

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senate Meeting Minutes Session 12

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Call to Order 5:36 pm

Approval of Agenda

5:36 pm

Dan herb (Education - Leadership in Higher Education) Moves to add Good of the Order before Officer Reports in the agenda for 10 minutes.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Seconds.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Moves to approve the Minutes as amended.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Seconds.

Approval of Minutes

5:36 pm

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Moves to approve the Minutes as presented.

Mexi Ng (Education - Learning Science & Human Development): Seconds.

Ombud

5:37 pm

Elloise Kim (President): First guest today is Emma Williams she is an associate of OMBUD. She will discuss what OMBUD does.

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): Thank you for making the time to come here. OMBUD is a resource to many people on campus. She wants to share a little bit about who they are and what they do. How many have heard about their office? (Many). They are a unique resource, they are well poised to help Graduate students. They are a confidential resource, you can be assured that what you share with them within the bounds of their office will be kept confidential until students tell them otherwise. So if you are having any sort of problem they are a place to start figuring out the problem. The only caveat to their confidentiality is threat of harm to self or others, in which case they would have to report the issue. This confidentiality allows students to decide how to move forward. Also, they are an informal office, they do not have a role in any formal decision making process on campus. You can stop and think about any of your options formal or informal at OMBUD. We can help you look and consider all options. With whatever issue you come to the office, we will ask you where you want to end up and figure out a way to get there. Lastly, they are impartial, she has no stake in any direction students may take to resolve an issue. She will discuss all options. It is designed to empower students to take control of their own situation. Also, they serve all of the campuses, student, faculty, staff or anyone who has touched the University process. So they work with pre-applicant students all the

way to alumni. If it interacts with the University at all they are a resource to people. Are there any questions?

Aaron Carpenter (Germanics): Does your office offer informal legal counsel?

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): They are not lawyers so they are not legally trained, they offer more practical advice. They can direct people to appropriate resources to deal with issues that may occur.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): What does your office look like in terms of how many people are present, and what is your background?

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): There are three people in their office. Up at the front is Jane, she does all the scheduling, she is the first point of contact in their office. She is the associate OMBUD. She has a Masters in Dispute Resolution and a background in adult basic education and adult literacy. She has worked on college campuses helping adult basic education students navigate the community college education system and welfare system. Also, she has a certification in human resources, she understands some of the employment law on campus. The bulk of her work is with Graduate and Undergraduate students. In the three years she has been in OMBUD, she has created connections all across all UW campuses. She has worked within many programs. She interned coming out of Graduate school at a number of places in the NW. Chuck (the other Ombud associate) has a background in clinical psychology, family mediation, and trauma and marriage therapy. He does most of our faculty and staff work.

Christie Aesquivel (Museology): What is the wait time from coming into the office and making an appointment to being seen at your office?

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): We are running on a timeline of under a week to see one of them. She can be trickier to get to because she staffs all of the campuses. They can do workarounds in order to see people in a reasonable amount of times. This includes doing skype meetings etc.

Julian Ishibashi (ASUW Senator): What is your relationship with the Bias report system?

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): We don't have a formal role with any of the bias report committees. However, they are a part of the bias report committee at UW-T as an ex-officio (non-voting) member. She has been keeping up to date on what the process and rules are for each bias report system on each campus.

Merzamia Cagaitan (English): What happens when you receive enough of certain type of issue? Like when you have one incident that keeps happening? Does your office address it in a larger way?

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): They have an independence, confidentiality piece to their office. However, they do refer back to the University for Systemic Trends they see, and issues they see coming up over and over. They try to figure out what the systemic issue is and

how to handle it. Their office can report directly to the president, or work with departments across campus. They can work with the University on how to move forward.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): If one or more people in your department doesn't want to go to OMBUD, but they may go in the future, should we let you know they make come to you eventually with their particular issue?

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): She encourages people to open the door to people who may need their office, but she does not force people to come in. With folks who do get referred to their office, you can definitely call and give a heads up of their situation. However, their office also treats a lot of issues as they come in. Another piece of their office can be to do facilitated conversations that could be a formal mediation process where they are hashing out an agreement or an informal talk about concerns. Again all of this is optional.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): What advice would you give us in terms of general conflict resolution?

Emma Williams (Associate of Ombud): One of the things that could be helpful is to remember that when you are in a conflict with someone it is usually due to a specific point or issue. So make sure to separate the people from the problem and see what the issue is and what we can compromise on/work on.

Denzil Suite, Vice President of Student Life

5:52 pm

Elloise Kim (President): He has a doctorate from USC, he worked in various Universities throughout his career including University of California Santa Cruz, USC, and UC Berkeley. He has been a great advocate for Graduate students.

Denzil Suite (Vice President of Student Life): Wants to thank Elloise for her advocacy for Graduate students. She has been fantastic, she has helped ensure that at every decision at the University Graduate student issues and concerns are considered.

He is the VP of student life, what is interesting about student life is that they actually have no programs in the division of student life that are strictly for Undergraduates. What's interesting about this University is they have divided the student experience into four main offices the division of student life, office of minority affairs and diversity, undergraduate academic affairs, and the Graduate school. The 4 leaders of those groups meet often to talk about the student experience and how it is being impacted. Student life oversees student activities, HUB, fraternities and sororities, The Daily, UWPD, the counseling center, unite UW, health and wellness, veteran's affairs, Q center, student discipline office, and many more. Moreover, they are unable to do their work without Graduate students. They have been hiring more Graduate students around campus. In his experience he has worked in Universities where Graduate students have been a critical part of the University. He has been advocating for a masters in higher education administration. Many schools have this program, it's a program he went through and it is how they really recruit and attain individuals in Student life. It transforms the work that they do. When you have Graduate students administering some of the program it forces people to

really think about what they are doing and how they are doing it because they [Graduate Students] ask great questions. He hopes to eventually have that program on campus.

Right now the biggest thing they are working on is getting better on working on international student issues. It would be nice if we could find a way at this University to make a single pathway where international students can access all the things available to them. That is top of his list right now. International Graduate students make up a significant portion of Graduate students on campus. The program they launched two years ago is Unite UW, it's a program designed to create an international experience for domestic students without them leaving the country. The program pairs up international and national students up as companions. They rotate students through the program. You only get to participate in it for 1 quarter. There is a waiting list of students who want to participate in the program. American students report a higher % of satisfaction for participating in the program.

They also just got an award to expand Husky nightwalk. They are looking to expand people using Husky nightwalk. Husky nightwalk will walk you all the way past north of 45th, they have also expanded the program at the tower. What questions do you have?

Dan herb (Education - Leadership in Higher Education): How is the Master's program for Higher Education different than the program you talk about?

Denzil Suite (Vice President of Student Life): The program he is talking about would get a cohort of students that want to work in the job he is working in and they would be infused in offices around campus and learn as they go.

May Tran (ASUW Liaison): What is your favorite thing about your job?

Denzil Suite (Vice President of Student Life): He is in this job because he really enjoys working with students. Every day he gets to interact with students. Not everyone in positions similar to him want to interact with students, which shocks him. The challenge for him as VP of student life is it is harder for him to get connected with students because he oversees so many departments and people. However, he tries to interact with student government, and has created a link with the golden key honor society.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Since most international students can only work on campus and can't work outside campus, have you had conversations on how to support them in their work here? Specifically have you talked about resources to help them deal with things like OPT which many go away in the current administration? Does the University think about how to support international student employees?

Denzil Suite (Vice President of Student Life): They are looking at the international student and undocumented student experience and how students are impacted in the current environment where they may not be able to work. They are looking into paid internships as a solution, it just has to be navigated carefully.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): OPT, what is it?

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Optional practical training. It's a period of time, depends on the type of visa a person has, where you can get a job in the US so that you can get the training to apply what you have learned the current administration has had talk about making it go away.

Elloise Kim (President): Otherwise, after graduation they have to leave.

Brad Copenhaver (Foster School of Business MBA): Down the road, what do you see as the major challenges for your office?

Denzil Suite (Vice President of Student Life): The biggest challenge is the significant disinvestment in higher education in state and federal government. They will have to find a way to bolster private investment in higher education to keep some of the programs they have. He is very worried about the impact of the latest Executive Order that changed the hiring for students who Graduated and may have some special skills from a foreign country, that makes it harder for them to get a job. He is a very big believer that we cannot have a world class institution without having students from all over the world. If we are not doing a good job training you then we have failed you as a University. It is two sides of the same coin, there have been non-stop regulations at higher education, even in housing. The types of beds they have to buy, everything is regulated, there is a lot of compliance reports but no funding is given to the Universities to deal with the issue. Those are the big challenges. Also, the changing demographic in higher education, and if we are not able to handle students and give them an experience that is commensurate with the experience outside the University we will become historical anomalies where we have these bastions of education that represent nothing of what we see out in society. He thinks there are lots of challenges.

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Could you clarify the last part?

Denzil Suite (Vice President of Student Life): There is a change in the demographic of people in the United States. By 2025 there will not be a majority from a racial standpoint in the United States. If we are not bringing in students that represent the diversity that we see in the country we will fail.

Asad Haris (Biostatistics): Their department is always pushing them to get other scholarships that are not department scholarships but many grants and scholarships are for United States nationals not international students. Where do international students go to find grants/scholarships?

Denzil Suite (Vice President of Student Life): Doesn't have great answer to that. They are working with a big organizations to create a fund specifically for this purpose that does not have the same constraints. There is a lot of research that shows that people that participate in work benefit more academically, socially, in the workforce etc.

Kelly Edwards (Graduate School): She is a part of the Graduate School and they have a Graduate funding information service available to all Graduate students it is sorted by fellowships and grants that are available to international students and those that are only for national students.

Executive Senator Election

6:15 pm

Elloise Kim (President): We have one vacancy, anyone that is a senator in good standing is able to be nominated. Opens floor for nomination.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Nominates Grant Williamson (Accepts).

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Nominates Jay Eckard (Accepts).

SPEECHES

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): He is a second year molecular engineering PhD student. He attended UW for undergrad, and joined the Senate to give back to the community. He was the first Senator for molecular engineering. He has authored and passed Resolutions and has been a part of committees such as the Science and Policy committee. Moreover, he participated in Huskies on the Hill. Also, he has a good working relationship with many of the leadership in the Executive Senate. He would love to represent the Senate, and deepen his work at UW.

Jay Eckard (Drama): He is a fourth year PhD student at the school of drama. He is the president of the judiciary committee, and has been on the judiciary committee for two years now. He has some plans going forward especially from the judiciary committee. They had a lot of ideas from the judiciary committee that they wanted to pursue but they didn't think they were issues that were appropriate for the judiciary committee to pursue. One of those was finding out how all the officers were elected and how all the groups that could elect an officer know how to do that. Before being a PhD student he was a director and he spent a lot of time behind the scenes making sure that everything was in place for others to do their work. He thinks he can do that in the Executive Committee

QUESTIONS

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Jay, you said you are working on your dissertation now. Do you anticipate being at UW for a year? (Yes.)

Brad Copenhaver (Foster School of Business MBA): How long does Grant have left at UW? (3.5 years).

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): What do you see as the role of Executive Senators?

Jay Eckard (Drama): The role of the Executive committee is a way to pave the way for Senators, and to make sure issues are being dealt with.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Agrees, and also believes they advocate for senators to the leadership of the University and community.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): What kind of skills from your discipline do you think you could bring?

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): From molecular engineering, he sees things from a very analytical mindset. He tries to make sure things are based in fact. Also, being able to communicate ideas, like translating complex ideas to a more basic level.

Jay Eckard (Drama): Part of what he does every day is deal with people, he also deals with wacky problems that come out of nothing.

Merzamia Cagaitan (English): How would you represent us, with all the diversity in the Senate including ideological diversity?

Jay Eckard (Drama): Could you clarify on the second part?

Merzamia Cagaitan (English): There is a majority viewpoint in GPSS, so how would you represent senators who don't follow the norm of GPSS?

Jay Eckard (Drama): He thinks it's important to know who you are talking with and what their concerns are. So if there is a need to, they could represent those needs to others and also give them space to talk about their issues as well.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Talking to people so we represent people well. Also, the important thing is to start from a point where you are listening and understand their viewpoint fully, and work towards a consensus. What everyone wants is to make the world better for everyone at the end of the day.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Jay you said you are on the judicial committee? Can you be on judicial committee and Executive Senate at the same time?

Elloise Kim (President): No, he would have to resign from the judicial committee.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Jay, has already done that.

Elloise Kim (President): Registered Senators and proxies that have been sent by Senators are the only people that can vote. Guest are not able to vote. Write your name on the paper and write down the name of the candidate you are voting for.

GRANT WILLIAMSON WINS.

A Resolution in Support for May 1st Day of Action and Resistance 6:30 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Dan and Meixi are two of the co-sponsors. As GPSS we have an amazing opportunity and duty to continue to push the University to think about the ways the current administration is impacting work life and environment. Many organizations in the city

including our own UAW4121 (our Union) are participating in May 1st as day of action and resistance. It's important that groups come together as a coalition to act as a resistance to things the Trump administration is doing. Such as the fact that there is a lot of funding for research from the EPA, NEA etc. that is being drastically cut. The city has already taken a strong position as a sanctuary city and has a policy of non-cooperation with authority. So she recommends GPSS recognizes May 1st as a day of action and resistance. Many groups are doing things across campus on May 1st. We also want to encourage the President and Board of Regents to also recognize this as a day of action and resistance.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Your whereas statements are strong, but she thinks the Resolution could be strengthened. For instance, by asking that no consequences are enforced if a student participates in the events across campus that day.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): That was in the original draft, she took that out, and she can add it in as a friendly amendment. She would love to take friendly amendments but would like to have a vote today.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): The last whereas clause is less inclusive and positive, we could change it to “for May 1st day of action and resistance to support healthy, just, and equitable communities for all.”

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): She is fine with that.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Also adjusting the “that” clause, it is unlikely that the Administration and Board of Regents can join us. Also, a change of wording to show we all support the day of action and resistance would be good. “GPSS stands in solidarity with the students and employees participating in the May 1st day of action and resistance and encourages UW president, administration, and Board of Regents to join us.”

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): In line 36 thinks “activities” should be changed to “communities”.

Sarah Loeffler (Vice President of Internal Affairs): On line 35 its May 1st day of action and resistance.

Merzamia Cagaitan (English): Appreciates the amendment in line 35 for being more inclusive, but exclusiveness is still all over the amendment. It just waters down the statement of what is being resisted.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): To call it something else, would not be honest. Likes having both. They are being positive, but throughout the amendment they say that they feel as an organization that the current administration is a detriment to communities.

Dan herb (Education - Leadership in Higher Education): Specific language was against the Donald Trump agenda, but this now allows it to be more inclusive of other people they don't agree with.

Mason Proffitt (physics): On line 43 there should be “to” in front of “join us”.

Micah Buuck (Physics): He doesn't understand the footnotes.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): When it is in caps it means that it was a newspaper in the works cited. She will make those make clear.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Friendly amendment, that there be “no consequences for faculty or staff should they choose to participate in the events of the day.”

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Moves to suspend the rules and go straight into a vote.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Seconds

Shelley Brandstetter (Nursing - Family & Child Nursing): Moves to close the debate and vote.

Nicholas Graff (Epidemiology): Seconds.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Officer Elections Information

6:45 pm

Asad Haris (Biostatistics): There are five officer positions open, each position comes with a tuition waiver and stipend. Applicants may run for one position, the elections guide is online on the GPSS website. The Elections guide includes information about how to apply and also includes short descriptions of positions up for election. However, the best way to really understand each position is to talk to officers that currently hold positions. The requirements to apply is to be currently enrolled, and a full time Graduate student. Any Graduate student can apply, not just Senators. If you are already a part of the judicial committee or elections committee you cannot apply. The job can be up to 19.5 hours/week. A candidate must be available for Wednesday night Senate meetings. Some positions require extra work outside of Senate meeting. You must attend at least 3 GPSS meetings before the elections meeting, which is May 17th. The application deadline is May 8th which is the last day to file a nomination to the elections committee the nomination packets includes the nomination form (in the elections guide), a person’s resume and statement of purpose. If you submit by May 8th your portfolio will be on the website. However, you can still run for the elections up until the actual meeting, even if don't make the deadline for portfolio. For those that do submit nominations by May 8th your portfolios will be online, on the GPSS website, by the next day May 9th. Absentee ballots will be available on May 15th. May 17th is the election nights so make sure to attend that meeting.

Dan herb (Education - Leadership in Higher Education): How do absentee ballots work?

Randy Siebert (Secretary): It's electronic, so if you will not be here as a senator, you have to email Asad. There will also be paper ballots earlier in the day available for those who would like to physically vote but cannot attend the meeting. If the two candidates are tied, absentee ballots are not counted.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): If they are tied and we have to do are vote then absentee ballots don't count. It will only be between the two people that are tied and people absent would not necessarily know the two people that are tied.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): People voting absentee can't vote for people that decide to run on the day of the elections.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Is it a ranked vote? (Yes) Why do we not count absentee ballots then?

Elloise Kim (President): That is what the Bylaws say.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): A lot of time during a tie breaker we go to the next rank. However, if there is a second place runner from the floor absentee ballots would not be included.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Again, officer positions are open to all Graduate students.

Good of the Order

6:52 pm

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Wanted to bring up a Resolution tabled during winter quarter that tried to get sanctuary statues implemented at UW. There was a lot of concern at the second reading about the legality of what they were asking. They took all that information and Meixi and him talked to a UW law professor. They wanted to let everyone know from the professor's professional opinion this Resolution is a gray area. She gave them a document called the sanctuary campus handbook, and it has an overview of every campus that has implemented the statues they are trying to implement here at UW. It includes a list of public Universities. Basically, there was a lot of thought that UW couldn't do this and that is not the reality of things at all, we would like a strong statement put out by UW saying what they would do if ICE were to come to campus and requiring stronger protections for undocumented students and staff. He would like to put up another draft of the Resolution. He will also send out the sanctuary campus handbook in the announcements.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): She will set up catalyst link for the updated draft.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): What is the explanation for why we can do it as a public University?

Elliot Koontz (QERM): There is a lot of gray area, and that is something that was not addressed before. Also, legality is not something that the Executive branch of the government seems to take into account right now. Also, this sets a precedent for what happens if this happens. Maybe down

the line there is a court decision about the legality of this but that hasn't happened yet at this point. Generally this resolution is in support of making sure there are protections in place for undocumented students on campus. Generally, this Resolution is in support of making sure there are protections in place for undocumented students and staff on campus even if it might mean incurring a reaction from the federal government. Also, in 2016 the University has handed over a UW staff official to ICE, and he was arrested and deported. This is still a very relevant issue on campus.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): To clarify, the original conversation was not that we can't do these things, but rather they were unsure of the legality of it. She believes that is an important difference to note.

Renee Singleton (Assistant Director of Student Activities Office): You guys should all talk to undocumented students about what they would like from GPSS.

Kelly Edwards (Graduate School): One of the considerations, talking to faculty, is they really asked for training, so faculty know how to interact with ICE and what they have to and don't have to say.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): There are people we can bring in to talk to all of us, she can send the link to randy. They did a training like this for UAW, a lawyer came in and walked through their rights. This included what they have to do, and what they don't have to do. As a teacher it was eye opening. Since then she has also put a non-compliance statement on her syllabus. Those are ways this body could be trained. If that is something we want to do that is something they can do.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Moves to close Good of the Order.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama) Seconds.

Officer Reports

7:01 pm

Vice President of Internal Affairs

She has dates of program review site visit that are coming up. Bioethics, Human Centered Design and Engineering, and UT-T site visits are coming up. She is still working on a program review overhaul for the part GPSS is involved with. She would love feedback from people involved in these programs or other program reviews. Currently, reviewing memos on Graduate programs and certificate credentials in the Graduate council. There is some movement in certain departments that are moving from certificates to options which can be a bit confusing for people so this is something they are reviewing. Hopefully we will have a clear understanding of this moving forward and she will be sure to bring that back to the Senate. Tomorrow she will be with Kelly in the Graduate school's Graduate Student Experience committee she will relay any information she hears from there. In the U-Pass advisory board they generally have liaison appointments every year. The GPSS President makes that for GPSS in the beginning of the year though U-pass really likes to know ahead of time anyone who would like to be a part of those committees can preemptively do that. There are three positions of GPSS for U-pass, and two will

be leaving this year. So there are two positions open, and those committees don't require people to be a Senator. So if anyone is really interested in transportation send them her way.

Tori Hernandez (Director of Events): The first event is in about three weeks it's a "May the 4th" be with you theme. They have some posters on the table, please grab some and hang them up around your school/building. They will have some activities and games there. They do need a few volunteers to help with check in and set up. They have a signup sheet on the table. On May 7th they have a mariner's game, tickets are only \$5 dollars, and it is specifically for Graduate students. They will meet as a group in front of Mercer on May 7th. On May 11st in partnership with HFS, they have tickets for "An American in Paris" which is a play coming to Paramount theaters, tickets for that will also be \$5 dollars. You can get those tickets at Lander desk. The ASUW spring show is on May 19th, they wanted to let Graduates know that the event is open to them as well. The last big event of the year is Husky Sunset is on Thursday June 1st. It will be in the area with big columns, Sylvan Grove Theaters.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): How many tickets can you buy for the Mariners game?

Tori Hernandez (Director of Events): Each Graduate student can buy two tickets, also make sure to bring your husky card.

Vice President of External Affairs

There is a bill update for SB5022, it provides students with more information about student loans, it was signed by the Governor today. They also may get money for the Veterans mental health bill. In Olympia they are still in budget negotiations. They will have a full report soon. The end of regular session is april 23rd, once the deadline passes they will extend it and move into special session. Also, WSA has a new director, Guillermo Rogel, he is very passionate about Graduate students. James has been working with WSA to redesign the website to help increase WSA's presence. GPSS is continually working with congressional offices to work on issues. Finally, they are sending out a survey to members of FLAB and SLAB to improve the processes for future years.

Secretary

She is setting up officer elections, and putting everything up on the website. She is also working on campaign material, and organizing the office and archive. Moreover, the Diversity committee is coming up next week. She is also planning for an epic last Senate meeting, they pushed the last Senate meeting to May 23rd. Have a co-sponsored event coming up, a workshop for international students, co-sponsored with the Graduate school. It's about International students getting into the workforce and there will be some panelists from Microsoft and Amazon.

Treasurer

SAF has begun deliberating on the budget, hopefully they will hear from them soon. STF is looking for proposals and doing committee planning so if you have any ideas of which department could use tech let Michaella know. She is also having discussions on both committees about fee levels for next year and beyond. They want to maintain all services that are

provided. Hopefully, there will be no fee increase. Please email Michaella if there are any questions.

President

There was the Graduate Student Husky Experience panel at the Board of Regents meeting. One of the Board of Regents said it was one of the greatest meetings of the year. Student Regent Applications were closed last Friday, committee members are reviewing applications and they will make decisions about who will be invited for interviews. Next Monday and Tuesday are the interview days and at the end of April 25th, Tuesday night, they committee will decide who the finalists are that will be forwarded to the governor and it will be announced right away. Husky 100 celebration was last Monday and out of 100 students, 29 graduate and professional students were awarded this year. Elizabeth Oestreich was on the selection committee. Also, Monica Cortes Viharo and Grant Williamson were recipients. OMAD, student life, and graduate school and GPSS met to talk about Graduate student diversity, diversity is fractured for Graduate students between different departments so they met to discuss what the right way to present coherent services is.

For ISHIP it seems like there will be a 7.1% increase, without changes in benefits. So it's a 21 dollar per quarter increase per enrollee.

Also, she is doing a liaison report with the Director of University Affairs. If you are a liaison you have been contacted, some people have written back. It's important for Elloise to be updated on what committees do.

She is looking for liaisons that will be here for more than one year. The University Bookstore Board of Trustees has a two year liaison ship term that needs to be filled. It's one of the most popular committees, currently Meghan McNabb is serving on the committee and she can connect interested people with her to learn more about the position. Furthermore, with Erin Firth's departure STF and SAF need liaisons. They are weekly meetings and lots of work but she hopes someone is interested and fee based program student advisory board with the Vice Provost of PCE will continue and she hopes to recruit more people that can start this year and will continue next year and the online registration system, which is not available for fee based students will go live in Winter of 2018 and will be official in Spring of 2018. To test the system PC want to get some students on a working group, so if you are interested in that contact Elloise. Lastly, the provost town hall meeting was in the Henry Art gallery at 3:30pm today. There was no surprise news at all. He assured that research was important, and the importance of mentorship.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Did he confirm the taking away of the international student fee?

Elloise Kim (President): Not 100% sure because she had to leave early, the full talk is available at UWTV.

Dan herb (Education - Leadership in Higher Education): Do liaisons have to be senators? (No, just has to be Graduate and Professional students.)

Announcements

7:18 pm

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Moderating panel on Monday in communications at 7pm on youth resistance it's basically following up on a musical that is happening at Seattle Rep. It is called "Here lies love" it is written by David Burner it's about the youth resistance in the Philippines. You don't have to see the play but Seattle Rep based on those themes are doing community talks all over Seattle. She will moderate the talks and the ASUW president will be one of the panelists, as we all people from Filipino associations all over Seattle are talking about youth resistance and coalition building.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): May 18th, 19th, and 20th the center for communication difference and equity is hoping to hear community members tell about the first time they experience racism or recognized they had racially discriminated against someone, or both. It's a "tell your story" kind of thing. Also, there is cyber safety 101 to help manage your online presence.

Kelly Edwards (Graduate School): This has been in works for quite some time this is linked from safe campus. From the safe campus website you can go to the handout they worked closely with campus information security folks to find the best resources for protection, prevention, and recovery should you be affected by cyber stalking. Hope it can be added to everyone's toolbox in terms of resources.

Adjournment

7:20 pm

Michelle Brault (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Seconds.