

# Graduate and Professional Student Senate

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## Executive Meeting Minutes Session 19

MAY 14, 2016 / HUB 303

### **Members Present:**

GPSS President Alex Bolton  
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs Monica Cortes Viharo  
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs Brian Taubeneck  
GPSS Treasurer Kerstin Hudon  
GPSS Secretary Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim  
GPSS Executive Senator Erin Firth  
GPSS Executive Senator Yasmeen Hussain  
GPSS Executive Senator Brian Tracy  
GPSS Executive Senator Joseph Telegen  
GPSS Executive Senator Jennifer Kirk

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 PM**

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Kerstin Hudon** moves to approve the agenda.  
**Monica Cortes Viharo** seconds.  
Seeing no objections, the agenda is approved.

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### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**5:33 pm**

**Kerstin Hudon** moves to approve the minutes.  
**Elloise Kim** seconds.  
Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved

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### **4. STUDENT TECH FEE LEADERSHIP VISION**

**5:34 pm**

**Bryce Colton**, STF co-chair, acknowledges that both ASUW and the GPSS have identified several issues with the STF committee. They have heard these issues and been able to reevaluate and restructure the Student Tech Fee committee. He shares the following solutions:

- Alleviate the non-responsiveness of the STF committee. Historically they would not communicate with proposal authors, as they felt it would guide them too much, which made it difficult to get any information out of STF. To alleviate this, they have proposed adding a new position—Proposal Developer. The proposal developer would help authors write more homogenous proposals to make them easier to read and understand by the committee.
- Move from a one-cycle system to a three-cycle system. STF funds would only be available for one quarter rather than a full year. Shortening the distance between when the proposal is sent in to when it gets approved or denied will give students a faster turn around and help with

communication issues.

--- Fund more projects that affect a large number of students, rather than a few specialized students.

--- Break away from continuous funding projects, and allow departments to take on those expenses once STF has come in and funded them initially.

--- Increase communication between departments. Departments in School of Engineering, for example, often have requested the same items rather than communicating with one another to submit a joint proposal to STF. They want to encourage more collaboration among those departments, which would actually decrease the cost of requests.

## Q&A

**Alex Bolton** asks if moving to a three-cycle system will create more work for the committee.

**Bryce Colton:** It may be more work, but spreading work throughout each quarter will alleviate the overwhelmingly busy times.

**Erin Firth** asks whether the key server will be on the continuous funding model.

**Bryce Colton:** UW IT funds the key server, so STF does not give them money for operations.

**Joseph Telegen** asks whether the STF committee has areas for students who are not tech savvy to help out in during this transition.

**Bryce Colton:** The best way is to become a member of the STF committee. Students do not need to know a lot about technology to get involved.

**Rene Singleton** asks how the new transition has been for the STF committee, and what the staffing model will be.

**Bryce Colton:** There are 4 committee members who are paid: Chair, Program Coordinator/Accountant, Web-Developer, and Proposal Developer/Compliance Officer. Once the website is fully developed that position would drop off.

**Kiehl Sundt:** Bryce has served on the STF committee the longest, and he brings background from the SAF committee. Overall it has been working well.

**Alex Bolton** asks whether students outside a department will be able to access departmental requests, such as 3D printers. He also suggests establishing guidelines or principles that STF always follows when encountering proposals that will only benefit a few number of students.

**Bryce Colton:** Since STF is funding projects with everyone's money, they try to ensure that as many students as possible are able to derive benefit. Proposals that are limiting access to specific students have a much more difficult time being funded.

**Kiehl Sundt** adds that the committee shares this concern. They might think about allocating a minimum percentage of STF dollars to campus wide proposals.

**Erin Firth** asks what factors have they considered to ensure that proposals are not unilaterally defunded.

**Bryce Colton:** They hope to streamline continuous funding programs, such as Odegaard Library. The process can be made simpler for groups that are asking for the same things every year.

**Joseph Telegen:** Even though two departments request the same machinery, it does not mean they are working toward the same technological end.

**Kiehl Sundt:** The STF committee is hoping to eliminate redundancy in technological requests. While they may have different ends, if they are both interested in the same product, there is no reason to fund both.

**Erin Firth:** How will they determine when a group should work together to bring a proposal to STF?

**Bryce Colton:** It would come down to how the committee feels about the proposal. It would make sense for groups that are either similar or physically located near one another to submit a joint proposal.

**Randy Siebert** asks whether STF would help facilitate the relationship between the two groups.

**Bryce Colton:** They have not worked out exact details on how communication between the two departments will work. The STF committee is conflicted as to whether facilitating this relationship too much could lead to the submission of proposals that have been heavily influenced by STF.

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**5. GPSS EXECUTIVE LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

**6:40 pm**

**Alex Bolton** sent everyone the appointments via Google Docs.

Advisory Council for Trademarks and Licensing (Reappointment for 2016-2017)

Ella Torti, School of Law

Board of Student Publications (Reappointment for 2016-2017)

Peder Digre, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance/School of Public Health

Dawg Pack Advisory Committee (Reappointment for 2016-2017)

Tyler Quillin, Law

Environmental Health & Safety Advisory Board (Reappointment for 2016-2017)

Ragan Hart, Public Health Genetics

Environmental Stewardship Committee (2016-2017)

Brandon Ray, Atmospheric Sciences

Peder Digre, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance/School of Public Health

Hall Health Advisory Committee (Reappointment for 2016-2017)

Panachon Lor, Health Administration

Wenjie Lee, Dentistry

Student Technology Fee

Peder Digre, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance/School of Public Health

**Yasmeen Hussain** moves to approve.

**Jenn Kirk** seconds.

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**6. UWPD AND CAMPUS CLIMATE/ AMERICAN ETHNIC STUDIES STUDENTS MOBILIZATION/ CHILDCARE FUNDING/ TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS/ BIAS INCIDENT REPORTING TASK FORCE UPDATE**

**6:19 pm**

**Brian Tracy** shares some updates on the following topics with the Executive Committee.

#### UWPD AND CAMPUS CLIMATE

The campus climate has become increasingly hostile. There has been Trump supporters on campus harassing students, particularly undocumented students. Students have contacted the UWPD, but they do not feel their complaints have been handled adequately. Brian was able to speak with them and learned that the UWPD is only able to act on threats of harm rather than unpopular or antagonistic comments. The UWPD Chief advises continuing to communicate and report incidences to them. Since the UWPD has a Facebook and Twitter, it was suggested that they encourage students to follow their social media platforms whenever they send out all campus message.

#### AMERICAN ETHNIC STUDIES STUDENT MOBILIZATION

A black faculty member, Terry Scott, was not hired for a position, which many students and faculty believe she deserved. She seems to be considering leaving, and students are petitioning. He will keep everyone up to date.

#### CHILDCARE FUNDING

He received an email concerning about a change in the UW childcare system. The Student Parent Resource Center provides 1.5 million dollars' worth of vouchers for childcare, and it provides services for about 300 students. SAF is thinking about cutting this funding, because they believe it is fiscally unsuccessful to continue funding. These vouchers primarily serve students from marginalized communities that would be unable to attend UW without them.

**Alex Bolton** clarifies the email's claim. There has been frustration over how the voucher program has been run, so SAF has partnered with the Financial Aid office to discuss plans moving forward. They have decided that new incoming students and current students already receiving the vouchers will continue receiving them until they graduate, but they may not accept more students into the voucher program so that it will be closed in the future. As an alternative and better service for more students, they have been working with the IMA to create a drop-in center for childcare.

**Jenn Kirk:** The utilization of that program has been low, partially because there has not been much advertisement. Additionally, the voucher does not address all students' childcare needs. For example, since the funding is coming from the state it must be a licensed childcare provider rather than a family member/friend you pay using the voucher. The program needs to be reworked for that reasons. She heard it is not going away immediately, but there are better ways to serve students on campus.

**Kerstin Hudon:** In October, they began developing a pilot drop-in childcare program as an alternative to the voucher program after conducting an informal survey with parent students on campus. They want to ensure that those students who are already receiving the voucher to continue to do so until graduation. They also want to ensure that incoming students who were expecting a voucher are able to count on this resource. So, these groups will not be affected. SAF will be funding a one-year contract position for somebody to develop the drop-in position. The drop-in childcare center will not be able to open in 2016 fall because of licensing requirements, but she hopes it will be running by midyear 2017. In the meantime they hope to provide access to a number

of services that do not require a direct tax transfer.

**Brian Taubeneck** asks why if money is matched by the state, there is an issue with licensing.

**Alex Bolton:** SAF funds are technically state funds because it comes from tuition.

**Jenn Kirk:** The Student Parent Resource Center has a history of not doing a good job of serving students. In terms of the proposals that are coming in regarding the drop-in center—it seems to fit more with what students want in terms of on-campus childcare.

#### TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

**Brian Tracy:** The GPSS voted it down a tobacco free campus, but there is a group of students with new data that they would like the opportunity to share. They want to create a policy that is more inclusive, and accommodating to those that would be most affected. He asks whether this could be added to next meeting's agenda.

**Alex Bolton** will table it until the agenda is discussed.

#### BIAS REPORT TASK FORCE UPDATE

**Brian Tracy:** The bias report will be available online at the end of the month, and they are looking for testers to review the framework. They want to create a policy around reporting. They mentioned adding physical locations on campus where people could report anonymously, but overall it would be online. The incidents will only be followed up on request rather than automatically.

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### 7. 5/18 SENATE MEETING AGENDA

6:41 pm

**Elloise Kim:** She has received the final draft of the resolution on mental health service coordination. She will open up the discussion board after the executive meeting.

**Yasmeen Hussain** asks whether all the authors should be included for such a large resolution.

**Elloise Kim:** They have been listing a single sponsor all year, but she is happy to change it if people see including all authors more proper.

**Alex Bolton** will reserve the decision to the Secretary.

**Jenn Kirk** asks whether there is time to discuss the census results. She can be ready to present, but is unsure if she can make the meeting.

**Alex Bolton** thinks there would be more engagement during this upcoming meeting. He suggests planning to present, but if she is unable to make it they will push it to the next meeting.

**Alex Bolton** opens the room to discuss whether to include the Tobacco Free Campus on the agenda as guests.

**Yasmeen Hussain** asks whether they could present after the resolution.

**Brian Tracy:** They are unable to make it to the meeting, so he will be presenting for them. It should not take more than 15 minutes with questions.

**Brian Tracy** moves to approve the agenda.

**Jenn Kirk** seconds.

The May 19<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting agenda is approved.

**Erin Firth:** STF had a meeting last Monday, and could get through about half of the proposals. Next week they will be discussing machinery and research, which are not as heavily used across campus, so this meeting could take longer. She is the point of contact for students interested in the registrar preferred name change option. She encourages interested students to speak with her by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Yasmeen Hussain** adds that the GPSS clicker proposal was accepted. ☺

**Yasmeen Hussain:** During the Faculty Counsel for Student Affairs meetings they discussed student conduct code changes for Title IX. They have made more changes since the recommendations the GPSS made earlier this year, but everything is in the same spirit. Amanda Paye, Deputy Title IX/ADA Coordinator, and Bree Callahan, Director of Disability Resources for Students, would like to hear about the mental health service coordination resolution, and would like to be included on the mailing list. She has talked informally with students in an accelerated fee based program in the Jackson School. They mentioned lack of professionalism, inconsistent grading, and assigning projects the day before they are due. They need an advocate, and she mentioned the GPSS.

**Alex Bolton** asks for these students' names. There will be a group meeting with Rovy Branon, Vice Provost for Educational Outreach—this might be a good thing for them to bring up there.

**Yasmeen Hussain** suggests making events available on the Google Calendar as soon as those dates are available for planning purposes.

**Sarah Loeffler** asks for suggestions regarding additional promotional technique. They have made efforts to increase promotional material, and there still seems to be confusion.

**Joseph Telegen** suggests tabling or another active way to increase awareness regarding GPSS events.

**Elloise Kim** agrees. Next year they will set dates as early as possible, work out details earlier, and getting promotional materials out on time.

**Brian Tracey:** On Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, he will be presenting to the UWPD on implicit bias and micro-aggressions. There will be a walk out on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Race and Equity Initiative has been communicating with different departments with issues. Most of their demands focus on increasing diversity and decreasing harassment. There will be multiple speakers.

**Joseph Telegen:** The ASUW version of the Black Lives Matter resolution passed yesterday at the ASUW Senate. Since the GPSS Black Lives Matter resolution was not submitted this week, he will check into that for the follow up.

**Jenn Kirk:** Elections were successful. Michelle Brault will write up a summary to help future election committee members. She is almost done with the census report; there are a few people left to follow up on regarding historical context. Constituents wrote in issues that were not asked on the census—such as better lighting on campus. This is something the GPSS might be interested in drafting resolutions around next year.

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## 9. OFFICER REPORTS

7:08 pm

**Brian Taubeneck** helped out Travel Grants applications on Friday. He will go to Ellensburg for WSA. Other than that he has been working on transitioning.

**Monica Cortes Viharo:** The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is almost here. RSVP through Eventbrite. The Husky Sunset posters will be ready next week. Alcohol, food, and a photo booth are ready to go. Program reviews are finishing up. The Graduate School would like to take a one-year hiatus to develop a better review system. G3 has a new logo, and they are working on developing a new Facebook page.

**Kerstin Hudon:** They finished reviewing Travel Grant applications this week; there were 66 fully qualified applicants. Mac will write a press release to send to The Daily to highlight some of the projects they funded. SAF has one more deliberation meeting—childcare is the biggest issue. ABB will be switching tuition revenue allocations for all graduate and undergraduate programs to 80% based on student credit hours and 20% based on degree granted/major enrollment. She has been writing transition documents.

**Elloise Kim:** Diversity Funds are all spent. They funded 15 RSOs and departments. She has been working on the transition document and meeting with people to do work for a next year.

**Alex Bolton:** Tomorrow is the Board of Regents meeting. They will be giving a presentation on student input and student engagement. He will introduce the structure of the GPSS compared to ASUW. It will be in the Peterson Room, Allen Library, but he suggests checking the Regents website for the exact time. Burke Museum is having its ground breaking next Wednesday, May 18th.

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## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:15 pm

**Sarah Loeffler** shares that Kerstin created a when-to-meet poll—any and all help is welcome. If you are going to be at the event at all, please RSVP. Spread the word, especially if you think there is anyone she missed for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary invite, so she can send them an invite. She asks the executive whether they would prefer Ezell's or Marination Station. *The Executive votes for Ezell's.*

**Kerstin Hudon** plugs a jazz dance performance, called “A Rap on Race”. It will be at the Seattle Interactive Theater; she encourages everyone to check it out.

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## 11. MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:20 pm

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