



Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senate Meeting Minutes Session 13

MAY 18, 2016 | HUB 334

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:35 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Elloise Kim (Secretary) motions to add a presentation by the “Office of the University Architect: UW Campus Landscape” to the agenda after the Spotlight.

Ted Chen (Bioengineering) seconds.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) motions to add an announcement concerning Executor Senator position opening before Good of the Order.

John Lurie (Astronomy) seconds

Dan Herb (Education) moves to approve the agenda as amended.

Luis Fernando Centurion (iSchool MSIM) seconds.

Seeing no objection, the amended agenda is approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5:37 pm

Joseph Telegen (English) motions to amend the minutes by striking the question he asked on page four.

Matthew Childs (Germanics) seconds.

Kathryn Cogert (Civil & Environmental Engineering) moves to approve the minutes as amended.

Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology) seconds.

The amended minutes are approved.

4. SPOTLIGHT: KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE DOW CONSTANTINE

5:39 pm

Alex Bolton (President) introduces King County Executive, Dow Constantine. He will be sharing his experience as a graduate student at UW, and talk about Sound Transit.

Dow Constantine shares that he is excited to be back at UW. He earned his undergraduate degree, law degree, and master degree of urban planning from UW. His work as a public officer has been around environment, land use, and the way in which human settlement can lend itself toward a

successful community. He shares that his life would be completely different had it not been for the University of Washington. Both his grandfather and mother attended UW before him. He realizes however, that not everyone is given the opportunity to participate in the economy the way his family was able to. His family worked hard, but it would have been infinitely more difficult for his ancestors had they not been white. Sound Transit will allow everyone to participate in the economy by connecting people to growth centers, and jobs. They have significantly expanded the Link Rail, and will continue to expand. They hope to ultimately install 112 miles of rail systems, on par with San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington D.C.

Q&A (answered by **Dow Constantine**)

· **Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** asks whether there are any plans to connect South Lake Union with transit.

· **A:** The problem with connecting with buses is that there is no space on the road. Sound Transit Phase III will propose to extend the light rails to address transportation issues there. It will require the construction of a second tunnel to make this happen.

· **Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education):** How can graduate students get involved in the types of initiatives his office is working on?

· **A:** There are a lot of opportunities for people who are developing expertise or doing research in the cutting edge of the fields to participate. Regardless of what their interests are, someone at the County is doing research in that area. He suggests contacting his office directly, and shares his email: [dow.constantine@kingcounty.gov](mailto:dow.constantine@kingcounty.gov).

· **Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** The price of housing and rent has shot up dramatically with the increase of high paying jobs in Seattle. Does King County have a plan to provide more affordable housing?

· **A:** Tomorrow he is announcing a partnership with King County Housing Authority. They will lend them the County's credit, so they can borrow at a lower rate, and create 2200 units of affordable housing in King County (unfortunately this does not include Seattle). Transit not only provides an opportunity for new housing, but also can dramatically reduce costs if an individual can get around without a car. Savings average between \$10,000 and \$13,000 per year. The transit system will dramatically change the way people are able to live their lives.

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## 5. OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT: UW CAMPUS LANDSCAPE 5:58 pm

**Elloise Kim (Secretary)** introduces Patrick Pirtle from the Office of the University Architect and Howard Nakase from Facilities Services.

**Patrick Pirtle:** He is a newly hired Architect Planner, and a graduate of the UW. They are currently going through a reevaluation of the current maintenance standards for the campus. He asks what everyone's experience has been around the quality of landscape.

**Kathryn Cogert (Civil & Environmental Engineering)** shares she is going to miss the cherry trees.

**Howard Nakase:** The cherry trees are getting close to their lifespan, but they are growing new cherry trees from grafts of the current trees.

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology):** The campus landscape is nice, but it is often in a state of maintenance—cutting grass, blowing leaves, etc. She feels it is often maintained for looks rather than to enjoy.

**Kyle McGrath (Chemistry)** has found the landscape incredible. It was a huge factor in what led him to choose UW over other schools.

**Megan Sadler (Art History):** There should be more Daphne.

**Patrick Pirtle** thanks everyone for the comments. He will introduce planning efforts, maintenance trends, and what is on the horizon for the UW campus landscape. The UW campus is based around the landscape. There have been huge efforts to improve upon the campus to ensure a good experience for visitors, tourists, and prospective students. Many of the iconic UW landmarks are in need of improvement including Red Square, Denny Field, Olympic Vista, etc. This may mean providing less maintenance for certain areas, in order to help build up the top priority areas. It is a balancing act among stakeholder expectations, iconic landscapes, and limited personnel. Landscape management needs have increased, while the grounds crew has decreased.

#### Q&A

· **Elloise Kim (Secretary)** asks them to share how many gardeners there are to manage the whole campus.

· **Howard Nakase:** There are 30 gardeners to manage 250 acres of maintained landscape on a 670-acre campus.

· **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** asks why maintenance is being focused on ridding the campus of wilderness. She sees this as a positive aspect of the campus.

· **Howard Nakase:** They do not mean for wilderness to have a negative connotation. There are many wooded areas for people to bird watch and sit by the lake. However, the need for maintenance around buildings concerns accessibility and safety.

· **Joseph Telegen (English):** What is the level of coordination between UW Campus Landscape and the UW Master Plan?

· **Patrick Pirtle:** All of its language and thinking is directly aligned with what is going on in the Campus Master Plan, as the two groups work closely. What they presented today goes into greater detail regarding landscape, whereas the Campus Master Plan concerns the larger vision for campus.

· **Ted Chen (Bioengineering):** There are a lot of outdoor events on the campus. What can students do to make your job easier?

· **Howard Nakase:** There are several groups on campus that restore to the campus, and remove invasive plants. Overall, just have respect for the landscape, so it does not create additional work for gardeners.

· **Megan Sadler (Art History):** The School of Art courtyard is constantly in a state of disrepair. It seems forgotten because it is hidden. Is this something the grounds crew maintains, or can the School of Art take ownership?

· **Howard Nakase:** This area is serviced by the grounds crew. There are examples on campus,

where a department takes ownership of a specific plot of landscape, and provides maintenance. However, it gets tricky when these students graduate and there is no one willing to maintain it any longer.

- **Jay Eckard (Drama)** asks how they deal with the Denny Hall construction coordination. Due to construction he has to either go out of his way or cut through the lawn, which can be slippery when it is raining, to access his classes. He asks whether they are part of the decision on how to reroute walkways due to construction.

- **Howard Nakase:** Capital Projects and Development make those decisions. They try to take into consideration mobility issues to minimize the impact, but some disruptions are unavoidable.

- **Micah Buuck (Physics)** asks what the development plans are regarding the Burke Gillman Trail.

- **Howard Nakase:** The Burke Gillman Trail is a high priority area. The gardening staff is currently trimming back the foliage to make it more traversable, but there are plans to increase lighting for safety concerns.

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## 6. RESULTS FROM THE 2015 GPSS CENSUS

6:21 pm

**Jenn Kirk (Biostatistics)** sent out a census at the end of last year to collect information regarding the number of student parents on campus, and additionally to collect information about graduate students. There were 1,601 graduate and professional student responses, which is roughly 10% of graduate students on UW campus. In terms of respondents: 61% female, 9% International, 21% non-white, and 3% military, and 6% disabled. Roughly 75% of respondents had heard about the GPSS. When asked to identify the priorities that administration, ASUW, and the GPSS should target, the cost of education was a top concern. When asked specifically about childcare, 73% of respondents believed that UW should be making an effort to provide childcare for students. *See PowerPoint for more details.*

**Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education)** moves to extend 5 minutes time for questions.

**Brian Tracy (Marine & Environmental Affairs)** seconds.

Q&A (answered by **Jenn Kirk**)

- **Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** asks her to speak to how the Board of Regents reacted to these census results.

- **A:** The Board of Regents was very receptive. Hearing individual stories and seeing these results were helpful. They did not realize that many graduate students were older. They had a perception that people were coming out of school and putting off work for another two years. Once they understood that this was not the case, they were much more supportive.

- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** asks whether there were any surprising write-ins regarding priorities for administration and the GPSS.

- **A:** Some issues that came up involved campus safety, such as lighting and Night Walk. People also elected to write in comments that had already been addressed.

- **Dan Herb (Leadership in Higher Education):** Did this survey ask whether student parents are aware of the services that already exist on campus?

- **A:** Yes. Being consistent with previous surveys, the knowledge of resources was dismal. The Student Parent Resource Center has not been great at advertising its services.
- **Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer):** Information regarding childcare services is now available on the GPSS website.
- **Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs):** If you think that the GPSS should have a role in disbursing information regarding childcare services on campus, Graduate Student Experience Committee or an ad-hoc committee could lead this effort.

## **7. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GREATER RESOURCES AND COORDINATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS** **6:37 pm**

**Alex Bolton (President):** This is its second reading. He asks authors to provide an overview of the resolution, and then leave time to debate the merits of the resolution.

**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** shares some friendly grammatical additions. The wording in lines 44 and 45 is confusing; she suggests changing it to say it is a faster rate of increase. She also recommends inserting a semicolon to fix the run on sentence on line 50-55. Finally, she suggests adding “students” to line 56.

**Seth Bergeson (Evans)** accepts these amendments as friendly.

**Erin Firth (Oceanography)** suggests either moving line 48 earlier in the document or making it a footnote. Since mental health is used earlier, it seems strange to define it later on in the resolution.

**Seth Bergeson (Evans):** It could be moved earlier, but it would not be appropriate as a footnote.

**Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** suggests it be the first WHEREAS clause, since the term “mental health” is used in the title.

**Alex Bolton (President)** calls for a vote to put the definition first. The amendment passes—there is one opposition and one abstention.

**Kathryn Cogert (Civil & Environmental Engineering)** suggest switching the first two WHEREAS clauses. She believes that starting out with a clear statement as to why the University as a whole should care about mental health would be impactful.

**Adam Bell (Education)** accepts it as friendly.

**Erin Firth (Oceanography)** suggests changing the word “hire” on line 121 to “assist”.

**Joseph Telegen (English)** suggests rather than using the word “assist”, to use the word “facilitate”.

**Erin Firth (Oceanography)** likes that suggestion better.

**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** it is important to have them state that they will be hiring more people, because that is the root of the issue. The ratio of students to providers is skewed.

**Kyle McGrath (Chemistry)** agrees. It should state the necessity of hiring more clinical staff for Hall Health, because otherwise it seems too wishy-washy.

**Joseph Telegen (English)** motions to vote on the amendment.

**Alex Bolton (President)** asks those in favor of the proposed amendment to raise their hands.

There were more votes opposing the amendments, so the amendment will not pass.

**Jason Young (Geography)** asks whether this resolution is resolving to do things that the GPSS cannot do. He recommends adding the word “should” to the demands.

**Joseph Telegen (English)** does not like the idea; “should” is implied. He believes the resolution is clearly advocating for these changes, and the word “should” is unnecessary.

**Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)** agrees. When the GPSS drafts resolutions, it is implied in the message that these are things this body believes should be priorities.

**Laura Taylor (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** moves to close debate.

**Kyle McGrath (Chemistry)** seconds.

**Alex Bolton (President)** calls for a vote. The resolution unanimously passes.

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## 8. TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS DISCUSSION

6:53 pm

**Brian Tracy (Marine & Environmental Affairs)** will speak on behalf of students from the Tobacco Studies Program. While both ASUW and GPSS previously voted down resolutions on the tobacco free campus, they would like the opportunity to present it again. After conducting a survey of students across campus they realized that only certain populations of students are affected by a smoke free campus policy. Tobacco most heavily affects low-income areas, as this is where it is targeted. If this campus is made tobacco free, how will they account for these disparities? He will ask Elloise to send out a video that they produced regarding these issues. He takes questions; if he is unable to answer he will bring it back to the Tobacco Studies Program.

Q&A (Answered by **Brian Tracy**)

·**David Rivera (Marine & Environmental Affairs):** What are some of their ideas for combating addiction?

· **A:** They address this in the video. They do not want to punish people who smoke. They want to provide services for those who are addicted to tobacco.

·**Kyle McGrath (Chemistry):** Is this a full blanket ban above and beyond the smoking ban that is already in place? He does not believe driving addiction underground is helpful. By completely banning tobacco, they are not acknowledging the larger substance abuse issue.

·**A:** They want to ensure policy compliance as opposed to policy enforcement. They also want to allocate campus resources to tobacco cessation services.

·**Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology)** comments that only less than 600 students responded to the survey. It seems like a low number when you are considering a population of over 50,000 students. This may not be an accurate representation.

·**Jenn Kirk (Biostatistics):** Obtaining more than this number of students would require a great deal of effort and money. If it was well done, the results will be fairly accurate.

·**Erika Keim (Environmental & Occupational Health Services)** asks whether faculty and staff will be affected by this policy, and if so are they included in the tobacco cessation services.

·**A:** He is unsure, but will find out.

·**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering)** asks whether Brian has any information regarding how current cessation efforts are going on campus, and what do they propose to enhance them.

·**A:** He cannot answer that, but will bring it back to the group.

·**Kathryn Cogert (Civil & Environmental Engineering)** shares that she finds these kinds of efforts frustrating, when alcohol is much more harmful to the community at large in terms of lives affected.

·**Matthew Childs (Germanics)** shares that Florida State University implemented a similar ban and it did not work. A new study assessing implementation was finished two months; he would be happy to send it out once the results are finalized.

·**Jay Eckard (Drama):** His constituents are not going to stop smoking regardless of 100% smoke free campus policy. What kind of responses do they have for people who are not going to abide by the policy?

·**A:** Personally, he thinks everyone is entitled to the pursuit of happiness so long as it does not impede upon others. While an individual is completely entitled to smoke, second hand smoke affects others.

**John Lurie (Astronomy)** moves to extend time by five minutes.

**Dan Herb (Education)** seconds.

·**Jenn Kirk (Biostatistics)** shares that her boyfriend has asthma, and walking by people smoking can trigger an attack. It is not just second hand smoke. Having designated areas, people with asthma can avoid, which is helpful.

·**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology):** When she helped conduct a survey several years ago one of their recommendations was that the designated smoking areas be assessed. To her knowledge, they have not increased them or relocated them. That is why she is in support of the current policy; it allows people to avoid.

·**Norma Kaminsky (Comparative Literature)** asks whether the vapor that comes out of non-tobacco products affects other people. If not, then why are those products being regulated?

·**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** agrees. They also ban chewing tobacco.

·**A:** He is unsure, but believes it has to do with the effect of tobacco products on the environment. He will look into it further.

·**Patrick Old (ASUW Senate)** asks whether individuals who use medical marijuana will be affected by this policy.

·**Alex Bolton (President):** Marijuana is illegal on campus regardless, because of federal funding issues.

·**Kyle McGrath (Chemistry):** From his experience the location of the designated smoking areas are not well publicized. He is in favor of the current policy, but believes it needs to be improved.

·**Megan Sadler (Art History)** adds that there are also several unofficial designated smoking areas—places where people smoke and they should not be.

·**Howard Nakase (Facilities Services)** asks why the overwhelming vote was not in favor of the 100% tobacco free campus. What were the percentages?

·**A:** There were certain groups that would be more greatly affected than others. ASUW seemed closer to 50/50, whereas the GPSS more heavily disfavored the policy.

·**Howard Nakase (Facilities Services)** shares that Environmental Health and Safety did a survey about 8 years ago to find out which locations would be most acceptable for designated smoking areas. The locations have changed continuously, because they would receive complaints from building occupants about the smoke. They ended up having to reduce the number of locations.

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## 9. EXECUTIVE SENATOR & EXECUTIVE LIASIONS POSITION OPENING

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** announces that she will be leaving her Executive Senator position after next meeting. So, they will need to elect someone for the position. She shares being on Exec is great; you get to have in depth discussions and plan Senate agendas.

**Kathryn Cogert (Civil & Environmental Engineering)** asks how long exec meetings are.

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology):** Roughly the same length as Senate meetings.

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** plugs student's liaison positions. There will be a vacant spot on the Faculty Council on Student Affairs. They deal with childcare, athletics, and disability services. This is a voting position and the faculty listens to everyone's opinion. Student Tech Fee Committee is also looking for 3 graduate students. STF committee members have a big impact determines where technology goes on campus.

**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering)** asks whether STF committee members can still submit proposals.

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology):** That should not be a problem if you do not vote on it.

**Alex Bolton (President):** STF committee members control a lot of money and affect the student experience on campus.

**Brian Tracy (Marine & Environmental Affairs)** reminds the body that some liaison positions require weekly meetings, so they need to be prepared to make that commitment.

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## 10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

7:23 pm

**Michelle Brault (Molecular & Cellular Biology):** There was a string of assaults committed by the same individual in the Health Science Building. Six students were sexually assaulted. The perpetrator was caught. It was not, however, announced through the UW alert system. She advises everyone to be aware.

**Jenn Kirk (Biostatistics)** shares she received an email about it. It did not go through the UW alert system, because that only concerns ongoing incidents. However, she agrees something more could have been communicated.

**Brian Tracy (Marine & Environmental Affairs):** He has been meeting with the Chief of UWPD. There seems to be an information gap. People are unaware of police procedures. He has suggested the UWPD put out weekly or monthly important information. He encourages everyone to follow them on Twitter and Facebook. Once they move into their new facility, they will invite students to share their input.

**Joseph Telegen (English)** thanks Michelle for bringing the incident in the Health Sciences building to everyone's attention. He is already thinking about resolutions that could be worked on next year. In addition to encouraging campus police to include information in their emails, they may also include advice for healing. For example, tips for what to do when you are in distress. It would be great to get to a place where the UW alert emails do more than notifying bad things.

**Patrick Old (ASUW Senate)** thanks everyone for their contributions to the GPSS this year. It has been a great experience.

**Noe Merfeld (ASUW BOD)** shares that this will be her last Senate meeting. She thanks everyone for all the amazing work.

**Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs)** shares she has been working on a theater piece, and they all volunteer at different places around the U District. She is a volunteer at a day center for homeless women. She was told that the shelters had their funding cut, so housing would be limited. There are two protest encampments throughout the city.

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** moves to end good of the order.

**Luis Fernando Centurion (iSchool MSIM)** seconds.

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## 11. OFFICER REPORTS

7:33 pm

**Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs):** They have finished the graduate school program reviews. They are working on a new system for how it will work in the future. Regardless of the new implementation plan they want to ensure that student voices are heard. G3's end of the year celebration is on Monday, and they have a new logo. Husky 100 had its big event this week. She recently visited UW Bothell to discuss plans for how they might implement their own version of the GPSS. Husky Sunset and GPSS' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are coming up. Sarah will discuss the 40<sup>th</sup>, and she will cover Husky Sunset.

**Sarah Loeffler (Director of Events):** The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is tomorrow from 6-9 pm at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Everyone is invited and are encouraged to come out. There will be food, champagne, music, and a photo booth. The event is on the Facebook website, so feel free to spread the word.

**Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs):** The Husky Sunset posters are ready. She urges everyone to take some and hang them up in their departments. The event will be at the Sylvan Grove Theater. There will be a DJ and a photo booth. They still need volunteers—she passes around a sign-up sheet.

**Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** asks whether there is a Facebook invite for Husky Sunset.

**Monica Cortes Viharo (VP of Internal Affairs):** Not yet, but there is an Eventbrite.

**Brian Taubeneck (VP of External Affairs):** The Washington Student Association had their last meeting last week. They formally submitted an offer to host SAGE for the Fall Conference in late September/October. Interim work has begun. So, if there are any ideas you would like to add to the agenda let him know.

**Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer):** Finance & Budget and Travel Grants Committees are done. They will be submitting a press release in The Daily to showcase some of the projects they funded. She shares that there will likely be a decrease in the SAF fee, tech fee and bond fee next year. The ABB committee finishes up next week. She gives a shout out to Fernando for his work as F&B vice chair.

**Elloise Kim (Secretary):** The four finalists for the HUB Director position will begin visiting next week. Hall Health is doing a survey to learn how they can improve the service for students. She encourages everyone to take it. This is the time of year for Graduate Professional Advisor (GPA) award. She will send out the link for those interested in nominated their GPA for their great work. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a workshop for international graduate students and postdocs with people from Microsoft. They will share their experience on how they have been doing in the industry with their graduate degree.

**Alex Bolton (President)** thanks everyone for the great conversation this meeting. At the last Board of Regents meeting, he gave a presentation on how both the ASUW and the GPSS were structured and how they provide input to administration. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is tomorrow; he encourages everyone to attend.

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**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7:44 pm**

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

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**13. MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:47 PM**

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## **ADDENDUM: Announcements**

### **GPSS 2015 Childcare Census Result**

Please see the attached pdf. to see GPSS 2015 Childcare Census Result conducted and analyzed by Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics). If you want to know more about the result, please contact Jennifer to [jlkirk@uw.edu](mailto:jlkirk@uw.edu).

### **HUB Director finalists Open Forum**

**May 25, 4:00 – 4:45p, HUB 203** (North Prefunc): Andrea Ramirez

**May 26, 4:00 – 4:45p, HUB 307:** Nick Parras

**May 27, 4:00 – 4:45p, HUB 214:** Ben Perlman

**May 31, 4:00 – 4:45p, HUB 337:** Justin Computaro

4 finalists for the HUB Director are coming to campus, May 25-31. Please come to meet them and ask questions about their visions and plans for this new role.

### **UAW 4121's Trans Equity Working Group Presents: FACING LGBTQ HOMELESSNESS**

**May 25 (Wed), 7pm**

Harrington Hall 309

Conversation on LGBTQ Homelessness in Seattle with:

Danni Askini (Executive Director of the Gender Justice League),

Ryannah Quigley (director of diversity at Gender Justice League and Trans Pride Seattle),

Kora Bates (trans\* rights activist)

For more info, check out the [facebook event](#).

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual NOIS (Native Organization of Indigenous Scholars) Research Symposium**

**May 27 (Fri), 9am - 4pm**

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The 15th Annual Native Organization of Indigenous Scholars (NOIS) Research Symposium is taking place with the theme, “Scholarship as Resistance: Indigenous Research Unsettling the Academy.” The keynote speaker is Dr. Jennifer Nez Denetdale.

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-nois-conference-tickets-25064628980>

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/590104321167968/>

### **Working in Industry with a Graduate Degree – Insights from Microsoft Research Professionals**

**May 31 (Tue), 2016, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

**HUB 332**

With guest speakers Dr. Sumit Basu (Principal Researcher, Knowledge Tools Group) & Dr. Hrvoje Benko (Senior Researcher, Adaptive Systems and Interaction Group), students can learn career insights from professionals working at Microsoft Research, hear about ways to make the transition from graduate school to industry, and get an understanding of workplace culture in industry. This event is co-sponsored by Core Programs at the Graduate School, GPSS, and FIUTS.

RSVP - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/working-in-industry-with-a-graduate-degree-insights-from-microsoft-research-professionals-tickets-24882852281>

### **Pacific Northwest Women in Science Retreat**

**Application due: June 3 (Fri)**

The Pacific Northwest Women in Science Retreat (PNWWSR) will be held on **July 8-10 at Camp Magruder** (Rockaway Beach, OR). This retreat aims to equip female scientists at the graduate- and early professional-

level with practical professional skills critical to success in any career, and to inspire them to continue to advance in the scientific community. This retreat is organized by a dedicated group of graduate student volunteers who seek to support women in science by helping to foster professional skills, provide career inspiration and guidance, and establish a strong network of women in science careers at all levels. See the retreat website (<http://wsrpacificnorthwest.com/>) for details and to apply.

### **2016 Student Health Priority Survey**

[tinyurl.com/UWStudentHealth](http://tinyurl.com/UWStudentHealth)

Participate in the Student Health Priority Survey by **June 3!** There is a prize for your participation. UW Hall Health Center Advisory Committee (Hall Health Center, GPSS, and ASUW) are working on a survey to gather information about student health needs and priorities at Seattle Campus to build a better Hall Health Center towards the need of ALL students. Please feel free to email Wenjie Li ([liwenj87@uw.edu](mailto:liwenj87@uw.edu)) or Panachon Lor ([plor@uw.edu](mailto:plor@uw.edu)) if you have any questions or suggestion about the survey.

### **Skies Over Seattle**

**Jun 3 (Fri)– 4 (Sat), 7:30pm, Jun 5 (Sun) , 2pm**

**Jones Playhouse**

Tickets: UW Student, Senior - \$8/Regular - \$10

Come see this devised show based on observations and interviews by UW Drama student volunteering with three U District service providers.

<https://artsci.washington.edu/news/2016-05/skies-over-seattle>

<https://drama.washington.edu/events/2016-06-03/skies-over-seattle>

### **Student Feedback for UW Campus Landscape**

Office of the University Architect wants to get student feedback on their management and planning of our campus landscape. Please contact Patrick T. Pirtle, Landscape Architecture Planner, to [pirtlp@uw.edu](mailto:pirtlp@uw.edu) for your input or questions.

### **Tobacco Free Campus**

Attached is the Tobacco Free Campus Policy brief presented at the GPSS Senate meeting on May 18 by Brain Tracey (Marine and Environmental Affairs, [briant54@uw.edu](mailto:briant54@uw.edu)). Please contact him for questions and feedback.