



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Senate Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019 | Hub 332

Officers and Executive Senators Present:

GPSS President: Giuliana Conti
GPSS Secretary: Amy Gabriel
GPSS Treasurer: Robby Perkins-Hood
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs: Sydney Pearce
GPSS Executive Senator: Zhiyun Ma
GPSS Executive Senator: Jackie Wong
GPSS Executive Senator: Michael Diamond
GPSS Executive Senator: Jacob Ziegler
GPSS Executive Senator: Chris Boylan

1. Call to Order **5:32 PM**

2. Approval of the Agenda **5:32 PM**

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership & Higher Ed): Motions to approve agenda.

Shane Schrader (Foster School of Business): Seconds.

3. Approval of Minutes **5:33 PM**

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): Motions to approve minutes.

Varun Kao (Material Science & Engineering): Seconds.

4. Judicial Committee Member Election

5:33 PM

Amy Gabriel: Says looking for one more member of the Judicial Committee. It is the body that makes final decisions about any points of contention, complaints or concerns about GPSS. Includes issues with Officers, staff or just functions and operations. Currently has five members, but need six for the Bylaws. With the Elections coming up, it is really important to have a functioning Judicial Committee before elections. They played a key role in some issues with election results in a prior year. Any questions?

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership & Higher Ed): Asks a current member to give an introduction of the work they are doing.

Ramsess Quezada (Chemistry): Says the Committee meets once a month at most. They typically go over Bylaws and any changes people are seeking. Meeting times are an hour maximum. Also can do a lot of work over e-mail as well.

Amy Gabriel: Adds that Senators on Judicial Committee cannot serve on any other committees.

Britahny Baskin (Neuroscience): Volunteers. Says that it is her first year in GPSS. Has a lot of ideas hoping to bring and would like to play a bigger role. Would also take into account the most fair way to do things.

Tim O'Neil (Neuroscience): Motions to vote.

Casey Duff (ASUW): Seconds.

Vote: Clear majority.

5. Small Group Activities

5:38 PM

Amy Gabriel: Explains activity. Mingle-mingle. Partners will answer Poll Everywhere questions together and record their partner's answer into the app.

Everyone mingled!

6. Election Guide Approval

5:57 PM

Frances Chu (Nursing): Introduces herself as chair of Elections Committee. Reviews the changes the Committee made.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Notes that on Friday, February 15th the Elections Guide was sent out, so now just going over what is different.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Says that first edit is on Page 8.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Adds that the Committee wanted to flag something that is being brought higher up in the document. Previously the policy was unclear for GPSS Officers expectations over the summer, which is something GPSS is working on right now. It is important that some work is done during the summer, so if that is not possible, candidates should talk with the Officer who is currently in the position you'll be running for. Also added language about how current Officer has an obligation to treat all candidates fairly.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Notes also updated the dates for the Elections process and timeline.

Sydney Pearce: Asks, if see errors, do we bring that up now?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Right now just going through what has changed for full transparency. Then we have a proposed amendment that the Elections Committee is neutral on, so want Senate input. Then will accept further amendments, if any, then approve it. There were some changes to outdated language for staff, for instance, the Organizing Director was added. Also corrected the names of current Committees. Treasurer no longer ensures audit of GPSS, so removed that. There were a few other technical changes to the roles of VP of Internal and VP of External Affairs. Clarified the roles and aligned them with how GPSS actually functions. Got feedback about the order of Elections. Last year it was President, VPs, Treasurer and Secretary. The feedback was a concern about the order because who comes earlier may affect later votes, like if there are candidates from same school or who share similar ideas. Do not want to create a systemic bias, so struck in a new sentence, which would allow Elections Committee to flip the order. If people feel like the order is important, can reinstate it.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Any concerns with that?

Lillian Ferraz (Evans School): Notes that a leadership team is not just about individuals, but also how well they work together. If you know who the President is, then it determines choices about other candidates and how well they will work together. Important to be able to consider a balance and who will compliment the more senior positions. So is against the change.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Responds that the sentence would just change the order in which candidates are presented, but voters still would not actually know who was elected until later.

Sydney Pearce: Adds that GPSS has a lateral board where everyone has equal power within the board.

Andrew Shumway (Earth and Space Sciences): Notes that if making this change, may also want to change the sentence before it because kind of implies that the candidates will be presented in alphabetical order.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Moves to amend sentence to add “statements will be given in alphabetical order by last name” to include “and grouped by officer position.”

Andrew Shumway (Earth and Space Sciences): Seconds.

Giuliana Conti: Objections? Seeing none the change stands.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Says there are three meeting requirements to be eligible to be a candidate. Last year, one of those meetings had to be run with parliamentary procedure of some sort (Senate, Exec or F & B) and the other two meeting requirements could be anything else listed in the Elections Guide (only change this year is the Committee added the ASUW Board of Directors meeting, just for candidates for Secretary.)

Sydney Pearce: Comments that ASUW Board of Directors actually falls under VP of Internal Affairs, but this year was delegated to Amy, so recommends it gets moved. Also add “graduate” to student experience committee and add newly formed Arts Committee.

Giuliana Conti: This gets to the discussion in general about what kind of requirements.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Can you e-mail those suggestions to Amy Gabriel? Also received feedback from current Officers that it might better prepare a candidate if they were required to attend at least one committee meeting associated with their position. So still three meetings, but would require that at least one committee meeting be relevant to their position. The Elections Guide lists the committees candidates would have to attend.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Point of Information: Given that some people might have conflicts with committee meetings, would there be exceptions made?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): That is something that we could add in, but there are two quarters for people to attend.

Dean Allsopp (Evans): Would like to voice support of Jacob Ziegler’s comment as well since class schedules for Spring are already set and this change came later in the year.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Is there a motion to replace Sec 201?

Andrew Shumway (Earth & Space Sciences): Is this replacing option 1 with option 2?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): The question we are answering is should we replace Option 1 with Option 2?

Giuliana Conti: Notes it would be helpful if could say the difference between options 1 and 2.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Option 1 requires candidates to attend at least one meeting that is run with parliamentary procedure. Option 2 requires candidates to go to a committee meeting associated with the position they are running for.

Amelia Schwartz (Geography): Point of Information: Can it also be with someone as a proxy?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Yes, can be not at all affiliated with GPSS today and come to Exec meeting next week and that counts. Do not have to be an active participant or voting member.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Motions to replace option 1 with option 2.

Rachel Hutto (Biochemistry): Seconds.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Any amendments?

Robert Levine (Oceanography): Motions to amend option 2 to suggest that in the case of conflicts, current Officers will suggest meeting alternatives.

Giuliana Conti: Suggests anyone asking for an alternative meeting make sure the request is in writing.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Says that the alternative should be another committee that the Officer also attends.

Robert Levine (Oceanography): Suggests “In the case of a scheduling conflict, the candidate may attend committee meetings alongside standing Officer, or a meeting at the approval of the current Officer...”

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): It might be simpler to re-word this at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

Robert Levine (Oceanography): Motions to allow the Elections Committee to further discuss and decide the wording to insert a clause into option 2 that allows a candidate who has a scheduling conflict to shadow the current Officer to another committee meeting.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Thought we should just defer to Elections Committee Chair on an exception. Motion that amends the text to say, “in the case of a scheduling conflict, the Elections Committee Chair may, at their discretion, allow for the requirement to be met with another relevant committee meeting.”

Giuliana Conti: Notes was confused because thought the recommendation was that we say vaguely what the amended language would be and the Elections Committee chair comes up with it.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Motions to extend time by 10 minutes.

Andrew Shumway (Earth & Space Sciences): Seconds.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Recommends motion be made.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): So moved.

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership & Higher Ed): Seconds.

Dean Allsopp (Evans School): Says that although understands intent behind this option – thinks it creates unnecessary barriers for students. Can suggest they attend, but should not be required.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Responds the debate we have right now is should we include the statement.

Andrew Shumway (Earth and Space Sciences): Says now making an exception to a rule that is trying to be put in place. So thinks should just stick with option 1.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Any further debate on amending option 2 to allow the Elections Committee chair to allow exceptions to this?

Stephanie Landdeck (Social Work): Is that including shadowing?

Frances Chu (Nursing): Dropped the shadowing.

Mason Proffitt (Physics): If we go with option 2 – candidate can request exception from the Elections committee, then approved by a majority vote of Elections Committee?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Motions to amend the amendment. In the case of a scheduling conflict the candidate may petition the Elections Committee for an exception which may be granted by a majority vote of the Elections Committee. Motion on the floor...

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Seconds.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Any discussion on this motion. An “aye” vote says that you want the amendment to read “In the case of a scheduling conflict the candidate may petition the Elections Committee for an exception which may be granted by a majority vote of the Elections Committee.” If vote, “No” means want the Elections Chair to have the authority.

Vote: Majority Ayes.

Robby Perkins-High: Motions to suspend parliamentary procedure to discuss the two options.

Lillian Ferraz (Evans School): Seconds.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Will accept by unanimous consent unless someone objects.

Giuliana Conti: Provides background information on option 2. Last year, in the process of people interested in running for a position, going to meetings was a big part of them deciding whether to run. It seemed to be a natural filter. For instance, some people running for Secretary came to Diversity Committee Meeting and never came back. Running without that specific background information, could be a problem. So it is about the importance of attending a committee that they will chair so they understand what the job entails.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Notes that from the Elections Committee perspective, thought that was a compelling argument. Brought to Senate rather than just deciding on their own because it is a large departure from prior years. Last year allowed Committee meetings without *parli pro*. This year will actually require certain committees, so wanted Senate to be aware of such a large policy shift. Could be another large burden and it is something the Senate should decide whether it is worth it. Any other thoughts or questions? We will move back into *Parli Pro*, so had a motion on the floor to accept “The candidate may petition the Elections Committee for an exception which may be granted by a majority vote of the Elections Committee.” So any debate or discussion on this sentence?

Dean Allsopp (Evans School): Says would prefer to have the conversation now without parliamentary procedure. Would like to find a compromise. Committee’s Spring schedules are not set yet and students have already chosen their schedules. But would be open to compromise.

Lillian Ferraz (Evans School): It’s an equity issue – having to work and go to school, may not have time to go to extra meetings. It is inequitable to assume all students can do that when working.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Suggests having option 2 as a waivable requirement. It’s best to strongly encourage them to attend, but address equity issues with option to waive the requirement.

Chris Boylan (Marine & Environmental Affairs): Echoes that. Thinks the current language is lenient. Having just attended Exec last week, knows it is a whirlwind to get thrown into something, so thinks it’s good to have requirement.

Christine Chen (Dentistry): Using a “should” can make it seem like more of a requirement.

Amelia Schwartz (Geography): Would it be possible for candidates who cannot make the time work to have an individual meeting with the committee chair?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Responds that the Guide already strongly encourages candidates for office to meet with current officer and shadow them. So already in the document.

Amelia Schwartz (Geography): So maybe a meeting as an alternative rather than an exception.

Stephanie Landdeck (Social Work): While I value preparedness, especially for an influential position, having an exception or waiver is less equitable. Having the same requirements for everyone is the most equitable.

Sydney Pearce: From the officer's perspective – a lot of the meetings we attend are not as chair – but are equally valuable, so there could be a wide range of options. Does not necessarily need to be meetings that the officer chairs.

Chris Boylan (Marine & Environmental Affairs): Agrees.

Andrew Shumway: Motions to extend debate by 10 mins.

Chris Boylan (Marine & Environmental Affairs): Seconds.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Hearing no objections, motion on the floor is accepting the sentence – an amendment to option 2. Does anyone have debate or motions before voting? Seeing none. Ayes will be to include this sentence into option 2, neighs will be to exclude from option 2.

Vote: Majority Ayes.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): The first thing we should do is decide whether we are going with option 1 or option 2, then amend whichever is chosen. The motion on the table is just option 2.

Casey Duff (ASUW): Motions to vote on option 2.

Amelia Schwartz (Geography): Seconds.

Mason Proffitt (Physics): Point of Information: If vote on this, will it affect option 1, or will we still vote on option 1?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): If you want option 1, vote no. If want option 2, vote yes.

All those in favor of adopting option 2: 23

All those opposed: 11

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Option 2 will be in the Elections Guide. Any further amendments to the Elections Guide in general?

Sydney Pearce: Has 3 amendments to option 2. Correct the name of one of the committees for the VP of Internal Affairs; Remove “Secretary” candidates and replace with “VP of Internal Affairs” for ASUW Board of Directors. Proposes the addition of the Arts Council as an option of what to

attend under the President's responsibilities. Meetings to be determined, please contact gpsspres@uw.edu.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): The motion on the floor is everything in green right now and the word "graduate."

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Seconds.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Any discussion on this amendment? All those in favor? Majority has it.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Any more amendments?

Ted Cohen (Molecular Engineering): Motions to vote on Elections Guide.

Casey Duff (ASUW): Seconds.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Objections to moving to a vote?

Vote: Majority approves the Elections Guide.

7. Upcoming Events

6:55 PM

Matt McKeown (Events Director): Says that the social is tomorrow night at the UW Center for Urban Horticulture. Please put one last plug into departments. It is all free.

The other event coming up is the Self-Care Soiree. Shout out to Mimi Krutein for helping to plan. The purpose of the event is to help grad and professional students with self-care. Therapy dogs, crafting, coloring, yoga and resources from Hall Health and Counseling Center. Will be handing out posters tonight to put in departments.

8. Husky Seed Fund

6:58 PM

Sydney Pearce: Notes that the Husky Seed Fund is a really exciting opportunity for students to submit innovative ideas and get funding. Open until Mar 12th. Awards are up to \$5,000 per project. Link will be in senator announcements.

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): Adds it is a cool opportunity for grads and undergrads to enhance student experience. Some prior projects have had national attention and major effects on the university. Like open sidewalks, so students could map accessible sidewalks on campus. It was utilized by the University when the Special Olympics were hosted here. The Seattle mayor has recognized it and is trying to use it for downtown. All started with Husky Seed Fund.

9. Olympia Update

7:00 PM

Brittney Whitley (Organizing Director): Exciting and busy time. Friday is the policy cut off which means that all new bills have to be out of house of origin other than those in the appropriations committee. State lead grant, student veteran's mental health bill and the student loan re-financing are all headed to fiscal committees for votes. Thinks sexual violence task force and comprehensive sexual health education will be headed to fiscal committees as well. Another bill about barriers to reproductive health, which falls in line with student health care priority, and it is scheduled for Executive Session on the 22nd. Needs testimonies. Would be great if could go to Olympia to testify, but will know about the hearing on short notice. So also taking down text testimony. So if could write a paragraph about how having a student loan debt has affected your life – would be useful. Will send out a template. Also LAB meets tomorrow at 10am, and will be working on writing testimonies, so please come. Also can e-mail her at gpsspol@uw.edu.

10. Executive Reports

7:03 PM

Robby Perkins-High: F & B has Special Allocations funding, so will start highlighting events have funded, so you all can go. The Veritas Forum is coming up, which is a debate about the science behind atheism. It's free and in Kane Hall – link on slide. Update on travel grants. Have funded 26 students to travel to conferences, \$8,000 spent so far. \$14,000 left to spend. Second round closing tonight, then one more after that. Also spending a lot of time on the budget process. Come to Exec or F & B if want to know more.

Amy Gabriel: Went to National Student Leaders Diversity Convention, and there were a lot of undergrads and schools from all over the country. Discussed identity, implicit bias, and student relations. Composition survey is complete, will go out tomorrow. Please respond by Mar 6th. Sits on the Race and Equity Initiative and they are doing Campus climate focus groups in response to the diversity blueprint. A survey will go out to undergrad, grads and staff and faculty at all campuses. Is responsible for putting together focus groups for white students (undergrad and grad), grad student employees and students in LGBTQIA+ group. If interested, talk with her. Must be finalized by Monday. Resolutions 101 workshops and meetings are still happening.

Sydney Pearce: SAF Liaison opening. Meetings are on Fridays from 1-3pm. If interested talk with Sydney Pearce. Has Husky Gymnastics coupons available. Science and Policy Committee will meet as a whole on Monday 2/25, 5-6pm.

Robby Perkins-High: Notes that really wants to fill SAF seat because otherwise it is one less vote on \$19 million budget.

Giuliana Conti: Reminder to take care of ourselves. The topic of childcare is coming up in GPSS. Will maybe be creating a townhall and conversation about parents/caretakers. So if want to be involved in demanding more resources talk with us. First resolution workshop was today. There

are three in the works. It is before Senate, 3-5pm in the GPSS office. Also creating a grad student support group – if dealing with power balance struggles, or just want to commiserate, next one is March 12th. The Academic conference proposals close tonight.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Executive Senator update! Chris Boylan attended his first Exec Meeting. Jackie Wong is working on expanding Poll Everywhere. Michael Diamond is at work on Elections Committee and Parliamentarian roles. Jacob Ziegler has been working on SAF. Zhiyun Ma is on F & B and has been working to approve special allocation grants and departmental grants.

11. Announcements

7:12 PM

Lillian Ferraz (Evans School): Used to have a Rainbow Grads group, and wants to create a campus wide group, even though individual grad schools have them. Want Q Center and GPSS involved as much as possible. Also mentions safety on campus. Evans School is in Condon Hall, so if something were to happen with safety, the nearest resource may be far way. So wants to get together a coalition for a resolution so staff and faculty get training on providing resources – CPR training and first aid responses. If anyone is interested talk with her.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics): Diversity Committee has funds available, but closes March 1st. Information is on website.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Beyond the Binary – a new RSO from the Dental School. First kickoff event. Goal is to have a conversation about unique experience of trans and non-binary healthcare students. Potluck and interdisciplinary panel.

Kelly Edwards (Graduate School): Post-Doc Mentoring Award: asking for nominations about post docs who have been exceptional mentors. \$2,000 award. Most people who get nominated had no idea their mentorship meant something. The grad school will give them the letter and let them know they've been nominated. There is also an event for first generation grad students, and one for international grad students on working with faculty.

12. Adjournment

7:17 PM

Andrew Shumway (Earth & Space Sciences): Motions to adjourn.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Seconds.