



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Senate Meeting Minutes

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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 Vice President of External Affairs: Kelsey Hood
GPSS Executive Senator: Chris Boylan
GPSS Executive Senator: Jacob Ziegler
GPSS Executive Senator: Zhiyun Ma
GPSS Executive Senator: Jackie Wong
GPSS Executive Senator: Michael Diamond

1. Call to Order

5:36 PM

Sydney Pearce: Notes she will have chair duties tonight since Giuliana Conti is running in the Elections happening tonight.

2. Approval of the Agenda

5:36 PM

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Motions to approve the agenda.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Seconds.

3. Approval of Minutes

5:36 PM

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Motions to approve the minutes.

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): Seconds.

4. Officer Elections

5:37 PM

Sydney Pearce: Asks whether all Senators who have the ability to vote have a ballot and a writing utensil. Requests people try to stay seated as much as possible to not disrupt speeches. Notes that in order to make the vote official, need quorum, so need people to stay as long as possible. Also have other items will be voting on later in the evening. Frances Chu, Elections Committee Chair will run the Elections. Will count votes once speeches are done. Will go through other items and then Elections will announce the results.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Introduces herself. Will be going in order of President, VP Internal, VP External, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each nominee has 3 minutes for a speech and then Q & A after for each position. Order is based on alphabetical order of last name. Ashley Bagley is keeping the time and will notify nominees when there is 1 minute remaining in speeches and Q & A. Are there any nominees from the floor? Seeing none.

Calling candidate for role of President, Giuliana Conti.

Giuliana Conti: Introduces herself. Current doctoral student in music education, also currently in exams. Has been a part of GPSS as long as has been a student. Responded to the call for senators within 7 minutes. Was a senator for two years, ran and was Secretary and then served the last year as President. Loves her job, even though she is running around constantly, is always meeting with people to see how to better serve graduate and professional students. Has a few things envisions in role as President. Despite running unopposed, can choose to not vote. Had a theme of spring cleaning this year – when do not have name recognition or transition documents, can make it hard to co-exist and do your job. Spring cleaning was with goal to make it easier, but need someone to guide it. Would like to be the person to make sure a lot of what designed this year actually comes to fruition. Also wants to help diversify the Senate body, work on destigmatizing mental health and continue the Academic Conference. Also hopes to continue partnership with Dean Taylor of Undergrads in developing a bill of rights or constitution for grad students, so have a platform to advocate for ourselves.

Q & A

Sydney Pearce: Requests speakers say name and department before asking a question. Asks, are there any improvements you would make to spring cleaning to build upon?

Giuliana Conti: Responds now have room to share the work we did outward, since this year was more internally focused. So we can build our business and provide services. Learning from this year, next year will be opportunity to bring everything back to students more than were able to this year.

Mason Proffitt (Physics): Asks, the bill of rights/constitution you are talking about – is it rights of grad students in general or specifically how GPSS interacts with grad students?

Giuliana Conti: Responds in general. One of considerations is grad students do not have own HR. So if have power dynamics with advisor - restricted in ability to engage in extracurricular activities or mental health is challenged because expected to respond to e-mails within 24 hours, regardless of day of the week or holiday. So a blanket constitution or bill of rights, that goes through the Board of Regents or Faculty Council that says these are our rights for ourselves, so faculty know them. We are different generations. Does not know whether faculty expected technology we have now. Would also include other rights collected from Senators feedback.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Are there any areas of engagement that we could work towards?

Giuliana Conti: Wants to think departmentally. Figured out who we did not have Senators from in last ten years, but Secretary's role is limited and could not act on it. So departmentally, we know who the departments are and can reach out. In terms of demographic populations, student parents need a home here. As well as international students, if do not know who we are or what we provide, or whether language barriers with parli pro and fitting in with culture shock.

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership & Higher Ed): How will you ensure diversity while avoiding tokenizing?

Giuliana Conti: Responds that she is lucky that research is around topics of diversity and education – techniques for not essentializing populations, supporting without tokenizing – something she is familiar with and could always get better at. Could help inform. Hope is to bring people into Senate from all backgrounds – some mechanisms can think of with advertising including orientations. Partnering with FIUTS and the circle we are building. Going into Q Center, talking with director and finding ways to get people interested. Won't be us asking for specific people to come here – saying have room for progress and hope all people across campus feel welcome. As long as not a wall that prevents, does not think tokenizing will be an issue as long as not targeting certain populations.

Frances Chu (Nursing): VP Internal Affairs, Matt will begin.

Matt McKeown: Introduces himself, uses he/him. Finishing first year at Evans school. Excited to be here with you. Has served as Events Director. Worked on the town hall, student loan repayment and self-care event. Has worked with Science and Policy Committee, and Dawg Pack. Thinking back to 5th grade election slogan was “if you vote for Matt McKeown you know what you're doing” with finger guns. 3 ideas: improve student engagement and representation – refocus graduate student experience survey committee for department specific surveys. 7 standard questions from GPSS and then 2-3 that are department specific so senators can find out what is going on in their department and allow GPSS to better serve. Can make marketing and communication more clear and consistent – hit spaces have not traditionally reached and other methods. Wants to redesign the all campus e-mail and make website more user friendly, with events, leg updates and things happening in Senate. Has been working to make events more purposeful. Thinks there is a lot of space to keep going. Socials can be more diverse as well.

Tammy Senior: Introduces herself. Uses she/her pronouns. Knows she is an unfamiliar face and that it is ambitious to run, but believes has resources, passion, and connections needed. Will be a

student in Masters in Health Administration program. Has been involved in ASUW, First Year Programs, Public Health dawgs, Event Director for RUF etc. As part of ASUW Health Consortium developed a passion for connecting students to resources on campus. Co-led Mental Health Task Force, helped develop the centralized mental health website, sat on Student Safety Advisory Board, sat on Student Council on Health Insurance. Well connected and wants to continue to be an advocate for the student voice next year. Managed university budget and planned events for over 300 students and faculty – including a fashion show and a HIV testing day. Has hired, trained and overseen intern staff at ASUW. Worked on promoting positive work experience. Sat on committees that current VP Internal sits on. Has event planning experience. Position was recommended to her as a good fit and works with what is passionate about. Would want a lot of student feedback, with student surveys and office hours. Not planning on having another job over summer and will only have classes 3 days a week. Platform is to increase access to resources, student feedback and increase GPSS communication and ASUW collaboration because could use some help.

Q & A

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership & Higher Ed): Since neither of you has been a Senator before, how do you understand your role as representative, especially for students who do not share identity with you?

Tammy Senior: Says sat on Student Council for Insurance and Student Council for Safety as a student representative, one of things that drew her to this position. Also surveys, reaching out to and talking with marginalized communities that would not normally be represented. Grateful for background in public health because has taught her what community engagement looks like.

Matt McKeown: Thinks it is important to acknowledge identities as white, cis-gender man, and knowing that not everybody experiences the university or the world in the same way that he does. Part of it is talking with Senators. If something came up in a committee affecting a certain community on campus or a demographic not a part of, would engage with senators in the meetings and would ask for input by people affected. Values engaging directly to make sure information is out there. Thinks we can improve communication channels, so if there are things happening for instance with U-Pass or the Graduate School Council to make sure people are engaged. Talking with Senators who are engaged with departments and groups, and see if they can expand the network.

Sydney Pearce: A large part of the role is human resources director – so do you have any experience with hiring, training, interviews and supervising staff and how do you plan on doing that?

Matt McKeown: Has a few experiences. When at U of Missouri during undergrad, was responsible for hiring for alternative spring break program. Was responsible for interviewing and hiring all new staff. Also sat on search committees for provost. During Americorps was responsible for overseeing 10 individuals during service projects, including personal and professional development.

Tammy Senior: Has always stepped up to leadership positions. Managed an officer team and worked on inspiring vision. For ASUW student health consortium, hired, oversaw and managed positive work environment. Important to facilitate strengths of people on team and even though is type A not micromanaging. Really helps facilitate a team.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): If you are elected how do you plan on using the summer quarter to set GPSS up for success?

Tammy Senior: GPSS would be main job and focus during summer. If does not get position, will go back home and get a job. Has a couple of trips planned, but GPSS would be a priority. Would seek out meeting with senators and shadowing Sydney.

Matt McKeown: Was offered a part time internship with the City of Bothell. The internship would be a great experience that has parallels with VP Internal – is still in the process of negotiating, but anticipates having two days in office with GPSS and knows most things that happen in role happen in e-mail – and so one day would be dedicated to setting up meetings and then the other day would be set for hiring, because he knows it is a long process. Would be working full time for GPSS in September to do interviews.

Stephanie Becnel (Director of University Affairs): Wanted to know about transition from undergrad to graduate school and how you plan on advocating for ASUW? Matt, how do you handle time management with graduate school?

Matt McKeown: Responds grad school is very time consuming, it is something have to be very intentional about – setting up time in the office and knowing will have a lot of meetings asked to be at. He is also very Type A. Has been compared to Leslie Knope. Operates with calendar and to do list. Important to schedule for self-care and remind yourself you're a student.

Tammy Senior: Recognizes the differences in the transition to graduate school and has the passion to advocate for graduate students. Well connected on university level with various orgs and stakeholders. Prioritizes feedback. Knows she is one person and wants to hear what student voice is saying. In terms of ASUW – knows everyone on ballot currently – would consider having a meeting in place to touch base on what the goals are and collaborate on joint resolutions.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Notes that was the last question could take for VP of Internal. Now, VP of External.

Dean Allsopp: Thanks for being here and helping to decide the future of GPSS. This year have made incredible strides toward equity and accessibility under current leadership – hoping to bring that to Olympia where out of touch politicians are trying to defund public education. Has personally struggled to find affordable health care and mental health resources on campus. So need a strong voice in Olympia. Has been drawn to advocacy and problem solving. After Peace Corps in Guatemala, worked in Tacoma with an education non-profit, where saw how some students are systematically disadvantaged. Part of work entailed traveling to Olympia where was a lobbyist – made a few formative relationships with a few key lawmakers including Drew Hanson who serves on the house Committee of College and Workplace Development, and Lillian Ortiz Self who sits

on the House Education Committee. Afterwards applied to Evans school – is focusing second year on education policy. Is currently a legislative intern for Deb Juarez, Seattle City Council. Has an understanding of WA state education system and experience needed. Too many of us have been marginalized by the public education system – therefore need someone who is willing to fight for vision.

Maggie Dunham Jordahl (Evans): Introduces herself. Uses she/her, studies environmental policy and management at Evans School. Need real solutions for real students, has had a whirlwind in graduate school. Got to GPSS through health insurance issue. Have seen her resume and statement of intent – did undergrad in DC worked in House of Reps, understood policy process. Then worked with Sierra Club and EcoAmerica. Has done briefings for Senate committees and staffers. Fascinated to hear committee meetings and enjoys seeing how GPSS elevates work of students here. Confident in not only representing senators but all grad students. Would work the maximum amount of hours required over the summer -setting up meetings, setting up leg agenda and tracking progress. Will be in town and available for SAGE and WSA and cultivating the experience. #1 priority is creation of the leg agenda in Fall. Hard to jump in and find resources immediately- wants to make sure everyone has a say.

Q & A

Neal Cragg (Nursing): Thinks a huge part of furthering leg agenda is coalition building – which organizations would you partner with to expand GPSS horizons?

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: Has talked with students in other MP programs throughout US – SAGE is biggest way to do that. They had a case study for 50 states – so cross state advocacy.

Dean Allsopp: While worked at education nonprofit – one of big tools was training students how to advocate for themselves. One of goals is to review UW climate survey data so can figure out what students on campus need. Truly believes that representatives respond best to personal stories.

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership and Higher Ed): What would you do to take into account the students who cannot directly participate in legislative work, but will be affected by the decision you make?

Dean Allsopp: Think that's a problem grappling with in GPSS and something need to take on next year. How can we better engage student caregivers, international students without vehicles? Letter writing is a great resource and sharing through e-mail. Works in city council members office – being inundated with calls does raise an issue.

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: That is one of biggest challenges in grad school as an out of state resident. Does not have access to resources needed. Wants to represent you. And understands graduate students have negative time – but wants to help people engage. Making sure everyone can be represented not just the people in the room.

Giuliana Conti: One of challenges faced as senator was didn't understand the legislative process – what will you do to educate senators and ensure they are engaging with constituents.

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: Taking the jargon out of it. The easiest way to get feedback on policy is not using the word policy. Has done a fair amount of work in the legislative field. Was in Science and Policy Committee and would like to think more about how to communicate about it – baseline of communication. Also worked in a representative’s office – it is phone calls and letters.

Dean Allsopp: Part of work at the non-profit was training students on policy process. The process is hard to understand. Most of you do not have time to sift through the website that the state legislature runs. So hopeful could train grad students since taught high school students. Also would be learning as much through you and your field.

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

Ashley Bagley (Marine and Environmental Affairs): Seconds.

Amy Gabriel: Has been sitting on Campus Climate Working Group, data results won’t be back until Winter, so what are plans in meantime for identifying student needs?

Dean Allsopp: Was unaware it would take that long to get back. Would need to ask for assistance from Kelsey Hood to see where we have not been able to make enough progress this year and what you see as avenues for next year. Would take some readjustment.

Kelsey Hood: The cornerstone of position is LAB. Has had a hard time getting student engagement and input because it is a little more removed and everyone is busy. So curious what experience has been with LAB and what would you be doing to improve engagement, particularly for marginalized communities?

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: Has sat in last few LAB meetings. Biggest hope is weekly coffee hours or happy hours to get people from different departments to share what they care about or what affects them most. Doesn’t need to be a full on commitment but just more input. Strong first push in Fall to get people that want to change.

Dean Allsopp: Has not been able to collaborate with LAB as much as wanted to because was overwhelmed with GPSS. Winter quarter changed schedule to go to LAB meetings, then didn’t realize the meeting times change every quarter. So would make it at a consistent time so students can schedule around them. Also outreach efforts, tabling on behalf of GPSS and looking into policies and letting them know want them to collaborate with LAB.

Sydney Pearce: A large part of the roles occurs during the summer – what is plan for summer, prep work and knowing that do oversee two staff members?

Dean Allsopp: Thinks primary goal over summer is to build and foster relationships. Already has in legislature. Wants to meet with 8/17 members on College and Workplace committee. Has a vehicle, so will be travelling around to meet with them. One of dangers of that – is how to keep staff members engaged in the work when not in office. So keeping them engaged would be a huge priority. Has a summer internship, that will preclude from working full hours. Would work 1 day a week then full time in September.

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: Will be here in Seattle. Also has a car and would like to see more of the state so would be fun to set up meetings. Would be meeting with staffers and has a flexible schedule – wants to prioritize that so can be a familiar face and have done a lot of outreach for Winter. Wants to focus on staying in the office and focusing on transition. Is doing a transition with Green Evans and it is has been rocky, so knows it is important to be present.

Ted Cohen (Molecular Engineering): How will you make the most of the training week that was recently budgeted for staff?

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: I'm not familiar with the details of that training week. Has supervised 14 people the last two summers and had two training weeks with staff, so knows how to run a comprehensive training week – with objectives and goals.

Dean Allsopp: Would use the week to make sure that everyone was very clear on what policy process looks like in WA, and to know how will work as a team. Asking how prefer to communicate and preference on feedback, so can start year cohesively. So creating team bonding and understanding of how will work.

Abbie Shew (Organizing Director): Biggest event is Huskies on the Hill Lobby Day. As person who collected RSVPs – noticed that neither RSVP'd for that. What are your ideas for running an event you do not have experience with?

Dean Allsopp: That is true. Was taking a heavy course load in Winter. Has planned Leap Legislative Day which is similar. Involved scheduling 300 Latinx students to advocate on HB 1488. That was very stressful – it was difficult and very rewarding. Signing the bill with the students was highlight. Would change by analyzing the data have and see what groups are not being represented and identifying barriers. Would have goal of creating a plan where consistently looking at that data.

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: Was member of College Democrats and participated in undergrad student lobby day – is aware of the voluntary and participatory day. Would be fascinating to see if there is any way to see if travel grant could go to people so can take day off of work for Huskies On the Hill without jeopardizing financial security.

Stephanie Becnel (Director of University Affairs): Wants candidates to expand on GPSS relationship with federal versus state and relationship specifically regarding SAGE – currently what we're doing and what you think we could improve on moving forward.

Maggie Dunham Jordahl: Knows External is a member of SAGE and goes on retreat with WSA as well– using connections and using Abbie for SAGE Political Director will benefit GPSS as a whole.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Motion to extend time by 1 minute.

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership and Higher Ed): Seconds.

Dean Allsopp: Knows this year in SAGE, did not fill all positions to Huskies on the Hill and some were filled by staff. Thinks it is important that all people send are students. Most schools do not have a VP of External that lives in Olympia. With that comes a lot of responsibility – it is important to use the position.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Now Treasurer.

Ashritha Dsouza: First year graduate student in Information School. Worked on researching whether the U-Pass was financially advantageous to graduate students. The result of that project was that 70% of grad students used U-Pass and 90% were international students. GPSS has brought about decisions that could help graduate students. So wants to be a part to also make a difference. Asks for support in helping to become treasurer – honest and hardworking, responsible and knows how to maximize budget. Based on resume already know has a lot of experience. Transparency in budget reports will be important in knowing GPSS is properly allocating and spending. Will look to past Treasurers to streamline funding approval. Hopes to also give a voice to international graduate students. Would be proud to be a part of GPSS.

Kenneth Rice: Says is a 1st year MPA student at Evans school with focus in public finance and budgeting. Also a parent. Was in Norway and Austria over past 7 years. Was a Fullbright Scholar in Austria and in Norway was working in logistics; worked on discrepancies in financial statements and allocating funds between departments. Has been very active on campus – is active with the Evans People of Color (EPOC). Also works at the admissions department at the school of social work providing funding advice to prospective students. From academic conference – learned the important of belonging and communication. When look at an organization – do rhetoric and action align? When making difficult decisions and how to allocate funds, must take equity into consideration. Should make room for people who have been underrepresented. Wants everyone to have a chance to be heard and make sure the committees represent and mirror student body. Wants to be transparent and accessible and make sure funds are transparent so everyone can see what went into decision making process. The budget also represents organizations values and vision. Starting in June want to work to remove barriers of inclusion – as a parent it can be difficult, want to ensure they can be included.

Shane Shrader: Introduces himself. Uses he/him. At Foster School of Business and has served on F & B Committee. Before coming to UW was an engineer working with data analytics and resource allocation. Also thinks being able to translate data and share with people is another important side to Treasurer role. So committed to giving information from budget meetings and increasing the presence of Treasurer in giving information to Senators about travel grants and special allocations. Thinks one of most important things with F & B is increasing funding for travel grants and special allocations. This past year trimmed the fat and thinks if we continue along those lines, looking at where we overspent and where overbudgeted, we could continue increasing amount of funding for travel grants. Plans for endowment – would like to take money from reserve fund and put into endowment to increase the amount of money we get back. Could portion it out for travel grants and special allocations.

Trevor Smith: Dual degree student in Foster School of Business and Evans School. Wants to work hard to deliver strong financial planning and budgeting excellence for GPSS. Has been taking

time to meet with members of Exec and attend meetings. Thinks diverse tri-sector background sets apart. Managing money is only half of job. It's about breaking down complex data and helping anyone participate in conversations. Need to create a budget that reflects values. Working in social sector, private work with Amazon and working cross-field has given a diverse perspective. Even more important is ability to communicate with a wide audience. Will create a space where all Senators will be able to participate. Energetic and positive person and looking for an outlet to put time and effort into.

Q & A

Ted Cohen (Molecular Engineering): Curious what plans are for general fund to spend money down and how would you revise GPSS purchasing and accounting processes?

Ashritha Dsouza: Would do it based on the events that will happen for the coming year. A proper financial plan will have to be made and depending on that, the amount would be allocated. We would have to look back historically and see where have budgeted, to see where over and under budgeted. Depending on that would make changes.

Shane Shrader: Would love to put more into endowment. In addition to that would like to reach out to Exec more and get more money approved for travel grants and special allocations because thinks should be used to serve students. In terms of budgeting software, should be more accountable and understand where money is going.

Kenneth Rice: General fund is for the purpose of the student body – so need to look at what events funding and what groups are getting funds. Thinks allocating to endowment is important, but also look at students in general to ensure everyone is being represented and able to forward their agenda. This year budgeted very well into Spring quarter – would like to replicate it and improve it. Also improve transparency, which can always be said. Always new ways to track.

Trevor Smith: Wants to take a step back from accumulated general fund and talk about how to measure the value of the money that GPSS is spending – see if it is effective and whether the events and things spending money on are benefiting grad community as a whole. Once has better data about how effectively spending money will have a better idea of how to spend. Spent a good amount of time talking to Robby about accounting and it sounds like a nightmare. There are cheap alternatives, like the Concur system, so what most people in GPSS see is more intuitive and simple, then Treasurer reconciles with the old system.

Alex Thompson (Applied Math): I'm on the F & B Committee – every now and then something controversial comes up, like when an event was going to be scheduled and this organization had received funds from the Chinese government. How would you handle that?

Shane Shrader: It is important to understand what the goals are and what things are not being funded. If a group represents a portion of campus that do not get funding, then can consider that. We are not necessarily supposed to be moral police, just operate within legal bounds and goals of committee.

Trevor Smith: Thinks transparency is super important. Need to get rid of jargon and bring more people into conversation. In terms of solving that problem, would not want to make that decision independent of broad group.

Kenneth Rice: Thinks it is important to inclusive, just because the Chinese government is funding it in part, does not mean automatically will not be considered. Look at all funding as a whole and ensuring that all graduate students can take part in the event. At end should be looking at bringing more community and make sure everyone is included.

Ashritha Dsouza: Transparent enough because shared funding source – does not think should exclude them because they were honest.

Sydney Pearce: Motions to extend time by 10 mins.

Ashley Bagley (Marine and Environmental Affairs): Seconds.

Varun Kao (Material Science): We have the same departments get funding yearly while some departments are oblivious. So what steps would you take?

Kenneth Rice: Outreach about letting people know funding is available. If same groups are getting it over and over again, need to widen the pool. Need to reach out as great first step.

Ashritha Dsouza: Is on committee for management school and was not aware of funding for GPSS events – wasn't until later became aware. So thinks should let people know during orientations. That type of information helps people approach GPSS.

Shane Shrader: Agrees that some departments have no idea, so thinks can have a single location on the website that says all of the different kinds available with the different departments. So they know where to go. So if do not have orientation, could give out pamphlets.

Trevor Smith: Thinks it goes to core importance of tying budget to mission. If people do not know that funding is available, not fulfilling goal of organization. not entirely treasurer but everyone involved. Thinks it is a group effort for executive team and senators. It is going to take more than one person.

Sydney Pearce: Part of Treasurer role is how your role relates to VP of Internal. You oversee a staff member and are a part of the hiring process, as well as train other staff members on financial aspects. As well as committees would sit on. What is plan and experience with this?

Shane Shrader: Will be working part-time during the summer for the first part, just on Fridays remotely, but in September will be here full time. Have experience from previous job with onboarding staff. Will bring enthusiasm and ability to translate difficult ideas to staff. Has been on F & B and has a quarter on the DawgPack Committee and is aware of other committee Treasurer sits on and would look forward to being an outspoken voice.

Kenneth Rice: Will be available this summer full-time. Has not be in charge of process before, but has helped trained people. Has not served on a committee, is very interested and would like to start a committee for parents. That has been one of his passions, so regardless of what happens tonight, one of things would like to do. Expanding space for people to communicate what is most important to them is a good idea.

Ashritha Dsouza: Would have to change it to part time because got an internship and it is important for her as an international student. Was in Exec when the decision about summer work was taking place. Has experience working remotely and thinks would not have a problem. Would spend mostly Fridays and weekends. Does not think committees would be a problem and has experience with hiring.

Trevor Smith: Gets done on June 3rd and starts internship on June 24th, then could work again at the end of the summer. Shouldn't have a problem meeting the minimum requirements. Thinks hard push at the beginning and another at the end will be good. In managing a team – in role at Amazon, if ever received an automated Amazon e-mail worked on that, has management experience from that. Did direct hiring in undergrad internship which was a long time ago, but will bring passion and positivity to role. In Foster and Evans schools is in a bunch of programs. Do not go to public policy program if not excited about nitty gritty of government, so excited to be sitting on committees and being a voice for graduate school community.

Someone requested candidates write their names on the board.

Frances Chu: Now Secretary.

Alyssa McClure: Introduces herself. Uses she/her. Involvement with GPSS has been behind scenes. Worked in grants and contracts work – and in DC. Has done a lot of fiscal tracking and campaign work in swing states. Completed 2000 hours of service. Working at leukemia and lymphoma society at Evans – experience getting people with limited schedules the support they need. Has been on board of EPOC and worked with GO-MAP. Has worked with EPOC grad ceremony. Working on retention and recruitment for students of color and on HUB Board. Ready to dive in and do as much as she can on Diversity Committee. Would like to develop new level of accountability and create accessibility and support senator roles, ensuring have what need. Works well collaboratively and goals is for every grad student to have resources need. Wants to serve UW community and support to bring best into upcoming academic year.

Leslie Michaud: Has been the Office Manager for GPSS for last year now. Role has been a lot of behind the scenes work for Senator attendance, and anything can help Amy with. Has an understanding of how Senate works and encountered a lot of barriers Senators face with participation. So few things want to work on: looking at student and Senator engagement. No one has time. Wants to thank everyone for staying here, knows meetings can get long. Maybe something like recording meetings, so people can see what was going on. People also may not know what GPSS is and getting buy in is important. Wants to start the process with presentations early. A huge part of the position is Diversity Committee – heard a lot of officers talk about bringing diversity in and race and inclusion – Div Com can facilitate those discussions with F &

B about who is getting travel grants or what students aren't going to Huskies on the Hill and why? Also think about what we can do as a Senate to help engagement.

Katsi Pena: Originally from Puerto Rico and came here from Colorado to attend Evans School. Worked as community outreach intern for City of Seattle doing inclusive public engagement strategies and wrote a proposal for inclusive outreach strategies. Was very involved with Seattle's race and equity initiative. Has worked as advocacy coordinator for a non-profit in Seattle and has been chair for effective advocacy for that organization. Helped with climate action and youth lobby day in Olympia, so could support other Officers. Committed to issues of diversity – involved with EPOC and Go MAP and working on enrollment to make it more accessible. Diversity and inclusion is important to her. Would like to diversify recruitment strategies, would like to continue work Amy is doing and get more voices in DivCom and support GPSS Senators for success. Has ability to do the job for the summer and throughout the year. Thinks this position would help foster her goals.

Marty Valera: Impressed there is competition to represent graduate students. Is 49 – spent the last three decades raising a family and prioritized raising children and was sole financial support. Thankful for opportunity to pursue higher education, was seduced by supply chain, put life on hold hired someone to work in her business. Since being in school realized brain had gotten bigger but also had not made as many connections as would have outside of Foster school. Thinks this is a great opportunity for someone who is multi-skilled. Secretary's role is to document and ensure process. But also times need to be compelling on legislative issues and has done that before, or explain HR things. Is motivated to serve and would be delighted if supported me in the effort.

Q & A

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership and Higher Ed): Since all of you mentioned representation in Senate, what strategies would you use to ensure that all of the students who we recruited are recognized and heard rather than just tokens?

Katsi Pena: Have to meet people where they are. Cannot always expect them to come to you because that is immediately creating a barrier. So over summer would be meeting with groups to do that work and advocating for them. Scheduling around their meetings and explaining what GPSS does. Important to prepare for that goal.

Marty Valera: Thinks that's a good point – started in summer and no information given about GPSS and was in the middle of the hardest quarter when found out. Don't just need diversity because of people's background. Thinks there needs to be diversity in program representation because when talked with peers, many did not know about it. Summer is an important time to identify who is on campus, so can plot a path moving forward.

Alyssa McClure: big fan of meeting people where they are at – not just during the summer but academic year- understanding not just how communicating but effective ways to reach people. Looking at what did in past and how could do it better.

Leslie Michaud: Fortunate to see how GPSS has done this in the past and looking at the breakdown in departments. Not everyone knows what is going on, and Senators do work in good faith, but need to figure out why some departments have dropped off. Need to reach out to departments earlier so faculty can get involved and spread message.

Amy Gabriel: What is a challenge that you anticipate next year and how do you plan on addressing that?

Leslie Michaud: Buy in and participation. Goal is not for a certain number of Senators on the roster, but that they actually show up. Get the ball rolling and get them to participate in whatever capacity they can even if it is just dropping in for meetings.

Alyssa McClure: Potential for DivCom and creation of Advisory Council, and growth that can come with that. Making best of time and resources for benefit of everyone at UW. Finding way to continue that infrastructure is important.

Marty Valera: Time will be the biggest challenge – hopes to optimize utilization of technology. Phone involvement could remove a barrier of getting to meeting. What’s to stop us from live streaming? Want their minds here, that’s what we need, bodies are nice, but minds are essential. And if make access available think people will engage.

Katsi Pena: Time and buy-in is a challenge. So some sort of workshop series across campus to help build community across campus. Interested in the role for more connection, so interested in expanding that for students.

Amy Gabriel: Motions to extend by 5 mins.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Seconds.

Mason Proffitt (Physics): As secretary, would be parliamentarian of GPSS to help everyone navigate formalities of meetings. How familiar are you with formal parli pro? How familiar with the GPSS Constitution and Bylaws, as a Judicial Committee member?

Katsi Pena: Has never been a part of the judicial body before. Has attended a few meetings. Looks forward to training to gain more expertise. A lot of work in current position is working with legislation and judicial laws, so looks forward to leaning in and growing.

Marty Valera: Very familiar with parliamentary procedures – knew it when was called Robert’s rule of order. Would use summer to understand expectations and would make herself useful.

Alyssa McClure: Also very familiar. Would also spend the summer preparing and has worked with grants and contracts, so knows how to check to do something.

Leslie Michaud: Would need to get up to speed on Judicial Committee. Is very comfortable with Parli Pro from attending Senate meetings. Was at Senate meetings where looking for someone to take over the Parliamentarian role. Is comfortable with it. For the Constitution – when you become

staff, you get a copy and has looked through it. When decided to run, became more comfortable with it.

Chris Boylan (Marine and Environmental Affairs): Have had several non-academic seats created, including for the Q Center – what do think the roles are for those seats and how is engaging those seats and ensuring they are filled different from academic departments?

Leslie Michaud: Does not see it as different from departments. As students, everyone is multidimensional – as a Senator for a department you are representing your dept but there may be things come up against, where may not feel voice is heard because not for the department. So important to have representative so can represent whole student body and do not need to fight with department about what to do.

Ashley Bagley (Marine and Environmental Affairs): Motion to extend by 5 mins.

Andrew Shumway (Earth and Space Sciences): Seconds.

Alyssa McClure: Thinks it is essential to keeping this a diverse body. It's a better way to reach students who may not know what we are doing here. It is important to keep them filled since not passed down in the same way as academic seats.

Marty Valera: Here on behalf of residential student association and would not have found out any other way. People need to be able to share what is in it for individuals or affinity groups.

Katsi Pena: That spot is going to look a little different because of differing orientation programs. So outreach is an integral part of the success and relationship with the group where the representative comes from to ensure the role is consistent and ensure future success of that relationship is ongoing.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Thank you everybody. Please fill out your ballots and hold them up.

Candidate Forum Minutes (verbatim)

- Please note that people frequently start a sentence and then change what they are saying mid-way through. In the minutes below, this is denoted with a comma or an ellipses. Ellipses in the following document do not signify portions of an individual's commentary being removed. This document contains the minutes from the candidate's forum in full, transcribed from the audio recording to the best of the Senate Clerk's ability. Two comments made by the Senate Clerk, that were not made in the Senate body, were recorded for the purposes of complete transparency and understanding of the confusion about whether the recorder should be turned off. In addition, comments of what occurred when the recorder was off were added to the best of the Senate Clerk's recollection. Lastly, the candidate's forum was conducted under the "Officer Elections" agenda item, so the time were not recorded by the Clerk.

The audio recorder is on (The following is transcribed from the audio recording).

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): In the past we've done some basically open forum time where the Senate body has been able to discuss the candidates without the candidates in the room, so to that end can I make a motion to have like a 10 minute forum period for the Senate body to discuss while the candidates basically step outside? Motion to have an open forum for 10 minutes.

Andrew Shumway (Earth & Space Sciences): Seconds.

Frances Chu (Nursing): Objections? Ok.

Sydney Pearce: Thank you candidates, we'll come grab you. (To Frances Chu) Do you want me to take over? Okay, I'm going to take back over everybody. Robby has one question. Robby.

Robby Perkins-High: It's a statement. We are above quorum right now, but by about 10 people so please don't leave. That's my statement.

Sydney Pearce: And if you leave, we are unable to vote in this election and that means we all have to come back next Wednesday and try it again. So please do not do that.

Giuliana Conti: It's happened before, so let's not...

Sydney Pearce: Yeah, it happened two years ago, it wasn't fun. Ok so for this, do we have all of the candidates out of the room? Fabulous. Can somebody start time for 10 minutes?

Ashley Bagley (Marine & Environmental Affairs): Got it.

Sydney Pearce: Thank you. Um does anybody...let's just start in order. Does anybody have any comments, questions, concerns that they would like to bring up to the group about the President position. It's an open forum, it truly is. This is...think about this as like, if you'd like to be able to say anything openly, if you'd like to ask questions of the Officers about like...

Maddie Flood (Senate Clerk): (Asking Kelsey Hood) Is this supposed to be recorded, should she stop it?

Kelsey Hood: Yes.

Maddie Flood (Senate Clerk): Will you stop the recorder?

Unknown: Is this off the record?

Sydney Pearce: Yes.

Kelsey Hood: Yes, it should be.

Audio recorder is turned off. (The following is from the Senate Clerk's recollection of what was said during the brief period during which the recorder was turned off.)

People speaking over one another and discussing whether it is proper for the recorder to be on or off.

Robby Perkins-High: This should be recorded.

Audio recorder is turned back on. (The following is from the audio recording again).

Robby Perkins-High: Yes.

Maddie Flood: I am recording. So you are being recorded.

Sydney Pearce: You are being recorded, this will be in the official minutes. People would be able to review these later if they chose to look online. Um, in the past, people have been able to ask questions of the Officers, of if they, if there's any concerns that they have about requirements for the position, if certain people have attended meetings that they felt were important to them, if they could fulfill the summer obligations, if they would like to ask questions of the other Senators if they have met any of these candidates, if they felt supported.

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): I guess um,

Sydney Pearce: Name and department please.

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): Oh, Mimi Krutein, Pathology. Um, are you guys able to endorse any of the current candidates or is that, like, not something you can do.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): From Elections Committee, the Officers are strongly discouraged, but I would not stop them, but it's strongly discouraged.

Sydney Pearce: From a personal stand point, we are allowed to personally have opinions on candidates. We are able to vote. So we are able to vote for candidates.

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): Okay.

Kelsey Hood: And we can make statements...

Sydney Pearce: And we can make statements in support.

Amy Gabriel: And we can answer your questions.

Sydney Pearce: And we can answer your questions. Does anybody have any questions for the Officers. Yes?

Christian Love (Higher Ed): This is not for the Officers, Christian Love, Higher Ed, we're at a quarter to uh, almost a quarter to 8, you mentioned we're at quorum by 9 or 10 people, in terms of the agenda, we'll be pushing through all of those items or moving some stuff to the next meeting?

Sydney Pearce: Only one item, the first one that we have on the agenda, needs quorum. After that we do not need quorum.

Amy Gabriel: It's just the second reading of the Mandatory Bystander Training Resolution.

Sydney Pearce: So we, yeah, basically, yes. Zhiyun.

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership & Higher Ed): Uh, I have a question for Robby, for our Treasurer candidates, uh, since this is one I did not get to ask the candidates in person, I wonder whether you have talked with the candidate Ashritha in terms of their goals for this role. In their speech they mentioned having specific interest in terms of like, a legacy for certain identities and populations in this role. Have you chatted, like have you uh, discussed with them in terms of how they foresee the Treasurer role being a venue for them to achieve that.

Robby Perkins-High: I don't totally feel comfortable trying to summarize. I met with all the candidates and they all presented their materials and their written and spoken statements today, so I'll leave it at that.

Sydney Pearce: Ok, do...Kelsey.

Kelsey Hood: I know that this is not anything that somebody has asked me and this is by no means an endorsement, but I do have some concerns about the candidates for Vice President of External Affairs. And this is something that I would just want everybody to be aware of before you make your vote, cast your decision, however you may. I don't know either of these candidates particularly well even though we are in the same program, um, but I do know that since Maggie learned of this position she has made an extreme effort to come and meet with me regularly to talk about the legislative agenda, to attend LAB meetings, to talk to my staff and figure out what we've done this year and where we see next year going. Um, and has built that into her platform. Dean has had multiple opportunities to attend LAB meetings. He's been on our listserv. We have asked him for input and help on projects and he has been extremely unresponsive. I don't think that that's necessarily a factor that could sway your decision either way, the only thing I will say is that I think that this position is extremely demanding and I'm a little worried about the commitment level there. I think that this is a big role to speak for graduate and professional students, to speak for all of us. And I think that the VP Ex needs to make every opportunity and effort that they can to do that and I don't think that he has done that even though he's been involved with GPSS from the start. I haven't seen a lot of...he hasn't communicated with me at all. Um, so I think that that's just a factor to take into consideration. So if anybody has questions about my statement, please feel free to ask, but that's just something that I would like everybody to be aware of.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Just from the uh, Elections Committee standpoint, you may have noticed on Dean's candidate statement, he did not list one of the LAB meetings, as Kelsey mentioned, we gave him an exemption as an Elections Committee because he was planning on attending one that was unfortunately cancelled because the Policy Director was sick, but just to keep that in mind, that it was not a part of his candidate statement or candidate materials.

Kelsey Hood: The one thing that I will ask – he said that he had a class conflict, which is why he couldn't attend LAB and that has been all this quarter, so I'm curious as to why he said that was the one that he said he would have attended...that was cancelled. Did he explain that in the exemption process?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): He did not explain that to us, I mean, for us, the bare minimum requirement was one meeting and that was the last LAB meeting he could have possibly attended to make it, so that was our only focus, was on whether he could have reasonably attended that one meeting. But that's something...so the Elections Committee is focused on the technicalities and the full Senate might want to think more broadly about the candidates.

Sydney Pearce: Does anybody have any other questions, statements? Yeah.

Colleen Bickel (Rehabilitation Sciences): Um, I was just curious, there were some people I did not recognize...

Sydney Pearce: Will you say name and department?

Colleen Bickel (Rehabilitation Sciences): Sorry, Colleen Bickel, Rehab, um and I'm sure it's because I always sit in the same spot, but um is it, is it fair to ask which of the people running are currently GPSS Senators and which ones are not?

Sydney Pearce: Mmmhmm, yeah. So we can start with President, Giuliana Conti is the current President. Um, for Vice President of Internal Affairs, um Matt is our current Director of Events. He is a staff member, he is not an elected member of the Senate or Officer Board, but he was hired as a staff member. Uh, Tammy is a member of ASUW. Um, VP Ex?

Kelsey Hood: Um, Dean is a Senator.

Sydney Pearce: And then, Maggie is not. Secretary?

Amy Gabriel: Um, Leslie is our Office Manager and then the other three are not formerly involved.

Sydney Pearce: Robby?

Robby Perkins-High: And for Treasurer, Shane is a sitting Senator and none of the other people are sitting Senators.

Jared Canright (Physics): I wanted to ask...

Sydney Pearce: Name and Department, I am so sorry.

Jared Canright (Physics): Uh, Jared Canright, Physics, I wanted to ask each of you um, the candidates who indicated that they have part-time summer availability, uh based on the responsibilities and demands of your role and the availability they stated today, do you think that

any of the availability they have this summer would significantly impact their ability to perform their role?

Sydney Pearce: So one President, we're going to skip her.

Robby Perkins-High: I've got it Syd.

Sydney Pearce: Yeah? He asked each of us I guess.

Robby Perkins-High: Well the answer is they all came to the Executive Board the last meeting and presented their case to the entire Executive Board which voted to give them all exemptions, implying that we think that they can get their jobs done.

Sydney Pearce: Not a personal, that is an Exec Board decision.

Robby Perkins-High: Yes. The Executive Board as a whole decided that for every person who was here today.

Sydney Pearce: Do you want to know on a personal Officer...?

Jared Canright (Physics): I am curious, yes.

Sydney Pearce: Okay, so for my two positions, I have spoken with both of them and they have made the, yes, I feel confident in the both of them, both could make that. Kelsey?

Amy Gabriel: Oh wait, I'll go first real quick, Leslie indicated part-time just because it is a requirement of the Evans School to have an internship in order to graduate, but this position actually qualifies for that, so she wouldn't be taking on additional work during the summer if she were to get this position, she would be full-time.

Kelsey Hood: Um, I think that something to consider for all of the candidates who may decide to take internships, even knowing that this counts as an internship, um I will just repeat what I said in our Exec Committee meeting. I had a full-time internship this summer, it's not something that I would recommend but it can be done. It's very very difficult and it prevented me from meeting with legislators until Fall quarter because I didn't have time. I was only available...I wasn't available at all, um, besides on evenings and weekends. Um, part of what I've really tried to do this year as Vice President of External Affairs is bring External more into the office and make Officers and staff and all of you understand all of what External does and how you can get involved. And I think that starting off in the summer with being gone kind of sets that back, so that's just something to take into consideration.

Sydney Pearce: Robby?

Robby Perkins-High: Yes.

Sydney Pearce: Ok. There was another...yes.

Ted Cohen (Molecular Engineering): So I don't have a question, I have a statement.

Sydney Pearce: Name and department real quick.

Ted Cohen (Molecular Engineering): Uh, Ted Cohen, Molecular Engineering & Sciences. Um, on the VP External points, I definitely agree with Kelsey. Um, I mean, not on the specifics of their attendance on things, but from my perspective, Margaret had the most convincing case. I think that the lack of understanding about the campus climate survey was a big point against Dean, um because that was part of his central platform, um, so that kind of, um, demonstrated a lack of understanding of the job. In terms of Treasurer, I am the Vice Chair of Finance & Budget Committee and Shane has been on that committee for a long time and has a very good understanding of GPSS' financial situations, at the same time though, Trevor did make the most compelling case as an outsider, um, and seemed to demonstrate a better understanding of GPSS' finances than the other two candidates, so those are my two cents on the Elections.

Sydney Pearce: I believe we are out of time, do I, anybody have a motion to extend time? Ok.

Casey Duff (ASUW): I was going to motion to close discussion.

Sydney Pearce: Do I have any objections to close discussion?

Robby Perkins-High: You need a second first. I'll second that.

Sydney Pearce: Do I have any objections to clos...objections to closing discussion? For continued discussion and questions.

Casey Duff (ASUW): I only suggested it because I didn't see any hands.

Sydney Pearce: There were in the back. Do you want to...?

Robby Perkins-High: There is a motion on the floor to close the discussion.

Sydney Pearce: So you would...

Amy Gabriel: Object. Object.

Sydney Pearce: Amy objects.

Casey Duff (ASUW): I rescind my motion.

Sydney Pearce: So I need to vote?

Robby Perkins-High: We're out of time.

Sydney Pearce: So I would need a motion to extend time.

Amy Gabriel: Motion to extend by 2 minutes.

Ashley Bagley (Marine & Environmental Affairs): Ashley seconds that.

Sydney Pearce: Any objections? Okay, now we need to vote on extended time by two minutes. All in favor of extending time by two minutes, please raise your hand. Anybody going to help me?

Vote: Majority.

Robby Perkins-High: You're fine, you've got it.

Sydney Pearce: Fabulous. Okay we have extended time by two minutes. Abbie.

Abbie Shew (Organizing Director): Um, very briefly. So, I'm the Political Director for SAGE next year and there were some things that Dean said that were just factually incorrect about what SAGE does and what we did with SAGE this year. Um, our legislative agendas are not the same, we did fill all of our SAGE positions, the only reason they were filled by staff is that no Senators were on working group, uh, SAGE working groups, which was necessary for participating. So I am very concerned about what our federal relations would look like given that there were factually wrong things in that statement.

Sydney Pearce: Anybody else? Yep.

Varun Kao (Foster): Quick statement. I remember, I'm part of the F & B Committee and from Robby's experience in the past year's transitioning between Treasurers has been quite tough in terms of understanding the cash flow and the way finances are reported. Shane being on the committee has an intimate relation...I mean, an intimate understanding of all the process. So just to, you know, because of the transition, from Treasurer to Treasurer, it would make more sense for someone in his position to be Treasurer.

Sydney Pearce: Anybody else?

Stephanie Becnel (Director of University Affairs): I just have a question Syd about the Internal VP. Um, for Internal VP, is there any recommended historical knowledge in your role that you feel is necessary for us to know about? What transitioning, what is like, I know our team is shifting a lot this year, the marketing and communications role...

Sydney Pearce: I have 23 seconds so I am going to answer it as quickly as I can. So Internal has a lot of different responsibilities, like, programming is just one of them. We've got programming, we've got committees, we've got hiring and training, there's a whole bunch of different committees that Internal sits on, there's a lot of those different things. I think that both candidates have sat on a lot of committees; both candidates, Tammy has experience through ASUW, Matt has experience through GPSS. I do think it's valuable that Internal, that their role is to represent graduate students on campus, and Matt has been a graduate student, Tammy will be one soon. Um, but there is a lot of different parts of this role, um, so I would ask that you think about all of those

different things – like marketing, programming, campus committees, there is more than just the surface level things. Okay, we are at time.

Amy Gabriel: Motion to close discussion.

Sydney Pearce: Okay, any seconds?

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): Seconds.

Sydney Pearce: Any objections? Okay we are closing discussion.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Instructs on how to complete ballots.

5. Bystander Training Second Reading

8:02 PM

Amy Gabriel: Opens floor for friendly non-grammatical amendments.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Motions.

Mimi Krutien (Pathology): Seconds.

Giuliana Conti: Adds President Ana Marie Cauce, the President of ASUW, Ritika Jain, Provost Mark Richards.

Sydney Pearce: Is there a different order they should be in?

Giuliana Conti: Recommends the names should be in hierarchy of university position.

Neal Cragg (Nursing): Motions to end second reading and move to vote.

Varun Kao (Material Science): Seconds.

Vote on approving resolution as amended: Majority approves.

Sydney Pearce: That was the last vote for night, thank you for sticking it out.

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): How long do you expect ballot counting to take?

Sydney Pearce: There is an hour allocated. May not take the whole time.

Giuliana Conti: This is because in the past had a tie and it took a while.

Amy Gabriel: Will e-mail the results out if people need to leave.

6. Session Update

8:07 PM

Kelsey Hood: Session adjourned on time. Presented bills that are awaiting governor's signature. The 2158 bill was a last minute omnibus bill – included the student loan refinancing and state need grant (WA college grant). Incredible success. Ones on bottom are what we're tracking and will continue fighting for next year.

7. SAF Allocation Discussion

8:08 PM

Robby Perkins-High: Has two updates will be giving with Jacob. SAF is considering funding a renovation of IMA. All students pay a bond fee, and thinking about using the extra money to fund this. GPSS passed a resolution in favor of it last year, but there are updates. Talking about pool and locker room. Both are old and locker rooms are binary and have a lot of communal showers. The pool is breaking and in an odd shape. There will be a couple of phases. Will move men's and women's to area where women's is right now. The main locker room will be a gender neutral locker room. The pool will become a big rectangle. Right now have a secondary pool, Hec Pavilion Pool, which will be shut down in a couple of years.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): The gender neutral locker rooms will have stall set-ups and inclusive changing and showering, whereas the current locker rooms have open showers.

Sydney Pearce: The main locker rooms will have stalls and men's and women will be open? Was there a reason to not do them all gender neutral?

Robby Perkins-High: Thinks it was a space thing and some people are more comfortable with traditional.

Andrew Shumway (Earth & Space Sciences): What is the cost?

Robby Perkins-High: Getting there next.

Varun Kao (Material Science): Are they are revising the space each bucket has?

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): It's going to be a complete remodel.

Leslie Michaud (Office Manager): How long will it take?

Robby Perkins-High: This has been in the works, but need funding to get schematics of what it will look like.

Mimi Krutein (Pathology): Would this require any portion of the IMA to be closed down?

Robby Perkins-High: No, when they are renovating the main one, they will split the women's so it may be annoying, but functional.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): They also might bring portable things for changing.

Robby Perkins-High: This is primarily funded from SAFs capital reserves, which is extra from the fees you pay for capital renovations. Using this money for IMA renovation prevents using it for any other project on campus. The Intellectual House was promised a second building to be part of the Intellectual House and now not getting funding from the university anymore. So giving money to IMA would prevent going to something else like this. So options are: reserve fund only, reserve funds + IMA fee, and reserve fund + new loan (which will cost students more in the long run).

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): You currently pay IMA fee, creation of a new loan would be separate.

Robby Perkins-High: There is a push to get this done in the next 5 years for pool and this money is sitting there right now and both student governments have voiced support. Discussing options right now, so vote on Poll Ev. Also have a space for any additional questions or comments. If have questions or concerns would like to bring to SAF, but them in Poll Ev. \$250,000 to go forward with the plans, which is not a small amount of money, so important to know if there are any concerns.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): ASUW and GPSS have voiced support of gender neutral locker rooms, but the IMA has linked the pool with the gender neutral locker rooms. So the IMA is prioritizing the pool.

Dean Allsopp (Evans): Why when more students use the locker room than the pool?

Robby Perkins-High: Yes we asked them directly. Because the Hec pavilion will be closed soon and so if pool is done can use IMA pool when Hec is closed.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): The Hec Pavillion pool is 80-100 years old. It is costly to maintain, so it is exceed the use. And maintenance on other pool is getting higher too.

Robby Perkins-High: Was not entirely satisfied with that, and doing it in stages was more expensive.

Neal Cragg (Nursing): Can you get more perspective on what the difficult political decision was?

Robby Perkins-High: The IMA bond fee has been reduced every year because there has been more than enough money to pay the debt on it. So theory is, if asked to re-increase the fee, Board of Regents would be skeptical, but would be easier to make a new fee. Does not make complete sense, but what we were told. The SAF voting meeting is coming up on May 17th. Jacob, Colleen

and I have been hearing proposals from units. Have attempted to distill down. Sharing it with you all. On the back of the page, there is space for you to voice opinions about what SAF should and should not be funding.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): If find the SAF website, you can look at the different entities.

Amy Gabriel: Who do we give opinions to?

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Me.

Robby Perkins-High: Framing points: the first three units on the list are dramatically bigger and have other funding sources. Cuts will likely mean cuts to different services. For others SAF is the only funding source. Tried to note new items people are asking for in the “what for” column.

Matt McKeown: The sexual violence prevention program is hiring – is the extra money for that position?

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): The peer health educators tackle a lot of presentations during that time. Also working on different outreach to queer community and other communities affected by sexual violence.

Robby Perkins-High: The “TBD” is have not heard from them yet in committee.

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): If Hall Health staff increases – have talked a lot about mental health services – do you know specifically what the staff increases would be for, because if was for mental health would support.

Robby Perkins-High: Thinks it is just staff in general. They are in bad shape right now and will likely have to cut services.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Had a very interesting meeting last Friday. Hall Health is going into the red in their budget. The Provost is requiring them to fiscally solvent by the end of the year. The request is so much bigger because of that. If they do not get this request, will cut services equal to what SAF doesn’t give them.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): What are the chances they would keep getting that amount year after year?

Robby Perkins-High: SAF is also deficit spending so likely would not be able to. Hall Heath is complicated because costs are tied to other things, so it’s hard to control.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): They are 50% funded by SAF and 50% insurance payments. So have fluctuating income due to changes with insurance.

Sydney Pearce: Is this take home or want it by the end of the meeting?

Robby Perkins-High: Worried if take home will not get it. So let's give people time to talk about it.

Giuliana Conti: If people are done can collect them.

8. Executive Senator Vacancy

8:31 PM

Zhiyun Ma: Will be graduating, so seat will become vacant starting next academic year. So expecting an executive senator election in the next upcoming meetings. Keep in mind this is an opportunity and we made it a paid/compensated position. It has been a great blessing. Has led to a lot of connections and experiences. You get to do all of the work you want to do and support the communities you want to represent. So talk with potentially interested colleagues. Happy to pass on contact information. Also a chance will scout.

Sydney Pearce: The stipend is \$450 a quarter, so \$1350 per year. Must attend one meeting per month during the summer. Election will be at next meeting.

9. Upcoming Events

8:34 PM

Stephanie Becnel: Golfing with Grads is May 17th, can bring outside UW people. There is a discount on balls with student ID. Spring Send-Off is June 7th. Grab posters for Golfing with Grads for departments.

Amy Gabriel: Motions to amend the agenda to strike Exec Board Reports.

Casey Duff (ASUW): Seconds.

10. Election Results

8:35 PM

Frances Chu: Thanks for involvement.

President: Giuliana Conti

VP Internal: Matt McKeown

VP External: Maggie

Treasurer: Shane Shrader

Secretary: Leslie Michaud

11. Announcements

8:36 PM

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership & Higher Ed): If have any constituents who are international students – would like to collect information on how to serve students better.

Giuliana Conti: Thanks to everyone for being here. Very impressed with everyone that ran. Anyone with questions please come to us. Honor to see so much interest in the organization.

Rene Singleton (HUB): Should be proud for running and thanks to Elections Committee.

Sydney Pearce: New Officers please stay for a photo.

12. Adjournment

8:39 PM

Amy Gabriel: Motions to adjourn.

Robby Perkins-High: Seconds.