - iv. Lacking of shared sacrifice with budget cuts.
  - v. Grad students valued class size and research more than undergrads, who valued academic and career counseling more as well as access to transfer students
- f. **Cameron Clark** (Policy Analyst) gave a breakdown
  - i. Examined solely graduate students in the survey

- ii. #1 priority was the quality of education – 94%
- iii. We still feel that we are getting a good value here at UW
- iv. Relative to other universities, 43% believe it is less expensive
- v. Most students would take out more loans or work more to stay enrolled if tuition increased.
- vi. More people felt that the programs that are the most costly to administer should pay more tuition.
- vii. Testimonials were very impassioned – encourage senators to take a look.
- viii. International students feel especially vulnerable.
- g. Questions and Discussion
  - i. **Jarrett Egertson** (genome Sciences) wants to know what departments responded most to this survey
    - 1. Questions did not break this down by department
  - ii. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) was wondering what the undergraduate response was to disproportionate tuition/fees
    - 1. More undergrads want flat tuition rates
  - iii. **Andrew Everett** – most expensive programs are art/music school, which don't have “market value”
    - 1. There is a huge concern for this, the President feels that no university would want to detour people away from these majors
  - iv. **Kris Anderson** (Art History) – on behalf of the art department, grant dollars brought in are considered for the cost to run a department
  - v. What happens next?
    - 1. **Ben Golden** (Student Regent) is making a website for this survey now. Hopefully it will help to channel the student voice.
- h. Next Regent's meeting is next Thursday in UW Tower.

## 9. Formal Announcements

- a. Speed Dating – Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30pm in HUB Ballroom. Registration is open, more than ¼ full already. Sign up ASAP on the website! Put up a poster in your department! Also, help volunteer if you can.
- b. Advocacy Day and Legislative Update by **Cameron Clark** (Policy Analyst)
  - i. Sarah is in Olympia testifying about financial aid cuts in governor's budget. Thanks to Ben Henry for helping to get testimony!
  - ii. Legislative advocacy letters – pick some up!
  - iii. Higher Education Advocacy Day (Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>) free transportation to Olympia, free lunch, and a free T-Shirt! Tell everyone about it and sign up! We would like 1 senator for each

department to come, so that our legislators know they have our support.

- iv. State Need Grant is also on the chopping block, which while it only funds undergraduates, will indirectly benefit all students. 2,300 students won't be here next year without it.
- c. Committees – There are still a lot of important committees that need to be filled. Take a look at the website. University-wide committees need members, GPSS committees are fine. Judicial committee also has a current opening.
- d. HUB Remodel – beginning in July. If you want to help us pack up and move to a new building (for 2 years while HUB is shut down) please do! We are looking at getting food carts to come into Red Square while the HUB is closed.

## 10. General Announcements

- a. Travel Grants – applications are due February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Gold Star awards are given every year. Think about who you want to nominate for next year. GPA nominations are also coming up.

## 11. Adjourn

- a. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) motions to adjourn
- b. Seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law)
- c. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

**GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**February 3, 2010**  
**Approved on March 3, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. **Jake Faleschini** (President) calls the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) motions to approve the agenda.
- b. **Charli Archer** (Law) seconds the motion.
- c. All in favor, motion passes.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) motions to approve the minutes.
- b. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) seconds the motion.
- c. All in favor, motion passes.

**4. Bryan Pearce, University Bookstore CEO**

- a. Relationship between bookstore and students is a trust, set up for all currently attending students (undergrad or grad) in 1964.
- b. Celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year!
- c. Organized as a corporate trust, set up by the students for the students.
  - i. All earnings go back to the students, faculty, and staff
- d. Board composition:
  - i. 3 undergraduate students, 2 graduate
  - ii. 4 faculty members
  - iii. 1 administration
  - iv. 1 chief executive (Bryan Pearce)
- e. 1 out of only 4 university bookstores with a rebate program (returned almost \$30 million to students with this program)
- f. HUB closure is moving that store to OUGL – renovated HUB location will be much larger, feature a fireplace and wifi
- g. Espresso Book Machine allows on-demand printing of titles from Google, etc. (and they look amazing!)
  - i. Printed and shipped medical translation dictionaries to Haiti in about 1 day!
- h. Working on a business model to create very low-cost to free textbooks for students
- i. **Andrew Everett**: what is relationship between alumni and bookstore?
  - i. Alumni were former beneficiaries, 10% discount on select merchandise
- j. **Theresa Barker** (Industrial and Systems Engineering): Are there any opportunities to create more of an energy in the Bothell store?
  - i. Store was built about 4x larger than it really needed to be, was built thinking the campus would grow but it hasn't done so as expected

- k. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) current financial crisis affecting bookstore?
  - i. Benefits sustained and grew last year
  - ii. Dollars from tenets helped fund rebate program
  - iii. Entire leadership team took a voluntary pay cut (including Bryan)
- l. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) ability to maintain the rebate was a key point to be kept at bookstore during recession, more money expected to go back to students this year
- m. **Meredith Kriebel** (Nursing) Any plans for the health sciences bookstore?
  - i. Struggling in that location since removal of cafeteria
  - ii. Zero budget for UW to renovate building
  - iii. Looking into locations to relocate store

## 5. Campus Sustainability Fund Presentation

- a. Proposal from students working on the idea for a campus sustainability fund
  - i. Working with administration, staff, and faculty for entire university
- b. Essentially a “Green fee” that accumulates into a large fund to be used for renewable energy, etc. at the university
- c. Funds student-led projects for sustainability at the UW
  - i. Fosters education and outreach, student leadership and involvement
- d. Universities with sustainability funds have managed to make large changes
- e. WSU charges a max of \$43 per student/year
- f. U of VT has part-time position for “ecoresidents” to facilitate field trips, increasing awareness of recycling on floors, etc.
- g. Berkley started student-run cooperative café
- h. U of CO put wind turbines on the football field, solar panels on walkways
- i. UW proposal is \$5 per student/per quarter (\$15 per student annual fee) creating one of the largest funds in the nation with UW’s large enrollment
  - i. \$685,000 expected revenue first year
  - ii. To go through Services and Activities Fee (SAF)
  - iii. 7 voting student committee
    - 1. 4 ASUW
    - 2. 2 GPSS
    - 3. 1 Environmental Stewardship advisory
  - iv. Funding for full-time faculty member
  - v. Funding priorities:
    - 1. Environmental Impact
    - 2. Student leadership and involvement
    - 3. Education, Outreach, and Behavioral Change
    - 4. Accounting, Feasibility, and Sustainability
  - vi. Fund WILL NOT go to projects already in action by the UW, isolated research
  - vii. Prioritizes capital over operational costs

- viii. Projects must be proposed by students, faculty and staff of UW-Seattle
- ix. Small Projects Fund = 3%
  - x. Projects under \$65,000 = ~33% - allotted on a quarterly basis
  - xi. Projects over \$65,000 – allotted on an annual basis
- xii. What could this fund?
  - 1. Stormwater improvements
  - 2. Sustainability Coordinator Network
  - 3. Environmental Stewardship Fellowships for graduate students
  - 4. UW Farm improvements
- xiii. Will help employ graduate students, funding
- j. Resolution next month with ask SAF to seriously consider this proposal
  - i. Up to Senators to debate if this is a good idea
  - ii. **Jake Faleschini** (President) will be sponsoring a resolution for this
- k. Questions:
  - i. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) funding priorities, are they rank-ordered?
    - 1. No. As a project applies it will be scored based on those categories. Committee will have control over determining where these funds are allocated
  - ii. **Andrew Everett** – why not a voluntary fee?
    - 1. On optional fees students are very reluctant to pay. By making this a mandatory fee, a lot of money can be gained quickly.
  - iii. **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) Has there been any thought of increasing baseline?
    - 1. First year fund created we wanted it to be small, this is seen as a stepping stone so that it can be increased or decreased later depending on outcome first year
  - iv. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) is there going to be some sort of allowance for capital projects in this for permitting (e.g., Environmental Assessments)
    - 1. Any major thing requiring tens of thousands in permitting will be worked out with administration, just capital costs would be paid for by the grant, UW would match funding for this (as seen by other universities – put this in the wording)
  - v. **Cindy Elder** (Jackson School—Middle East Studies) What is \$5 compared to other fees?
    - 1. STF is about \$43 a quarter, IMA fee is \$35 per quarter, operating is much more...this is substantially less than those. This fee would be rolled into SAF fee, will not appear separately on tuition statements
  - vi. **Bart Trzynadlowski** (Electrical Engineering) Why should we focus on this now, when we could reduce tuition, cut costs, etc?

1. Since 1995 UW has saved \$76 million in conservation projects, sustainability will cut costs along the line
  2. Because of budget cuts, UW has stopped buying green energy credits, etc. \$5 per student per quarter should not hurt anyone, and will provide funding and new jobs to others
- vii. **Karl Starns** (Jackson School—REECAS) is there any way of reallocating money from SAF to this?
1. We are proposing a re-allotment or an increase in the fee
  2. Money could be cut from others in the fee, instead
  3. Or money could be added to the fee
  4. There are 3 GPSS reps on SAF that could address this
  5. [www.uwcfs.org](http://www.uwcfs.org) for more info

## 6. Legislative Update

- a. Things are not going well in Olympia now...
- b. No clear idea for revenue package, \$2.6 billion budget shortfall
- c. \$90 million cut in higher ed proportionally, is not so anymore
- d. Stalled healthcare bill is not providing income
- e. Cut another \$10 million from UW, Olympia decided to cut more from UW than elsewhere in the state
- f. Revenue package is proposed for only \$500 million, buying back tuition assistance will be very difficult
  - i. Most of these programs through the state have been cut completely
    1. State work-study, child care matching grant, Health professional scholarship, etc.
  - ii. Work-study seems to get a little more traction to keep
- g. Current tuition bill through Kilmer would place 9% cap on undergraduate tuition, 6 year sunset clause, but graduate students are not included in this at all
  - i. Working with administration on numbers for bill
  - ii. Jake and Sarah have been pushing for restrictions on graduate/professional tuition caps – legislators seems willing to work with this
    1. Complete local control currently exists
  - iii. Bill would shift undergrad tuition control to Board of Regents
    1. ASUW testified against this, working on a compromise
- h. Questions:
  - i. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) Are caps an average across all colleges and all degrees?
    1. Yes!
  - ii. **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW) ASUW is in full support for caps on graduate tuition
    1. They are not supporting Kilmer's bill as it is now, want more control in Olympia

- iii. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) why put such a long sunset clause on this issue when we may have higher tuition dollars with more enrolled students later?
  - 1. Not sure what performance agreements are at this point.
- iv. **Meredith Kriebel** (Nursing) are we collectively trying to maintain some sort of legislative control of tuition?
  - 1. Concerns with lack of accountability if tuition control moves for undergrads
  - 2. Graduates are locally controlled, so we are seeking a cap for tuition increases
- i. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) Motion to give Jake Faleschini (President) and Sarah Reyneveld (Vice President) permission to talk about these issues with Olympia, and try to get protections for graduate students
  - i. Seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
  - ii. \*GPSS will not be on the record for supporting this until amendments are made to this bill
  - iii. **Rick Cruz** (Psychology) all we want is to be included in this bill
  - iv. **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) – key motions are hybrid models, caps on tuition, work with undergrads, etc.
  - v. Vote: no opposition, all in favor, 1 abstention, motion passes
- j. It's not too late to sign up for Higher Education Advocacy Day!
  - i. Need a lot of support to save State Work-Study
  - ii. Cam Clark (GPSS Policy Analyst) has letters (and online) to write senators and representatives for work-study, etc.
- k. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) is there any talk of revenue?
  - i. GPSS supports revenue package with part of that package going to higher education, Olympia is looking at tiny sales taxes, efficiency measure bills, etc.
  - ii. Not much will after governor's no new revenue budget
- l. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) – we need support for this from everyone in GPSS, get the word out to others and have them talk to Sarah/Jake

## 7. GPSS Committees

- a. Judicial Election
  - i. Judicial meets once a month, opening is now, 1 position.
  - ii. Nominations:
    - 1. **Theresa Barker** (Industrial and Systems Engineering)
  - iii. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) motions to vote Theresa into office, seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), all in favor
  - iv. Theresa is now new member for Judicial Committee!
- b. Executive Announcement
  - i. One of the exec members is leaving, opening for position. Apply for position by emailing Lindsay Morse (Secretary).

## 8. Announcements

- a. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) – ASUW is kind of working on a food co-op and they need a graduate student on the task force. Talk to her if you are interested.
  - i. GPSS is also searching for representatives for the Student Regent Selection Committee
- b. **Theresa Barker** (Industrial and Systems Engineering) – College of the Environment Dean Search, contact her with questions

## 9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) seconded, all in favor, motion passes.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

**GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**  
**Approved April 7, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. **Jake Faleschini (President)** calls the meeting to order at 4:36pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) motions to amend the agenda
  - i. Add item 4: committee formation for ad hoc committee on university disputes
  - ii. Move executive senator election to 6.5
- b. Seconded by **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS)
- c. All in favor, motion passes
- d. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by **Trond Nilsen** (ISE), seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law)
  - i. Motion passes

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) motions to approve the minutes
  - i. Seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (ISE)
  - ii. All in favor, motion passes

**4. Committee Formation for Students in Disputes with the University**

- a. Recommend 4-8 members for “Grievance Task Force”
- b. Compile resource guide for students
- c. Define role of GPSS in advocacy
- d. Report to Executive Committee by April 21<sup>st</sup>, to Senate by final meeting
  - i. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) recommends we get someone from the senate with bargaining
  - ii. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) recommends an Exec Member on the council
- e. **Charles Plummer** (ESS) moves to create the ad hoc committee
  - i. Seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (ISE)
  - ii. All in favor, motion passes
- f. Volunteers:
  - i. Members do not have to be GPSS members – email Lindsay with names
  - ii. **Trond Nilsen** (ISE), **Liz Williams** (Chief of Staff), **Laura Back** (SDC), **Nathan Parrish** (EE), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs)

**5. 2011 GPSS Budget Approval**

- a. 2 different drafts – Exec and F/B
  - i. Very few differences
    1. Both go to Special Allocations Fund

2. Exec Version (approved 1<sup>st</sup>) has \$15,000 allocated for Special Allocations
3. Increasing funding given to travel grants, per applicant
- ii. Special Allocations are available to RSOs on campus to help fund events, programs that target G&P students
- iii. Department Allocations are funds available through senators to fund things like student retreats
- iv. Difference is \$15,000 for Exec and \$19,000 for F/B
- b. There is a \$4,000 difference in SAF request between these two budgets
  - i. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) – How do we know the SAF request will go through?
  - ii. **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) makes presentation to SAF, at the end of the year SAF tells us the budget
    1. Possible that if we ask for more money, we won't get our budget cut from this year's funding
  - iii. Money that's not leftover would be cut from large end-of-year events with ASUW
- c. F/B difference also contains an updated General Fund
  - i. There are options to dip into the General Fund, some flexibility for this
  - ii. Directed by SAF to spend down General Fund
    1. Generally an emergency fund, in case we get sued or something and it's not covered by insurance
- d. With HUB closure, renting rooms may be increased over HUB reservations. University is trying to be flexible with this, demand for these funds are built into the budget
- e. Guide to Life sales: \$25,000 bought but \$30,000 allocated. About half have been sold, so all of this should be back by the end of next year.
- f. **Nuvala Fomban** (Bioengineering): Travel grants, how much are we allocating for this?
  - i. \$250 per student limit. Discussing in committee to bump this limit up to \$400. How this spreads out is up to committee.
  - ii. Set up for historical numbers of allocations. Traditionally everything has been used.
  - iii. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work): You may get 50-80 applications during any time period. Some are given less than the maximum amount to allow more students to be funded with less money.
- g. Budget is getting more personnel heavy with tuition waivers for officers, thanks to tuition increases every year and budget not increasing. In the long term, the increasing percentage of spending for officers poses a sustainability issue. **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer) will be working with others on a long-term budget strategy for GPSS.
- h. Vote on the budget
  - i. **Trond Nilsen** (ISE) moves to accept the \$4,000 addition to budget
    1. 3 abstentions, no objections, motion passes

2. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) motions to approve the budget as amended
  - a. b (ISE) seconds
  - b. All in favor minus 3 abstentions, budget passes!

## 6. Resolution 04.09-10 Campus Sustainability Fund

- a. **Trond Nilsen** (ISE) moves to excuse **Jake Faleschini** (President) from reading the resolution, **Charli Archer** (Law) seconds
  - i. All in favor, motion passes
- b. Support from the Administration to encourage faculty/staff to donate money to the fund
- c. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS): FIUTS supports the concept, but will abstain from voting. Concerns about how this massed fund will be used with student leadership overlooking it. How will environmental improvement/success be measured?
  - i. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary): Following largely the STF guidelines
  - ii. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology): Mission of GPSS is to explore all measures possible to improve student life on this campus. This is a brilliantly led student supported/run program going toward efficiency. These points should be taken by the committee, not GPSS's support of CSF.
  - iii. **Jake Faleschini** (President): We do not direct SAF in any way. We let them make the decision for this fund. This is only a resolution in support of the fund.
  - iv. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): Fund will be geared to those with environmental knowledge, the student government has deference for this.
  - v. **Trond Nilsen** (ISE): We would be interested in seeing explicitly what will happen the first year of funding.
    1. Fund will have to be reevaluated each year by SAF anyway, so each of these points will have to be addressed then.
  - vi. **Nathan Parrish** (Electrical Engineering): One of the major things from the budget survey students wanted was seeing individual fees. Putting this under a larger fee will be in direct conflict to the findings of the study.
    1. **Jake Faleschini** (President): All students will be paying this fee, which is a student fee – budget was for university fees. You don't choose to use the environment as you can choose to use the IMA.
  - vii. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs): Has there been much thought into transparency?
    1. With the current SAF structure it's easy to see who the fund, but not how much. We would like to see full transparency on the fund to see exactly what projects were

funded, how much they cost. Idea was included in all conversations with the University.

- viii. Motion to close debate by **Charli Archer** (Law), seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (ISE)
  - 1. Motion passes, debate closed
- ix. Motion to approve the resolution by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
  - 1. 2 oppose, 6 abstentions – motion passes

## 7. Executive Senator Election

- a. 3 interviews conducted for vacant position over the last week
- b. Officers would like to put forward **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) as nominee for Executive Senator.
  - i. Nominations from the floor – **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs), **Paul Myoung** (Health Services) (both were interviewed, as well)
- c. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) – GPSS senator for 3 years, much experience from graduate work at Michigan State. Advocates for child care initiative, rethinking budget crisis.
- d. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) – Child care is also a big issue. Helped to get 35 people from the Evans School to HEAD.
- e. **Paul Myoung** (Health Services) – spent two years on Board of Directors at NYU.
- f. Vote: **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moves to vote, seconded by **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)
  - i. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology) wins election as new Executive Senator

## 8. Approval of 2010-2011 Officer Election Procedures

- a. We vote to approve the entire packet, in its entirety...tonight!
- b. No substantial differences from last year, jobs, descriptions all the same. Dates have been updated.
- c. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) motions to approve the packet, seconded by **Trond Nilsen** (ISE)
  - i. 2 abstentions, motion passes

## 9. Legislative Update

- a. Intense debate for revised budget
  - i. Revenue = increases in cigarette tax, tax loopholes, etc.
  - ii. Transfers tuition fund to higher education and General Fund
  - iii. No guarantee this will happen
  - iv. Does buy back most of state work-study, all of child care
    - 1. A few key scholarships are funded back by the House budget
  - v. Senate budget does not reinstate all the funding of the House version
- b. Able to get graduate students added to the tuition bill

- i. Passed out of Ways and Means
  - ii. Bill died in House committee
  - iii. Senator Kilmer will likely reintroduce the bill next year
- c. SB6409 – lottery transfer to higher education
  - i. Unclear based on competing interests if we'll actually get any revenue from this

#### **10. Announcements**

- a. **Jake Faleschini** (President) is back after the Bar!
- b. **Mara Hall** (Office Manager) is leaving her position as GPSS Office Manager for Study Abroad in Rome

#### **11. Adjourn**

- a. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) motions to adjourn, seconded by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology)
- b. All in favor, motion passes
- c. Meeting adjourns at 6:05pm.

**GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Approved April 28, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. **Jake Faleschini** (President) calls the meeting to order at 4:34pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) motions to amend the agenda
  - i. Add 5.5: Judicial Senator Election
    - 1. Seconded by **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS), all in favor, motion passes
- b. **Theresa Barker** (ISE) motions to approve the agenda as amended
  - i. Seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law), all approve, motion passes

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work) motions to approve the minutes
  - i. Seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law), all approve, motion passes

**4. UW Transportation Presentation**

- a. Operating with a balanced budget this year
- b. No rate increase for UPass as of yet
- c. Institutional overhead forgiveness increased over years
- d. \$1.9 million in savings this year, not likely to continue
- e. Lowest participation in the UPass program as of the fall from the past 20 years
  - i. No increase in student UPass fee for next year
  - ii. Parking rates increase, however – gatehouse rates stay steady, single-occupancy vehicle increase 18% (\$1 per commuting day)
- f. Transportation Committee
  - i. Meeting weekly every Friday for 1 hour
- g. Questions
  - i. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) rate for carpooling increasing disproportionately from pay-per-use. Will this discourage carpool use?
    - 1. Still significantly underpriced from commuting alone, likely will not affect consumer habits
  - ii. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) parking for retirees, cost for one day is \$1
    - 1. Two primary products aimed at retirees: 40% reemployment opportunities for retirement, so 40% reduction in cost of hangtag. Individual parker is free, \$1 fee goes to overhead. This needs to be resolved. All parking proceeds go to same budget line item. Long-term plans to increase retiree parking fees.

- iii. **Paul Myoung** (Health Services): are priorities aimed at decreasing costs or increasing student participation?
  - 1. Lose money for each student that enrolls in UPass. Only seek students to join because it's the right thing to do. Overall cost of the program is a lump-fee based on previous years' participation, assume participation is the same.

## 5. UAW Bargaining Update

- a. Started negotiations in early March.
- b. Main points of bargaining agenda
  - i. Negotiating for wage increases for ASE
  - ii. Improvements to GAIP insurance program
  - iii. Restoration of earlier ratios of instructor:student ratios
  - iv. Childcare improvements for ASE
- c. Authorized to call a strike if necessary.
- d. University's agenda
  - i. Eliminate any wage increases
  - ii. Change provisions in contract for lay-off
  - iii. Variable-pay departments, department can change pay structure at any time
  - iv. Start premium-share program for Health Insurance Program
  - v. Closing tutoring centers in Arts and Sciences, eliminating more TAs
- e. Most members paid out of grants and contracts, not state funds
  - i. Budget for grants and contracts increasing, mostly federal funding
- f. Other unions have negotiated for wage increases over the last year
- g. University believes they overpaid GAIP insurance companies by about \$10.5 million over the last 10 years – money that has not gone to ASE
  - i. Advocating for University to receive a refund, and put money to use for ASE
  - ii. **Jake Faleschini** (President) is putting together a committee to see about suing insurance companies for refund
- h. Departmental meetings not being setup with UAW – if interested see David [UAW4121@UAW4121.org](mailto:UAW4121@UAW4121.org)
- i. Questions
  - i. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS): Preservation of existing TA positions over salary increases?
    - 1. Nobody on bargaining committee interested in losing TA positions
  - ii. **Alexander Domesle** (Public Health): asked about FADU
    - 1. UAW cannot speak for FADU, but they are certainly a constituency in the union working on a fair contract
  - iii. **David Garfinkle** (Drama): Cost of living increases
    - 1. Cost of living proposals can be more technical, inflation rates are level and likely to stay level. More interested in increases in fees (UPass, etc.) and ASE typically do not

have employment for an entire year, likely have to pay tuition for at least one quarter out of a year. Negotiating a wage increase to soften the blow.

- iv. **Jacob Greenberg** (History) direct questions about independent outreach (FADU) to him
- j. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary): hoping to bring forth a resolution in support of the Union's efforts

## 6. Judicial Senator Election

- a. Another Judicial Senator stepped down, seeking a replacement
- b. Least time commitment of all the committees!
- c. Only meets once a quarter, and it already met this morning!
- d. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) moves to appoint **Gallagher Flinn** (Linguistics) as Judicial Senator
  - i. Seconded by **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology), all in favor, motion passes

## 7. F&B Committee Openings

- a. 3 senators stepped down, not enough to have a committee
- b. Usually last an hour
- c. About a single month commitment at this point
- d. Good opportunity for those running for Treasurer

## 8. SAGE Conference Allocation

- a. SAGE trip coming up, group of 3 heading to DC
- b. 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>
- c. Student Advocates for Graduate Education
- d. Working on tax exemption status for funding, immigration reform as it pertains to graduate students graduating from an American university
- e. President's fund has \$1500 left for travel and \$1500 in VP travel fund
- f. Looking to take 4 people there, including leadership and grooming new senators for next year
  - i. Last year 2 senators sent
- g. Asking judicial if this can be a permanent allocation
- h. \$2,500 being asked for by Executive Committee
  - i. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) moves to approve the allocation, seconded by **Theresa Barker** (ISE)
    - 1. No objections, all in favor, motion passes

## 9. Legislative Update

- a. Legislature in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Special Session
- b. Trying to raise \$830 million to buy back lost programs
- c. House sees sales tax as regressive
- d. Both in favor of gun tax, B&O tax, beer tax, bottled-water tax
- e. Lottery fund bill still alive
- f. New letter to 2 senators will be sent out via email

- g. Will not be taking Building Fee
- h. First year of Federal Agenda
  - i. Researching infusing \$6 billion in Perkins Loan program as part of Health Care Package
  - ii. **Rick Cruz** (Psychology): other senators involved?
    - 1. **Paul Myoung** (Health Services) and **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs), 3<sup>rd</sup> senator will be chosen tonight

## 10. Other Updates

- a. **HUB Transition**
  - i. Packing up the boxes
  - ii. Everything in Condon tagged
  - iii. Lots of space, even a lounge!
  - iv. Overlooking Ted Bundy's old house...
  - v. Blueprints in GPSS Office on whiteboard
  - vi. Inform people we'll be in Condon for the next two years
- b. **Health Care Portal**
  - i. On MyUW
  - ii. Working with administration to create this, started 3 years ago
  - iii. University will fund AND maintain upkeep of webportal
  - iv. One stop shop for students to learn all their healthcare options on campus
- c. **Travel Grant Changes**
  - i. Increased allocation for Travel Grants
  - ii. Proposing increases for Travel Grant Fund Limits per applicant
    - 1. International travel up to \$750 and \$500 for domestic
  - iii. One time deal rule still applies
- d. **Spring Social**
  - i. Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. HUB Closure Event for when HUB first opened in 1950s
  - iii. Very last social in HUB!!!
- e. **Officer Elections**
  - i. Nominate people!
  - ii. 4 officer positions opening up
  - iii. Applications due early May
  - iv. Email **Charli Archer** (Law) with statement of purpose, resume
    - 1. Will be put on the website
    - 2. Many people vote absentee so this is the only way you can be voted for that way
  - v. Or, you could decide the day of the election to run but you won't be on the website
  - vi. You do not have to be a GPSS Senator to run
    - 1. Must attend at least 3 GPSS meetings to run before election

## 11. Announcements

- a. **Andrea Negrete** (Education) Ethnic Cultural Center will also be in Condon; update on the project 3pm tomorrow (Thursday) at ECC
- b. Tribal Renewable Energy Workshop May 11<sup>th</sup>
- c. School of Social Work Scholarship Auction this Thursday, you can also bid online
- d. PowWow 7pm on Friday
- e. Ethics of Husky Gear in Thompson 101 on April 14<sup>th</sup>
- f. FIUTS Global Gala
- g. Saturday 5k Run proceeds to local domestic violence program for Health and Wellness
  - i. H&W has certified counselors
- h. Friday-Sunday night is South Asian Vagina Monologues
- i. Media and Health on Saturday (about 10:30-3)

## **12. Adjourn**

- a. Motion to adjourn by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
  - i. Seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law), all in favor, motion passes

**GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2010**  
**Approved May 12, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. **Jake Faleschini** (President) calls the meeting to order at 4:35pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) motions to approve the agenda, seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law)
- b. All in favor, motion passes

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. **Charli Archer** (Law) motions to approve the minutes, seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
- b. All in favor, motion passes

**4. Regent Harrell Presentation**

- a. Has been at Microsoft for the last 8 years, served as President of the United Way before that
- b. October 16<sup>th</sup> officially appointed
- c. Graduate of the UW, both undergrad and grad school
- d. UW is largest employer in Seattle, looks at it as an economic engine
- e. Opportunity to work with employers, other regents, students, faculty, staff to make a better UW
- f. President Emmert leaving
  - i. All very sad to see him leave
  - ii. He did a lot to move us forward
  - iii. We wish him well
  - iv. Regents will put their heads together and do their best to pick the best person to run the UW
  - v. Interim President selection in the meantime
- g. NPR segment with VP Joe Biden on economic impacts of higher education
  - i. Decreasing wages in one way or another
  - ii. Lack of jobs
  - iii. Common theme: difficult for recent graduates to find jobs
  - iv. Harrell would like to know how we see the world today, trying to understand student perspective
  - v. Regents do really understand economic reality
  - vi. Regents, students cannot solve problem alone: we need to work together
- h. Greek situation with Greek debt, causing problems here too
  - i. We are a global economy
  - ii. We're all in this together
- i. Who doesn't believe in better child care for G&P Students?

- j. Questions:
- i. Individual departments tightening budgets, what have Regents done to trim their own budgets?
    1. Not sure, and doesn't want to make something up
    2. Impression is that there is a very strong, intense focus on cost management
    3. Increased use of teleconferencing versus in-person
    4. Individuals have taken days off without pay to maintain position (in effect, a pay cut)
    5. No catered meals, simple boxed lunches at meetings
    6. Top-tier administrative leadership took 5% pay cut
  - ii. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law): Law school has higher tuition, market has changed. Do Regents understand this change with regard to tuition models?
    1. Differential tuition for the Graduate School has not been discussed
    2. Regents dig as far as they can to get perspective when doing so
  - iii. **Theresa Barker** (ISE): process for students to engage with Regents?
    1. Student Regent changes every year
    2. Also, office in Gerberding where any Regent can be reached
    3. Sending material there will reach Regents, goal is to be responsive to mail they receive
  - iv. Andrew Everett: regarding replacement for President Emmert, any effort to fill spot before he leaves so there is no interim President?
    1. We all just found out yesterday and have until November 1<sup>st</sup>
    2. Current plan is to have an interim to give Regents time to name the right person, interim President may even be final person
    3. Focus is on getting the right person rather than hurrying the process along
  - v. **Meredith Kriebel** (Nursing): tuition rose quite a bit last year, education benefit as employees taken away from them. Hopes that as the largest employer in Seattle education benefits will be restored.
  - vi. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS): As G&P Student tuition is set by regents, how will this be determined?
    1. We do not have a process set for this yet
    2. Regents do agonize over tuition increases
    3. Looking at total cost of attendance is important to them
- k. Additional concerns should be sent to **Jake Faleschini** (President)

**5. Resolution 05.09-10: in Support of AUW 4121**

- a. **Theresa Barker** (ISE): motion to not read aloud – motion passes
- b. Motion to read just “that” clauses by **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS) – motion failed
- c. Basically, just a statement that we as a group support efforts of leadership in UAW 4121.
- d. We just want a fair agreement as time is running out
- e. No questions
- f. **Adam Sherman** (Public Affairs): with Mark Emmert leaving, is this a problem?
  - i. No, he’s still here until November and he’s not a part of the bargaining team anyway
- g. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS): Does the first “that” clause bind GPSS students to a strike
  - i. We have no authority over whether or not union members strike
  - ii. We’re just saying we, as G&P students, recognize that some members of our community are in danger
- h. **Charli Archer** (Law) motions to end debate, seconded by **Theresa Barker**
  - i. All in favor, 1 abstention
  - ii. Motion passes
- i. Motion to approve the resolution by **Charli Archer** (Law), seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
  - i. All in favor, 3 abstentions
  - ii. Motion passes

**6. Resolution 06.09-10: Renaming Senate Chamber**

- a. Resolution came from ASUW
- b. **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) moves to adopt resolution, seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law)
  - i. All in favor
  - ii. Motion passes

**7. Resolution 07.09-10: in Support of Composting**

- a. Motion to suspend the reading by **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS), seconded by **Theresa Barker** (ISE)
  - i. All in favor
  - ii. Motion passes
- b. Composting has not extended to all student-use buildings
- c. Just asks for a larger pilot program to be started
- d. **Theresa Barker** (ISE) moves to close discussion
  - i. Motioned to approve the resolution by **Charli Archer** (Law), seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
  - ii. All in favor
  - iii. Motion passes

## 8. STF Bylaw Approval

- a. In 2003, line in STF bylaws under Article 10, Section 3 stipulated all amendments to STF bylaws must have GPSS approval
- b. Accidentally got taken out of bylaws, so in order for them to be official we must approve them
- c. Bylaws control a \$4.5 million student-fee committee
- d. Major changes in Article 2, Membership
  - i. Used to be 6 voting undergrad members, and 3 voting G&P members
  - ii. Now a percentage based on how many students are enrolled
  - iii. Our representation has not changed, but now 7 undergraduates
  - iv. We may see this shift even further in the future
- e. UW Libraries added as ex-officio seat
- f. Election of Chair changed, now Chair elected at the end of the year for the next year
  - i. Allows work over summer and for current member to be a Chair
- g. Amendments having to go through GPSS added back again
- h. Motion to approve by **Charli Archer** (Law), seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
  - i. All in favor, 2 abstentions
  - ii. Motion passes

## 9. Creation of STF Task Force

- a. **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) discovered STF was to submit quarterly reports to GPSS, which has not happened since Autumn of 2003
- b. Because STF sits independently from SAF, does not have to justify funding to anyone
- c. ASUW and GPSS submit resolutions to change funding amount of STF
- d. Only funding committee with no oversight to SAF
- e. Last week, reps from STF came to Executive Meeting
- f. Also, it turns out that nobody has any idea how much money STF has
- g. We need to set up joint Task Force with ASUW as soon as humanly possible
  - i. Get independent audit of STF
    1. Find out how much of student money is wherever it is
    2. Paying for audit will not be a problem
  - ii. Look at oversight, as current structure is failing
  - iii. Determine what a sustainable fee is
- h. By the end of the calendar year, there might be a resolution to change STF as it currently is
  - i. Must justify spending to SAF each year, or something along those lines
- i. Other questions have come up about reporting, have not been telling GPSS about their spending either as it seems they should have been doing
- j. Will likely go on over summer, into next year

- k. Recommend 3 volunteers from GPSS, meetings up to committee
  - i. May not want to meet until audit is determined
  - ii. Meeting now to October-ish
- l. Fee level can only be changed between November 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>
- m. **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences), moves to form task force to look into STF
  - i. Seconded by **Theresa Barker**
  - ii. All in favor, motion passes
  - iii. **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences), **Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences) and **Paul Myoung** (Health Services) volunteer to serve on the Task Force.

## 10. Legislative Wrap-Up

- a. Special Session went longer than we thought
- b. Victories on our part
- c. Bought back \$780 million of \$2.8 billion in cuts
  - i. Mostly through “sin” taxes
  - ii. Bottled water, candy, gum, soda, cigarettes, beer (minus microbrews)
- d. 6409 passed, takes revenue from lottery fund and puts it into higher education
  - i. Will find state need grants, state work-study, etc.
  - ii. Competing priorities possible within in the fund
- e. Building Fee transfer suspended thanks to **Jake Faleschini** (President)
- f. Higher Education cut another 6%, but proportional to other areas
  - i. Total of 30% budget cut over the past 2 years
- g. Child Care funding suspended, along with some additional programs for next year
- h. Sen. Kohl-Welles sponsored amendment to local limited control bill including graduate students in tuition restriction language
- i. Rep. Anderson willing to add professional students to striker bill
- j. Bill sponsored to eliminate taxes on fellowships, stipends, and loans Federally
- k. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS): was letter writing campaign effective?
  - i. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): Absolutely
  - ii. Heard from a lot of members that advocacy efforts this year were highly successful
  - iii. Everyone was very unhappy about making cuts
- l. **David Garfinkle** (Drama): items to be addressed next year?
  - i. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): tuition, making sure graduate students are included along with professional students
- m. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs): how well received was the Kohl-Welles agreement?
  - i. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President): in general, it seemed well received

- ii. Tuition focus mostly on undergrads, but we made a ton of headway including graduate students

### 11. SAGE Update

- a. Thanks to **Doug McManaway** (Executive Assistant) for organizing all travel, setting up meetings
- b. **Cam Clark** (Policy Analyst) worked almost exclusively on immigration item, well received by the Feds
- c. SAGE website is really legit at this point
- d. HUGE SUCCESS! 2 bills dropped while in DC that we were working with
- e. Thanks to **Paul Myoung** (Health Services) for his work, **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) and **Adam Sherman** (Public Affairs), and all the support of Senate

### 12. Announcements

- a. Anyone considering for applying for departmental allocations, there are 6-7 awards left
  - i. Noon on May 19<sup>th</sup> = deadline
- b. Spring Social flyers available at the door – celebrating the HUB throughout its years from its opening in 1949
  - i. Free beer, free food
  - ii. Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10pm
- c. GPSS Officer Elections, May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Don't have to submit anything, but if you want materials on website email them in by Monday
- d. ASUW and Daily are hosting WTF (where's the funding)
  - i. Posters by the door, too
  - ii. Thursday (April 29<sup>th</sup>) HUB Auditorium 6:30-8pm
- e. Evans School hosting Public Affairs Research in Parrington 301, free wine, go to this before WTF: program starts at 5:30
- f. Next Regents meeting on the May 13<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30
- g. ASUW elections forum next Tuesday in Senate room

### 13. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology), seconded by **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)
  - i. All in favor
  - ii. Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

**GPSS Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Approved May 26, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. **Jake Faleschini** (President) calls the meeting to order at 4:36pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) motions to approve the agenda
- b. Seconded by **Charli Archer** (Law)
- c. All in favor, motion passes

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. **Natalia Sanoja** (Law) motions to approve the minutes
- b. Seconded by **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs)
- c. All in favor, motion passes

**4. 2010-11 Officer Elections Forum**

- a. President
  - i. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President)
- b. Vice President
  - i. Nomination from the floor by Lindsay Morse for Paul Myoung (Health Services) – declines nomination
  - ii. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs)
- c. Secretary
  - i. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS)
  - ii. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)
- d. Treasurer
  - i. **John Charlton** (Resource Assistant)
  - ii. **Andrew Everett**
  - iii. **Mark Jaffery** (Earth and Space Sciences)

**5. University Ombudsman Susan Neff Presentation**

- a. Has been working with **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) with the Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee
- b. University Community necessary for dispute resolution
- c. Graduate students need a separate voice, like GPSS
- d. Ombudsman is there to help protect the individual voice
- e. UW was one of the first 10 universities in the US to have an ombudsman
- f. Independent, neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party not aligned with the UW
- g. Resource for:
  - i. Information and consultation
  - ii. Confidential consultation
  - iii. Informal complaint process
- h. Students are about 25% of business for Ombudsman's office

- i. Likely low because graduate and professional students are unionized
- i. Academic concerns are over 50% of the reasons why students use the office
  - i. Increase in misconduct concerns
    - 1. Tries to help the student accused of this
    - 2. Neutral listener – will not advocate for the university nor the student
  - ii. Increases in grade concerns
  - iii. Concerns over PhD students asked to leave and have terminal masters
- j. Traditionally, an advocate for fairness
- k. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology): how can we better tell students that you exist, and help them to use the Ombudsman's office as a resource?
  - i. One woman office for 3 campuses and the hospitals, so outreach has been limited
  - ii. DRAC will be a big step in getting the word out
  - iii. Many departments bring her to orientation, also as RA/TA orientations
  - iv. Make sure this remains on the agenda after others graduate
  - v. Business cards are on the front table
  - vi. Please email concerns to her

## 6. ECC Construction Project Report

- a. Being renovated with Hall Health and the HUB
- b. First opened in 1971, primarily geared toward undergraduate students of color, but open to everyone
- c. Current building will be torn down, and construction will begin April 2012
- d. Will be at Condon Hall until complete
- e. Part of new model will be to bring in more G&P students
- f. Forum happening soon, if you'd like to voice your opinion email them to RSVP
  - i. **Jake Faleschini** (President) will be attending and bringing those concerns to the senate
- g. See Construction Project Website for more info
- h. **Dave Garfinkle** (Drama): the ECC is one of the only venues in the city linking UW ethnic students with ethnic students in the city. How will you continue access to these people?
  - i. New building will have more student offices, still talk about extending those to graduate students
  - ii. Everything is still in discussion, so there's nothing that can be said for certain now
  - iii. This is a concern shared by a lot of students, the forum will be used to help hear voices from these people
- i. **Adam Sherman** (Public Affairs): Evans School has used the ECC for many events and helping out other graduate programs

- j. **Naomi Campa** (Classics): asked about relationship with GOMAP
  - i. Graduate and undergraduate networking
  - ii. Realization that this needs to be expanded.

## 7. Resolution 08.09-10: in Support of Food Co-op

- a. ASUW set up taskforce for setting up a food-cooperative on campus
- b. Some senators have had input on this from sitting on this taskforce
- c. This actually supports creation of the new unit
  - i. Motion to not read by **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)
  - ii. Seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
- d. **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS): a lot of international students have things like this back home, so it's a great idea!
- e. Won't be happening this year for sure, but next year maybe, unclear how long the process will take
- f. **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work): a lot of things need to be worked through before food can be served, also in support of this, next year discussion should open about food justice issues
- g. ASUW version had language for food justice
- h. **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences): Importance of sustainability
- i. **Meredith Kriebel** (Nursing): Terrific experience from her undergrad
- j. **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs): Is there a cost?
  - i. Our resolution doesn't mention this, doesn't mean that we can't help them with funding in the future
  - ii. **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW): this would be self funding, and added onto ASUW budget
- k. UW farm is not certified organic, and is 1/32 of an acre
- l. **Nick Nasrallah** (Psychology) doesn't like organic food
- m. Motion to approve by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
  - i. Seconded by **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)
  - ii. All in favor, minus one opposed, motion passes
- n. Motion to move on to announcements
  - i. Moved by **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs), seconded by **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)
  - ii. All in favor, motion passes

## 8. Officer Elections Results Announcement

- a. President = **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President)
- b. Vice President = **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs)
- c. Secretary = **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)
- d. Treasurer = **Mark Jaffery** (Earth and Space Sciences)

## 9. Announcements

- a. 2 Judicial openings
- b. Exec opening may happen, too, with elections

- i. Let **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary) know if you're interested ASAP
- c. Child Care Matching Grants Program funding cancelled for next year
  - i. **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President) and **Ben Henry** (Public Affairs) have been working on this
  - ii. If interested, talk to Sarah
  - iii. Wants others in on the discussions
- d. Spring Social on Friday
  - i. If you can come and help set up around 5, COME!
- e. Thank you to **Jake Faleschini** (President) for being a stubborn pain-in-the-butt for the cause of Graduate and Professional students
- f. Mark Emmert's resignation: press release released last week
  - i. Search process happening now
  - ii. **Jake Faleschini** (President) has been advocating for GPSS to have GPSS President sit on the Search Committee
  - iii. Also advocating for another student position outside of ASUW and GPSS
  - iv. Will have idea on committee by the end of the month
  - v. Interim president should be named by graduation
    - 1. Likely will serve for 1 year and 3 months
    - 2. Want new president in serving by Fall 2011
  - vi. Ideas and names floating around now
  - vii. **Jake Faleschini** (President) is submitting list this Friday based on people in the University, and those who are anti-student that should NOT be put on the committee
  - viii. Suggestions for Search Committee? See **Jake Faleschini** (President) before Friday.
- g. Thursday = Regents Meeting
  - i. No state funding for rebuild of stadium
  - ii. Ticket prices may double and student section may be moved to accommodate high-dollar seats
- h. **Andrew Everett**: where would they move student section?
  - i. No idea, this didn't come from any official sources
- i. Salary issues
  - i. Peers are paying \$750,000 to \$1,500,000 per year
  - ii. Setting benchmark based on median of peers would be a good road
  - iii. Getting out of line with peers starts to sacrifice quality of leadership, paying too low may affect the people who apply

## 10. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)
- b. Seconded by **Natalia Sanoja** (Law)
- c. All in favor, motion passes
- d. Meeting adjourns at 6:02pm