GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

February 19, 2020 | HUB 332

ATTENDANCE
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Call To Order
1. Call to Order - 1 min
2. Approval of the Agenda - 1 min
3. Guest Speaker - Rickey Hall - 20 min
4. U-PASS Update - 15 min
5. U-PASS Resolution First Reading - 5 min
6. Elections Guide - 20 min
7. Executive Senator Elections - 5 min
8. Budget Timeline Update - 10 min
9. President’s Poll - 1 min
10. External Update - 5 min
11. Events Update - 5 min
12. Announcements - 5 min
13. Adjournment - 1 min

Total Time: 95 min
Estimated End Time: 7:05pm
Approval Of Agenda
Rickey Hall

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Questions for Rickey Hall

Top
U-PASS Update
Universal Student U-PASS
Advisory Board
What is U-PASS?

- Unlimited rides on regional transit
- Seattle Streetcar, King County Water Taxi, Monorail, Ride2
- NightRide Shuttle
- Discounted carpool parking and free ride-matching
- Free vanpool parking & fare subsidy
- Discounts on transportation-related vendors (bike share, bike repair, car share)
- Free commute planning assistance
U-PASS vs. ORCA

$84  Student U-PASS/quarter

$297  Puget Pass/quarter  
      (King County Metro only)

$567  Puget Pass/quarter  
      (All regional transit)

How U-PASS payments are structured?

UW pays the full cost for each transit trip taken on U-PASS
History of U-PASS

1991
● Strong student leadership contributes to the creation of U-PASS — a subsidized transportation pass to improve access to campus and reduce traffic and environmental impacts

2009-2010
● Rapidly rising transit costs cause the U-PASS rate to increase from $49 to $99
● A broad survey of students finds 79% support for a universal U-PASS to control spiraling costs

2010-2011
● Both GPSS and ASUW Senate bodies pass resolutions establishing the Universal U-PASS

2011-2012
● The Universal Student U-PASS program begins with a commitment of a two-year guaranteed price

2015
● The MOU was updated with a fee increase to $84/quarter

2018-2019
● Both ASUW and GPSS pass resolution to allow ASEs receiving a fully-subsidized U-PASS from the University to be removed from the Universal Student U-PASS population and have their fees covered by the benefit load
## U-PASS Funding Model

### U-PASS Program Funding

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<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>User Fees</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>$11.1 Million</td>
<td>$84 / Qtr</td>
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<td>University Support</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>$1.7 Million</td>
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<td>Parking Support</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>$3.8 Million</td>
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<td>Population Size</td>
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### U-PASS Program Expenses

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<td>Transit Costs</td>
<td>97%</td>
<td>$16 Million</td>
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<td>Staff Wages</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>$.17 Million</td>
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<td>Shuttles &amp; Vanpool</td>
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*By law, the U-PASS is not permitted to operate at a deficit. Parking support through TDM fees will be used to make the program whole each year. U-PASS Program Reserves will also be held to defray future cost increases and ultimately will go back into the program. Reserves should be maintained at one month's operating expenses for all programs. The Student U-PASS Reserves also maintain all reserves collected prior to FY20.*
How Transit Has Changed?

Since the last student U-PASS fee increase:
- Link Light Rail opens to UW Station in May 2016
- Fare Increases
- Transit service increase
Students Are Using Transit More
What’s Coming?

2021
● North Link opens to Northgate w/ 3 new light rail stations
● Transit agencies will be restructuring bus routes
  ○ King County Metro
  ○ Sound Transit
  ○ Community Transit

2023
● East Link opens to Bellevue and Redmond

2024
● North Link opens to Lynnwood
**FY21 & FY22 Student U-PASS Program Cost Projections**

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# Financial Overlook

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<th>Funding Sources</th>
<th>Fiscal Year 2021</th>
<th>Fiscal Year 2022</th>
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<td>Student Fees ($84/qtr)</td>
<td>$11,393,292</td>
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<td>TDM</td>
<td>$2,750,000</td>
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<td><strong>Balance</strong></td>
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<td>($5,079,369)</td>
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What Are Factors Driving Fee Increase

- Increased transit costs with light rail
- Increased admin costs (CPI, services)
- University program subsidy policy changes:
  - Meet central subsidy cap of $1.8M
  - Meet parking revenue cap of $2.75M
## Student Fee Scenario #1 - No Increase

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<td>$84</td>
<td>$11.4M</td>
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<td>2022</td>
<td>$84</td>
<td>$11.6M</td>
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No fee increase will cover program costs for FY21, but does not maintain the required reserve balance.

- FY 20 Reserve $3.3M
- Required Reserve is 1 month of operating costs
  - FY21: $1.4M
  - FY22: $1.7M
## Student Fee Scenario #1 - 1 Year Increase

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A $2/quarter fee increase will cover program costs in FY21 and maintains the required reserve balance.

- FY 20 Reserve $3.3M
- Required Reserve is 1 month of operating costs
  - FY21: $1.4M
Advisory Board Proposal

- A $2/quarter U-PASS fee increase for academic year 2020-2021 ($86/quarter).
- Renewing the Student U-PASS Memorandum of Understanding through June 2021

The Advisory Board will go through an in-depth review of program costs leading into fiscal year 2022, when the Link light rail extension to Northgate opens.
Timeline for Fee Increase

February 19    GPSS Senate First Reading
February 20    ASUW Board First Reading
March 4        GPSS Senate Vote
March 5        ASUW Board Vote
June           Memorandum of Understanding Updated
Fall 2020      New fee begins
U-PASS Resolution First Reading

RESOLUTION
Minor Changes

- Dates
- Officers revised job descriptions
- Amend Elections Guide pg.2: Running for an officer position in the GPSS is designed to be as accessible efficient as possible and should require very little of your time and money.
- Addition: 1.1 pg. 5 All official elections related correspondence to any member of the elections committee will be archived. For access to this archive, email the chair of the Elections Committee at fimurray@uw.edu.
- Amend 2.1 pg. 6: At least one of the three meetings attended must be governed have governed by rules of parliamentary procedure.
- Any mention of Diversity Committee changed to Equity and Accountability Committee
2.1 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- **Stuck:** In the case of a scheduling conflict, the candidate may petition the Elections Committee for an exception that may be granted by a majority vote of the Elections Committee.

- **Added:** It is highly encouraged that you talk with the current officers about the position you are interested in. The current officers are:

- **Amended:** While being available to work an average of 19.5 hours per week at least part-time during the Summer Quarter is strongly recommended, exceptions have been granted (see existing officers for details).
2.1 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Added: If a candidate is unable to commit to working an average of twenty hours per week during the summer, they are encouraged to petition the GPSS Executive Committee, in person (preferred) or in writing (email acceptable), for an exemption to the requirement. Petitions should be addressed to the current GPSS Secretary. The prospective officer must address their plan for ensuring they will be ready to assume all responsibilities of their office successfully at the start of Fall Quarter in their request. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to grant a full or partial (e.g., at least one month at ten hours per week, work may be done remotely, etc.) exemption. The Executive Committee should attempt to grant exemptions so long as the prospective Officer is deemed able to fulfill their responsibilities with the exemption in place. The status of each candidate’s summer availability will be made available to the senate.
2.2 Key Dates and Deadlines

Amend/Add: After all the candidates for a given position have presented, there will be an additional 10-minute period for Senators to ask questions of those candidates. This period will be extended by an additional 2 minutes for each number of candidates above 2.
4.5 Campaigning

- Amend/Add: Candidates will not appeal to prejudices based on race, creed, sex, gender identity or expression, national origin, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability, or citizenship status, or parental status. Candidates will not participate in personal vilification, defamation, and other attacks on any opposing candidate, party, or ballot measure advocate.

- Amend/Add: Sitting GPSS Officers, Executive Senators, members of the Judicial Committee, and members of the Elections Committee may not endorse, including communicating a preference, either positive or negative, of any candidates in an official capacity) and are strongly discouraged from doing so in a private capacity. Their official capacity includes:
  - Using the title of their office
  - At any GPSS function
  - Using GPSS letterhead and emails
  - Within the GPSS office
  - During their office hours and meetings with other on-campus entities
ADD: This period will last for 10 minutes. An additional 2 minutes will be allotted for each number of candidates above 2. Each candidate is allotted 30 seconds to answer a question and may abstain from answering any question. Questions will be posed through a digital platform (e.g. PollEverywhere). The digital platform for questions will be open throughout the candidates presentations and the question period. Meeting attendees, with the exception of officers, will be able to pose and select the questions to be asked of the candidates. Current officers may pose questions to the candidates, but must pre-submit these questions to the Elections Committee chair via email by 2:30PM April 15th. The questions will be screened by the Elections Committee to ensure compliance with this Elections Guide. The Election Committee will submit the approved pre-submitted officer questions to the digital platform. Questions will be asked of the candidates based on the level of support from meeting attendees. Senators voting absentee may also pre-submit questions to the Election Committee chair by 2:30PM April 15th via email, who will submit these to the digital platform on their behalf.
4.9 Elections Meeting

- ADD: Following candidate presentations and questions for all officer positions, a 10 minute candidate forum will occur. During this period, meeting attendees are welcome to openly discuss the candidates. Candidates are welcome to remain in the meeting during this period but cannot field questions from the meeting attendees. The Elections Committee recommends using this time to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates’ ability to perform responsibilities of the position and to avoid discussions about whether a candidate meets the qualifications outlined in this guide.
- The officers are elected by a simple majority of the GPSS Senators who vote in person or by absentee ballot if possible. If there is not a simple majority, the officers are elected through ranked choice choice mechanism.
Officer Candidate Nomination Form

ADD: 6. Chart with Date/Meeting attended with the following below

In the case that you did not attend the required meeting(s), please provide justification below. The Elections Committee will grant exemptions on a case-by-case basis. Valid justification includes conflicts between required meetings and pre-scheduled class or school, pre-scheduled dependent responsibilities, or other conflicts deemed valid on a case-by-case basis to be determined by a majority of the Elections Committee. Please explain below:
Officer Candidate Nomination Form

ADD:

9. Are you able to work an average of 19.5 hours per week during the summer?  
   Yes (   ) No (   )

10. If ‘No’ to question 9, have you sought and received an exemption from the Elections Committee?  
    Yes (   ) No (   )

11. If ‘No’ to question 10, please provide a plan for ensuring you will be ready to assume all responsibilities of their office successfully at the start of Fall Quarter below:
Executive Senator Elections
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Looking for two new Executive Senators!

Elections March 4th

Any nominations?
Budget Timeline Update
Roarin’ FY20
Because budgeting should be fun

Let’s get fiscal!

- Officer’s proposed budget: sent to Exec!
- 2/26: Exec will review Officer’s budget
- 2/28: F&B Reviews Officer’s budget
- First ½ of March: Exec/F&B agree on budget
- Second ½ of March: Shane clarifies budget for Senate on a beach with dranks
- 4/1: Senate votes on budget!
- 4/17: GPSS presents budget to SAF for review/approval
President’s Poll
President's Poll

When survey is active, respond at PollEv.com/gpsspoll
External Update
Today is House of Origin cutoff
  ◦ If it doesn’t pass either house or senate, the bill dies 😱😱😱😱😱

What is alive!
  ◦ HB 2327 (Faculty misconduct)
  ◦ SB 6127 (Grad Student rep WASAC)
  ◦ SB 5395 (Comprehensive Sex-ed K-12)
  ◦ HB 2513 (stop transcript holds for fees)
  ◦ HB 2252 (Maternity & Abortion for Student Health Insurance)
  ◦ SB 6313 (Voting Centers for Campuses)
  ◦ SB 6561 (Undocumented Student Loans)
    ■ WHICH IS SUPER COOL
    ■ BIPARTISAN SENATE SUPPORT

Budget Proviso for Health Care
  ◦ next week budget is released, budget proviso for task force will be there (hopefully!)
ESB 6492 ( $$$ for WA College Grant) is the first new law to come out of our 2020 session

- This is a tax restructure to guarantee money for WA College Grant (which was passed last year)
  - 2-year schools, vocational degrees, undergrad degrees are FREE if family income is below 50k/year, and there are discounts up until family income is 90k
  - Hopefully grad school financial support is NEXT?!
GRAD & PROFESSIONAL LOBBY DAY WAS AMAZING AND WONDERFUL AND IS FINALLY DONE

1. If you came, thank you for being so freaking awesome and raising visibility of grad students
2. if you didn’t come, you kinda suck and you missed out but we’ll forgive you (only if you plan on attending next year)
3. We got to work with WSU and WWU - and everyone was impressed with our cross-campus collaboration!
4. Because of this, GPSS has a leg up when we start conversations about next year’s session and brainstorming legislative fixes to the issues we expressed last Tuesday
5. Abbie and Aaron are amazing people who made this all possible!
Winter Quarter Events

HAPPY HOURS!

- Before Karamo Brown, Meany Hall, 2/26, 6:30-7:30
- You must have a ticket to the event to attend
TRIVIA!

- 3/12, 4:30-6:00, Denny 303
- Disney (March)
- Come with a team or form one there (max. 6)
Winter Quarter Events

Sports!

UW Gymnastics:

- Saturday, March 14th vs SPU at 2:00 PM
  - Students FREE with Husky ID
  - FREE ADMISSION LINK for family, friends and guest - to be shared
  - This is valid for free admission for (5) general admission tickets
Announcements
Adjournment
GPSS meetings are every other Wednesday @ 5:30 PM in HUB 332

Next Meeting | March 4