

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Executive Meeting Minutes Session 21

JUNE 1, 2016 / HUB 303

Members Present:

GPSS President Alex Bolton
GPSS VP of External Affairs Brian Taubeneck
GPSS Secretary Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim
GPSS Treasurer Kerstin Hudon
GPSS Executive Senator Joseph Telegen
GPSS Executive Senator Brian Tracy
GPSS Executive Senator Jennifer Kirk
GPSS Executive Senator Yasmeen Hussain
GPSS Executive Senator Laura Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:16 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Kerstin Hudon shares the agenda. The STF committee chairs will discuss changes to the bylaws. There will be a brief comment period, and then the Executive Committee will vote.

Kerstin Hudon moves to approve the agenda.

Joseph Telegen seconds.

3. STUDENT TECH FEE BYLAW OVERVIEW

7:17 pm

Bryce Colton provides an overview of the bylaw changes. They have included a set of guiding principles at the beginning; such as, more emphasis on projects benefitting the greatest number of students. They have moved to a quarterly for single award funded, and instituted a continuous funding model. There will be nine total members with five coming from the ASUW and four from the GPSS. Previously they had ten total members with seven coming from the ASUW and 3 from the GPSS. The "Proposal Officer" will ensure compliance with previously funded proposals and assist officers with writing new ones.

Kerstin Hudon: There was a concern over the committee composition. She asks whether they would consider having eleven voting members. Rather than having nine voting members (5:4), there would be eleven and the two formally non-voting ex officio members would become voting members.

Kiehl Sundt asks who raised this concern. He notes that Abe previously raised this concern, and the board rejected it.

Kerstin Hudon: It was Abe.

Bryce Colton adds that a major complaint this year has been that the previous committee composition was too large.

Alex Bolton asks if there were any substantive reasons as to why there could not be eleven voting members.

Yasmeen Hussain shares that the voting GPSS members of the STF committee talked about it, but thought it was too prescriptive for student government. While the appointees can be from the GPSS Executive, they do not have to be.

Kiehl Sundt: It was contemplated getting rid of the ex officio altogether, but there was concern. The way it is currently set up, the GPSS and ASUW do not need to appoint ex officio members if they choose not to.

Bryce Colton believes the language is extremely open ended for how the GPSS or the ASUW want to appoint the members.

Joseph Telegen asks for clarification. The current decision is to embrace the nine member constituency, whereas the eleven member constituency is an idea that has been thrown around.

Kiehl Sundt: The ASUW Treasurer suggested the eleven-member constituency, but at the time he did not seem invested in it. Seems more important to him today, then it was yesterday. Are there other concerns?

Alex Bolton asks how they calculate the number of students that are being served.

Kiehl Sundt: In a lot of cases, they ask committee members to provide estimates. For the computer labs there is software to count students.

Yasmeen Hussain adds that they are going to be looking not only the number of people, but also the impact on those people.

Bryce Colton: The proposal officer will hopefully help facilitate this, by ensuring the committee is receiving accurate numbers.

Brian Tracy asks whether there is a plan within the bylaws about spreading word about STF services. He did not know the STF existed before joining the GPSS.

Bryce Colton: The previous bylaw only had one line concerning this. He does not believe anything along that line is in the new bylaws. Article 4 talks about workshops and getting out the word about STF in the future. If elected as future chair, he will spread the word regarding their services.

Alex Bolton adds that Yasmeen has been key for spreading the word about STF this year! ☺

Laura Taylor moves to close debate.

Brian Tracy seconds.

4. VOTE ON STUDENT TECH FEE BYLAW

Alex Bolton asks all those in favor of approving the new STF Bylaws to raise their hands. There are two abstentions (Yasmeen and Laura). The bylaws pass.

5. VOTE ON STUDENT TECH FEE FISCAL CHAIR

Kerstin Hudon moves to confirm Bryce Colton as fiscal chair for 2016-2017 school year.
Joseph Telegen seconds.

Alex Bolton confirms the appointment.

Rene Singleton announces that she has a gift for all the Executive Members, so be sure to stop by her office between now and graduation.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:36 pm
