Virtual Officer Elections April 15, 2020

The 2020-2021 GPSS Officer Elections will occur on April 15th via a virtual meeting on Zoom (https://washington.zoom.us/j/169363500), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please refer to the Elections Guide, published on the GPSS Website, for more information.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Monday, April 6, 2020, 5:30 p.m.** Last day to file a nomination to the Elections Committee Chair and have a candidate’s information published on the GPSS website.

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:30 p.m.** Officer candidates’ information will be posted to the GPSS website and emailed to Senators.

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020** Absentee ballot will be made available online by the GPSS Elections Committee.

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 2:30 p.m.** Electronic absentee ballots due to gpsselect@uw.edu. Absentee balloting works the same way for those not attending the zoom meeting.

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 5:30 p.m.** Elections meeting via Zoom https://washington.zoom.us/j/169363500. All candidates must attend this meeting.

**For Candidates:**

In order to have your information published on the GPSS website prior to the election, you must email your application to gpsselect@uw.edu by **Monday April 6th at 5:30PM**. If you are concerned about attendance of required meetings that are now virtual or cancelled, or cannot attend these meetings due to circumstances related to the pandemic, please explain that in your application. The elections committee can grant exemptions for these meetings, and will be lenient in granting these considering the unprecedented circumstances. During the elections meeting, candidates may use one powerpoint slide which will be displayed while they are speaking. The slide must be sent to gpsssec@uw.edu by 2:30 pm on April 15th. At the elections meeting, candidates will have 3 minutes to speak. A member of the Elections Committee will keep track of each candidates’ speaking time and will notify the candidate when they have one minute left.

**For Eligible Voters:**

Voting will be conducted through PollEv, which the body is already familiar with from its previous use in GPSS meetings. The Elections Committee has established a PollEv account completely independent from the account typically used in GPSS meetings so that only members of the Elections Committee (and the independent observers named in the Elections Guide) will be able to conduct the election and view its results. The PollEv will be managed by one member of the Elections Committee whose sole responsibility is managing PollEv during the meeting. Similarly, one member of the Elections Committee will also have the sole responsibility of running the Zoom portion of the meeting. The meeting host will ask all participants to mute themselves when not speaking, and will spotlight the speaker and screen share accordingly.

We are looking forward to this election, and conducting it effectively and fairly via a virtual option. If you have any questions or concerns, please email gpsselect@uw.edu. Please consider applying to these important, impactful, and well-compensated positions.