Members Present

GPSS President: Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim
GPSS Secretary: Giuliana Conti
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Matt Munoz
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Tori Hernandez
GPSS Treasurer: Brad Copenhaver
GPSS Executive Senator: Grant Williamson
GPSS Executive Senator: Laura Taylor
GPSS Executive Senator: Michelle Brault
GPSS Executive Senator: Peder Digre
GPSS Executive Senator: Elizabeth Oestreich
Associate Dean for Student & Postdoc Affairs, Grad School: Kelly Edwards
ASUW Director of Internal Policy and the Liaison: Bo Goodrich
HUB Director: Justin Camputaro
Assistant Director of Student Activities: Renee Singleton

1. Call to Order 5:31 PM

2. Approval of the Agenda 5:32 PM

   Matt Munoz: Approves the agenda

   Peder Digre: Seconds
3. **Guests - ASUW Board of Directors**

**Osman Salahuddin:** Introduces himself as the President of ASUW. Announces that some of his key duties include attending meetings. Meets with GPSS President regularly. Works as an Advocate on behalf of 45000+ students across campus.

**Ian O'Keefe:** Introduces himself as the Director of Programming. Works with other entities like ASUW for event planning and works as a Liaison for RSO primarily. Responsible for Rainy Dawg Radio.

**Kendra Canton:** Introduces herself as the Director of Diversity Efforts. Work towards diversity commission for Latino, Hispanics Black, etc. Make sure that voices and concerns are brought to and heard. Focus on programs and events that can help spread awareness. Also works for the Ethnic Culture Center and Office of Minority Affairs in Diversity.

**Brittany Pham:** Introduces herself as the Communications Director. Oversees the office of communications which has 2 visual designers, 2 webmasters, assistant administrators and also multimedia coordinators. Also, is the point of contact for media related enquiries. Oversees ASUW’s branding and marketing.

**Anna Johnson:** Introduces herself as the Director of Campus. Gets students into spaces like Institutional or campus that are typically run by students. UWPD is the biggest Liaison. Students come to the table and discuss safety issues on campus along with UWPD. Also, a Liaison to help health, wellness and counselling center. Oversees scholarship for Husky Pride Fund which goes to students in emergency in housing situations.

**Madison Kunzman:** Introduces herself as the Senate Vice Chair Parliamentarian for student Senate. Makes sure that each one abides by the roles. Schedule all the forums for Senate. Liaison between BODs and senate to ensure that the Senate’s voices are heard.

**Bo Goodrich:** Introduces himself as the ASUW Director of Internal Policy and the Liaison.

**Elloise Kim, Giuliana Conti, Matt Munoz, Brad Copenhaver** introduce themselves as the Senators.

**Grant Williamson, Laura Taylor, Michelle Brault, Peder Digre, Elizabeth Oestreich** introduce themselves as the Executive Senators.

**Osman Salahuddin:** Also introduces rest of ASUW officers:

- Julia Pham, Vice President
- Kaitlyn (KP) Pahler, Personnel Director
- Joshua Holler, Finance & Budget Director
- Navid Azodi, Director of University Affairs
- Shawntel Bali, Director of Community Relations
Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if the Husky Pride scholarship is available only for under grads.

Anna Johnson: Clarifies that its available to any student who is in an emergency situation – Graduate or Professional student.

Giuliana Conti: Comments that considering the turnover rate of ASUW and GPSS she is impressed with the efforts this year to develop the partnership between the two organizations. Highlights on maintaining and improving further going forward. Applauds great work together.

Elloise Kim: Asks for any suggestions for GPSS and ASUW to work better together.

Kendra Canton: Suggests that once they learn better about what GPSS is and does exactly, the connection will grow better. Brainstorming ways on how to collaborate better in future helps.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks about how much the legislative agendas of ASUW and GPSS align?

Matt Munoz: Explains that they have representations from both. Even if they don’t ask for the exact same things, they ask for things that are at least complementary to each other and supportive of each other.

Giuliana Conti: Suggests that it would be helpful when there are resolutions one may come across to ASUW, depending on the nature of them, it’s good keep the communication line open. As GPSS want to be sure of what ASUW does. It’s important to meet more regularly.

Bo Goodrich: Takes responsibility of keeping the communication line open to bring more updates between the two groups.

Elloise Kim: Shares that GPSS will reach out soon with a handout of what each one in GPSS does.

Giuliana Conti: Also suggests looking up the GPSS and ASUW website to know all about what each of the organizations does.

4. Shout outs

Grant Williamson: Announces a new way to recognize someone for doing a good job by giving them a shout out.

Elloise Kim: To Laura Taylor for homecoming

Giuliana Conti: To Peder Digre for being back and for the great work in summer

Brad Copenhaver: To Matt Munoz for his work on Legislative agenda
Matt Munoz: To Elizabeth Oestreich for joining Executive Committee

Grant Williamson: To Michelle Brault for Bylaw revision

Elizabeth Oestreich: To Brad Copenhaver for travel grants

Elloise Kim: To Bo Goodrich for inviting ASUW Board of Directors

Peder Digre: To Grant Williamson for helping with Legislative agenda

Bo Goodrich: To Giuliana Conti for an adapting Cake Legislation

5. 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda  5:47 PM

Matt Munoz: Reports that it is still a dynamic document. It will be updated after the SLAB meetings this week and after feedback from the Committee is sought. Language will be finalized by the end of Thursday’s SLAB meeting.

Laura Taylor: Asks if he plans to submit to Senate for review.

Matt Munoz: Responds with a yes and that it will be released to Senate on Saturday after all the edits and additions done in the next two days.

Laura Taylor: Comments on the ‘the idea of affordability’ that’s missing from the agenda.

Matt Munoz: Clarifies that there are mentions of affordable tuition, loan programs, open education resources etc. in general on the agenda but not specifically.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Comments about the usage of the term child care which when people see, will ignore.

Michelle Brault: Suggests expanding to dependents other than child care such as Student Care Givers as there are people taking care of parents or siblings and not necessarily children.

The Group Agrees.

Renee Singleton: Seeks explanation on the shared governance representation.

Matt Munoz: Shares that it asks for shared governance representation on State Task Force Committee Boards. Last year the demand was for 1 grad and 1 undergrad student from each public university which is dangerous as that would add at least 12 new members to some task forces that have 4 people. New ask is 1 grad and 1 undergrad student from a public university.

Renee Singleton: Asks if they would ask schools to nominate.
Matt Munoz: Shares that list of nominees will be decided by the student government and then sent to the Body that makes the overall decision so that students have a say on it.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks why self-support programs are not called fee-based programs.

Matt Munoz: Clarifies that fee based is an internal and UW term. Self-support is what it’s called state wide.

Brad Copenhaver: Thanks Matt Munoz for the hard work.

Group applauds Matt Munoz’s efforts on Legislative agenda.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks about the Olympia visit dates.

Matt Munoz: Jan 29th as of now. Will be updated as and when.

Kelly Edwards: Requests to share information on the dates and who will be going over an email.

6. Electronic voting 6:00 PM

Giuliana Conti: Explains that there are several options. There are many apps that don’t require proof of identity. But GPSS needs ids. Slack has polling and it confirms identity automatically. That’s one option to explore.

Laura Taylor: Asks about when anonymous votes are done usually? Is there a function to know who voted?

Giuliana Conti: Shares that she is unsure and will have to check on that.

Peder Digre: Asks for update on ASUW electronic voting system that they had before.

Bo Goodrich: Shares that the website wasn’t successfully developed but ASUW is still relying on it and working with webmasters on developing a new one.

Elloise Kim: Asks if they returned money they took from STF for the purpose of clickers is still with GPSS.

Renee Singleton: Clarifies that everything was refunded to STF.

Grant Williamson: Asks about who is involved in decision- making.

Giuliana Conti: Responds that Everyone is. It would be an opportunity to dry run options in Exec to see how it works LIVE
Grant Williamson: Shares that there’s also lot of interactions with Bylaws in terms of voting. Suggests having an Adhoc Committee to choose the app to ensure it aligns with the Bylaws. Proposing this as an Adhoc committee in the next meeting would be the way to go and then pilot it.

Matt Munoz: Asks what would be the response of Senators if no one wants to be on the Adhoc Committee?

Grant Williamson: Shares that he interested as it would help resolve voting issues.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that in conversations about last year’s communication and voting, there were lot of issues around people within minority committees feeling certain ways with Senate seating. This would help ease that or eliminate people’s discomfort in way the voting is done.

Michelle Brault: Asks if everyone looking to vote must have a smart phone?

Giuliana Conti: Shares that requires either a smart phone or a computer as Slack is both web based as well as an app.

Michelle Brault: Suggests having a laptop or two available during voting time

Giuliana Conti: at some point, the use of several iPads for check in and attendance needs to be corporate

Matt Munoz: Asks if paper ballot could be offered for those who don’t have access to technology. Also suggests renting laptops from Student tech loan.

Giuliana Conti: Comments about the strict rules they have in terms of returning them. If not returned promptly, they won’t be allowed to use in future.

Elloise Kim: Asks if in general one needs an identity to vote?

Laura Taylor: Says yes, since they are voting as a constituency.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Shares that if hand votes seem intimidating, it is something that is still used everywhere for quicker decisions like for resolutions and elections.

Michelle Brault: Suggests they need to think about how they plan to deal with proxy votes and how they will use them.

7. Commitment and Accountability 6:11 PM

Elloise Kim: Shares that Commitment and Accountability is well summarized by Grant. Invites Grant to comment.
Grant Williamson: Shares that it came up in board meeting when they talked about culture that GPSS wants to build. Invites everyone to share what they have been doing well and what needs improvement.

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**Elloise Kim:** Asks what they would like to do going forward in addition to sharing.

**Laura Taylor:** Shares that it’s important to talk about and recognize the goals. Each one needs to take accountability of not just self but be accountable to each other. Feel comfortable addressing concerns and issues in the open.

**Giuliana Conti:** Shares that confronting issues is always uncomfortable. It takes practice. Knowing that there is a venue to confront issues is a great. Raises concern about people talking about her when she is not around. Seeks clarification on how public it should be.

**Grant Williamson:** Shares that Tori, Renee and Justin did a great job of setting them up with Exec training to make sure they know how they are thinking about how they should function as an office. Also shares that he personally hasn’t done most of the things that’s mentioned in the document. So, when it does happen in the moment, the document shares as a great reference. When someone who don’t go by some of the things mentioned in the document, they can be asked about it even in a personal setting.

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Suggests coming up with a code word which can help diffuse the tension and get the point across.

**Kelly Edwards:** Asks if there is a visual representation of the document put up in the office.

**Elloise Kim:** Suggests developing a formal looking document and prints in color and share them all.

**Grant Williamson:** Responds that its up in office – next to Giuliana’s office and one next to break room. The document is also on Slack which also has the Constitution and Bylaw.

**Laura Taylor:** **Suggests that if the issue is systemic** and is affecting 2-3 people or more Exec meeting is the venue to talk about it before it grows bigger.

**Kelly Edwards:** Suggests strategies to find out about strengths, what works better and take collective action. Asks about the ways to make the document alive?
Giuliana Conti: Seeks feedback on the idea of having a visual representation of the doc that can be printed and passed around in Exec meetings. Senators put a star next to things they have observed and are obvious. Visual

Laura Taylor: Agrees that it would be a great idea and won’t take time to do that.

Brad Copenhaver: Seeks clarification about talking about someone not in the room. States that criticism and gossip are common. Sometimes conversations need to happen without certain person not in the room. To work in a respectful way, trust needs to be built and when there are instances where one feels that trust has been broken, that’s the time it needs to be expressed and not just having a blanket statement not to talk about each other. It’s a bigger issue than just gossiping.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that tact is important. Tact is different for different people and received differently. Shares that her concern is that if someone is complaining about another person, it should be direct with the person.

Brad Copenhaver: Disagrees. Shares that when working in group, it’s important to get feedback and give and might want to check with other people on ways to approach sharing those feedbacks.

Grant Williamson: Comments that that looking for actions and its different from complaining to complain.

Michelle Brault: Agrees with Brad. It’s important to confront and get advice about conveying in constructive manner.

Giuliana Conti: Agrees that distinction needs to be made clearer in the document.

Michelle Brault: Adds that if situation has gone difficult, and feels like cannot be confronted alone, that should not be restrict either. The spirit of conversation is not to gossip about people and we should make language more specific to that. Resolving with each other rather than not resolving.

Kelly Edwards: Adds that a goal of finding constructive conversations its important and its fair commitment.

Elloise Kim: Shares that there is no agreed system to implement it and can be re-visited.
Michelle Brault: Adds that the idea of positive reinforcement on that document is something to look forward to rather than any negative thoughts or shaming is a healthy way to deal.

Laura Taylor: Comments that it won’t look as shaming. It’s about being accountable. It’s about what needs to be done better given the jobs each one has. If it needs to be addressed with an individual, it doesn’t have to be in front of other people. It will help in identifying what a group can do better.

8. Review of Oct.25 Senate meeting 6:43PM

Laura Taylor: Shares that there was lack of energy. Meetings are short. Recommends increasing the buy-ins some way.

Michelle Brault: Shares that it was similar that happened last year with no opinions to share. Once the legislative comes down, it will improve.

Elloise Kim: Comments most of them in GPSS and Senators are new to the job and still figuring it out.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Shared that it surprised her that nobody was interested in running for Exec Senator elections.

Matt Munoz: Recommends Exec Senator mentoring the individuals.

Grant Williamson: Shares that there were about 4 people whom he wanted to nominate but didn’t since after discussing with them prior to the meeting he learned that they didn’t have the bandwidth. Finding someone with bandwidth is challenging.

Giuliana Conti: Shares her personal issue she had during her early days as a Senator of knowing the functions of GPSS etc. Recommends that buy-in could be reached by giving practical information session on what has been done that are bigger in scope. Recommends sharing success stories, the impacts they have had and the kind of involvement that was required for the success. Recalls the break-off session that was done 2 years ago in Senate for all the heads of the committees to talk to people to find out who would be interested etc. Shares that as a Senator she found that important and helpful.

Michelle Brault: Shares that during the first Senate meeting on Oct 11th, someone asked about what had happened with the resolution on sanctuary campus. So, there is already interest on follow-ups from Senators.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that she could follow up on updates and showcase examples of the resolutions that were passed based on inputs the Senators had shared.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Suggests talking about the resolution process and how to write them.
**Renee Singleton**: Recommends taking advantage of visuals, rehearsing the presentations with notes, being concise and being patient. Shares that new Senators are engaged but not confident to share.

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**9. Nov. 8 Senate Meeting Planning**

**Elloise Kim**: Shares the agenda for the Senate meeting:

Call to order, Approval of agenda, Guests (Counseling Center Natacha Foo Kune, Director and Student Legal Services Rory O’Sullivan, Dir.& Staff Attorney) Bylaws, 2017-18 Legislative agenda, SAGE Report & Tax Reform, Resolution in Support of an End-of-Year Celebration, Officer Reports and Announcements.

Shares that the immigration free services have been given 15 minutes time limit.

**Grant Williamson**: Suggests that all guests should be allotted not more than 5 mins. Questions could be answered online.

**Brad Copenhaver**: Agrees. To keep the engagement levels up, limiting presentation time of Speakers is important.

**Elizabeth Oestreich**: Suggests that sometimes people benefit from others asking questions. So, keeping it online would not add value.

**Michelle Brault**: In favor to cut down

**Peder Digre**: Proposes 5 minutes for talk and 5 minutes for questions

**Laura Taylor**: Suggests extending during the meeting if that time for questions is not sufficient.

**Elloise Kim**: Shares her discomfort in imposing time limits or allocating just 5 minutes especially for Director levels. Recommends 10 mins at least.

**Giuliana Conti**: Highlights that it’s about Senate’s agenda and communicating time limit is important. Suggests putting up their contact info on slide which will help create a direct line for people to reach out for any questions or clarifications.

**Michelle Brault**: Highlights that Student Legal usually comes with pamphlets which has most of the information and hence won’t require more than 5 mins.

**Giuliana Conti**: Suggests informing Senators that the services exist over an email would be better so that the Senators can then pass them on to their constituents.

**Michelle Brault**: Moves motion to allot 5 mins to SLS
Grant Williamson: Seconds

Grant Williamson: Questions about why Counselling Services is getting more time and what are the questions that people want to know that can’t be found online.

Tori Hernandez: Shares that it’s about a lot of personal questions that people may have.

Giuliana Conti: Moves motion to change the time limit for Counselling Services from 10 minutes to 5 mins

Bo Goodrich: Seconds

Elizabeth Oestreich: Objects as mental health is a big issue and needs to be recognized.

Brad Copenhaver: Shares that the reason to have these guests over is to let Senators know the existence of such services and 5 mins is all that’s required to do that.

Giuliana Conti: Suggest a compromise

Kelly Edwards: Suggests allowing people to vote for questions that they like. Suggests 5 mins of presentation, 5 mins for questions

Giuliana Conti: Agrees that it’s about finding a way to field the questions; personal questions that come up in many ways.

Kelly Edwards: Suggests interpreting the value of the people coming from these centers.

Michelle Brault: Suggests asking people to email Counselling Centers directly for personal questions.

Giuliana Conti: Motions to move the Counselling Centre time limit to 10 minutes

Brad Copenhaver: Not in favor.

Elloise Kim: Calls for hand votes. Majority vote for 10 mins

Elloise Kim: Shares that if the Guests are invited only to convey the existence of their services, we can do away with the guest.

Grant Williamson: Shares that having guests is still valuable. Senators can’t disagree with the Senate’s agenda. Guests see GPSS as student body. Suggests getting back to the habit of timing the guests.

Tori Hernandez: Agrees that Counselling Centers are very important. They will have pamphlets to share with lot of information.
Laura Taylor: Agrees that’s it’s important to have a person from these services. Shares that she hadn’t heard of STF until at GPSS. People have benefitted with that knowledge.

Grant Williamson: Moves motion to have someone time in

Giuliana Conti: Takes on responsibility with Senate Clerk

Bo Goodrich: Recommends changes on the resolution. Allow people to break into groups and suggest changes in practice resolution. Allocate 5 mins to break into group and come back.

Grant Williamson: Shares that the break out session with exec senators, needs to be reinforced time and again.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that she finds it unrealistic. Discussion with 20 would be hard. 4 or 5 sitting closely would be better.

Grant Williamson: Agrees in the interest of time. However, feels it’s still important build connections with new Senators.

Giuliana Conti: Suggests having time in Senate meetings where there are 10 min break out meetings with Senators where they can talk about issues, concerns or ideas and how to go about them.

Grant Williamson: Agrees and proposes doing that for the good of the order.

Elloise Kim: Invites proposals for time and recommends people in-charge to carve out details.

Michelle Brault: Recommends 15 mins

Renee Singleton: Suggests breaking the strategy and look at alternating the talks and actions.

Matt Munoz: Motion to move the SAGE report to later after the resolution and fill that time for legislative agenda approval. Needs 10 mins for legislative agenda.

Michelle Brault: Recommends striking off ‘Good of the Order’.

Grant Williamson: Asks if there are issues tied to the SAGE report that are time sensitive.

Matt Munoz: Responds with a yes. With tax reform, there’s high anticipation that there’s going to be a lot of currently existing tax credits that are going to be eliminated in order to afford the reforms that Congressional and Republicans want to get through and that includes what makes tuition waivers tax free, lifetime learning opportunity credit and the employer assistant certification credit. Currently working on action letter, form letter and will be working on whitepaper for member institutions and constituents of member institutions to engage with their congressional officers to encourage officers to preserve what currently exists as protection for graduate students.
Grant Williamson: Recommends striking SAGE report. Use Officer Report to convey the criticality.

Elloise Kim: Clarifies that since people leave early, they try to give this information away earlier. So, having SAGE report earlier on the agenda will give them the notion of importance of being a part of it and help in communicating the consequences. People need to be informed.

Bo Goodrich: Asks if it would be helpful to have Parli Pro practice before Legislative agenda.

Michelle Brault: Recommends moving the Bylaws quiz to next meeting.

Tori Hernandez: Shares that it’s important for people to know the Bylaws and be engaged with the Bylaws. However, in the interest of time, the quiz time can be reduced to 5 minutes in the interest of time.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if the Bylaws quiz can be online?

Tori Hernandez: Shares that it needs to be offline after consulting with Senators.

Renee Singleton: Recommends combining Bylaws and make it part of practice resolution

Tori Hernandez: Clarifies that it’s good to keep it separate.

Michelle Brault: Recommends splitting the Bylaw section between two meetings. Bylaw to go above the Legislative agenda.

Elloise Kim: Motion to approve the agenda

Matt Munoz: Seconds

Bo Goodrich: Objects. Asks matt – when legislative agenda is made, are people allowed to make motions and make amendments.

Matt Munoz: Responds with a yes and shares that it doesn’t happen often although they know those options exist.

Elloise Kim: Clarifies that it’s about information. Not strict content.

Elloise Kim: Asks Bo if he withdraws objection?

Bo Goodrich: Withdraws objection

Michelle Brault: Announces that she has emailed a set of Bylaw changes. Invites comments.

Michelle Brault: Exits at 7.28pm
10. Graduate Student Experience Committee Memorandum  7:29 PM

Elloise Kim: Invites Tori to share the revisions in the memorandum.

Tori Hernandez: Shares that the changes are mostly around the language in getting feedback from students.

Brad Copenhaver: Questions the composition of the committee. Seeks clarification on recommended members of Senators and other Graduate Students. Recommends that Senators and Graduate Students should be required members.

Tori Hernandez: Clarifies that as far as officers are concerned.

Renee Singleton: Recommends adding staff members to the committee. Staff members will be there if the Senators are not coming.

Elloise Kim: Asks if is any graduate and professional student is allowed to join.

Tori Hernandez: Responds with a yes

Elloise Kim: Suggests putting down the minimum number of members on the committee.

Tori Hernandez: Agrees

11. Exec Reports (Various)  7:34 PM

Laura Taylor: Reports that she was at the Research Advisory Board meeting in early October. Discussions are on about Housing Affordability by the UW top officials as they are beginning to lose top graduate candidates and also top faculty candidates because they are not offering a high enough compensation for the rate of housing. They haven’t actually begun to propose anything. But one of the issues is that UW cannot legally fund housing within its own property. One of the things that has been proposed and not necessarily housing is the child care voucher program within the city. Instead of facility within campus, they are giving away vouchers. Waiting for new Mayor to come in. It’s in very early stages. Lack of affordability in this city is in the radar of UW administration. With UW building buildings on campus, UW has reached the borrowing cap. Lot of space requests are coming in and the issue is that UW can’t keep building buildings on campus. UW is looking at how to re-distribute space in the future.

Peder Digre: Points that there is a child care waiver program already that the SAF committee funds. One of the issues with childcare is that there is lack of qualified facilities for the waiver in Seattle.
Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if Laura is the student representatives for Research Advisory Board

Laura Taylor: Shares that she is only represented along with one Postdoc representation. But not allowed to speak.

Peder Digre: Shares that SAF is having its first meeting on Friday. Welcoming new members from GPSS and ASUW at the meeting. Has been meeting SAF Chair as well.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Reports that she was at the Population Health open house. Learned about classrooms being made available which was otherwise mentioned at the Senate meeting that there won’t be any classrooms available. They seem to be interested to know that Senators and students want to be involved

Grant Williamson: Reports that Science and Policy has started to wrap up the white paper project.

12. Officer report 7:42 PM

Tori Hernandez: Reports that Fall Social is on 2nd Nov. Needs help with check in tables. Reaching out to Senators on Program reviews. Working on student input guides. There will be coffee hours to be more collective and talk about issues. Brandon is looking at exit survey data to identify program reviews. Writing memorandum giving information from those exit surveys. Working on personnel handbook for GPSS. Meeting with HFS next week. GSE had its first meeting.

Matt Munoz: Reports that SAGE conference went well. There are new working groups. Tax details are bad. Submitted a WSA legislative agenda proposal for the graduate loan option study. Would be part of the WSA priorities and GPSS priorities once its approved. Met with Budgeting and Planning office about last year. Met with UW impact. Has solid relationship. Election is on Nov 7th. Calls everyone to vote.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that they are behind on minutes. Trying to get on caught up on public records. Meeting with Diversity Committees.

Brad Copenhaver: Reports that Travel Grant Committee was awarded $3700. 30 students are going for conferences in Fall. Updating the application process and streamlining it.

Peder Digre: Recommends talking to STF about their website.

Brad Copenhaver: Agrees. Also reports about meeting with F&B Committee. Renee will be holding few trainings with them next week. First departmental funding request presentation coming soon.

Elloise Kim: Reports that she is working with Office of Registrar on Fee based Program. Also working on communication and dissemination of information. Good progress in conversation. Bringing issue to the grad school staff meeting to create momentum in committing to change.
Fee based program online registration is delayed. Was to come in Spring. GPSS Officer weekly meeting will kick off next week to improve communication. University Affairs Director has been hired and working together on lot of new projects. Tori will do all-campus survey in winter. Send to senators. Attended one of the meetings with Financial Aid Committee. There were discussions about new emergency program. Students can request for emergency funding on their new website. It’s on pilot stage They will be in the Senate meeting soon.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks about where someone can be sent if they are in emergency right now.

Elloise Kim: Suggests UW website with the key words “Emergency Funding”

Bo Goodrich: Reports that they are working on practice resolutions and joint resolutions. Working with Giuliana about doing joint resolutions.

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13. **Announcements**  

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14. **Adjournment**  

Brad Copenhaver: Approves to adjourn  
Grant Williamson:Seconds  

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