



Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Executive Meeting Minutes Session 17

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Members Present:

- GPSS President Alex Bolton
- GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs Monica Cortes Viharo
- GPSS Vice President of External Affairs Brian Taubeneck
- GPSS Treasurer Kerstin Hudon
- GPSS Secretary Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim
- GPSS Executive Senator Yasmeen Hussain
- GPSS Executive Senator Joseph Telegen
- GPSS Executive Senator Brian Tracey
- GPSS Executive Senator Jennifer Kirk
- ASUW Director of Internal Policy Noe Merfeld

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:39 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Kerstin Hudon moves to amend the agenda. She would like to discuss Activity Based Budgeting as the 6th item.

Joseph Telegen seconds.

Kerstin Hudon moves to approve the agenda as amended.

Elloise Kim seconds.

The agenda is approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5:40 pm

Joseph Telegen motions to approve the minutes.

Yasmeen Hussain seconds.

Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved.

4. HUSKY 100 UPDATE

5:41 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo: Husky 100 has been announced. There were several present and former GPSS people recognized. Be sure to congratulate them if you see them. The proportion of applications from graduate students compared to undergraduate students of the Seattle campus was

higher than the proportion of graduate students to undergraduate students on all three UW campuses. Similarly the percentage of minority students was higher than the overall campus. She hopes to invite the graduate students who won Husky 100 to the GPSS Husky Sunset in order to recognize their efforts.

5. ACTIVITY BASED BUDGETING

5:48 pm

Kerstin Hudon: The Activity Based Budgeting (ABB) committee has broken out into four sub-committees to address different issues: colleges changing course offerings, rates of allocation, research, and funding model specific to graduate programs. They have seen some schools offering their own versions of general education courses that are typically offered through other schools in order to garner the ABB money. For example, rather than an engineering student taking math in the mathematics department, the engineering department may offer math for engineering students in order to receive ABB. They are considering drafting a resolution that would encourage the University not to offer courses in their own department when those course can be taken somewhere else. Often times, these department specific courses do not hold as much clout in the broader community.

Yasmeen Hussain asks why the schools would go through the trouble of adding classes to garner ABB money, if that money is meant to cover instruction. She asks what the incentive is for doing this.

Alex Bolton: There could be a situation where the College of Engineering hires a math graduate student to be the instructor of record. This student's tuition would be waived for his service in his own school. In this way, the college would be receiving ABB money while not actually paying anything.

Jenn Kirk shares that she has heard of instances similar to this in her department. Biostatistics and EPI are currently hashing out which department gets to teach EPI students biostatistics because of funding issues related to ABB. There are issues around who receives funding and who receives tuition. Additionally, there are times when it makes sense to have a department offer a class rather than having those students go outside of the department. For example, the Biostatistics department had students taking remedial math classes, but they had to stop because the communication between the two departments (Biostatistics and Math) was lacking and caused the issue.

Kerstin Hudon agrees. She will be working with Abe, ASUW Finance and Budget Director, to put out this resolution. She encourages everyone to share any thoughts regarding the resolution. While it will likely affect undergraduate students more than graduate students, she believes it is an important stance to take. She is happy to put together an ABB seminar if people are interested. They are also working on better educational materials to pass out so there are less misconceptions about ABB.

Monica Cortes Viharo thinks having a seminar would be great. There are things regarding ABB that she is still confused with.

Yasmeen Hussain shares that the chair of her department had a seminar on ABB, and it raised a lot

of interest.

6. RACIAL PROFILING AND THE SAFETY OF BLACK FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

5:57 pm

Brian Tracey shares that a couple of weeks ago there was an incident involving a black staff member of the Global Health department. It was felt that the interaction would not have happened if the staff member had not been black. This is one of several racial profiling cases that have occurred on campus. Last spring ASUW A&E concert a few black females were harassed and assaulted by fraternity members; the police did not respond. The UW is a microcosm for what is happening in the broader community. The Global Health department is currently in the process of conducting internal and external investigations. The UWPD has lent support by starting a student committee to start addressing these issues.

Joseph Telegen asks if there is a way to request a testimonial from the individual in question for the purposes of bringing it up at the UWPD public safety meeting.

Brian Tracey: The individual is keeping a low profile. He has been receiving some harassment, so he and his family want to stay out of the media.

Joseph Telegen asks whether it would be worth defining exactly what constitutes racial profiling.

Brian Taubeneck: Some law enforcement officers actively use racial profiling. This is intentional and they acknowledge it. While the term can be used in either a positive or negative connotation, he does not believe there is any confusion regarding the definition.

Monica Cortes Viharo adds that it might be worth defining the term if a resolution on the matter is drafted.

Yasmeen Hussain asks what the GPSS can do.

Brian Tracey: It is tricky. The family wants privacy, but we also need to bring awareness to the issue. He suggests bringing the topic up at the next Senate meeting, and encouraging people to be allies—supporting individuals going through these issues.

Elloise Kim adds that one issue is that people do not know where to go when they are faced with these issues. The information about available campus resources needs to be better distributed and publicized to students.

Jenn Kirk shares that the School of Public Health is planning a forum in April, where this issue will be addressed. All the Public Health students received the email from the dean, so there seems to be some efforts starting to be made.

Brian Taubeneck: The University should try to set a date for when the investigation is going to end, to prevent students from feeling that this issue is being swept under the rug.

Elloise Kim adds that President Ana Mari Cauce will be at the Senate meeting on April 20th and at the OMAD SAB meeting on April 15. Jerry Baldasty is visiting SAB on April 22 as well. That might be a good opportunity to ask more about the investigation.

7. RACE AND EQUITY INITIATIVES UPDATE**6:12 pm**

Brian Tracey: Starting in April Bias and Prejudice Take Force is going to begin testing the online reporting tool. What is concerning is that even if someone files a report the person can graduate before the report is processed, making the report obsolete. They are working to ensure that even when students graduate, their reports are handled properly. REI is still discussing how to implement accountability for tenured faculty.

8. DAWG DAZE**6:14 pm**

Monica Cortes Viharo: The Dawg Daze director has asked if there are any orientation events the GPSS would like to facilitate with them. She suggests asking Senators at the next meeting about things they wish they would have known before coming to UW.

Alex Bolton shares that last year they made a flyer that included advertisements for Husky Sunrise, as well as several other smaller graduate student events. The goal is to help acquaint graduate students to the campus.

Monica Cortes Viharo asks whether there is something that the GPSS can facilitate for undergraduates. She suggests “Secrets From Your TA”— a panel comprised of TA’s and RA’s sharing success tips. This would help bridge the connection between graduate and undergraduate students.

Brian Taubeneck thinks this is also a great way to interact with the college councils. He suggests connecting University 501 (online graduate orientation being developed) with Dawg Daze to help market the orientation. There could be computers set up for students to take the orientation and coffee and snacks for socializing.

9. GRADUATE STUDENT GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**6:21 pm**

Joseph Telegen encourages everyone to attend the next general meeting of UAW 4121 on April 14th at 5:00 pm. The Union election season is coming up and there is the potential for its bylaw changes, so this meeting will be important.

Monica Cortes Viharo adds that the meeting will be in SIEG 134 at 5:00 pm. Tomorrow 5:30 pm in Smith 205, there is an open forum hosted by AUDW, many of whom are proposing the bylaw changes. If the bylaw changes go into effect it will significantly change the way the Union nominates and elects its leadership, perhaps precluding current leadership from running again.

Joseph Telegen: The UAW4121 parliamentary procedure is different than the GPSS. They have open meetings for all members, which means that majority vote becomes very important.

Rene Singleton shares that on April 14th there will be between 6,000-8,000 people in Red Square for the Taiwanese Night Market, so getting around may be a little difficult.

10. GPSS EXECUTIVE LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**6:26 pm**

Alex Bolton: Several graduate students in fee-based programs will meet as a committee with the head of Educational Outreach. They will share common concerns among students, and he will bounce ideas off them as well. This is a positive step.

Yasmeen Hussain shares that she has been appointed to the position of liaison to the Faculty Council on Student Affairs.

Alex Bolton names the three liaison appointments for Fee-Based Student Advisory Committee, one for HUB Art Project Selection Committee, as well as Yasmeen on Faculty Council on Student Affairs. He calls for motion to approve the appointments.

Kerstin Hudon motions to approve the appointments.

Elloise Kim seconds.

11. 4/6 SENATE MEETING AGENDA**6:29 pm**

Elloise Kim shares the following agenda items: Campus Master Plan Team will do the Spotlight; Vanessa Kritzer will come to encourage people to apply for the Student Resident position; the Judicial Committee will present major bylaws changes; and the Elections Guide has to be approved by the Senate.

Joseph Telegen: He requests time for a second reading of the Mental Health Consolidation Resolution, which will also need to be voted on.

Elloise Kim points out that the 2nd draft of the resolution has not been sent to her earlier while the discussion board must be open tonight for the resolution to be voted next week. She can open the GoPost tonight and send out the resolution to Senators along with the agenda and minutes if he can give the draft right after the meeting.

Monica Cortes Viharo requests five minutes for an update on upcoming graduate student events.

Brian Tracey requests five minutes for an REI update.

Elloise Kim motions to approve the agenda.

Brian Tracey seconds.

The agenda for the April 6th meeting is approved.

12. 4/20 SENATE MEETING AGENDA**6:41 pm**

Alex Bolton: It is still up in the air whether there will be an executive meeting on April 13th. Brian and Monica are for sure going to DC for SAGE, and he may still go. He wants to set the agenda for April 20th in case the executive meeting would be canceled.

Elloise Kim shares the following agenda items: Ana Mari Cauce will come to speak; Doug Tabor will introduce UW Impact as a Spotlight.

Kerstin Hudon would like to have 15 minutes for an ABB presentation, and then she would also like to introduce the resolution tentatively titled “Addressing Pedagogical Issues with ABB.”

Joseph Telegen plans to introduce another two resolutions at that meeting, even though he does not have their title right now for the agenda. He will make a motion to amend the agenda at the meeting with their full title ready.

Elloise Kim shares her concerns that if the Senate has a first reading of all those resolutions on April 20th, it means that they are expected to be voted on in the following meeting that is the elections meeting, which can make the meeting schedule very tight.

Rene Singleton suggests adding a socializing/informing activity, reminding Senators that they have to attend meetings if they would like to run. Senators can break out into small groups and ask questions to each officer regarding their positions and duties.

Monica Cortes Viharo moves to approve the agenda.

Jenn Kirk seconds.

The agenda for the April 20th meeting is approved.

13. EXECUTIVE SENATOR REPORTS

6:46 pm

Joseph Telegen will be celebrating his birthday to discuss mental health and disability initiatives that the GPSS may support. They will brainstorm future ideas, set goals to meet by the end of year, and discuss the resolution that is currently on table. The meeting will be at 10:30 am in the GPSS office.

Brian Taubeneck shares that at the state passed Senate Bill 6466. This bill creates a disability work group among the public universities to streamline the transfer process. At this time, the transfer system between universities can be difficult for students with disabilities navigate. He will send out an email, so it can be announced at Senate.

Yasmeen Hussain: Nothing particular to report.

Jenn Kirk shares that the Elections Committee has been diligently working on the Elections Guide.

Brian Tracey: Next Tuesday is the last REI roundtable discussion. He has been working with OMAD to set up support groups for individuals who were impacted by the event with the police. He will continue to keep everyone updated on what is happening.

14. OFFICER REPORTS

6:53 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo: They have not sold many Mariners (April 9th) or Kinky Boots (May 5th) tickets, yet. Tickets are available at the front desk of Lander Hall. She asks everyone to spread the word. She has been conducting program reviews for the Department of Immunology. She has been

seeing a lot of job advertisements—she wonders if there is a way to distribute this information.

Yasmeen Hussain suggests advertisements other than the GPSS Facebook. She also wonders if the GPSS could have a page on their website that could include jobs and volunteer positions that might be interesting to Senators.

Brain Taubeneck: The budget bill involving tuition backfill from undergrads passed. All state agencies are being charged a new fee because of the tuition backfill. The University helped push for better handling of sexual assault rape kits. Money has been allocated for training the rape intake nurses. There will be a nurse from Harborview at the UW Medical Center within 15 minutes of reporting. He had the opportunity to attend a panel where he got to hear from private companies focusing on data sciences and life sciences and the intersection of the two.

Kerstin Hudon: If the F&B funds student group events in an amount over \$750, they have to get approval from the Executive Community. These events are often revenue generated, and by accepting the GPSS large funding, RSOs agree to return 5% of a net income from the event to the F&B committee. She has finished the winter quarter Treasurer's memo which updates how much of the budget is remaining this year. They have currently spent 53% of the SAF budget. (*See Information Tab for more details*).

Elloise Kim: The GPSS advertisement tools arrived including stickers, a horizontal banner, and a retractable banner. OMAD Vice President candidates will be interviewed this weekend. Ana Mari Cauce is coming to the Senate meeting on April 20th. Unless people want a Spotlight at the last meeting, the spotlights are lined up for the rest of the quarter. There has been good attendance throughout the year. On average, 65.2 people, that is 56.5%, attend each meeting. The smallest meeting had 51 senators, while the largest had 77 senators. She has been very diligent about checking with Senators that did not show up and eliminating them if they did not communicate with her for the reason of absence. She may have to remove a few more this quarter.

Yasmeen Hussain asks whether the department is notified when those senators are removed.

Elloise Kim: Yes, she tries to. But she does not contact the department necessarily if there is still one senator active.

Jenn Kirk suggests telling the other senator. During her first year in the GPSS, the second senator in her department left and she did not realize it until much later.

Noe Merfeld: This Friday the drag competition will happen in Meany Hall at 7:00 pm. There are four ASUW entities participating in Parents and Family Weekend. ASUW elections kick off is on April 15th. ASUW Jobs just has launched its application this week, so all the jobs for next year are up and graduate students are welcome to apply.

Alex Bolton: The Student Regent application is out. Tyler Wu, ASUW President, did an all campus email including a link to the application. Alex is planning on doing an all-graduate school email. The application is due April 11th, and finalists will be sent to the Governor by April 25th. He has recruited and appointed students to the fee based advisory committee, and has started the athletic director search.

15. MEETING ADJOURNS at 7:18 pm
