



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Exec Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2019 | HUB 303

Members Present

GPSS President: Giuliana Conti
GPSS Secretary: Amy Gabriel
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs: Sydney Pearce
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Kelsey Hood (via phone)
GPSS Treasurer: Robby Perkins-Hood
GPSS Executive Senator: Zhiyun Ma
GPSS Executive Senator: Jackie Wong
GPSS Executive Senator: Jacob Ziegler
GPSS Executive Senator: Michael Diamond
GPSS Executive Senator: Chris Boylan
ASUW Director of Internal Policy and the Liaison: Casey Duff

1. Call to Order **5:36 PM**

2. Approval of the Agenda **5:36 PM**

Amy Gabriel: Motions to amend the agenda to suspend the approval of the minutes for the next meeting.

Jacob Ziegler: Seconds

Michael Diamond: Motions to amend the agenda to add Senate Agenda at the end for 10 minutes.

Jackie Wong: Seconds.

Jackie Wong: Motions to approve the agenda as amended.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

3. Senator Meeting Overview

5:38 PM

Giuliana Conti: Quick feedback on the last Senate meeting.

Michael Diamond: Apologizes that it was more painful than necessary, but happy that the Senate got to decide. Personal goal moving forward is finding a way between spoon feeding and drinking through a fire hydrant.

Giuliana Conti: Other comments?

Jacob Ziegler: Notes that preparing people is a good idea. Brought up a new issue that could be controversial and it caught people off guard that it would go for as long as it did. So if can anticipate that it is coming, should be more organized up front.

Giuliana Conti: Adds there is a difference between being a parliamentarian and the chair and just being the parliamentarian. It's really difficult. Indicated to her that, if anyone is going to take over chairing, should sit down and go over it with them, because it is a lot at once. There were a lot of layers, so moving forward, anytime build into the agenda someone else chairing, ask them if they are comfortable and help guide them through the process just in case.

Rene Singleton: Technically if you are not chairing, it is supposed to be passed on to Vice President.

Giuliana Conti: Yeah, haven't even sat down with Sydney Pearce and explained it.

Rene Singleton: And just do the whole thing informally, without Parliamentary Procedure, because it is easier.

Giuliana Conti: Very thankful to Michael for having run that.

4. Liaisons

5:44 PM

Sydney Pearce: Couple of liaisons to approve:

SAF Liaison, Colleen Bickel

Amy Gabriel: Moves to approve.

Robby Perkins-High: Seconds.

Student Advisor Relationships Committee, Giuliana Conti

Amy Gabriel: Motions to approve.

Jackie Wong: Seconds.

Lab Safety Committee

Jacob Ziegler volunteers.

Sydney Pearce: Moves to approve.

Amy Gabriel: Seconds.

Student Regent Search Committee, Jackie Wong and Zhiyun Ma

Amy Gabriel: Motions to approve.

Casey Duff: Seconds.

5. Tri-Campus Meeting

5:47 PM

Giuliana Conti: Says that this coming Saturday is the re-do of the cancelled meeting. Realizes that people are already strapped, so not obligating people to go. Proposes that she goes, since a lot of the questions on the agenda are big picture and has already been seeped in that. If want to join, welcome to come, but no obligation. Thoughts?

Kelsey Hood: Do you know what the legislative section is going to be about?

Giuliana Conti: Only knows what is in the agenda.

Amy Gabriel: Thanks for consideration of time.

Giuliana Conti: Is there anyone else that wants to go?

Kelsey Hood: Are any decisions going to be made at this meeting?

Giuliana Conti: No, don't know what decisions could be made. Likely just discussion. But will text if there is decision.

6. Executive Committee Appointment

5:49 PM

Robby Perkins-High: Motions to discuss after Olympia update.

Sydney Pearce: Seconds.

7. Olympia Update

5:50 PM

Kelsey Hood: Gives a shout out to the members who helped pass the comprehensive sex education bill through the House today. Also working on Behavioral Health bill, Comprehensive sex education, eliminating barriers to reproductive health care, student loan refinancing, religious accommodations, Title 9 task force etc. Everything looks like it is still moving on our high priority bills. A lot of the WSA and GPSS asks are going to cost a lot of money and Washington state is already in a deficit, so will not pass without a revenue package, which means either creating new taxes or increasing existing taxes. Getting a lot of push back and does not know how to represent as GPSS. Will not know the details of the revenue package until the last minute. Thinks it is going to get very contentious.

Robby Perkins-High: The only information is that it will be increases, but nothing about the quantity or type?

Kelsey Hood: Yes, will not tell us the details. Has been clear with WSA that will not support the package if does not know the details.

Amy Gabriel: Supports Kelsey Hood's decision since this is her area of expertise, so if don't feel comfortable signing on support it, supports her.

Kelsey Hood: Says that no one is asking to sign on right now, just want to know what you all think. Should we be doing outreach to figure out what graduate students want to do with this?

Sydney Pearce: Responds since there is limited time, could be good to do a post and ask for feedback. But grad students know that things cost money, so don't think it will be a surprise.

Kelsey Hood: Would you feel comfortable asking in the President's Poll?

Giuliana Conti: Absolutely – is that within your timeline?

Kelsey Hood: Think so and would be useful data either way.

Michael Diamond: How does the resolution we passed on progressive funding streams play into this? Should we specify more in the President's Poll?

Kelsey Hood: Don't know how much more specific we could get. There is no guarantee that the money will be used for higher ed. Legislators are asking to support increased revenue, but nothing saying it will go to what we're asking for.

Jackie Wong: When Amy Gabriel sends the e-mail to the Senate, could make that question available at any point on Poll Everywhere, and could try to get constituents to vote on it as well.

Kelsey Hood: Thinks putting it in the poll for next week is plenty of time.

Robby Perkins-High: Any more information you could get before the Senate meeting would be helpful since the type of tax greatly impacts who is affected by it.

Kelsey Hood: Is unsure, so thinks a general question could be good.

Giuliana Conti: Would you be comfortable writing the question and sending it?

Kelsey Hood: Yes.

Michael Diamond: One quick thing from the resolution – there is a clause that says GPSS will have no stance on financial options. So hands may be tied even if President's Poll shows a preference. We are tied to not having an official stance on which funding options to pursue.

Rene Singleton: If you do not have an official stance, you have openness to figure out what the options will be. So what you're saying is the opposite. Unless the resolution forbids you from thinking about those options, you're probably okay.

Kelsey Hood: Will update as she has more information. LAB is hosting a phone bank tomorrow during the committee meeting, from 10am-11am. Will be calling about the Student Refinancing bill. Hearing in Ways and Means. It is important this bill passes based on a study, grad and professional students will benefit the most from it. Pretty sure it will pass, but there are some points of contention in the bill. Will also be phone banking on the state fee grant, even though not directly for grad students because legislators will not vote for funding for grad students until undergrad funding is passed.

Jackie Wong: Do you have any additional information that you can send us?

Kelsey Hood: Yes.

Brittany Whitley (Policy Director): Will send it out tomorrow morning.

8. Graduate School Updates

6:03 PM

Kelly Edwards: Thanks Exec for taking the time to think about transition. Notes that the new job opportunity was unexpected and unplanned. Will be stepping out of associate dean role on

March 31, 2019. Bill Mahoney, a grad program director in medicine, Molecular Mechanisms for Disease, will be there in the interim. He knows a lot about what the grad school is up to. Briefed him on relationship with GPSS and he is on board to keep the ties open. This meeting is already on his calendar. Will probably start coming after spring break. If there is anything else that will help facilitate the transition, let her know. Is keeping 25% of grad faculty position for a couple of grants, but no longer an administrator. Would love to continue to stay in touch about things that are important to you. One day a week dedicated to UW. Still committed to having the campus climate be one where students can thrive.

Giuliana Conti: Notes that one of first introductions had when became involved with GPSS was with Kelly. Worked on active shooter resolution in first month at UW and turned to her for how to do it. In all aspects of her job, I've just seen kindness through and through. Has been a huge contribution to see that the graduate school is coming to our meetings and having an informed decision-making process. She's responsible for strengthening that relationship. On behalf of GPSS we are grateful for the work that you put in. Our door is always open.

Rene Singleton: Says Kelly has done a great job and will be missed.

Kelly Edwards: Notes that the grad school is in a search for a new graduate dean, applications are due March 15, 2019. Giuliana Conti is on the committee, so a GPSS voice is present. But it is a really important time for grad students to come to public talks and ask hard questions. Need to hear your voices about what is important.

Giuliana Conti: Happy to talk about the process. Considering people with all different identities.

Kelly Edwards: The old boys network is often used to fill those positions, so would be good to get candidate nominations outside of that for the associate dean of students role.

9. March 6th Senate Meeting Agenda

6:11 PM

Sydney Pearce: President's Poll, 5 mins.

Giuliana Conti: Would like to bring data from all the polls to a future exec meeting.

Robby Perkins-High: Can we ask UW food pantry? It will be short. Credit to Jacob Ziegler for thinking about it.

Amy Gabriel: Can Jacob Ziegler help introduce?

Robby Perkins-High: If we pass a budget tonight and F & B does on Friday, could present a combined budget on Wednesday. The Bylaws say that by the end of the quarter the combined budget needs to be done. There are three Senate meetings left before need to present it to SAF.

Giuliana Conti: Considering that Elections might be impacted by the budget, can we do a presentation of it and continue the voting into the next meeting?

Robby Perkins-High: Should it be a slide show presentation or whip through the spreadsheet?

Jacob Ziegler: Thinks a slideshow of the biggest changes. Because sometimes we present all of the changes, even changes that are not as important and it's too much.

Robby Perkins-High: Going to put at 15 minutes to allow for questions.

Jacob Ziegler: Upcoming events?

Sydney Pearce: No, don't have any until next quarter, but can also include in my report.

Giuliana Conti: Executive Reports. Do we want to consider for this meeting – a quarterly report from officers rather than just a quick update?

Sydney Pearce: Motions to approve the agenda. Withdraws motion.

Spencer Lively (ASUW): Point of Information: Thinks Students Council on Insurance decided to submit the Joint Resolution for Student Health Insurance.

Kelsey Hood: No, nobody knows what's going on, not even the people on that committee.

Spencer Lively (ASUW): We submitted it to ASUW Senate and just got through 1st reading. We were planning on submitting it to GPSS at the same time.

Jackie Wong: Notes that at the last SCI meeting talked about it going through GPSS sooner rather than later.

Giuliana Conti: Could do a first reading of that resolution.

Jackie Wong: Maybe put it on and then could take it off and can put my name down to present it.

Robby Perkins-High: Motions to approve the agenda.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

10.FY 2020 Budget Proposal

6:23 PM

Giuliana Conti: Handing over chair responsibilities to Robby Perkins-High.

Robby Perkins-High: Motions to recess until 6:30pm.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

Robby Perkins-High: Jasmine's on the phone right now. Can do this with Parli pro or can suspend it until the final votes. Will still follow the general guidelines.

Casey Duff: Motions to suspend parliamentary procedure.

Sydney Pearce: Seconded.

Robby Perkins-High: General fund is too big right now. Currently have \$270,000 of spendable money, which we need to spend so it goes back to students. Has outlined different plans which include different approaches – increasing annual budget, putting it in the endowment, or a combo of the two. When money goes to endowment, it is locked up there and get the interest from it. Proposed transferring \$100,000 to the endowment, increasing the annual budget by \$15,000 for about 8 years, leaving ultimately \$50,000 in general fund for one-time big expenditures, like a website re-do. The highlights flagged where each option is better or worse than others. The more money allocate for annual budget means more money in the near term, but as you go down, the most aggressive in the endowment leaves us with a lower budget for now but gives a higher annual budget in the long term.

Michael Diamond: How realistic do you think a \$0 increase in SAF funding for decade is?

Robby Perkins-High: Held SAF request constant in this. Would expect would at least be able to get benefits increases and SAF will be rounding a corner in the 3-4 years and hopefully stop spending out of deficit, so it should go up. Theoretically, if SAF went up, all of them would go up at the same rate, so would not affect which option we chose.

Jacob Ziegler: How much do we get from our endowment now?

Robby Perkins-High: Roughly \$5,000 a year. Each \$100,000 get \$5,000 a year. So lose money in short term, but gain stability for long term.

Sydney Pearce: Considering organizational trends, which option do you think?

Robby Perkins-High: My take would be the first one. Propose not spending it entirely down in the next few years, because only benefits the students during that time. So thinks should transfer some to the endowment, so will bump up a little and then give long term stability.

Amy Gabriel: Likes option 1 because it is mindful of where we're at while looking to future.

Robby Perkins-High: This is just a general plan, does not lock us into the exact budget right now.

Jacob Ziegler: With Option 1, but without current proposed budget, your fiscal year Exec budget would be \$15,000 over.

Robby Perkins-High: Going to get to that later, want to decide on a spending plan and then figuring out our budget for next year.

Michael Diamond: Is there a reason to have the general fund spend down be constant rather than have it gradually get smaller? Might be more stable to not see big jumps every year.

Robby Perkins-High: This was all made up, so could do it a bunch of different ways. All we can technically control is what happens next year.

Giuliana Conti: Part of the challenges this board faces is historical knowledge and maintaining plans over time, so more shortsighted plans can be easier for us to uphold.

Robby Perkins-High: Are you advocating for more in endowment or for more spending from the general fund?

Giuliana Conti: A little bit of both – option 3.

Sydney Pearce: Says since we have a lot of different funding sources that vary year to year I advocate against spending it down in next 4 years, so more flexible for the future.

Jacob Ziegler: Agrees and notes that this is going to impact SAF request. If we have an extra \$30,000 now and put it into permanent programming, there is no guarantee will have that funding when the general fund runs out. Putting it into the endowment gives us power to control what we're spending it on because it is a constant whereas with funding from SAF we can't.

Robby Perkins-High: Wanted to present the 10-year outlook so can think about the impact of spending in our next budget. Amy Gabriel suggested starting out with option 1, any advocates for another option?

Michael Diamond: More on board with transferring more to endowment. Does not want to fund permanent projects that cannot continue, but don't want to save money that should be used for students.

Giuliana Conti: Can you speak to these recommendations and our requests within the yearly budget?

Robby Perkins-High: The idea of doing this first is so we come to a rough agreement now, that can use to guide us when we look at our annual budget. Does not think should ask for SAF increase, so maximum annual budget is SAF request, whatever we spend out of general fund, and endowment distributions. So the less we spend from general fund, the lower the cap for what we can do. Amy Gabriel suggested for general fund spending \$15,000.

Amy Gabriel: A lot of times we have ideas, but at the end of the year we underspend, so \$15,000 seems like a good idea.

Jacob Ziegler: Would not be opposed to do \$150,000 into the endowment. Doesn't give us a lot of flexibility, but for the long-term health of the organization and for a more consistent and larger revenue stream, it is a good idea.

Robby Perkins-High: If we put \$150,000 into the endowment and then spent \$15,000 each year, would deplete in 5 years instead of 8.

Sydney Pearce: Suggests only adding \$10,000 from general fund.

Giuliana Conti: And this is something people in 3 years could change?

Robby Perkins-High: Yes.

Giuliana Conti: Is there any reason why we want to keep it consistent? Since we're in conversation about spring cleaning and creating systems that may not last more than 2 years, thinks should start with a higher number then decrease yearly. So \$30,000 now, then \$20,000, then \$15,000. Spending it down and having the ability in the near future to do things we want.

Michael Diamond: Proposes move forward with the range \$10-\$20k.

Robby Perkins-High: Presents budget. Items that had consensus are highlighted in green. "Materials" budget line is difficult to estimate; thinks \$1,000 is a reasonable amount and a bigger request could go through general fund. "Staff onboarding" came from splitting up staff training and development. So this will go to binders etc. and position specific business cards, so \$300. Day on the Hill travel; this was to add two people, non-officers, to go to Day on the Hill.

Sydney Pearce: Can we change it to applicants? Or just not President and not VP of External?

Michael Diamond: Why did the travel amounts increase?

Robby Perkins-High: Day on the Hill costs a bit more, because it lasts longer and is in Washington DC. Depends on where they host it. Any other comments or questions? "Promotional materials."

Sydney Pearce: Is there a different line item for marketing? For example, where would ads on Facebook fall? Under promotional materials?

Robby Perkins-High: Yes. Part of his transition plan is to leave robust definitions of what the lines are for. Special Projects Fund, would go from \$10,000 to \$0. Incorporated some lines into the budget and then would promote to Senators as something they can ask for with approval from Exec through the general fund. "Programming budget." Any food or alcohol related expenses have to be accounted for in this budget. This whole budget is from the Provost money and will be supplemented by the other budget. It is just split into Fall, Winter, Spring with a line for Huskies on the Hill. "Committee event money and professional development money." This will leave up to VP of Internal, or Exec can allocate it between committees.

Giuliana Conti: Is that something F & B could oversee?

Robby Perkins-High: Any unnamed budget the Treasurer oversees would get turned over to VP Internal since it is event related.

Michael Diamond: Notes increasing bulk committee spending from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Robby Perkins-High: Yes, over all event spending is going down.

Rene Singleton: You realize if the 64 budget doesn't get funded, can't do these things.

Robby Perkins-High: Yeah, if that happens we'll re-work everything.

Jacob Ziegler: If we didn't get that money, how would we buy food and alcohol?

Rene Singleton: You cannot. Used to ask VP of Student Life to fund it. Went through a time when the VPs and Provosts all thought it was great to have events. The amount has shrunk from \$50,000. We don't know what the budget is going to look like. The whole process and point was for grad students to have programming together.

Robby Perkins-High: Even if we were able to get some reduced amount, we could still work around to throw events because not all of it goes to food and alcohol. We have some left over, so will wait until hear from Provost.

Rene Singleton: Traditionally the incoming President writes a letter to the Provost and then get a response by end of July for the upcoming year. No one is equipped to say what is happening on campus because do not have it from the state of Washington or federal government.

Sydney Pearce: Makes recommendation for committee funding. There are some committees that get no funding and there is a new one, so recommends Treasurer and VP of Internal work together to manage it because events can come up quickly and timing may not work with Exec and F & B.

Robby Perkins-High: Suggests VP Internal oversees it and if Exec wants to pass an allocation for the whole quarter could do it, to prevent issues like how Arts Committee cannot have a budget for this year.

Jackie Wong: Is the endowment money restricted or could it be used to buy food and alcohol?

Robby Perkins-High: Still figuring that out, since the money was originally from SAF.

Rene Singleton: Need to find that out.

Robby Perkins-High: Endowments are usually for scholarships, so in this budget it would be for travel grants etc.

Sydney Pearce: There is another section related to programming money, is there a chance that would be for food and alcohol? What is this line, and should it go into the general one as well?

Robby Perkins-High: The “presidential general programming” line is at the discretion of the President. Cannot be spent on food or alcohol for next year.

Giuliana Conti: Sometimes a campus partner asks for assistance or needs extra money.

Sydney Pearce: Just wondering if it makes sense to put it with the rest of the programming money.

Robby Perkins-High: Thinks the intent is it’s the only money that has co-sponsored events we are not running ourselves.

Jacob Ziegler: How far could that actually go?

Giuliana Conti: You’d be surprised. Last year a women in STEM event ran into issues, and did not need to go through all of the usual channels. It expedited the process.

Robby Perkins-High: If moved it would have to cut something else because cannot go over \$30,000 for this budget line.

Jackie Wong: Why is Winter quarter programming less?

Sydney Pearce: Because husky sunrise and sunset were in Fall and Spring.

Robby Perkins-High: It is easy to move it between lines. Every officer has a \$100 discretionary fund.

Rene Singleton: The funds are something that you want to do or use to pay for something for another group. It is a supplemental thing.

Robby Perkins-High: “General programming.” “Conference travel” includes Fall Summit and Day on the Hill. The President gets more discretionary funds and how they differ from general programming we should define.

Sydney Pearce: Understand how maybe in the past there was need for the President to have a discretionary fund, but we are a lateral board, so it makes sense for all officers to have the same amount in discretionary funds. Do not see why we separate it out when groups already come to ask for sponsorship money and already pay for things through general fund money. Recommends have people go through established channels.

Amy Gabriel: Agrees it is not consistent. But maybe could find a middle ground. Giving everyone \$200 might be nice because haven’t used \$100 discretionary because it is so small.

Jacob Ziegler: Why there couldn’t be a combined officer fund?

Robby Perkins-High: No reason, other than it has to be listed under someone's budget and per the Bylaws that person would be in charge of it, so technically one officer could technically spend it all.

Rene Singleton: Would recommend each officer has the ability to control their own. Don't know who is going to be elected next year. The President typically needs to have a little bit more than everyone else because of how they are connected with people on campus. Could increase the discretionary funding for everyone and eliminate general one. Not a good idea to set it up so that everyone has to agree.

Michael Diamond: Offers another argument for keeping at least one of the discretionary funds a little higher. \$100-\$200 is small, but if one person has \$500 then they do not have to convene other people to fund things.

Sydney Pearce: Larger levels of funds should go to the general fund.

Robby Perkins-High: Will vote on it.

Kelsey Hood: Proposes to get rid of it entirely. Leave general programming and get rid of discretionary funds. \$100 is not enough to do anything. And anything else higher than that should get more peoples' approval.

Giuliana Conti: One thing I do see being a benefit of having discretionary for is room reservations. Having the freedom and independence for officers to be able to reserve a room but is going to stay out President's budget.

Kelsey Hood: Example?

Giuliana Conti: If something happens with Amy's position where she needs to organize quickly, she can quickly get a room reservation without having to coordinate with other people.

Robby Perkins-High: First vote will be keeping discretionary funds or getting rid of them.

Majority votes to keep discretionary funds. Casey Duff abstaining.

Next vote is to leave as is (\$200 for President, \$100 for other officers) or flatten the amounts (\$200 each).

Vote: Tie. 2 abstentions.

Rene Singleton: Since you all have decided you want to maintain the discretionary fund, leave it in and decide the amounts after the SAF decision is made.

Robby Perkins-High: Will vote (tiebreaker) to keep as is (\$200 for President, \$100 for other officers) for now.

Casey Duff: Does the Olympia expenses go up or down based on whether a long session or a short session?

Robby Perkins-High: Need to sit down with it more to figure it out.

Kelsey Hood: Because on a quarter system, have to come back after the same amount of time whether it is a long or short session. During long sessions have to go back down for some half days.

Robby Perkins-High: Will be changing the line to “travel within state” because also for car rentals. “Personnel”; in the proposed budget, the salary number is updated (tied to TA/RA scale); similarly, the tuition compensation has been budgeted at \$117,000, which is too high each year. \$100,825 is what it is this year, so using that.

Rene Singleton: One year it was different because a person in a fee-based department got a position. Students who are in the fee-based programs have very high tuition. You never put it in your Bylaws that you want to cap it at a 3rd year law or medical student rate.

Giuliana Conti: There was a conversation about a cap. But there are ethical considerations on our part. What would happen if someone gets elected whose tuition is much higher and cannot fit into this item?

Robby Perkins-High: Would pay it out of the General fund.” “Summer staffing” is currently 12 weeks at \$20/hour for 20 hours a week. It is hard to live off of that and not hold another job. So could pay up to their school year level or staff them way less at 5/hours a week so they can have other jobs. The \$7,200 number is 12 weeks at \$30/hour for 30 hours a week, which is what they are paid during the school year in terms of take-home pay. Could also budget it at 10 weeks with two weeks of unpaid vacations. If do higher amount than that, will likely need more restrictions.

Giuliana Conti: How does current stipend work with vacations?

Robby Perkins-High: Got paid over vacations. During the school year you just get paid twice a month. This comes down to what you think the role of an officer is. Also, should think about what would want to do if potential candidate says cannot work over the summer.

Michael Diamond: Current officers – if this had to be your summer job, would you have been more incentivized to run?

Kelsey Hood: Yes.

Sydney Pearce: Thinks it puts more weight on importance of role.

Giuliana Conti: Why does it have to be 30 hours a week during the summer, when during the school year we work 19.5 hours a week?

Robby Perkins-High: Was just playing with it on hourly rate.

Giuliana Conti: But it is possible to talk about 20/hours a week at same rate of pay? So someone could take on an additional job if they needed to.

Robby Perkins-High: Yeah, just figured if it were their full-time job, they work 30 hours.

Jackie Wong: Maybe make it optional between 20-30 hours. Also think the 30-hour option contributes to goal of making GPSS more robust.

Michael Diamond: But today we're just deciding headline number, not details right?

Robby Perkins-High: Yeah the hours will be decided in Exec later.

Sydney Pearce left. 7:32pm. On phone now.

Rene Singleton: Should frame as what you think the officers should do during the summer.

Giuliana Conti: Put thought into topic of what officers do during the summer in context of considering increasing the summer hours. One of the things that would have been more beneficial is more consistent and frequent meetings with administrators across campus. Starting to develop relationships, so can get things accomplished during the school year. Meetings are time consuming. For each officer there is more can do during the school year if spend more time meeting people during the summer.

Amy Gabriel: It sounds like we're all on the same page.

Robby Perkins-High: In trade-offs, may speak against summer staffing. "Staff schedule." Proposal is Clerk at 10 hours, everyone else at 15 hours with up to 17 hours for VP External. Another option is to bump up hours of Office Manager and Events Director to 17 hours. This model also has two full weeks of training. Cutting one week of training would get you four hours of staff time (two staff positions, working two hours more a week). There is re-allocation of responsibility, moving Liaisons to Executive Assistant and having a Director of Communications.

Michael Diamond: Would that involve website stuff as well?

Robby Perkins-High: Not in agreement about that yet. Hoping to re-do the website, so updating it is not very difficult.

Michael Diamond: Can you talk about how helpful the Organizing Director has been?

Kelsey Hood: Has been very effective to have an additional staffer. She was able to handle all of the voter registration stuff, which is going to be very big the next two years. Also hoping to have a bigger focus on grassroots organizing throughout WSA. Student numbers at lobby days are

falling and people are not coming down to testify. Has been good to have because have different specialties within policy. Is open to feedback.

Robby Perkins-High: There are not any major drop-offs in hours.

Michael Diamond: You mentioned the possibility of gaining 4 hours. Does anyone have good uses for those 4 hours?

Robby Perkins-High: Budget specialist does not need more hours.

Giuliana Conti: Two weeks of training are crucial because otherwise onboarding jobs while also potentially onboarding at school. Which is a lot to take on at one time. It was invaluable to have that extra time with staff to get oriented and connect with each other.

Michael Diamond: Does anyone think their staff need the extra hours?

Sydney Pearce: Event Director is traditionally over hours.

Robby Perkins-High: Hands over chair to Giuliana Conti.

Giuliana Conti: You had at one point proposed unilateral hours where everyone worked the same.

Sydney Pearce: Thinks best if as equal as possible and no more half hours, with some built in flex time. So if staff members have extra work, there is cushion.

Giuliana Conti: The Event Director could map out Fall events so incoming Director just implements it to save time.

Sydney Pearce: Would say no. The preparation can be done by VP Internal during the summer. Also, can map out all we want, but won't know who the people are or what their ideas are.

Robby Perkins-High: "Executive Senator Stipends." Suggests \$450 a quarter/10 weeks at 2.5 hours a week. Rene Singleton came up with two options because cannot pay out for TA/RA positions because would put them over hours. One option is could pay Exec Senators over each break. The other option would be to give them guaranteed travel grants, which is pragmatically easy to do because it would just increase travel grant budget. Zhiyun Ma noted that stipends would change the role of Exec Senator.

Giuliana Conti: Notes need to think about what happens when Exec Senators don't stay on for the whole year. Likes the travel grant idea but could be contention on how to divide it.

Amy Gabriel: Another concern if we did it as travel grants, some departments that do not have conferences to travel to.

Robby Perkins-High: Replies that it wouldn't have to be same as travel grant criteria.

Giuliana Conti: What about if there were stricter regulations about where the money went? Like on a Husky card?

Rene Singleton: It's state funds if we do that. Was looking at all of the rules to figure out what could do naturally. Was thinking about professional development and travel.

Kelsey Hood: Adds that for the travel grant idea, \$1,000 might not be enough and then it might not be used.

Robby Perkins-High: It could be any number.

Jackie Wong: Maybe could prorate the amount for how long the senator is there, and then can use it for whatever conference they want.

Robby Perkins-High: Explains options to Zhiyun Ma who was briefly out of the room.

Giuliana Conti: Motions to vote on deciding whether to keep Exec Senators stipends.

Chris Boylan: Seconds.

Rene Singleton: Recommends should think about what the possibilities are – vote in a tiered way. There are limitations on what can do.

Giuliana Conti: But just agreeing on whether this is something we want.

Robby Perkins-High: All those in favor of some form of compensation.

Vote: Majority in favor of some form of compensation.

Giuliana Conti: Do we have to decide how it gets allocated tonight?

Robby Perkins-High: Just the amount.

Michael Diamond: Amount that is in line with Officers would be \$6,200. Motions for budget of \$6,200.

Jackie Wong: Seconds.

Vote: Majority approves.

Kelsey Hood leaves. 7:54pm.

Robby Perkins-High: "HUB Admin Fee." The HUB provides accounting and HR services. Justin has said it is in their SAF request as well, so if that gets funding would not need to be in budget.

Giuliana Conti: How much?

Robby Perkins-High: \$4,000 is what Justin predicted.

Jacob Ziegler: How would this line item be erased if the HUB got funding?

Robby Perkins-High: Would decrease SAF request by \$4,000 because would have already presented it.

Sydney Pearce: Firmly support this amount.

Robby Perkins-High: “Diversity Fund.” Bumping up \$4,000 to \$6,000 for Diversity Committee.

Amy Gabriel: The biggest way to make an impact is to increase the size of the awards give out because budgets are so tight with the small RSOs.

Jacob Ziegler: The organizations that come to you all at Diversity Committee, do they also come to GPSS special allocations?

Amy Gabriel: That question is asked in the applications, so that information goes into evaluation of the funding.

Robby Perkins-High: They are not mutually exclusive right now. F & B can see all of the funding that they have applied for on their application. So treat it similarly to how would treat getting \$500 from another entity. Anyone opposed to this getting bumped up assuming there is demand for this much? Also, HUB room reservation rates are going up as well. “Conference travel.” This is the first year that the Secretary got to travel due to the Special Projects Fund, so the \$1,250 number is just matched at the lower of the two, assuming it would not be a four-day conference.

Amy Gabriel: Travel was low this amount this year because it was in SF, so thinks it should stay where it is in case there is one in DC. That way there can be some flexibility.

Sydney Pearce: Is there a reason not giving a travel budget to the Treasurer?

Robby Perkins-High: The Treasurer could go to the Diversity Conference as well, which would benefit the organization, but should think about how much want to spend on training officers.

Amy Gabriel: Thinks Treasurer should seek out other funding next year and try it out. Then like me, if it was valuable, could think about adding a line.

Giuliana Conti: Adds that going in groups to conferences adds a professional development aspect. Thinks the Treasurer should go to the Diversity Conference.

Robby Perkins-High: One other option would be to reduce the Day on the Hill delegation from 4 to 3 and give the Treasurer that amount.

Jacob Ziegler: Question for Rene Singleton – Grant talked about how they had cut the funding for Day on the Hill from the budget.

Rene Singleton: The conference in DC has been argued about each year, so it changes.

Robby Perkins-High: “Grantmaking.” Initially suggested cutting departmental grants, but then received a bunch of requests.

Jacob Ziegler: Notes that he is against cutting it.

Michael Diamond: What is the difference between the special allocations budget and the general fund?

Robby Perkins-High: Special allocations is money used to fund graduate student events.

Zhiyun Ma: Notes that knowing that the applications went up, does not think should cut it. Should increase publicity efforts.

Giuliana Conti: Thinks low usage has more to do with advertising. Departmental grants is a hallmark of what GPSS does.

Vote: \$5,000 instead of \$3,000?

Majority wants \$5,000.

Rene Singleton: Is this budget with or without 64 budget?

Robby Perkins-High: Is with, so would have to change if did not get it. \$23,509 of general fund is currently what would be spent. So it is over what we said, \$10,000-\$20,000. Could spend more of the endowment funds since it has not been spent.

Michael Diamond: Bump endowment spending up to \$15,000 and then squarely in range for general fund.

Robby Perkins-High: That would put us at \$19,508 from the general fund, and same amount from SAF, which is actually a de facto decrease since not asking for wage increases. Motions to return to using parliamentary procedure.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

Robby Perkins-High: The proposed budget is to request the same from SAF, assuming same amount from Provost, \$15,000 from endowment, and \$19,508 from general fund.

Giuliana Conti: Are we able to vote for the yearly budget as proposed here and then vote for the allocation of the general fund another time?

Robby Perkins-High: Yes.

Giuliana Conti: Motions to table that discussion.

Amy Gabriel: Seconds.

Jackie Wong: Motions to approve budget as written.

Michael Diamond: Seconds.

Vote: Majority approves.

11. Adjournment

8:12 PM

Giuliana Conti: Motions to Adjourn.

Amy Gabriel: Seconds.
