



Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senate Meeting Minutes Session 10

APRIL 6, 2016 | HUB 334

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:38 PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) moves to approve the amended agenda.

Elloise Kim (Secretary): The resolution listed won't be voted today since it was not sent to her timely for not being ready yet. It has to be removed from the agenda.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) withdraws her motion.

Joseph Telegen (English) moves to strike item 8, "A Resolution Advocating for Greater Coordination among Mental Health Professionals of Differing Specialties at UW," from the agenda. He explains that there will be several mental health initiatives coming and there is more time needed for this resolution ready.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) seconds.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) moves to approve the amended agenda.

John Lurie (Astronomy) seconds.

The amended agenda is approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5:40 pm

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) moves to approve the minutes.

Elliot Koontz (QERM) seconds.

Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved.

4. GPSS SPOTLIGHT: CAMPUS MASTER PLAN TEAM

5:40 pm

Elloise Kim (Secretary) introduces Theresa Doherty, Senior Project Director for the Campus Master Plan.

Theresa Doherty: The City of Seattle requires every major institution to conduct a Campus Master Plan. Campus Master Plans were developed in the 70's in response to residential community members concerns that major institutions would start taking over neighborhoods, causing traffic jams, and buying up real estate. The last Campus Master Plan was conducted back in 2003, and they hope to have this one completed by 2018. They have identified 13 million square feet of potential development capacity for the University of Washington campus, but plan to request 6 million square feet for

development. This plan will be in place for the next fifteen years, and therefore it is important that the plan remains flexible so that it continues to meet students' needs over the next fifteen years. If students do not identify areas of development within the Campus Master Plan, then the school will not have permission to build. *See the PowerPoint for more details regarding future development projects.*

Q&A

- **Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education)** asks how much development will be residential versus campus.
- **A:** We will not be identifying exactly what each building will be designated for to allow for flexibility but roughly 22% will be residencies.

- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology):** Much of the difficulty with getting to the water front now is due to construction. Are there any plans to address congestion due to construction?
- **A:** CPO is currently developing plans to mitigate immediate construction issues.

- **Brian Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs)** asks whether the plan takes into account the fact that the state runs on a two-year budget system. Does the plan factor in the possibility of a budget cap in two years?
- **A:** They are hoping to get approval for 6 million square feet of development potential. If so, this will be good for as long as it takes to build regardless of the cap.

- **Steven Tran (Jackson School, Chinese Studies)** asks whether the Campus Master Plan will create more affordable student housing. He know many students living 30-40 minutes outside of U District because near campus is so expensive.
- **A:** The Campus Master Plan does not account for this; however, the University as a whole is working on a plan to address housing. There are several properties that the University owns that could potentially be used for student housing.
She and her team are welcome to answer further questions via email, cmpinfo@uw.edu.

5. STUDENT REGENT UPDATE AND APPLICATION

5:59 pm

Alex Bolton (President) introduces Vanessa Kritzer, the current Student Regent.

Vanessa Kritzer: The application is now open for the next year's Student Regent position. The Board of Regents governs the whole institution of the University of Washington. They set tuition, university policy, and approve the campus budget. There are ten people on this board, and one of them is a student—the Student Regent position. The position is open to any UW student, but typically goes to a graduate student. This is a great opportunity for a student who is interested in learning how large institutions are managed and who wants to make an impact on the broader UW community. The daily responsibilities of the Student Regent include meeting with stakeholders, leaders, and student groups, which allows her to have her ear to the ground and make relevant changes. The application is due April 11th. Her office hours are held every Thursday 2-4 pm except on Regents meeting weeks.

Q&A

- **Elloise Kim (Secretary)** asks her to tell where her office is located as well.
- **A:** Gerberding Hall, Room 139.

- **Brian Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs):** Students are precluded from taking on another internship opportunity if they are accepted as a Student Regent. What can students gain, nevertheless, from being the Student Regent from a professional development standpoint?
- **A:** This is one of the greatest opportunities for professional development. As Student Regent you would get to work with high-level committee members and administrators. Depending on your interest, you can pick and choose the most beneficial opportunities. It is also an incredible networking opportunity.
- **Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** asks whether Vanessa felt her voice was heard as the Student Regent.
- **A:** Yes. She has been surprised at how often they listen and take her opinion. There have been numerous times when student fees are implemented, and she did not feel there was adequate consultation with students regarding these increases. She was able to get these consultations to take place.
- **Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)** asks whether it is an AES position with which a student would receive a stipend or tuition waiver.
- **A:** It is technically a scholarship that acts like a tuition waiver. The Student Regent is also paid per diem for the days she works as a Regent.

6. UPDATE ON BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 6:12 pm

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences; Judicial Committee Chair): The Judicial Committee members have been editing the Bylaws to make them more readable and consistent throughout since the fall quarter. He walks the Senate through the substantive changes that have been made (*See the PowerPoint presented*). He also discusses several additional amendments. Some officer position responsibilities have been reallocated based upon the officers' feedback. They have moved several committees from the Bylaws into separate policy memoranda for more flexibility. They have also made grammatical changes including removal of gendered pronouns. He encourages the Senate to email him any additional amendment proposals. They will be voting on these changes on April 20th.

Q&A

- **Joseph Telegen (English)** asks whether they should be proposing friendly amendments to the work that has already been done, or if additional amendments will be considered.
- **A:** All feedback is encouraged. They want the Bylaws to be as functional as possible.
- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** asks whether there is a way to separate out the grammar changes from the more substantive changes. This would make voting much easier.
- **A:** Yes, he agrees to highlight the more substantive changes for an easier review and Elloise will send the version to all.

7. 2016-2017 ELECTIONS GUIDE 6:27 pm

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology; Elections Committee chair) shares the changes they have made to the Elections Guide since the last meeting based upon feedback she got. The biggest

change made was to the wording, which previously stated that proxies could not attend the elections meeting. The language now states they are able to attend the elections meeting, but will be unable to vote. They also fixed some typos. She did not end up changing how absentee ballots are counted. There was concern expressed last meeting that those absent senators would not have their votes counted in the event of re-balloting. Unfortunately, there is no way to ensure absent people have a vote because the individuals tied for first may not even be the person they originally voted for— making voting impossible. Since the Bylaws supersede anything that conflicts with the Elections Guide, we can vote and approve the Elections Guide as is, and the amended officer duties can be amended later to conform with the Bylaws.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education) asks how absentee ballots work if someone runs from the floor.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): They cannot vote for those who run from the floor. Absentee ballots and running from the floor are not working with one another in that case.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology) makes a motion to approve the Elections Guide.

Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs) seconds.

Alex Bolton (President) calls for a vote.

The 2016-2016 Elections Guide passes unanimously.

8. PERTINENT GRADUATE STUDENT EVENTS

6:32 pm

Sarah Loeffler (Director of Events) gives an update on upcoming GPSS events. Tickets for the Mariners Game on April 9th are available in Lander Hall. You get a pair of Ray Ban style Mariners glasses with each ticket purchased. On May 5th, they have tickets for musical Kinky Boots. The seats are floor seats and cost \$30 each—limit two per customer. The GPSS 40th anniversary will be on May 19th. They have reserved the Center for Horticulture, and there will be appetizers, games, and music. Husky Sunset is on June 2nd— last year they had a barbeque, beer garden, lawn games, and a photo booth and are planning on doing something similar. There will be warm food served at the last Senate meeting of the year. She encourages everyone to share ideas for food. The Science and Policy Summit is on May 10th. The theme of the event is bridging the gap between science and policy majors. There will also be a speed-networking event for science and policy students on April 7th in Parrington hall from 6 to 8pm. The information about these events are and will be available on the GPSS Facebook page as well. She encourages the Senate to forward this information onto their constituents.

Q & A

· **Joseph Telegen (English)** asks whether the event in Parrington Hall will be formal.

· **A:** It is going to be informal. Between 30 and 45 minutes of more structured speed-networking will be followed by less structured networking and socializing.

· **Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs)** asks where to buy Kinky Boots tickets.

· **A:** They are available at the front desk in Lander Hall.

· **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** asks whether the events can be added to the GPSS website's front page in addition to its Facebook. The website would be a great way to promote.

· **Elloise Kim (Secretary):** She likes the idea, however, the current website, as many already know, does not work great for event or information posting, which is one of the reasons that her team has been working on the new website that she hopes to launch soon. Until then, the GPSS Facebook page will have to serve the purpose. She asks the Senate for generous understanding.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs): The GPSS will partner with Dawg Daze [orientation/programming for undergraduates] in the fall. They can help the GPSS promote graduate student events such as Husky Sunrise. This year they hope to share the most relevant information with incoming graduate students. She asks the Senate to email her any tips they wish they knew before starting at UW. The GPSS is also hoping to have to partner with them to produce some undergraduate programming titled “Secrets from your TA.” This could be a panel of graduate students sharing success tips with undergraduates. This would be a great way for undergraduate and graduate students to interact. The event will take place between September 23rd and 27th. She encourages Senators interested in being on the panel to sign up for it.

9. RACE AND EQUITY INITIATIVE UPDATE

6:41 pm

Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs) provides an REI update. 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, there reports are handled properly. REI is still discussing how to implement accountability for tenured faculty. He met with Chief Vinson of the UWPD. The UWPD wants students to reach out to them, but he encourages them to do more outreach to students. They currently have two committees: the Campus Security Advisory Committee (composed of students, faculty, and staff) and Student Safety Committee (All students committee with both undergrads and graduates). Chief Vinson will send out the date and times that they meet and he will keep update the Senate about those committees’ work.

Elloise Kim (Secretary) adds Chief Vinson came to the OMAD Student Advisory Board meeting last Monday and provided an update on the UWPD diversity awareness training. As many of you know, there was the recent incident between the staff member of the Global Health Department and the UWPD, and many people have expressed concern for not being provided with an accurate report about what happened from the school. She had a chance to hear both from Chief Vinson and Provost Jerry. Both assured that the investigation is being conducted as transparently as possible. The UWPD finished their internal investigation and the investigation has been handed over to the President office.

Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs): For those who do not know about the incident - essentially there was an interaction between a black staff member with the police that did not end favorably.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

6:52 pm

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Science) asks whether any action or follow-up has been taken as a result of the recent student death on campus.

Noe Merfeld (ASUW Director of Internal Policy): Last Wednesday there was a vigil for the student, and the perpetrator is under criminal investigation, but UW is not handling that investigation. She has

not heard of any steps being taken to prevent future around domestic violence situations.

Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor) shares that the University will soon send out an email containing information on the various services and resources available on campus, such as the Health and Wellness Center and SARVA. There is a big effort being made to start addressing issues of domestic violence and other aspects of sexual assault.

Joseph Telegen (English): It might be worth drafting a resolution on this topic.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) suggests doing something in honor of the woman. They can create an ad hoc committee if people are interested.

Elloise Kim (Secretary): Last week the ASUW Senate passed the resolution to console the family and friends of Katy Straalsund and the Board of Directors also supported it. As a Board member who represents the GPSS, she was part of it.

Brian Tracey (Marine & Environmental Affairs) has been thinking about drafting a resolution in favor of the demands that were listed at the Black Lives Matter rally. Is this something the GPSS would be interested in supporting?

Elloise Kim (Secretary): She also was there at the REI roundtable and the student voice was powerful and strong. She has made a copy of those demands for those who are interested in participating. Meixi Ng will coordinate the contact with groups.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) would be in favor of backing up the demands, but she thinks the language should be drafted in the words of the GPSS rather than the way they are stated on the Black Lives Matter demand sheet.

Adam Bell (Education) asks whether the U-PASS representative can speak about new bus routes during one of the upcoming meetings.

Sarah Loeffler (Director of Events) shares she will be taking over the U-PASS liaison position, and will be able to report back next meeting with an update.

Molly Roberts (Biology) adds there is a survey regarding the U-PASS that she will forward to Elloise to share in the announcements.

Joseph Telegen (English) shares that at *Chesolutions* this week he and a few other people will be working on some resolutions they plan to bring to the Senate. Specifically, a mental health training resolution and disability evacuation procedures on campus. He encourages anyone interested in co-sponsorship or authorship to let him know.

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs) announces there is a UAW4121 meeting next week, in which they will be voting on significant bylaw changes. She encourages all union members to attend this meeting. It will be on April 14th at 5:00 pm in Sieg Hall 134.

Alex Bolton (President) has been involved in a student committee looking at fee based program issues. He plans to have an open forum to discuss the direction and opinion of fee based programs in a Senate meeting.

11. OFFICER REPORTS

7:04 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs): She was on the steering committee for Husky 100. There are several current and former GPSS members chosen for Husky 100, so be sure to congratulate

them. The proportion of applications from graduate students compared to undergraduate students 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 also asks those interested in either being a G3 mentor or having a G3 mentor to contact her. They are currently working on the Immunology Department's program review. She will keep the Senators posted if their department's program review is coming up.

Brian Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs): He is back from Olympia. He shares they were able to pass the next year's budget. Funding will be provided to backfill undergraduate tuition, and they have created a new charge for Office of Financial Management to manage these funds. Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) including himself will be in DC next week to do a day of lobbying together as a coalition and then break off to talk separately with their state delegations. He will report back about the SAGE at the next Senate meeting.

Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer): Travel grants are still available; the spring cycle closes the first Friday of the quarter. She made the SAF presentation and will be working on allocating the remaining budget for this year. She plans to give an in-depth presentation for Activity Based Budgeting (ABB) concerns, and have a possible resolution proposal at the next Senate meeting. Congratulates those Husky 100 winners in the room.

Elloise Kim (Secretary): The April 13th Executive Committee meeting has been cancelled for many officers will be traveling for the SAGE. Those individuals working to fulfill their candidacy requirements may want to know it. The OMAD Vice President Search Committee after spending last weekend meeting with candidates selected a few finalists to invite in late April. The HUB Director Search Committee will begin their work next week. While the Diversity Funds are being well spent with many applications, they are still available. Last Friday Alex and she met with the Intellectual House fiscal team, who are planning to hire more student staff members, make their place more available to students for various activities, and extend building hours. They ask the GPSS to support their proposal and she sent a supporting letter to the SAF committee. The ASUW BOD will visit a Tent City III site on April 7th after its meeting; contact Noe Merfeld or Leigh Friedman to become part of the tour. She encourages everyone to grab new GPSS stickers.

Alex Bolton (President) recognizes Demi and Tabi for their hard work on the banners and advertisement materials. He announces there are only four meetings after this week this year. They appointed people on the Fee Based Student Committee last week; this committee will meet with the head of Educational Outreach as an avenue for people to share issues regarding fee based programs opposed to tuition-based programs. The Student Regents application is due April 11th and the interviews will be conducted on April 18th and 19th. So take these dates into consideration.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:19 pm

See the addendum for a full list of announcements. Announcements are collected after a Senate meeting. Senators who have made announcements may send information including a link and a flyer if available to Elloise Kim at gpssec@uw.edu by tomorrow at noon.

13. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:25 pm

ADDENDUM: Announcements

Preliminary Draft Campus Master Plan Concepts

Presented by Campus Master Plan, UW Planning & Management at the GPSS on April. 06

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7u4cjpvmv8d2gl4l/GPSSPPTApril52016.pptx?dl=0>

Seattle Mariners Game against the Oakland A's

April 9 (Sat), 6:10pm

Safeco Field

Tickets through GPSS are \$12 and include sunglasses and a place to sit with other grad students

<https://www.facebook.com/events/192498777787383/>

“Equity and the environment: mobilizing the next generation of diverse leaders” MobilizeGreen Conference and Diversity Career Fair

April 7-8 at UW Seattle

www.mobilizegreenconference.org

Your Relationship with Money: How it Impacts Your Career, Income & Beyond

April 13 (Wed), 6:00-7:30pm

Idea Lab, CoMotion Incubator (UW Seattle Campus, Fluke hall, 3rd Floor)

Mary Billerbeck, a certified money, life and personal development coach, will discuss ways to ensure your financial health alongside your career planning To register,

visit: <http://womeninbio.org/eventdetails.aspx?EventId=28452>

Community College Careers Panel

April 13, 3:30 - 5pm

HUB 145, UW Seattle

Interested in teaching or working in higher education? Attend this panel discussion and networking reception to learn about career paths at 2-year institutions. Find more information

at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1085471748175590/>

Volunteers needed for Edmonds School District STEM Expo

April 18 (Mon), 6-8pm

Mountlake Terrace High School

Be a STEM Ambassador to 4-12th grade students with projects at Edmonds School District’s STEM Expo. This is a non-competitive event. Ambassadors visit projects and interact with students. More information

about [Edmonds School District STEM Expo](#). To sign up, contact Mary Glodowski

at glodowskim@edmonds.wednet.edu

The Space Ball

Join AIAA and the rest of the A&A department for an evening of elegance and fun! Experience live music, food, drinks, and more throughout the night at the UW Club on campus as we bring the department together for one last party before the year closes out. Tickets available through Brown Paper Tickets! Everyone is welcome to a plus-one with the purchase of an additional ticket. Space is limited and the **ticket price will increase to \$35 on April 13th**, so buy soon! First-come, first-served basis.

oSTEM Interest/Brainstorming Meeting

April 20 (Wed), 5:30 pm

HUB 315

oSTEM (Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is an organization that focuses on improving the climate for LGBTQ+/Queer-identifying students and professionals in science-related fields. This meeting will shape the mission and goals of oSTEM.

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/486647731532974/>

oSTEM facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/432695510257168/>

Science Fair Judges needed at Hazel Wolf K-8 School

April 21 (Mon), 8:30am-1:00pm

520 NE Ravenna Blvd., Seattle, WA

Science fair judges are needed at Hazel Wolf K-8 STEM School. Students will NOT be present during this time.

Morning snacks and pizza lunch will be provided. To sign up, contact Toni Higgs at tonihiggs@hotmail.com

Biology Department seeking artists

The UW Biology Department is seeking artists to design artwork for the first floor corridor of the planned Life Sciences Building. This is a funded design opportunity. Please visit this website for details: <http://www.biology.washington.edu/survey/life-sciences-complex-call-submissions>

UWashington Hyperloop team's crowdfunding campaign

UWashington Hyperloop is working towards creating a new form of ultra-fast transportation and is the UW's official entry into the SpaceX's Hyperloop Pod Competition 2016. The competition attracted 1200 teams worldwide and UWashington Hyperloop is one of the only 30 teams to advance to the final manufacturing stage as also winning the "Best Safety System" award. A team of 62 individuals, from undergrads to industry professionals, all focused on 1 goal, 1 dream: to compete at California. Check the team out at www.hyperloop.io and do consider donating at <https://fundly.com/uwashington-hyperloop>

The UW Botany Greenhouse needs help

The UW Botany Greenhouse is coming down in preparation for the new [Life Sciences Complex](#) and Greenhouse, and we need help moving our plant collection to its temporary home in **Redmond, Monday May 2 - Friday May 6**. To help out, click the [link](#) and enter your email (this doesn't register you for an account). Select any shifts you'd like, ranging from 7am-3pm in 1-3 hour blocks. Transportation will be provided and is included in shift time for the Redmond site.

Reviewers needed for Glacier Peak HS science projects

May 5 (Thu), 9am-noon

74011 44th Pl SE, Snohomish, WA

Interested professionals are needed to provide feedback and encouragement to student teams who have been exploring the world of proteins, global health, and environmental issues. You will ask questions and give feedback on the posters, models and presentations; lunch is provided. **Sign up by April 20th** by contacting Tami Caraballo at: tami.caraballo@sno.wednet.edu

Volunteers needed for Highline College 3rd Annual Y.E.L.L. (Young Educated Ladies Leading) Female Summit

May 14 (Sun), 8:15am-4:00pm.

This is a free event that is designed to empower and encourage our young ladies of color (African

American/Black, Latino/Hispanic, Pacific Islander, Asian, African Immigrant, and Native American) to excel in education and beyond. More information can be found on the website <http://yell.highline.edu/>

Judges needed for NWABR BioExpo at Shoreline Community College

Mandatory meeting: May 4 (Wed), 4:30-6:30 pm

Event: May 16 (Sat), 7:45 am-noon

Shoreline Community College, 16101 Greenwood Ave North

Judges needed for high school BioExpo projects in multiple categories. Judges will be assigned 4-6 projects. [Click here for](#) more information about the BioExpo, or contact Janis Wignall at bioexpo@nwabr.org.

King County Metro Survey

King County Metro would like to hear your thoughts about the bus service King County Metro provides for you. For example, are the buses usually on time? Is it easy to get information about the bus services, is it convenient paying a fare? Are the buses clean, comfortable and well-driven? Participate in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KCMT2016English>

Graduate Education Survey

A group of UW students are working on a product to make graduate schools more transparent to prospective students. We'd love to hear how you selected/are selecting your graduate program -- please take five minutes to fill out the survey at

<https://docs.google.com/a/uw.edu/forms/d/1ZTNf262On-2hAGLvXkEjLgFMrrwxuACK4isjnTQRc9Y/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Apply for ASUW jobs

ASUW is accepting applications for about 50 positions of the next academic year. Graduate and professional students are welcome to apply. Please find more information at <http://jobs.asuw.org/>