

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Executive Meeting Minutes Session 11

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Members Present:

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GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs Sarah Loeffler
GPSS Treasurer Michaella Rogers
GPSS Secretary Randy Siebert
Graduate School Liaison Kelly Edwards
GPSS Executive Senator Monica Cortes Viharo
GPSS Executive Senator Michelle Brault
GPSS Executive Senator Erin Firth
GPSS Executive Senator Peder Digre
ASUW Director of Internal Policy Taylor Beardall

Call to Order 5:33 pm

Elloise Kim: Laura Taylor has a birthday today so she cannot come.

Approval of Agenda

5:34 pm

Erin Firth Moves to approve the agenda as presented.

Michelle Brault Seconds.

Approval of Minutes

5:34 pm

Randy Siebert Moves to approve the Minutes as presented.

Monica Cortes Viharo Seconds.

Olympia Update

5:34 pm

GPSS Director of Legislative Affairs Matt Muñoz: The Veterans Mental Health bill went to the Ways and Means committee, a delegation of veterans went down there today to testify.

Elloise Kim: James is still in the hearing for the Veterans Mental Health bill in the Ways and Means committee so we need to connect with him later when he can talk. Hopefully he can talk during the officer report.

2017-2018 GPSS Senate Meeting Schedule

5:35 pm

Randy Siebert: Pushed back the start date of the Executive Meetings to October 4th. That way we get to do Husky Sunrise and get a little bit more organized in the office and get involved in ours classes we would only have 4 senate meetings in fall quarter but rest of the quarters should have five. We scheduled Executive Meetings December 6th and Jan 3rd. Those are good times to check in, update on how the quarter went, and prepare for the next quarter. January 3rd meeting would be a good time to set up the agenda for the next Senate Meeting.

Erin Firth: What is the purpose of December the 6th meeting?

Randy Siebert: It is a follow-up to the Nov. 29th Senate meeting.

Michelle Brault: It would be good to go over the previous Senate meeting during that meeting.

Randy Siebert: Is everyone okay with starting a little later? (Yes)

Elloise Kim: By having the 1st Senate meeting in the third week people will have more time to know when the Senate meetings happen. Lots of people were concerned by the small attendance level of the first Senate Meeting.

Randy Siebert: A lot of people are elected the first few weeks of school, so it helps her job as well.

Elloise Kim: Definitely canceling Thanksgiving Day meeting because in the last few years we have shuffled that meeting around in order to accommodate schedules. We need an action to approve this calendar.

Erin Firth Moves to approve the 2017-2018 GPSS Senate Meeting Schedule as presented.

Michelle Brault Seconds.

AAE BUDGET

5:38 pm

Elloise Kim: Next is the Arts and Entertainment budget.

Michaella Rogers: There is a line item in our budget traditionally that we give money from the GPSS budget to Arts & Entertainment for their spring concert. She is not sure about the history of it, or how it started. Last year we increased the ask from S&A from 10,000 to 15,000 and we give that money to Arts & Entertainment. She wants to have a conversation about that because she doesn't feel that there is a strong Graduate school presence in the planning for the Spring concert. She doesn't think it is an effective ask right now. She doesn't know the history, she is just curious about other people's opinions on the matter.

Elloise Kim: Taylor do you have furthered information from the ASUW perspective?

Taylor Beardall: She talked to Lizzie about it and she doesn't know where that ask came from so Lizzie will look into it.

Michaella Rogers: We don't want to pull the rug out from under anyone so we would probably ask for more representation at the planning of events and still give the money to Arts & Entertainment. Going forward it doesn't make sense to ask for that and indirectly give it to someone else unless there is a great reason we started that.

Taylor Beardall: Nobody is ASUW is taking it in bad way, in the future we may ask for that money ourselves.

Michaella Rogers: Its coming from the same committee it's just a matter of who asks for the money.

Elloise Kim: She asked whether she could know more about the history and found out it was a customary arrangement by the two units for the spring concert. We need to examine what benefits Graduate students are getting from that event if we want to continue the current arrangement or if there is a change in need from Graduate students what might be the best way to communicate that to ASUW. We want to continue the partnership with ASUW but more and more people wonder why it's in our budget.

Taylor Beardall: Doesn't think it would affect the Graduate schools negatively if GPSS stopped giving money, the Spring show is outside so they would still be able to come. The other places they get money is the Greek community, and residence hall if GPSS isn't really doing anything with it, the action should not be perceived in a negative way.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Understanding why this is in our budget and if it is our fiduciary responsibility to Graduate students. Why are we doing this?

Kelly Edwards: We do this type of thing a lot in the Graduate school, it's basically the same money but its trying to represent a collaboration or that we are both co-sponsoring an effort even though the money is the same. Maybe we could make a separate event for Graduate students.

Michaella Rogers: That is something we definitely need to figure out and maybe get someone form GPSS more involved in the planning for the event.

Sarah Loeffler: Randy and her had a pretty long conversation with Renee about this in the beginning of the Summer aside from the lack of clarity for how this works. There should be some sort of committee that plans Arts & Entertainment events and GPSS should have a seat on that. Also, we bumped the ask for it last year for no reason other than the cost of talent. Also, the internal affairs Vice President budget decreased by 5,000 dollars. Thus, the moving of that money lowered the ability for GPSS to do events for Graduate students. Maybe justifying that increase, she doesn't see how we can justify the increase of 5,000 to Graduate students.

Michelle Brault: Even 10,000 dollars seems like a lot of money to give for an event that she doesn't think Graduate students really go to.

Michaella Rogers: She will try to ask for some numbers. Doesn't think GPSS is opposed to participating but rather would like more representation.

Kelly Edwards: If GPSS has a sister event that might be better instead of just giving money.

Sarah Loeffler: Maybe hosting a beer garden or something GPSS is actually putting on that would make more sense. Right now, there is no collaboration.

Elloise Kim: Thinks there are a few options we understand that the spring concert has been a big tradition that goes on annually but GPSS has no say even though we give lots of money so should we continue the way it has been done? Or should we get involved in the planning committee of the concert? Or should we have a sister event?

Michaella Rogers: Doesn't want to make decision today just wants to get an opinion on it today.

Taylor Beardall: Fine with whatever GPSS decides but as far as making this year better the Arts & Entertainment office is not a committee rather they have 5 employees. She can connect Arts & Entertainment to GPSS.

Sarah Loeffler: The committee things were something that was relayed by Renee.

Taylor Beardall: She can link Michaella and Sarah via email as a start.

Randy Siebert: If we do get money for Graduate events, instead of giving money to the spring concert maybe we should consider doing non-social events and rather more events such as professional development or academic events.

Michaella Rogers: Doesn't think they have to be related. If we want more money in our budget for those types of events, we can make a separate ask.

Elloise Kim: Also, we have to acknowledge for a practical purpose we must maintain a partnership with ASUW and need to maintain it on good turns and without our chipping in coming from SAF there event can't happen. In the future, we could consider more constructive change but right now it would be great to consider the options for this year.

Michaella Rogers: Fiscal year 2017 has been budgeted and she doesn't want to change that because Arts & Entertainment are expecting that money. We either want to transition the money in their ask or host our own event for the future. She will get more information after meeting with Lizzie and others.

Elloise Kim: Taylor could I get more information/learn more how many Graduate students attend specific events?

Renee Singleton: Unless we did some kind of electronic swipe system at most events we need to go by a guess. Where we have a higher number of Graduate students is for cultural events particularly Asian cultural events. There isn't a checkout box for knowing that, we don't do swipe entry for everything. We don't have the money to be that technologically advanced yet.

Sarah Loeffler: For our events we do use the card reader.

Renee Singleton: We don't do it for crowd control reasons. For the spring concert we have between 5,000 and 6,000 students.

Taylor Beardall: There are certain events where registration is required where we could give numbers.

Randy Siebert: When we do diversity committee we strongly encourage card readers so we get better numbers for Graduate students. However, we understand there are some events where the structure of the events doesn't allow for that.

Elloise Kim: We want to talk about events led and organized by ASUW, RSO events are different.

Randy Siebert: ASUW is still capable of scanning cards, that was the point she was making.

Taylor Beardall: We don't swipe cards as of right now, not that we can't; just at the moment we don't.

Renee Singleton: That would be a good conversation to have at the beginning of the summer, people need to put that into their budgets. Doesn't know if we can get that implemented, we would need to get readers and it's not a bad idea but everyone has their own vision on how they are doing things.

Taylor Beardall: Thinks it's a really good idea to start gathering that data, so maybe she can just bring it up at board and start looking at their boards general fund for this year.

Renee Singleton: The RSOs if they are getting funding we have to look at what their crowd plans are going to be.

Taylor Beardall: I think we are thinking more about ASUW events.

Sarah Loeffler: Maybe it would be good just to gauge how many Graduate students go to events.

Elloise Kim: If Graduate students are substantial participants in some events we may need to have more collaboration for some events or give more money. Right now we are short of data, that is the part we can try to improve.

Taylor Beardall: Will connect GPSS with A&E and also brief lizzie.

Renee Singleton: What she was thinking about was policy because RSOs are registered and independent funds, if they ask for funds you can give them stipulation but if they don't then they can decide whether to comply and they would have to have a stipulation policy wise to get everyone to do something.

Elloise Kim: When you discuss this with the board it would be good to emphasize that GPSS events that don't include alcohol are open to Undergraduates.

Review of Huskies on the Hill

5:57 pm

Matt Muñoz: The day itself went very smoothly. Students were in separate groups so Graduate and Undergraduate students could focus on separate issues. We had a total of 15 minutes with legislators separated by 7 groups. From the Graduate student side, what he will push for is for Graduates to have more time with more legislators. A lot of the students didn't have meetings until the afternoon but other than that if anyone has any input to add he is more than happy to

add them to the conversations. He has a few more comments on his list for future planning committees.

Elloise Kim: People who participated in or observed events please share your experience and give feedback to Matt. Would like to thank matt for his work.

Peder Digre: Has heard from a lot of Graduate Students, this year we had meetings that was just Graduate student's vs last year when it was Graduate and Undergraduate. A common theme is that in terms of education priority for legislators first it was K-12 education, then Undergrads education, then Graduates education are thought of last and it was more of an afterthought. It might be a reality of the current situation right now, but connecting Graduate education importance might be good.

Michaella Rogers: Definitely think there was a lot of lag time and we could have met with more legislators. She had two 20 minute meetings, it would be nice to have more. Some of the people they talked to were not on any of the committees that covered any of the issues they lobbied about and wonders if there was a better matching system that could be made.

Elloise Kim: If you know how the schedule is decide and who is put on the schedule can you explain that?

Matt Muñoz: OGR actually solidifies meetings with legislators and pairs up people with legislators. Usually they try to pair up people as best as possible with relevant committees. Part of the issue this time is the number of groups, there were too many groups to schedule with relevant legislators he definitely hears what you are saying. It's on his list of things to address.

Elloise Kim: We do not get involved in the process of scheduling and contacting as much as OGR? (Yes)

Matt Muñoz: Yes, OGR are the ones who get meetings on agendas with legislators. This year we were able to say what key legislators we want to schedule with. From there it was OGR giving us other meetings that we could have from the ones that they had sampled.

Sarah Loeffler: She went last year and this year. Last year she did five meetings this year just the two. Does think there is a lot of benefit to lobbying with just Graduate students. Last year thought there were a lot of conflicting messages, hard for representatives to take what they were prioritizing because Undergraduates prioritized very different things. Is there a possibility for GPSS to approach scheduling meetings in a different way?

Matt Muñoz: For next year, since this is the first time that lobby day has been done with Undergraduates and Graduates as separate groups there were some kinks to work out. Up until this year it was integrated groups of Undergraduates and Graduate students. Next year he will suggest to OGR that there be a planning committee with representation from many groups so that Graduate students do get more meetings with legislators. Also, that there is a more set procedure for how planning is done and less miscommunication between the two groups.

Elloise Kim: How does the budget of Huskies on the Hill work?

Matt Muñoz: As far as advertising, a bulk of advertising was done by ASUW and came from their budget. The advertising GPSS did was the snapchat filter and printing of our legislative agenda other than that we tried to get advertisements out but timing and miscommunication hindered that.

Elloise Kim: What about transportation and lunches?

Matt Muñoz: All of that was coordinated by OGR.

Renee Singleton: Some of that money is coming from Washington student Association (WSA). WSA is an RSO because they are an RSO it is not restricting so traditionally they pay for busses and pay for all lunches. As well as payment for the podium. Some money from WSA has come through to pay for that. It has come through via OGR.

One suggestion, several years back some Graduate students made a fallback agenda for the meetings, where they talked about statistics about what Graduate students contribute to the state in terms of workforce. There was a fallback bit of information that was current and talked about job market and research in all different fields. That packet of information was handed out and that was the presentation you had and you had a lot more meetings you could go in independently to give them an educational presentation about what Graduate education does for the state, they were pretty powerful presentations. The other thing that would happen is there were some presentations of research projects that were displayed in main foyer, some students would stay there as well and talk about the research being presented. Those are suggestions you can pass forward because legislators don't know all about the impact that Graduates have for the state and that is good information to have if you are with people who are clueless about Graduate issues. She recommends you revive that.

Kelly Edwards: Seconds that, also Graduate school can back up some of that data. 75%-80% of our master's students stay in the state. We know that any of the financial asks for the budget will be met with wrote response of K-12 first you would just be continuing to build that relationship of how UW Graduates impact all of Washington state it would be cool to get a portfolio of research project that keeps raising awareness and recognition of what goes on in Graduate school. Also, anything that we can push against the UW reputation of being so Seattle focused.

Peder Digre: This year was complicated because of the weather on Monday, a snow day, we didn't have time for training before meeting with legislators. Talking about some of these issues together and verbalizing them before meetings with legislators would be helpful for the future. He got talking points down but felt he needed more.

Matt Muñoz: Another thing on the notes is having training earlier.

Sarah Loeffler: Over the summer James and her met with their counterparts to WSU and they, WSU, had a running document on representatives so when they lobby they have information on each representative. She thinks it would be good to build our own document or get that from WSU. Setting up a database ahead of time with that information would be great. Some of the last minute things, our agenda addressed mental health in general but then we helped produce this Veterans mental health bill and we tried to talk about that. We met with one representative that

called us out about how the bill was not on the agenda she knows that bill just dropped the week before is supplemental stuff such as statistics to fall back on would be good, so they go in with specifics about bills.

Michelle Brault: She quoted the bill numbers that were prepared on there, but it would have been nice to hand them one of those sheets as well. .

Michaella Rogers: If you put the transportation information for when options for coming back to campus more people would probably come.

Elloise Kim: Last year a bus left earlier around 2pm, and she went only because the bus left earlier. A few different options for departure time would help.

Monica Cortes Viharo: That's why she couldn't go. Didn't realize the bus wouldn't come until three. Thinks get bus information out earlier and posted where someone can find, and maybe having an earlier transportation option would be good.

Sarah Loeffler: Like maybe having the information up when you sign up for an event or for advertisement would be good. Just so you know there is a way to get back earlier in the day.

Elloise Kim: This year they talked about underutilizing promotion money for Huskies on the Hill. We may be able to move that unused promotion money for transportation of Graduate students.

Review of Feb.1 Senate Meeting

6:15 pm

Randy Siebert: What did you guys think about Senate check in? She thought it was positive.

Michelle Brault: She liked it, thought it was a good debrief time. Thought something more would come out of that for Good of the Order, but still thought it was useful.

Randy Siebert: Seems like when we get to Good of the Order people are exhausted. Either we cut good of the order or have less speakers.

Elloise Kim: We finished a little before 7:30pm this last meeting.

Sarah Loeffler: We had Good of the Order for four minutes.

Elloise Kim: When guest speakers get lengthier, people get drained. We can be pushier for guests to be on time. We were pretty good about cutting it short when people had no more to say.

Randy Siebert: In the future maybe have one speaker and move Resolutions for after Good of the Order.

Erin Firth: Losing senators has always been an issue.

Elloise Kim: For the next meeting, we will have Ana Marie Cauce as the only guest. She is booked until 6:15pm just in case. She wants to give at least 30 minutes for her to speak. She included a 10-minute possible extension. She is officially available till 6:15pm.

Erin Firth: Are we expecting to have people from outside the standard GPSS senators line up?

Elloise Kim: Our meetings are open to the public so we cannot have control over who is coming. However that is one of the questions she wanted to discuss at the next agenda. Do people mind if we move to the next agenda item? (No.)

Next Senate Meeting Agenda

6:19 pm

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes

Ana Mari (30 minutes, 10-minute extension time)

Resolution on Sanctuary Campus

Constitute the Elections Committee

Officer Reports

Good of the Order

Announcements

Adjournment

Elloise Kim: There are a few ways to facilitate the meeting with Ana Mari Cauce. ASUW limited the asking ability of people in their meeting to one question per person or we can set up a standing microphone in the middle of the room so people can line up if they want to ask a question. It makes it visible how many people want to ask questions. (consensus on standing microphone in middle of the room.)

Renee Singleton: If you put it, microphone, in the middle of the room people sitting in the back can't see. Maybe we want to put it in the side so it doesn't obstruct other people's views.

Elloise Kim: We could probably move the microphone a little back.

Erin Firth: What does she want to talk about?

Elloise Kim: I told her to be open minded that anything could happen during the Senate meeting. However, she let Ana Mari know that campus safety, freedom of speech and all the things that have been discussed in the last few months will probably be brought up. Beyond that she is very open to anything.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Is she aware that the Sanctuary Campus Resolution is on this agenda?

Elloise Kim: She mentioned it, because it hasn't been approved by the Senate, she has not officially run it by her. Once the agenda is approved she can show Ana Mari the draft of the agenda. How should we prioritize senators for questions? Should they be prioritized rather than guests?

Erin Firth: Doesn't think we need to do anything about it.

Elloise Kim: Last year when Ana Mari came lots of law schools came, because Tacoma law school things were being discussed. Depending upon what's hot on campus we should expect a lot of outside guests.

Erin Firth: We can do a time for speakers and use presidential discretion so if a topic is brought up too much or otherwise pushes at other topics that need to be discussed.

Michaella Rogers: She, Ana Mari Cauce, should also be able to navigate the conversation.

Michelle Brault: We can also ask that first 15 minutes is just for Senators and the last 15 minutes is for anyone.

Elloise Kim: Should we have a time limit for each question? Like 30 seconds? (yah)

Monica Cortes Viharo: In city hall you line up and have 2 minutes to say a statement, so 30 seconds for this meeting feels fair. What about follow-up questions?

Erin Firth: Keeping the rules on this brief and vague would be better than hard set things. That incurs those questions.

Elloise Kim: From what she understands, she has to be assertive about giving rules. (Yes)

Erin Firth: Believes secretary has to be up on parliamentary procedure knowledge.

Renee Singleton: Suggests that Elloise use a hand mic to help her project her voice.

Kelly Edwards: Encourages everyone to keep questions brief and no clarifying questions unless something is really missing. If you set expectations up front that would be best. Having time limits may be stressful to have 30 seconds cut off. That would be tough for everyone. Just creating a culture of respecting each other and time with the president and reiterating that would be good.

Elloise Kim: Should we include this information about the format of the conversation in the email that will be sent out to Senators today? (Yes)

Kelly Edwards: It also might hit off if someone wants to mobilize a coalition of students to really make an issue front and center, at least they know the ground rules for the discussion.

Elloise Kim: Other agenda items: Resolution on Sanctuary Campus, also Constitute the Elections Committee, and usually there is one Executive senator who assists the elections committee. Michelle last year did a great job if there is any exec member would like to take the role, keep in mind they cannot run for officer positions.

Michelle Brault: Would be willing and happy to do it again.

Elloise Kim: We need 4 people + an Exec senator.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Did you see the email from the campus food pantry? The Campus food pantry really wants to come and do a little presentation to give data about what food insecurity

looks like in this area and let people know that it is there. It would be short. Doesn't know if it would fit in this agenda or if it would be better for another meeting.

Elloise Kim: Just in case Ana Mari's conversation runs long it would be best to put it on the March 8th meeting agenda.

Monica Cortes Viharo: So the meeting they would be at would probably be at is March 8th? (Yes.)

Elloise Kim: Thank you for connecting us to the Food pantry. The rest of the Agenda is Good of Order for 10 minutes, officer reports, announcements, and adjournment.

Erin Firth: Can we allocate more time for officer reports? Seeing as they usually take more time than listed?

Monica Cortes Viharo: Instead of Good of the Order why not have a Q&A after Officer reports. Maybe some weeks we do Good of the Order and others a Q&A.

Erin Firth: Building off of that we could simply switch officer reports and Good of the Order. That way we can use Good of the Order time for Q&A if there is nothing else going on.

Monica Cortes Viharo: That's one way to do it, and we can preface it by saying we will take all questions during Good of the Order.

Erin Firth: It would increase our flexibility for both of those.

Elloise Kim: We can think about both of those. She is just guessing but after a deep conversation with Ana Marie people may not have much for Good of the Order. Maybe officer reports can be 10 minutes and Good of the Order can be 10 minutes, but Good of the Order can be after officer reports.

Michelle Brault: Moves to approve the agenda.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Seconds.

March Executive Meeting Schedule

6:32 pm

Elloise Kim: Matt can you tell us when Sarah, James, Student Regent, you, and I will be in DC for the Sage conference?

Matt Muñoz: The SAGE conference is from March 26th-29th.

Elloise Kim: She believes the Wednesday March 29th is the day we must be in DC. Not having 3 officers we technically can't have an Executive meeting so we have to cancel it. However, there is a small chance we may have to have a special meeting during that week if the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget needs to be approved by the Executive committee. Michaela will do her best to ensure that doesn't happen just wants to give you a heads up that technically the March 29th meeting won't happen but we may have to have a special meeting for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget where it will be presented and explained.

Michaella Rogers: She is scheduled to present the budget on March 31st. She anticipates to have it approved far before then by the beginning of March.

Elloise Kim: Doesn't know why she put 10 minutes for that discussion but seems like it is an itinerary overlap with the SAGE trip, just want to ask if there is a better way to schedule our spring meeting? Doesn't want to end the last meeting too late into the quarter because lots of things will be happening then. If we have to set the agenda for the budget as early as March 1st for the April meeting it would be a challenge to have a solid agenda for that senate meeting.

Michaella Rogers: Wouldn't we have an Executive meeting on the 15th? (No, we have finals)

Elloise Kim: Our last Executive Meeting of Winter quarter will be March 1st, we have to set up the agenda for the Senate meeting on March 8th. If we end up cancelling the March 29th Executive Meeting then we have to either set up the agenda of the first week of April's Senate meeting on March 1st or we have to have a short special meeting to set up the agenda.

Monica Cortes Viharo: She would be willing to meet on the 15th even if it's a shorter meeting.

Elloise Kim: Who will be around? Two officers for certain will be gone. However, the meeting doesn't have to be on Wednesday.

Renee Singleton: You need the normal quorum even for special meetings. Quorum is 50% plus 1.

Elloise Kim: Four Executive members, two officers, and Taylor could be there on the 15th and that meets quorum, so we are good for having a very short meeting on March 15th. It doesn't have to be at 5:30pm.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Likes the idea of assuming it will be at 5:30pm, since it's usually hard to work around everyone's schedules.

Elloise Kim: Very impressed everyone is willing to come to campus on that day.

Executive Senator Reports

6:38 pm

Erin Firth: STF went well, we heard from 8 or 10 proposals in one meeting. She personally had interest in one of them that was not STF related. One of the people applying for some new hardware from speech and hearing sciences is working with transgender students to help them with advanced medical technology make sure they are not shutting their voices trying to match the voice they are making. She will follow up with them and let everyone know if she hears anything from them. Travel grants went well they funded a large number of people it was as far as she was concerned the best cohort of applications that she has seen in a long time, funded a lot of them. May need to increase budget moving forward.

Monica Cortes Viharo: FLAB was 8:30 am in the morning on a Friday and people actually showed up basically they brainstormed what they want the agenda to be. They brainstormed immigration especially around the Executive Orders, violence on campus, unionization and bargaining rights, student loans, and research funding. Those are the main areas. Each of us was

assigned one area to research and they will meet again on Friday to talk about them. UW occupational health and safety have a worker's Memorial Day event for people that have died on the job, its open to the public and they have people sign up to read names of people who died on job. Also, this event has a special keynote speaker that will talk about protecting workers from violence, a hate crime survival story. Other thing is she is working on is another resolution, for the care project and including pets on issues around hardship. Also, the pantry would really like to come and talk about their work.

Peder Digre: STF follow-up, moved up the voting meeting to two weeks in the future. SAF is starting budget meetings, the first unit to be reviewed is REC sports. An event he planned at the Evans school is the LGBTQ summit and they are doing a panel on access to healthcare, one on intersectionality, and one on a career panel. The keynote speaker is Steve Davis who is the CEO.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Another event on immigration will be co-sponsored by the law school and it is this Friday.

Sarah Loeffler: Thinks there is another one next week.

Michelle Brault: Went to the faculty council on research and Jennifer Harris was there and she talked about the research program and how it helped Undergraduates. Asked how best Graduates students can help Undergraduates and also how Graduates can best use this resource [Undergraduates]. She was really interested about talking about that later. She thought that might be something that we consider having at a Senate meeting. She might be interested in coming to our Senate and talking about that briefly. They don't just do scientific research it could be research across the whole university. Also, there was a letter sent out to UW med and affiliated programs that whole program is behind on the budget by 1% so the school is making each unit make budget reductions of 2%, 4%, and 6%. Some schools have student advisory boards for their deans, but UW med doesn't have that.

Elloise Kim: The nursing Administration are good at working with students in general. UW Med has some students on the council but they don't meet often.

Michelle Brault: She couldn't find any information about when they meet on their website.

Elloise Kim: Contact the medical student association (MSA).

Peder Digre: He talked to two medical students at the all college council meeting they had he can connect Michelle with them.

Michelle Brault: That letter affects everyone.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Also, the thing about nursing is they are really robust. If you want to get some best practices with someone else in the medical field. The other thing she would look at too is if any TA cuts are happening talk to Union representatives as well.

Michelle Brault: They say they want to keep it transparent but doesn't seem that way.

Kelly Edwards: As a school of medicine faculty member she can echo the no transparency part, she is on the faulty council that is intended to advise the Dean on the budget and they meet once

a year and the budget is presented to them. There weren't any students present when they met a few months ago and there was incredibly little discussion. This could be a great example of a student drive to be part of the process, and make it more transparent.

Officer Reports

6:55 pm

Taylor Beardall: This month the black student commission is doing a bunch of programming called Evolve standing on the back of giants. The senate resolution on yacht club came to ASUW and it passed. They changed it a little and it is kind of different. She has concerns about the resolution, personally. They are starting an international working group to consider having an international student commission. There were a lot of Graduate students that came to the meeting with Ana Marie at ASUW two senate meetings ago and there wasn't really a need to facilitate conversation. Also, there is an event called take back the night on march 2nd its held by our Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence activist. It's an open mic for students. The Casey Neistat event got canceled and Sean king event got moved to March maybe you will be better able to get tickets this way. Danielle sent out an all campus email. A lot of the time when she sends these things out she gets a lot of hate mail, it would be nice to give some encouragement this time around if you have strong feelings about it. The board of directors, hockey is starting a purple Friday thing, starting spring quarter they are partnering with a lot of businesses around the area to get student discounts for students on Friday. She is really passionate about getting a suicide prevention hotline on the Husky student cards however they have been really not cooperative at all. In fact they have been pretty against it. The last thing is they are working with UW communications to make UW communications materials more accessible to students with disability by having closed captioning etc.

Kelly Edwards: Two things. Ellen Taylor and her have been working on getting together experts on campus on cyberbullying they are meeting tomorrow. UW IT has a lot of resources they have pulled together around a privacy goal on how to better protect ourselves. She has been in contact with a law professor who wrote a book on cyberbullying. They have talked about how to use her, law professor, to catalyze structural change. Wants to put it out there that they are working on these things. There is a lot out there and it is scary, and wants to put together stuff about what a person can do. Also, met with the student union and compared notes about what kinds of tools they are interested in having.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Cybersecurity was something they are interested in. That's a thing a lot of people want work around

Erin Firth: The person who organizes the milo event didn't she get doxed in a grey area of legality. The information was spread far and wide, that is cyberbullying brought to real life.

Kelly Edwards: That whole trajectory is part of the experience they are looking at and using for setting up protective measures.

Erin Firth: Another instance would be the events following it on the UW student who published in the Daily.

Kelly Edwards: She has talked with students about getting input on these processes and they are being put in touch with people who can help on that front. One of their questions they had is who is the bias incident report person they are being pushed to now, they both had questions about who that goes to. Ellen is the one who is going over those bias reports right now. Ellen has an upcoming visit with GPSS soon and she said she can talk more about that process at that time. Kelly suggested making the landing page for bias incident report more transparent. Second, just came from the consulate with the Evans school about housing insecurity, they would really like the Executive board to come to their final meeting from 3-4pm. Their final meeting has a final pitch on how to learn more about how housing insecurity impacts UW students. It's in Parrington hall.

Monica Cortes Viharo: She can do that meeting.

Kelly Edwards: It's a first step for those issues, they want to engage with the student governments as they move forward with the initiative. She forwarded information to Randy.

Elloise Kim: Can you mention the Resolution about Post Docs?

Kelly Edwards: This comes out from faculty council on research it was a resolution in support of faculty commitment to post docs as trainees. Thinks it will go a long way in providing explicit support for post docs. Hopes it will enhance mentoring relationship all the way through.

Elloise Kim: Sometimes we feel frustrated when Undergraduates don't understand our issues or support us properly and she thinks that we might do the same for post docs.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Maybe that would be a good presentation for our next meeting. Maybe to have some post docs come and talk about the work they do and the challenges they have.

Kelly Edwards: One concrete cool thing GPSS can offer is GPSS is representative student government organization and they have institutional recognition and placement in key University committee and the post docs have zero of that. So have been working on how to get them a governmental body and more institutional recognition. There is 1100 of them on campus across all the schools and colleges and they could probably learn a lot from your governance model and structures and can help them make their own governing body.

Sarah Loeffler: Science and policy hearing committee white paper project next Thursday the 23rd in Parrington hall it will be a mixer reception. There were 25 people registered as of last week.

GPSS Director of Events Tori Hernandez: Winter social is tomorrow in the HUB games area from 7-10pm. Have a donation form from the bookstore for chocolate, shirts, and a go pro. Snack and drinks are provided and all Graduates and professional students are invited.

Sarah Loeffler: Sits on the Graduate tuition policy advisory board, just sent out an official recommendation to freeze their 1 Graduate tuition for at least this next year possibly 2 years.

Elloise Kim: James is in car driving to Seattle. Unfortunately, he will not report himself. Do we need to know anything?

Matt Muñoz: Veterans mental health hearing just happened and the fact that we got a hearing in both House and Senate is a good sign for the bill.

Randy Siebert: Funding lots of diversity events coming up next week and looking to Spring for diversity events. Intellectual House will have another indigenous feminism series events. Working with Renee in getting GPSS records situated. Went to the diversity council today, great to see the I school and school of nursing doing great stuff to get diversity as a core part of their departments and how they are retaining staff, faculty, and students as well as recruiting staff, faculty, and students for diversity and inclusion. Definitely check out the I school.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Was able meet Chase Iron Eyes, he is one of the attorneys from the Dakota law project who has been the camp and he spoke yesterday. She gave him her card and the resolution to pass on to them. He was really appreciative that we were sharing ways that people could donate.

Sarah Loeffler: Edmond is also a law school professor and he was at standing rock.

Michaella Rogers: Very impressive group of travel grant applications today we funded quite a bit. F&B we went over the budget a bit and she is working on that still. Trying to update the actuals from this year and the end financials from last year and she put together a skeleton. She is also working on documents she needs to submit along with the budget to SAF and having a lot of conversations with officers and people in GPSS to see where we want to budget priorities this year. S&A will start hearing this week.

Elloise Kim: Asks officers to study bylaws and election procedures and committee memos so we can properly update also putting lots of thoughts about how to make jobs more efficient and budget for next year more efficient. She worked with Randy about how we can finalize next year's meeting schedule. All rooms are booked. We also put all names of liaisons and contact info online. Faculty Senate Executive committee met this Monday along with post doc resolution, open access policy was discussed in a very serious manner there was a pretty good conversation about what it means to opt in an opt out. They want it, open access policy, to go to the Faculty Senate to get approved. GPSS passed the resolution in 2015 to support open access policy.

Last quarter she helped student life have a conversation with international Graduate students because they were preparing the report that studies international student issues in general but they were concentrating on Undergraduate international student issues. She stepped in to get the Graduate student perspective and lots of Graduate students volunteered to talk about the international Graduate student issues as well. The report from that was supposed to be finalized two weeks ago, but something is going on. I school will move to Schmitz hall while a lot of units will move out of Schmitz hall we are thinking that this might be the one time chance to make some sort of centralized office to house general services for international students they are currently thinking about the best strategy to make that happen. PACs traveled to the Tacoma campus, there was a very interesting that she got form the conversation. Chancellor Mark Pagano was there and Tacoma campus is doing a great job to match diversity ratio of faculty ratio to students by student demand. Maybe because of smaller campus it is easier, but they are very

passionate about it. Right now, vice chancellor of Tacoma cannot have a final say about who will be employed but for now the vice chancellor will look into the pool of diversity when the final candidates are reported. When the pool is not diverse enough the vice chancellor can say to reselect the pool contributes to diversity final faculty pool in general. That is a thing we can recommend to our council as well. Met with HFS this Tuesday or Monday, next year they will present a two percent rate increase they were very transparent about it overall. A major part of this increase is coming from compliance with the minimum wage otherwise they are pretty good with the rate. Lastly, the faculty council on academic standards approved two weeks ago the change in the policy of college of engineering to be direct college admissions of 50% of students as undeclared college of engineering majors. Details will be developed but somehow the council does not want students to know about the policy yet they say its because the detailed policy has not been developed yet and they want to prevent any misunderstanding or bad circulation of information. They are very solid about not spreading the word. However, from a student perspective she doesn't think this is the best practice for transparency. Lastly, Student regent search committee will begin to meet from the end of February or March so she is thinking in what ways the committee could be composed and what values they want in the next Student Regent she really tried to think out of practices they have used before. If you think there is something missing in selecting finalist for student regent communicate that to her.

Announcements

7:13 pm

Erin Firth: Involved with coordination and planning March 20-21st of a short ted style talk along with a movie at central cinema done by the Pacific Science Center. The movie will be Aliens the 1986 movie and herself and another biologist and astrobiologist will give a talk about it.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Central Cinema is great because you don't just have alcohol but also dinner as well.

Erin Firth: It's the second one in the series.

Kelly Edwards: Jorge Cham who is the creator of PhD comics is coming as a keynote for a conference downtown but he will stay and talk to Graduate students on march 22nd, 3:30-5pm in the HUB. They haven't got blurb about that yet but they will start advertising it soon.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Will it be on the Graduate school website?

Kelly Edwards: They will try to do an e-invite for it.

Monica Cortes Viharo: John Lewis is coming next week.

Elloise Kim: Announcements from Laura, she went to a student safety advisory committee last week and they will start the poster campaign "hate has no home here" also security camera task force is meeting to decide what the best number of cameras and locations are.

Michaella Rogers: Working on Seattle minimum wage study on campus there is a survey and if anyone knows of good avenues to distribute that survey then let her know.

Monica Cortes Viharo: You are looking for Minimum wage workers anywhere in the area?

Michaella Rogers: In the city of Seattle.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Might check with the union, they work really closely with all the other unions meet at the labor temple and they have access to all different unions in the city. She is doing this thing it's called fiesta publica critica. It is for the certificate in public scholarship that is sponsored by the Simpsons center for the humanities. It is across a lot of different disciplines but they are all humanities and some social sciences. If you are interested in work that engages with community people who have projects in the program will talk. Everyone has their own table so if anyone is interested in a certificate in public scholarship would be great event it's on Feb. 22nd.

Matt Muñoz: For Olympia, there are currently two bills going thorough state legislature about decoupling S&A fees from tuition, the one in the House is not doing to great but the one in the Senate is in Ways and Means. The other announcement is next Wednesday external affairs has paired with ASUW OGR for democracy voucher event to explain what democracy voucher is. The event is during the Senate meeting at 6pm. So, spread the word to non GPSS individuals.

Adjournment

7:19 pm

Randy Siebert Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Michaella Rogers Seconds.