

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senate Meeting Minutes Session 13

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Call to Order 5:35 PM

Approval of Agenda

5:35 pm

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): moves to amend the agenda and add an item before good fo the order, a five minute discussion about changes to the Bylaws.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Seconds.

Elliot (Proxy for for School of Law): Moves to approve the Agenda as amended

Shelley Brandstetter (Nursing - Family & Child Nursing): Seconds.

Approval of Minutes

5:37 pm

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

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Seconds.

ASUW Elections

5:37 pm

Elloise Kim (President): We have the “Husky Purpose” the ticket for the ASUW elections.

Osman Salahuddin: I am Osman saladhuddin, I use He/Him pronouns and I am running to be the next ASUW president.

Team Introductions: Kendra Canton uses she/her pronouns and running for Director of Diversity efforts. Julia Pham, she/her pronouns and running for ASUW vice president. Ian O’Keefe, He/Him pronouns and running for Director of programming. Anna Johnson she/her pornouns and running for director of campus partnerships.

Osman Salahuddin: There are three more people who are not here today due to other meetings/midterms. Navid Azodi (Director of Academic and Adminsitrative Affairs), Shawntel Bali (Director of Community Relations), Bo Goodrich (Director of Internal Policy).

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Are you guys all running unapposed?

Osman Salahuddin: Yes, we are the only ticket that registered before the deadline, but there are possibilities for write ins. They are running on the principles of empower, engage, and enrich. He is the one who brought this team together. They work to empower students across campus, and help increase voices of marganzilized and non-traditional students. He, himself, is a commuter student and muslim and he wants to help empower voices of those marganzilized, and people who

face with different types of discrimination on campus. He wants to work with students on BLM movements, and womens rights etc. He wants to talk to legislators and emphasize important issues that students face at a legislative level. Engagement, they want to collaborate with different units across campus. He wants to figure out how all students and faculty can work together and collaborate better. Finally Enrich, UW has a lot of great programs already he wants to make sure we are pushing those out and he also wants to make sure those who need it most are aware of them. Also, he is making sure that students with special circumstances are able to go to events etc even with those circumstances. He wants to take current oppururtunities on campus and enrich them. They are here today, because right now he doesn't see a lot of Graduate students participating in ASUW itself. The association represents 45,000 students including the 15,000 graduate and professional students on campus. Taylor Beardall does a great job representing GPSS at the ASUW Board of Directors. He is currently the ASUW Director of Community Relations he talks to Taylor a lot about isseus that are on campus and what things GPSS would like to see. However, a lot of that ommunication would be better served by having more dialouge beteween grads and undergrads. Also having different programming with Gradutes would be good, such as University wide programming that involves Grad with the rest of the student body. Questions?

Matt Munoz (Director of Legislative Affiars): What are some of your actual steps to opening up that communication?

Osman Salahuddin: He would like to work a lot more with the next GPSS president and VP of external affairs and engage with them regulary to ensure communication. Also, working with the community themselves, OGR does some great work on legislative lobbying but there were some issues on lobby day on figuring out what to lobby on. So having more Graduate representation on the legeilsative steering committee is crucial. Also using the office of governmental relations to echo what all of you are resprening in GPSS today. Also having the Director of interal policy, coming to meetings and making sure they annouce GPSS stuff during meetings and create actual steps for the future of GPSS and ASUW.

Max Nelson (Guest): Doesn't understand shared govenrance model between GPSS and ASUW? Can we vote in the ASUW elections?

Osman Salahuddin: You can vote, when you register for classes there is a checkbox that asks if you would like to vote during ASUW elections, if you check that box then you can vote. Next year the Director of Internal Policy really wants to work on is making it more accessible to all students on campus. Under represented and marginalized students tend not to vote as much.

Eric King (Guest): You said BLM is important to you, however tactics of the organization [ASUW] have pushed away allies, how would you get allies back?

Osman Salahuddin: We have a black student commision as one of our nine diversity comissions and we want to make sure that not only is the black student comission working on these issues but all of the diversity comissions have various issues including BLM as one of there centralized goals. The Black student commision is doing a lot of work in this sphere to make sure these issues are amplified. But those are the black students represented in the black

student commission, we want to emphasize working with these entities next year how we can better collaborate within the association so different student perspectives are heard. Just a few things to close is in the back is Navid Azodi he is running for Director of Academic and Administrative Affairs. We really really want to start furthering the conversation with everyone, they are unopposed but if they are all elected he is going to make sure the rest of the team and also the rest of the association does a better job communicating with you. The Director of Internal Policy wrote in his platform that he wants to emphasize these relationships and he wants to make sure 15,000 students isn't taken lightly you are an important part of the student body and so are your issues, different campus opportunities and resources that you are all a part of that we want to help as the Board of Directors. Voting day is May 8th-10th also their voting platforms are on Husky purpose.com. Also they have cards with all their names on them, you guys can find them on social media. His email is OsmanSalahuddin@gmail.com in case you have any questions before election day.

Mary Lindstrom, VP for Office of Research

5:48 pm

Elloise Kim (President): Mary Lindstrom, is a professor in chemical engineering and microbiology and is the Vice provost for the office of research.

Mary Lindstrom: At UW they see research as integrally involved in academics. She is here to talk about federal research funding. She doesn't have a lot to say but will tell them what she knows. To give a little bit of background about research here, and statistics and will give a bit of info on the federal situation. UW is one of the few Universities in the country that does about 1 billion dollars a year of externally funded research our program is very successful and very competitive compared to our peers. We have had a long history of steady increases in research funding, in the last 4-5 years there has been a flatlining of research money, the funding at UW has been jumping around by flat. A lot of funding is given by federal funding, about 72%, less and less funding is federal as time goes by this is evidence of what we all know that funding is very tight from the feds and faculty in research are going out to find alternative funding sources.

There are two areas when we talk about research One is the institution as a whole, its important partly for reputation and also has to do with funding that supports all central offices and facilities which are needed to do research in general. At an institutional level it is pretty important that the funding stays up because that means that the infrastructure continues to have funding to support it but there are fads in areas of research which she has definitely seen in her 40 years of doing research this happens in all areas of research. We have faculty that are very skilled in seeing these fads coming, and changing language to help mitigate when things fade out of favor. That is how as a University we deal with these ups and downs. With the Bush administration we saw a big decrease in climate change funding, and no funding for stem cell research. We are now back to this funding conservative budget. We have a strong foundation as a University to deal with this issue. However it depends on individual PIs and how they respond, they are individual entrepreneurs and how they raise funds for groups. This is a challenging environment right now. All we can say about what is coming is it is very uncertain, makes us all very uncomfortable but this is an unprecedented administration. It is very difficult to know what will happen, things that are said may happen or may not happen. People in the federal office are very frustrated when

trying to chart their way through this. As most of you know we do have a budget, the federal government will not shut down on Friday that budget is for the current fiscal year. Our budget for the fiscal year is July 1 but the government starts Oct. 1. This is the budget that was supposed to be in place last October it is funded at the same level as FY16, hopefully it will be voted on next week and go into law. It is fundamentally Obama's budget. The increases that he requested and were negotiated through the Fall have been left in the budget, including 6% Increases to NIH, Half of 1.4 billion dollar research funding we get comes from NIH so it is an important funding resource. As well, as small increases for many other agencies. Looks like there is a small decrease to EPA.

As you know EPA is tremendously under a cap. Funds are being shifted around under the big umbrella that the EPA is under. The EPA did not get zeroed out, and RPA did not get zeroed out. We saw strong bipartisan support for research in general and especially for biomedical research so those are very good signs. One of the interesting aspects of the Senate is that they have the filibuster rule that says that when a bill has certain characteristics about it the Senate agrees that it requires 60 votes to change it. There is an existing budget bill, it requires that in the discretionary budget there is a defense and non-defense part and that any changes to one side needs to have equal changes made to the other. Changing that will require 60 votes in the Senate, and there are not 60 votes to do that. Also, the Senate with 51 votes can vote not to require 60 votes anymore but it is very interesting politically the President tweeted that they need to get rid of the 60 votes. Immediately Mitch McConnell the Senate majority leader said no. so will it change? Maybe, it is so uncertain. The House can do whatever it wants. There is some comfort that there will be some compromise. The huge budget cuts that the President and his administration have recommended are very unlikely to come through. May we see some erosion of federal funding? Possibly, but it may change. Her prediction right now is they will do fairly well as a University because they have seen when funding is tight their faculty is very good and compete well with others.

She tracks their market share which is of all the money federal agencies give out to colleges and Universities how much do we get. UW gets a high percentage it is up close to 3% which means we are highly competitive as an institution across the board. She is cautiously optimistic doesn't think we are headed to a very bad situation thinks we will stay pretty much where we are at currently. As an institution we have a strong bridge fund, it is funded through royalties revenue and requires a one to one match by the departments, not everyone can participate because the department has to have funds but we will provide centrally up to 50,000 dollars and the departments can match up to 50,000. It is especially for Graduate students caught in the last year of their thesis and their renewal didn't come in time or for people who have lost all their funding. It is very department specific but there is two times of the year that this can be applied for the PI has to be the one who applies. The time is December 1st, it's a safety net, it is a small safety net but you should know there are some resources, we are closely watching what is happening with the EPA if some of our important funding got wiped out we would work with the Deans involved to step in and provide a year of that funding. We have some small resources, if there are major drops the University would not be able to step in. Questions?

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Given the cautious optimism your office has with the federal government and that the Obama administration's federal funding didn't have any increases does your office have a program where it reaches out to more local or regional sources of funding to continue the Universities growth?

Mary Lindstrom: They partner with advancement the fundraising group to deal with places where there is a dip in fundraising. They are also are a part of a national alliance, the science philanthropy alliance, it is a group of billionaires talking with other billionaires about setting up foundations to fund research. UW is part of that alliance. Local communities seems to be in ever more dire strains with the federal government and that is a little more difficult to deal with. It is usually more effective at the Dean or department level. They do what they can but don't have specific things.

Rose King (Biochemistry): You talked about alternative wording for applications. Do you know what alternative wording is used for stem cell research?

Mary Lindstrom: Regenerative medicine is the new language for stem cell research. People are getting use of paralyzed limbs back, is what people are thinking. We are not always dealing with people from college of educated backgrounds, so wording like this helps others digest the information.

Natalie Lowell (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences): For graduate fellowships, do you know for those things if the money comes out from one fiscal year or does it depends on money that gets agreed upon for future years.

Mary Lindstrom: That depends on the agency, usually NFS when they make a three year award they have all three years in the year that they make the award not always but usually. She doesn't know how the EPA does it she thinks they also like NFS does the whole piece. The only major organization that does it year by year is NIH.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): For diversifying funding resources, do you talk to state office a lot? What are your perceptions about how that sort of funding will supplement federal funding?

Mary Lindstrom: Those around during the recession may remember how horrible that was. Most state research funding was cut by about 2/3rds and it hasn't really come back. We have very little research funding from the state, there are only little pockets of funding. In Olympia there are strong and broad assumptions that, it is not the job of the State to fund research but rather the job of the state to fund education. There is not a very positive climate in the State right now for anything other than perhaps AID but that especially for Graduate professional students that is not very well received. The life science discovery fund which was money from a tobacco settlement that went into biomedical research ended now. That was one batch of funding where a lot of funding went into UW. Occasionally instrumentation grants big facilities, but not for research funding.

Louis Spinelli (iSchool MSIM): You mentioned keeping a balanced portfolio he was wondering about research that might be in the public interest but doesn't have a specific funder. Would we

ever pay for research via tuition or fee-based programs. Are there any ways to spread money around if there is not a champion funder?

Mary Lindstrom: Research that is not usually externally funded is always an issue to figure out how to fund. We have a pretty strong policy against using tuition money to fund research. What would be great to have is Graduate scholarships, that is education, that is something we can justify that very well. There is so much pressure on tuition money right now and they don't want Graduate and Professional tuition to rise higher than it has to conceptually that is a great idea, financially very difficult.

Resolution in Support of Improving Protection for Undocumented Students, Faculty, and Staff at UW **6:10 pm**

Elloise Kim (President): This resolution was introduced during Winter quarter and this is the 2nd time they are coming to the Senate, Elliot is presenting.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): He is the only author here for this Resolution. The Resolution that they have is something they have been working on for a while now ever since they brought it up in winter quarter. They have had a lot of discussion about what they are asking for and who else has been asking for it and how to synthesize across multiple different groups They talked to the Union that put their own Resolution out that is very similar especially with the ICE information and asks the University to resist ICE officers should they come to campus for immigration enforcement and restricting giving data to ICE. The remaining "That" clauses speak to the administration about continuing to protect undocumented students and coming up with resources for those students. He talked to a professor about the legality of this, also the immigration response initiative at Harvard has come out with a document that speaks to the legality of a lot of those things and also he spoke to some people down in leadership without borders down in the ECC and they gave this out to undocumented students and asked for their feedback and that is incorporated in this as well. Happy to answer any questions.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Since the last time we tabled the Resolution, it technically killed it so this is technically the first reading, but Elliot can move to end the first reading and move to second reading and that would require a two-thirds majority.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Plans to make that motion, can he have discussion on that now and move to close and open the second reading? (Yes).

Sam Ebone (Guest): Has there been any instance where ICE has come on to campus to detain a student?

Elliot Koontz (QERM): There hasn't been any instance where ICE came to campus to detain a student but in 2015 UW handed over a staff member to ICE. He was convicted of other crimes, but there have been incidents where ICE has come to campus.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): The two thirds vote needed is to close the first reading and move to second reading.

Natalie Lowell (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences): Last time they talked about it Ana Marie Cauce came and said she had done a lot of the things in the Resolution. There is new language in the Resolution, are there things in the Resolution that are new and haven't been done yet?

Elliot Koontz (QERM): He wasn't at the meeting where this was tabled (Ana Marie meeting) but Ana Marie came up and said she put out a statement towards ICE, that ICE isn't welcomed on campus and what the UW would do under certain situations and about the data sharing policy he emailed her trying to find where the document that she referred to is located and her office got back to him yesterday and referred him to statement they put out that is a general statement of disapproval of the campus climate it doesn't particularly address undocumented students. With this Resolution they are looking for something very concrete that says they will not allow ICE to come to campus. That is the intent of this Resolution.

Bucoda Warren (Evans school): Can you explain lines 40-43 and the reasoning behind the section?

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Wanted to drive home the UW's position on cherishing a range of ethnicities and diversity on campus directly conflicts with the Executive Order trying to get undocumented students out so those two things can't be complementary.

Bucoda Warren (Evans school): His concern is that entire section can be removed and have no effect on your claims about his immigration policies, it is just anti-turmp rhetoric.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): The point is not addressing his Executive actions but drawing comparison between UW's morals and the general actions that would occur if all the Executive orders were to be enforced. He definitely sees where Bucoda is coming from, but the discussion of religious affiliations is not pertinent to this document but if you have an amendment to make that would be helpful but would like to keep it to keep the comparison between morals of UW and what these Executive Orders are fighting against, that those two things are not compatible.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): He is a co-writer, the whereas clause is meant to talk about why they need these types of Resolutions is because of things coming out of Administration. Without acknowledging it would be to miss the whole purpose of this Resolution as a whole. However, he understands the concern but would say that folks from religious affiliations are being persecuted in a similar way and could be in the future so it's more about setting that positive stance. Also it's more of a whereas clause and it's about setting context not speaking directly to what they are doing.

Max Nelson (Guest): What Bucoda may be focusing on, the line based solely on religious affiliation or ethnicity. Actually their ethnicity is a big part of this and he understands they want to establish context and demonstrate solidarity. However, they are taught in the Evans school to be very specific about what they are talking about.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): Would your suggestion be to delete the words "Based solely on religious affiliations"?

Kristen Garofali (Astronomy): Clarification, in line 60, can you give an example of a case in which if they do have a warrant signed by a judge they can come on campus. What would that situation look like? Would the situation be like a person has an overdue parking ticket, so now we can get a warrant and get you on campus?.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): If they have a warrant signed by a judge there is very little the UW can do to stop them from coming to where warrant allows them to go, but a vast majority of ICE actions will either try to access public areas without a warrant. This is a way to try to get UW to say this is an area of campus they are protecting for the sake of student privacy, and ICE is not allowed into those areas without a warrant.

Gulianna Conti (Music): She thinks going back to line 40-43 a big part that would contribute and clarify is profiling. A lot of what ICE agents profile when they are on the hunt. They are looking for people who are a certain look or seem to be affiliated to certain groups that are immigrants she is not trying to say anything bad about people and make awful assumptions. Perhaps, instead of saying based solely on maybe say strongly associated with and profiled based on their religious indications something that says it is associated with it but not accusing them of doing it based solely on it.

Elliot Okantey (Law): Wants to give context to the warrant question. What is so alarming about some Executive Orders is it allows ICE agents to exercise a lot of discretion with little oversight. If a judge has to consider whether they get a warrant or not that is some review that is some comfort. It is not a complete solution but wants to add that this addresses the unchecked authority given to ICE agents.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Friendly amendment moves to change line 41, remove solely and replace it with largely.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Will take it as friendly amendment, but would like feedback from Evans school folks to see if that address the concerns.

Bucoda Warren (Evans school): Might be better to remove the word “Solely”

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Agrees to that.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Seconds the amendment.

Kelly Brown (Evans School): Wanted to talk to lines 29-37 where you guys talk about DACA, the language sounds like the administration is making a direct affront to DACA. She would suggest more citation there because the administration has put out legislation that does threaten the DACA program recipients per your citation on line 37 section nine you touch on that but that is a line that says rescinding protection from deportation and that article has a line in it saying a spokesman for US citizenship and immigration services said that there has been no policy change with respect to DACA recipients she suggests taking out that citation because it contradicts the implication that there is active legislation against DACA. Thinks the argument is not very strong, because of lack of citation and lack of appropriate citation.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): You are saying that this long line, there has been no formal rescinding has actually happened.

Kelly Brown (Evans School): Yes, there has been indirect rescinding.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): That is what the article speaks to.

Kelly Brown (Evans School): Yes, but there are parts of the article that talk about the Trump administration saying they will protect DACA students and Immigration saying there has not been policy change in respect to DACA recipients. So using that citation to support claim of direct rescindment is not the best.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): Thinks that the bigger picture is that a DACA recipient did get deported.

Kelly Brown (Evans School): That's true, but your argument here is that he got deported due to direct legislation targeted at DACA which is untrue and not supported by the article. That is what she is receiving.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Hasn't read that but seems what you are saying is the article discusses trump administration threatening to do so but no policy change has happened.

Kelly Brown (Evans School): The Trump administration has been all over the place with this but this article specifically is very nuanced in that it says the Trump administration has flip flopped on this and immigration says there has been no direct policy specifically against DACA but there have been policies and EO's that have enabled this stuff to happen.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Friendly amendment that "has significantly expanded ICE activities while threatening deportation of individuals" The whole reason for this article is there have been threats but here is policy.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): "While protection to deportation of individuals previously protected by DACA has been threatened" He will take it as a friendly amendment.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Point of information, there was an opportunity to review this via catalyst and a lot of these discussions should happen via catalyst that is a tool used to remove discussion over exact wording.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Moves to extend time by 30 seconds.

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Seconds.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Amends motion to close first reading and go to second reading.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Seconds.

By a two thirds majority debate closes. 42 for, 0 against.

SECOND READING

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology) Moves to close debate and vote on the Resoluton as amended.

Abhijit Arun Patil (Built Enviorment): Seconds.

RESOLUTON PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Also, shoutout for these people for using catalyst for this Resolution: Monica Cortes Viharo, Michelle Brault, Robert Conrick, and Elliot Koontz.

Kelly Brown (Evans School): They also used catalyst early that day but the changes didn't come through on the document. Is there a timeframe they should have done this by?

Max Nelson (Guest): They had three specific amendments they did.

Kelly Brown (Evans School): Can we get clarification on if we need to do catalyst comments before a certain time?

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Yes, before the meeting but with enough time to make amendments and print so an hour or two before the meeting.

Elloise Kim (President): That was going to be a part of the good of the order because every year the Resoluton process has been adjusted and every year nothing has worked perfectly and there are always many suggestions on how to improve the process so that could be a part of the discussion even though there is a gap between now and Good of the Order people who have a strong opinion on how Resolutioons could be improved can talk then.

GPSS Logos

6:36 pm

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Last year the logos were just implemented, there were some concerns with the logos such as the fact that it is undercase and difficult to figure out what the acronym actually is. Also, some people are still using the old logos. She took this to the Executive committee and the Executive committee said to come to the Senate. She is here for suggestions. The current logos they use for posters etc were shown and they don't have the full name of the acronmy and so that is where we are at now. She has been working with the creative director to come up with a more cohesive logo. (Randy shows the logos and icons) They all tie in together with the three diamonds, we are graduate, professional students so three dimaonds represent the two groups and the third is the intersectionality between the two groups. Wants to ask opinions and thoughts.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Really likes that the two on the left say what we are because people don't know that and because we also use the acronym. Maybe put the acronym in the middle so people start connecting the two.

Martin Patterson (Guest): Doesn't have UW on any of these, especially for GPSS advocacy maybe want to add UW.

Brad Copenhaver (Foster School of Business MBA): Thanks randy for your work on this. Wondered about the cost of replacing current material? There are some things that have diamond logos and some that don't.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): In terms of promotional material they have some that have the new logos on them. There is about \$300 dollars in her budget for promotional material that she has not used yet and that will go into next year's for budge so that is available for promotional material updates. A lot of the things printed this year match the new logo so they are all just a little more succinct and cohesive. This may help get the word about what we are, even though we have been around for a while.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): She likes that these all have capital letters she thinks this looks more professional.

Giuliana Conti (Music): You mentioned that depending on color of the poster you may use the light or dark logo if you were to have a white poster the white logo might look best.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): That is probably what would happen.

Clare Gamlin (Neuroscience): Likes that the acronym is going across so it is obvious what the acronym is.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Thoughts on social media logos?

Bucoda Warren (Evans School): Perhaps add UW to some of the logos for the next meeting?

Randy Siebert (Secretary): We have Husky Sunset and there will be a photo booth. Should we start using them now or hold off?

Giuliana Conti (Music): I do really agree with the UW part especially on social media logos, on social media there is no obvious way to connect it to UW.

Brad Copenhaver (Foster School of Business MBA): One thing to think about with the UW logo is there may be some copyright issues with the University he knows they have had trouble at Foster printing t-shirts with foster and the UW logo that is something to keep in mind. Since this is GPSS this may be something they are okay with.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Likes the idea of our website or web address being on the logo. Do we have to have a www? Having the website would be great.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): She has run into people that do seem to need it.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): To get around the social media thing, maybe on the left hand side where you have GPSS maybe in the midde icons have UW written in those so we don't infringe on copy right.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): So you are saying write GPSS then after that UW?

Martin Patterson (Guest): Especially as you are adding more and more text to these things you will have a minimum size that is impactful so keep that in mind. Maybe do some testing before printing them out.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Shows examples of logos.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): It also says UWGPSS on the twitter handle.

Andrew Prindle (Landscape Architecture): Thinks that more text will make it look bad and it looks good now, and it is hard to not know it is UW it has the color palette is already there.

Shelley Brandstetter (Nursing - Family & Child Nursing): Seconds that, know that UW is strict about their logo.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): We may need to vote on this for the purpose of the photobooth for Husky Sunset.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Do we need to vote on this? (No, she would just like support) Supports this.

Elloise Kim (President): If you have further feedback about how to make this better let Randy know via email or in person.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Send her an email if you have strong opinions. In terms of a photobooth for Husky Sunset how do we feel about this logo being on the photobooth? (Yes, if GPSS is in the middle.)

Elloise Kim (President): Since we have two meetings before Husky Sunset can you share the design at the next meeting?

Randy Siebert (Secretary): Nice, will move forward, she will do some more reiteration of these as examples for next year.

Bylaws Changes Suggestion

6:50 pm

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): She is considering changes to the Bylaws that she wanted opinions about before she submits to the Judicial committee. In the Bylaws there is a special committee section, they are appointed by GPSS President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. Those committees are SAF, STF (both of which deal with huge sums of money), UW bookstore trustee representative, campus sustainability fund, and the provost advisory committee for students so people talking directly to provost. All of those are supposed to be confirmed by the Executive committee. She is not sure if that has happened this year. She is going to propose adding a committee to this, the committee that helps pick the finalist for the Student Regents. She was disappointed to find out that was appointed to that committee by GPSS was a non-GPSS person she doesn't think that was the best decision. She knows GPSS appointees don't have to be GPSS senators but does think there should be a good reason for picking someone outside of GPSS. So making sure we have more than just one opinion on who

pick people for the committee is important. Two questions she has for people is, is this an appropriate committee to add to this section? Is this a committee that the whole Senate should be confirming? Wanted to get the Senate opinion on this.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): This would be a committee of GPSS senators who are involved in the student Regent selection?

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): There is a student Regent selection committee, we have three GPSS appointees to this committee.

Elloise Kim (President): She appointed people to this committee this year and she wants to explain. In recent years the committee members were Executive members and GPSS officers and very active Senators or someone outside of GPSS that is involved in campus activities. Randy and her were there as representatives this year. She thought hard about the third person that would be on the committee, she asked the Executive committee about a good candidate. After hard deliberation she chose someone who was not a Senator but who she wants to be a part of the Senate he is a very active part of the campus community and she thought he brought a good package. He was not the first choice, she recommended someone else that had similar characteristics but she had to decline because she could not be present during one of the interview days. She had to hurriedly find someone with similar perspective so she thought it was not a big issue but if Senate feels very strong that this is a committee that the Senate or Exec has to approve she thinks that's a great idea.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): This is not about that but rather that Michelle would like to give more voice in choosing these big upper level committees which is an extension of the Senate.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Which body do you think should be voting on that?

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Definitely not opposed to the idea of having it being included in this group of the committees, there is not another position that requires the entire Senate to vote besides Executive committee right?

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): That is true, all of the committees judicial, executive, elections technically they are all voted on. For judicial and elections committee volunteers are usually confirmed.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Does think the Regent position is important but thinks that requiring the whole Senate to vote for that single individual might make it more difficult to find an individual.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): We are talking about whether to collectively vote on who is on the committee that would select the next student Regent, not the Regent themselves.

Elloise Kim (President): For people who do not know how the committee is compromised, depending on the year there is a slight difference in the number of people on the committee but GPSS has three people on the committee ASUW president and two other representatives and ASUW Senate can send one person there is OMAD chair that comes, ASUWT and ASUWB

have a delegate and this year the chair of RCSC had a chair on the board. All together nine people.

Giuliana Conti (Music): Moves to extend time by 2 minutes.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Seconds.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Would suggest that this committee for GPSS approving members of the selection committee would expand to those other spots as well.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): So the president of GPSS and ASUW would be co-chairs of that committee and they rotate each year, so they would have to be there. However, the other two GPSS representatives can change.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): My confusion stems from the fact that the way you read the Bylaws is that Executive committee approves all of these appointments?

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Just the GPSS appointments for these committees.

Elloise Kim (President): Its technically impossible not to have the GPSS President there so basically the GPSS president can appoint two people if the student Regent selection committee is added here in whatever form then Exec of Senate would approve whether those two members can serve on the committee to help the selection of the finalist for the Student Regent of the next year.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): Would this be an undue burden on the Executive Committee to perform as a function. (No.) Does anyone have an objection to adding this to the Bylaws?

Elloise Kim (President): We can't add this to the Bylaws right now, there is a procedure.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): Just for feedback. (There is no objection.)

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology): That was the feedback she wanted. It sounds like having the Executive Committee do this is something that would be the most streamlined and easy way to have a check and balance on this process

Good of the Order

7:00 pm

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): He stands separate from the Resolution process so he is unbiased. At the beginning of the year they had some instances for people to talk about any changes they wanted. He wants to start by asking a set of pointed questions. What if anything do people like about the current Resolution process?

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Having sat through this process for three years she does think it has improved she thinks there was more word smithing before. She thinks we have improved the process and likes that we are now only doing two resolutions per meeting. The only thing she would suggest is they went through a process where they trained everyone on what the

Resolution process is, so she would reiterate how important it is to go over the process at the beginning of each quarter.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Thinks the timeline for Resolutions is good right now, and doesn't think it needs to be lengthened. Having a first reading, and editing time as long as it is available to everyone then having second reading is the appropriate amount of time to foster good discussion.

Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology): Agrees with Elliot that it is nice to have time for discussion, but the issue this year was time sensitive Resolutions. When we have Resolutions that require that it is hard to go through a second reading process. Essentially, the second reading process takes a month to be approved. A lot of time people speed up votes. That leads to a lot of friendly amendments, we are using that term very loosely. We need to do something about that.

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): Any other positive thoughts?

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): That fact that it is online and accessible is great, if there is anyway to increase it that would be great.

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): Would like to talk about the timeline, what are thoughts about that and possible reform?

Elliot Koontz (QERM): What would help you participate more?

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): One of the things people would want to do more in the senate is push through a Resolution, as it stands it is a consuming process, how can we reduce the process time?

Elliot Koontz (QERM): He has been part of GPSS for three years and this is the first Resolution he has ever worked on. One of the most frustrating things about working on a Resolution is that it seems like it doesn't go anywhere upon being voted on. He had this discussion with other senators while working on this Resolution. He felt good about this Resolution because he invested himself into it. There are a lot of Resolutions that go through this body and are brought to our attention, but there is a sentiment that this isn't going to be binding of anything. It makes it hard to feel invested in the Resolution. We have discussed at the very beginning of the quarter who sees these Resolutions and how they are discussed in the larger UW administration. He is sure it is really difficult to change any of the laws around that but thinks there really needs to be something done about how the powers of Resolutions change. There have been so many Resolutions that have passed through that people vote on because it is generally a good idea but it makes our investment as Senators wane.

Giuliana Conti (Music): That is something she has thought about a lot as well, is that Resolutions come thorough and we talk about it then they just disappear. Thinks it would be nice to have updates about Resolutions that have been passed, like in the next meeting people (after a Resolution has passed) people can have an update on the Resolution in process. The Resolution she had passed last year about campus safety she invested a lot into it and then she met with Deniz Suite and talked about it and he was already doing all of that. They couldn't get a meeting

with him before the Resolution, but she thought it may have been an update everyone else on the Senate would have liked to know.

Rene Singleton (Assistant Director of Student Activities): When you send a Resolution to the administration they take a look at the Resolution and they know you are giving them an opinion on GPSS, if you are sending something that is complicated. They will hold that and if something comes up they have a gauge in their hand about what your opinion is. You may not see results of a Resolution for a while you can send the Resolution to those parties but they may not be able to take action right away. You need to do a little more research and be patient with each other. So maybe give yourself a little more time to do Resolutions and research ahead of time and do follow up on who you send the final “that” Clauses to. This federal issue is something that will be dealt with for four years. Some Resolutions you have are acted on faster. The active shooter Resolution helped push the availability of programs to people. There are some things that are happening that she can help people with as well, just know Graduate and professional student senate is important you are all very important. All administration is willing to come in and hear your opinions. Keep that in mind.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Wants to thank Gulianna, she wants to say the same thing. After the active shooter Resolution there was more action on getting active shooter trainings. We all need to realize it takes time. Nothing we write down is binding, but we can work strategically. One of the ways our union was started was because ASUW and GPSS both passed Resolutions in favor of it and it got the attention of the administration. She is working on a Resolution about something passed by ASUW that she thinks is really important. Try to work to ASUW to get an emphasized opinion.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): Totally agrees with that, also cohesiveness as a group is missing. Doesn't feel like we as a body are trying to do things as a body. He doesn't know if there needs to be a space to set that up. In other organizations he has been a part of there way more strategy with Resolutions to make change. There is no cohesive empowerment in the Senate, it should feel that way and it doesn't always feel that way.

Giuliana Conti (Music): Would like to thank you for that idea, if there was a forum for Resolution ideas it would be good. Another piece to that idea is that it is important that we represent even our people and are really communicating with them about what they think about these. We should not just take our personal thoughts into these discussions? There are some people from departments where you really have to fight to be a Senator but there are people like her in music where she really wanted to participate and was mad that no one else in music cared. It's frustrating but she has people in her department that are facing legitimate issues about immigration her friend can't go back home to Iran because she doesn't think she will come back. She has friends that have strong opinions about gender nomenclature and rights and would probably have a really strong opinion about these but she feels like she neglected that piece a little bit. In admitting that, if we were granted more time to talk about that we could reflect ideas back to our departments and really represent them.

Jen Rhymer (Foster School of Business PhD): As a new senator, she looked for a list of Resolutions online, but couldn't find it. (Randy shows list of Resolutions)

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): Do you guys think this Organization is helpful? (Of the Resolutions.)

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Sounds like what people have been interested in is a very obvious and straightforward place where we can find out what the Senate thinks and why they think that. This is good but this is good it is good that we know where it is. Since this came up in the meeting today maybe it would be good to put it in a more obvious place on the website. The second thing he was thinking about today was maybe not introducing a forum or an extra space to talk about the Resolution, maybe that would be a more private thing, rather ask about a coverletter with Resolutions that would have goals for the Resolutions. Thinks that it is also a huge transparency thing. To make sure we always know what Resolution writer's ideas are when they make a Resolution.

Taylor Beardall (ASUW Director of Internal Policy): Her name is Taylor Beardall she sits on the ASUW Board of Directors, she liaisons to her student senate. While they function very differently and are larger she has a few points that may compliment what you are doing in GPSS. When they pass a Resolution they have to go to their Board of Directors and they vote on them. A suggestion she has is maybe not necessarily have the officers vote on them but have every Resolution passed in this Senate go to Exec and have it be a line item on their agenda so they can figure out how they will divvy up lobbying on behalf of those Resolutions. When you have the "That" clauses then Elloise may be able to take a lobbying point and meet with necessary people. Something else to Monica's point is she will say she [Taylor] can be a lot better about bringing more ASUW to GPSS, she has done more to bring GPSS to ASUW. That way we can be better at joint lobbying another point is constituent outreach something they do as well is that to all of their constituents Senators send monthly recap emails and also send emails to send perspective which could be done better in GPSS. Finally, something that she thinks can help legitimacy of the resolutions that you pass is that while parli pro can be a barrier to some she thinks it has a great place in these bodies. For example, today there was an amendment someone wanted to make so you should make the amendment then have discussion on it. People can object and then there can be conversation. She has seen a lot of the time that people want to make a motion but then they just don't, so stricter parli pro can help. She can help if wantd.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Just wants to say that he think this years Resolutions should be on the front page. We are a legislative body at the end of the day and so maybe they should be in Records and the front page.

Kathryn Dawson (Museology): There is a lack of clarity on where things are located and how to make the amendment, would be helpful to have some level of onboarding for incoming Senators. Especially because some people don't come in, in the beginning of the year. So for example, she is the first senator ever from her department and no one in her department could advise her. So having a welcome packet would be good.

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Moves to extend time by 5 minutes.

Shelley Brandstetter (Nursing - Family & Child Nursing) Seconds.

Jared Rowe (Jackson School REECAS): Thinks making a separate place for talking about Resolutions would be best served on catalyst. Thinks that's a resource we are not fully taking advantage of, pushing that would be a good idea. A lot of us have time constraints and especially trying to get everyone in one place at one time to talk about a Resolution is quite difficult.

Giuliana Conti (Music): This goes to the online part, agrees with having the Resolutions on the front page. This is big part of what we do. When looking at 2016-2017 it also was difficult to see what stage in the process Resolutions were in. It would be good to clarify that.

Shelley Brandstetter (Nursing - Family & Child Nursing): A simple change would be saying you need to make grammatically correct suggestions two days before the meeting.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): There is a memo on that, she did not hold to it strictly. They worked on that this year. In terms of the Resolution process.

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): How do we get people to do stuff online?

Jen Rhymer (Foster School of Business PhD): She went on catalyst and looked at it and she is wondering if there was a way to add a box that says she did look at it but she had nothing to add.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): A time by which amendments need to be in. We have done this before and that has been very helpful. A special deadline would be helpful.

Elloise Kim (President): So by the way that time has been limited in the Bylaws. If that timeline doesn't fit people's schedules and another proposal is already going to Judicial it may be a good time for us to discuss the timeline for Resolutions.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Point of information, she gets that but then she has to count backwards to the deadline it would be easier if you said explicitly what the deadline is at the 48 hour mark. Thinks we need it in the email.

Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education): Another piece of this discussion, for the Resolution we just passed how many looked at catalyst? At least for him he doesn't open the catalyst he emails the person directly rather than do it through catalyst. However it's nice if he knows something is coming and people in the body know what's coming. Thinks that the initial step before getting into the process is important for things with a big difference in opinion.

Andrew Prindle (Landscape Architecture): Don't need the perfect tool, just the right tool. Part of it is on Senators to utilize the tools available to us another thing on the Canvas point is there is concern from students and faculty members about using canvas and there are issues with data collection from Amazon because we are attaching names and constituents to potentially contentious legislation. There is a risk there and we should address that.

Natalie Lowell (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences): Are there catalyst discussion boards that can be ongoing?

Randy Siebert (Secretary): We can open it up with the same procedures as Resolutions but just have topics with comments.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Senators having the ability to do that would be helpful.

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): We will close up on time, he has been taking notes on actionable items. List: Firm deadlines on emails, Working groups for Resolutions/charge letters for issues, updates from President, updates from officers on what they have been doing, working with ASUW to see what they have been doing and relaying that in the form of monthly emails, putting Resolution on the front page and letting people know about that, Using a different service, opening up discussion boards to talk about issues, polling people, and having better onboarding processes.

Officer Reports

7:33 pm

Vice President of Internal Affairs

Tori Hernandez (Staff): Sarah had a family emergency so she will present her slides. Tomorrow is the Spring social it is downstairs in the HUB lyceum there will be a few games and drinks and food as well. Sunday is a Mariners game, get tickets at the Lander desk online there are 15 tickets left. You can meet outside of Mercer court to go to the game together with other students. Also, an American in Paris is on May 11th at 7pm, it is also 5 dollars/ticket and is sold at Lander desk. The play will be held in Paramount theater. The Spring show is coming up, and the main artist is D.R.A.M. The Spring show is definitely open to Graduate students. For program reviews Bioethics and the humanities is coming up next Monday and Tuesday. The department of Human Centered Design and engineering is coming up May 15 and 16th. Upass advisory board is looking for a GPSS liaison. The next Science and Policy committee steering coming this Friday. If you would like to improve professional development skills or talk about your experience on campus the Graduate Student Experience Committee is looking for members. Email Sarah if you are interested.

Vice President of External Affairs

Updates in Olympia, they are waiting on the final budget. He sent out an email to budget writers asking for support for money for building renovations, the Veterans bill, and the need grant. He has gotten a few angry emails from legislators, which is a success. The scope of research funding is the idea is that we sit in opposition of the new healthcare bill. We have said as much to the Washington Delegation. He is working with Representative Jayapal to get a Graduate student tour around campus the hope is to get it done this year or early in the Fall next year will reach out to people in cool labs or different disciplines she may not usually see. WSA has a general assembly meeting on May 13th they will be presenting on Graduate Students at the state and federal level they are focusing more on Graduate student issues. He is redesigning the SAGE and WSA website. Also, he is working with the Graduate school because they want to promote participation in the legislative advisory board so that will be going out in some news letters from them. GPSS will be hiring a communications director next year and he is drafting a plan for that. He is also working on transition documents.

Secretary

For Upcoming events the GPSS diversity committee has given funding for the MSA conference this Saturday May 6th, and on May 8th working in industry with a Graduate degree, May 20th FIUTS is hosting a global gala and it is a venician theme (semi formal). The big thing she is working on is elections if you or a friend is considering running for an officer position they are due Monday May 8th at 5:30 pm you need to email it to the elections chair. If you email it to Randy she will forward it to the elections chair. If you are missing information she is sorry there are a lot of people interested so 5:30 pm is the cut off time regardless. Tuesday May 9th candidates that are running will be posted online on the website. Electronic absentee ballots will be open, only senators can vote (electronic and paper). Wednesday May 17th if you are running for officer positions you must physically be here if you want to run, you can only vote if you are a current GPSS senator. If you are running and you are not a Senator you can't vote for yourself.

Treasurer

Tori Hernandez will be speaking in place of Michaela Rogers.

Tori Hernandez (Staff): STF is doing a tech proposal and the committee is planning for next year if you have feedback or tech concerns for next year talk to STF. Departmental allocations are on a rolling deadline, they are still accepting applications. If the department has something they want to get funded let them know. The final round of travel grants are being graded, the schedule for next years travel grant applications will come out at the end of May the next F&B meeting is Thursday May 11th in the GPSS office and email Michaela.

Randy Siebert (Secretary): That meeting counts as one of the three official GPSS meetings, needed to run for an officer position.

Andrew Prindle (Landscape Architecture): As far as the STF proposals go, can people lobby for proposals from their department?

Peder Digre (Public Health): All STF proposals have the opportunity for students to submit endorsements and you can definitely talk to Michaela about a proposal you feel strongly about.

James Moschella (Vice President of External Affairs): In the future can we publicize that more? (Yeah)

President

The Provost search has officially convened today. She is filling the seat as the current GPSS president, whoever comes next year will fill the seat. Today they have checked a timeline and rules of confidentiality and other basics. Almost everything else will be confidential but tomorrow the office of the President will publish the website that will describe the provost's job. Student Regent finalists were selected last week, three people were forwarded to the government. Peder is one of the finalists. Jaron Reed is another GPSS senator and Varsha Gupandar and we are very excited to have such wonderful candidates. She has worked with the Director of University affairs to build the GPSS alumni page. They built a page to show who has worked in what position and in which year they did that. More information will be available soon,

it is currently available on the GPSS website. The All College Counsel is meeting led by PACS (provost advisory committee for students) weekly representatives of students are picked by ASUW and GPSS to talk to the provost to advise the provost on budgetary matters. PACS is convening all the college council representatives to talk about their council work, it will happen next Monday. The GPSS academic conference is happening this coming Saturday. She was nervous about the size and she was lucky to have a good number of people, enough to make a half a day schedule. There are amazing titles it is this Saturday. Come because there will be lunch. Last thing, Ana Marie Cauce as a female president has an annual brunch for women leaders so Danielle (ASUW president) and Elloise are cohosting with Ana Marie Cauce as women of color in leadership. That is another exciting thing happening soon. As a final reminder please come to the GPSS conference.

Announcements

7:45 pm

Bucoda Warren (Evans School): He presented at the security camera policy that UWPD is working on now taskforce. The final reports will be sent to the provost's office on May 22nd, he will be taking final edits on the final copy. If anyone has feedback send it to his email by the 15th.

Elloise Kim (President): Giuliana Conti, Adam Tahir and Michael Diamond are all presenting as well in the GPSS conference. On another note, there was a gunshot by a random person who was driving by in the U-district. A sorority girl was shot and is now recovering but there is no information about the suspect but there is an ongoing investigation be watchful it is not safe anymore.

Adjournment

7:47 pm

Shelley Brandstetter (Nursing - Family & Child Nursing): Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Giuliana Conti (Music) Seconds.
