

# Graduate and Professional Student Senate

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## Executive Meeting Minutes Session

*October 12, 2016 /HUB 303*

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### ***Members Present:***

GPSS President Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim  
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs Sarah Loeffler  
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs James Moschella  
GPSS Treasurer Michaela Rogers  
GPSS Secretary Randy Siebert  
GPSS Executive Senator Joseph Telegen  
GPSS Executive Senator Laura Taylor  
ASUW Director of Internal Policy Taylor Beardall

### ***Call to Order 5:34PM***

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#### **Approval of Agenda**

**5:34PM**

**James Moschella** Moves to use agenda sent out via email rather than the one in binders because it is most up to date.

**Laura Taylor** Seconds.

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#### **Approval of Minutes from last Executive Senate Meeting**

**5:35PM**

**Laura Taylor** Moves to approve

**Joeseeph Telegen** Seconds.

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#### **First Senate Meeting Review**

**5:36PM**

**Elloise Kim:** During the last Senate meeting I tried some new items and ideas. What feedback do you all have?

**Laura Taylor:** Overall it went fine. There was low attendance but that was probably because of the time and location change. It was really short, so time was used effectively. No one felt offended by changes to the way the meeting was run.

**Michaela Rogers:** Some departments haven't approved their Senators yet so that might help account for the low attendance. There were good conversations and people seemed receptive to new ideas.

**James Moschella:** People seemed excited about the Judicial Committee.

**Sarah Loeffler:** During the first meeting people are still getting used to the time and meeting changes. We explained the changes (ex. Good of the Order) but they won't make much sense until we start implementing them.

**Joeseeph Telegen:** We might have over corrected with announcements. Time sensitive announcements should be encouraged in the meeting itself.

**Elloise Kim:** We can emphasize for Good of the Order and Announcements exactly how the time can be used.

**Sarah Loeffler:** Last year we didn't really utilize the website and social media as much so Announcements were longer because of necessity so now that we have these tools it will hopefully encourage more participation via email/slides.

**Joeseeph Telegen:** I made a mistake during the Senate meeting. Point of parliamentary procedure is used to get more information about processes.

**Elloise Kim:** To encourage participation of new Senators I can give a chance for new Senators to do the first two motions in the Senate meeting. Also, I believe the attendance was lower than usual because there were fewer registered Senators. Last year the attendance for registered Senators was usually around 40 people and it went above 50 people at times.

**Sarah Loeffler:** It's also good to encourage guests during the Senate meetings because they can end up being future Senators.

**Elloise Kim:** Asks for a quick introduction of guests and Senators.

Arunabh Satpathy introduces himself, he is in department of Information Management.

**Arunabh Satpathy:** Are there any first year Graduate students as Executive Senators? (No.)

**Elloise Kim:** Executive Senators are elected whenever there is a vacancy.

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## **Best Practices from SAGE**

**5:45PM**

**James Moschella** Had a morning session on Friday and learned a lot about how other schools that are similar in size to us work.

**Budgets/Grants:** We have a budget compared to others. We provide twice as much in Travel Grants for students. We are the only school that fully funds our Officers for tuition. We are very well supported by administration. We have a lot of privilege at the University of Washington.

**Career and Professional Development:** GPSS UW doesn't do much with this but other schools do. Some schools have part time officers or staff that work on this. There are resume trainings, coffee hours, monthly events, and networking.

**James Moschella:** What do Senators and Officers think about pursuing better Career and Professional Development?

**Elloise Kim:** The University of California San Diego started Career and Professional Development after doing a survey for Graduate Students in which students overwhelmingly said they wanted more development. I asked to get that survey so we can survey our students as well. However, their survey response rate is 50% which is much more than ours. However, we may be able to do programming around Career Development. We can also do more to understand our student's needs better.

**Laura Taylor:** Instead of making decisions for Graduate Students, we should bring this up to the Senate. The Senate may know better what their constituents are lacking. Each program has their own resources.

**Sarah Loeffler:** Are you referring to Professional development or the survey?

**Laura Taylor:** I am talking about knowing whether that's something students want.

**Sarah Loeffler:** We are talking about making a survey to send out to the Graduate student body to gauge their views on this issue.

**James Moschella:** Surveys would just be starting point, not an end all.

**Arunabh Satpathy:** It might be easy to go directly to students; University of Washington students seem pretty busy. UW students may respond better to paper surveys. As far as actual programs go, maybe we should look at gaps in Career Development and target those.

**Joeseph Telegen:** It's important to acknowledging the vast gulf between programs in this room. For example, the English Department is bad at giving career opportunities beyond Academia.

**James Moschella:** A lot of Career Development Programs other schools have is for academia not for jobs outside academia.

**Sarah Loeffler:** She had the opportunity to join the Trans Disciplinary Translational Visioning Committee which hosted by the Graduate school. Their purpose is to find out to cross disciplines but also transfer skills outside of Academia. The committee was formed because employers said Graduates lack in a lot of over the top skills that aren't necessarily supported in their specific programs. Utilizing the Senate and our own experience is hugely beneficial. There is feedback on other parts of campus is that there is a concern for Career Development. Also we don't have Senators from every department which could skew opinions in the Senate on this issue, and not represent everyone. She thinks asking questions about the need for Career Development is very important.

**Elloise Kim:** I will present the ideas said here to the Senate as best practices, but maybe after that we can think about where else we can go on this issue. James just introduced this idea to get feedback in order to see what else we can do.

**Laura Taylor:** Can we make this an item on the GPSS agenda for the Senate meeting in order to get Senate feedback?

**James Moschella:** Yes, it would good to bring up during Good of the Order.

**James Moschella:** Reagent representation: WSA wants to put some things on their Legislative agenda about the role of Student Reagents. UW student representation on those Boards is better than most in regards to Student Reagents. Some schools have their Student Reagents represent a huge population. In some cases, Student Reagent doesn't even have a vote like in California. In Michigan there is no Student Reagent. Be aware that this is an issue that is being talked about right now.

Representation in grants. We provide more grants than other school in SAGE. However, some schools do it different than us. Some schools give more grant opportunities for departments that have more representation in the Senate. Also some places max travel grants allocated based on participation.

**Laura Taylor:** I thought you couldn't get grants at UW unless you have Senator representing the department?

**Elloise Kim:** No, we don't require Senator representation for grants. However, we would like people to mention Senator's names in their grant applications.

**Joeseeph Telegen:** Senator representation used to be a very small part of the Travel Grant rubric it was changed last year. We used to have a point board for grants that gave people more points if they knew their representative's name. It is no longer a part of the application.

**Laura Taylor:** That system penalizes people if their Senators aren't always communicative with program, so it's good that it was cut.

**Michaella Rogers:** For travel grants it's individual applying so if their department isn't up to par with others it shouldn't penalize the person.

**Rene Singleton:** When considering other ways of giving out grants consider that some schools don't have as much money for grants as UW which may be why they use different systems.

**Joeseeph Telegen:** The system mentioned by James might make sense to implement in Departmental Allocation.

**Michaella Rogers** Agrees that the system mentioned may be more applicable in Departmental Allocation.

**James Moschella** Thinks the way forward with this specific idea is to bring this up with Finance committees and see if they like the idea and if this is something worth doing. Then maybe moving on to Policy proposals if they want to.

**Elloise Kim:** This is another item we can bring to the Senate. We can emphasize that we are not trying to penalize programs but rather rewarding those who participate more.

**Laura Taylor:** It would be bad to bring this up to the Senate now, because there is a lot of potential for backlash.

**James Moschella:** Regardless, we can't bring it up to the Senate until we have a proposal for it.

**Michaella Rogers:** Will mention the system to Finance committees, and see what they say.

**Elloise Kim:** Overall, the University of Washington is very well off as compared to other schools of similar size.

**Sarah Loeffler:** It is very humbling that we have so many resources at UW GPSS.

**Renee:** The UW has shared governance, from 1960s the Graduate and Undergraduate students in 1960s did a lot of activism on the west coast and did a lot of work to change the structure of the school government. The concept of shared governance is that students are equally involved with governance as well as faculty. When GPSS has appointments to make, people take it seriously. Students have fought to have a voice. Most schools in other parts of the country don't have the representation that UW students do. All UW administration has the ability to go to many different Committees and Executives. GPSS also has an endowment fund, departmental fund, and funding for Officers. The way the student government keeps its status on campus is through participation. The University of Washington student government goes to Olympia and makes bills and drafts. The University of Washington's student's responsibility is to maintain and foster this participation while you all are here. There is a serious component to what you are doing. Keep and maintain the representation of students on campus.

**Arunabh Satpathy:** In my school [in India], student government had no voice. Its good to see that there is representation here at the UW.

**Elloise Kim:** Also, our GPSS office seems to be the best of all the schools. We are really lucky to have our space and resources.

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## **Making Agenda for Next Senate Meeting**

**6:10PM**

Agenda is up online. Includes: Call to Order, Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Approval of Student Reagent, Public Health Initiative. Election Senators/Nominations, Senators Corner, Executive Senator Election, Good of Order (20 minutes), Officer Reports, Announcements, Adjournment.

- **James Moschella** Moves to approve next week's agenda.
- **Michaela Rogers** Seconds.

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## **Executive Senator Reports**

**6:25PM**

**Joseph Telegen:** Is sorry he couldn't attend events during SAGE he was sick. He has been the ASUW Senate liaison and wants to hand off the torch with respect to being the ASUW senate liaison.

**Elloise Kim:** She finalizes appointments to be ASUW liaisons. If you [Joseph] wants to step down that's okay.

**Joseph Telegen:** Wants to have continuity, so he can be a ASUW Senate liaison until there is continuity with the next liaison. He wants to give another person a chance to be liaison. English Department is gearing up to have first election for the representative position so that may mean his time as a Senator comes to an abrupt end. UAW (Graduate Educators Union) is having its first meeting tomorrow in Savery 260 the meeting is at 5:30PM. We want a lot of voices in the

room supporting what's going on in that union. He is also looking for chances to push volunteer efforts in the Senate for himself and for other Senators too.

**Laura Taylor:** Nothing.

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## **Officer Reports**

**6:30PM**

**Taylor Beardall:** The first ASUW Senate meeting was yesterday 75 people were in attendance. ASUW had nominations for the GPSS liaison, GPSS will have one next week.

Do liaisons have a vote? (Yes)

Starting our Legislative Steering Committee next week, so GPSS liaisons get to go. Different Board of Directors members wanted to let GPSS know about the Together campaign (All GPSS Officers have signed up to help with that event and Elloise will ask Executive Senators to help as well). Also U day will happen on a smaller scale before the Together campaign, people can always as Taylor to elaborate. At U day there will be a lot of cultural RSOs doing performances, and improve in Red Square. Also, currently ASUW is deciding on homecoming court which is something Graduate students could be a part of in the future.

**Rene Singleton:** Graduate students have won the scholarship [homecoming court] before. The scholarship is 1,000 if you are on the court and 3,000 if you are royalty. There is application to apply, however it is too late to apply for this year.

**Taylor Beardall:** Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> is Student Safety Awareness week. There will be different types of safety that will be focused on. They include physical, and emotional safety among others. If you know of any Graduate students or professors that would be good for the free speech vs. safe space panel let us know.

**Laura Taylor** what does that mean?

**Taylor Beardall:** There has been a debate about being able to express free speech vs safe space. In the College setting there is debate about being express anything vs. creating a safe inclusive environment want people to leave the panel with an understanding of perspectives from both sides of the issue.

There is also a campaign to gather student stories, so if any students are passionate about sharing their stories send them to ASUW's office of government relation. We will create a database where we can use stories for lobbying.

**Sarah Loeffler:** Attended SAGE. She has started several committees sitting on the Graduate council (program reviews and new programs), which we may not have utilized very well in the past. The committees are every other week, it is a good opportunity to learn overall about the program review process so we can find a better way to implement student and GPSS voice in the process. She also joined the Transdisciplinary Translational Disciplinary Committee (A 6-month Committee) Graduate school is deciding how to get Graduate students skills employers want. Working to make a requirement to get graduate students some of these skills. Also, the Science and Policy Committee are hosting a workshop on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Some speakers and facilitators

coming out from Washington DC. The first committee meeting is on Friday. The Workshop will be all day. Initiating how to put together the Graduate Student committee. Applications will go up, are trying to get more members at the Senate meeting and utilize Executive Senators to get it up and running. It is a good platform for more involvement of Senators at the Graduate school level. There are several other committees she sits on where she will delegate more representation of GPSS on those committees.

**James Moschella:** Legislative advisory board, has a few Committee members. James will push again for more members in the next Senate meeting. A core group for the Committee has been made, they are a diverse group from many different departments. Urban planning department asked for some GPSS representation, so our Legislative Agenda should be a lot more diverse than in the past. The Legislative Affairs Director position hopefully will be hired at the end of next week. Washington Students Association will meet Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> in WSU Vancouver, will be there all day so if anyone has an items to put on their agenda or bring up let James know. Relationship building time has started for James he is meeting with campaigns around the state. Issues that come up are campus wellness, Upass, and Healthcare guidance. At this point no information and plan has been given from UW about the healthcare issue. He is planning for distributions at the communication level stuff about how to vote. He is developing a one pager for information about how to apply for financial aid (FAFSA) because the process has changed. Thanks everyone for their support in making SAGE happen.

**Randy Siebert:** Putting together the Diversity and Judicial committee respectively. Diversity Committee is still looking for more members. She is putting stuff up on the website including getting records online and available. Getting Resolutions up online is the next goal. Stuff is getting up, it's just a matter of going through her Gmail for files. Friday there is big conference on Global Migration at Kane hall and Randy will be a facilitator there.

**Michaella Rogers** Trying to track down Past budgets for the website. FMB and Travel Grants will have their first meetings Wednesday it is just training/expectations for the year. The Travel Grant application is now live, deadline is Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> for Fall. She is currently working on getting prepped for SAF, so everyone is on the same page. Also, we are moving around our budgets a bit, because we have had some changes with student personal in the Office. Also, working with student tech fee to get a more formalized structure for the Committee.

**Elloise Kim:** Hired Executive Assistant to the President. Have interviewed candidates for UA Director, fortunate to have wonderful candidates to choose from, person can start from next week. There will be a Tent city 3 will be on campus from Dec. 17-March 18<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot next to the fishery annex. She is planning on inviting Sally Clarke to explain more about tent city 3. The Board of Reagent meeting will be in Tacoma tomorrow. The meeting will focus on Tacoma student retention, student success plan, and strategic planning for 2016-2020. What is important to us is prison divestment they will visit new divestment principles there may also be a protest. I have met UW alumni association people and talked with them about how to collaborate better. One tangible idea we can execute this year is we can invite them to Husky Sunset so that Alumnis can be a part of it as well. Outgoing Graduate students who may need some connections with people in their field will have an opportunity to network through them. Also, hoping UW

Alumni Association will table at the next Husky Sunrise. UWPD is finalizing their new active shooter preparedness video. She will ask Chip Vincent to come to introduce the video and talk about what UWPD is doing to improve campus safety probably during campus safety week.

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## **Announcements**

**6:45PM**

**Randy Siebert:** As the GPSS we want to make sure the office space is open for anyone to use. However, to make more efficient use of the office we are making a signup sheet for using the conference table for meetings of any sort. We will set up the calendar in the office.

**Elloise Kim:** Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5PM at the Physics and Astronomy auditorium is the President's annual talk. Oct. 21 is the Together campaign, which is a very big celebration so you don't want to miss it.

**Sarah Loeffler** The fall social is Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Burke. Tori will put out a volunteer sheet at the next Senate meeting.

**Elloise Kim:** Taylor if any big campaign events or issues are happening at ASUW, it would be good to make it a part of Good of Order.

**Renee:** Are Board of Directors invited to the fall social on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> as guests? (Yes)

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## **Adjournment**

**6:51PM**

**James Moschella** Moves to adjourn at 6:51PM.

**Michaella Rogers** Seconds.

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