



Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senate Meeting Minutes Session 2

OCT 28, 2015 / HUB 334

Call to Order: 5:33pm

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology) moves to approve the agenda. Mahdi Ashrafi (Mechanical Engineering) seconds.

Seeing no objections, the agenda is approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5:34 pm

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) moves to approve. Justin Bare (Computer Science and Engineering) seconds.

Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved.

3. SPOTLIGHT RESOLUTION RUNDOWN

5:35 pm

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): A resolution is an official opinion of the GPSS. It is not always passed unanimously, but when it gets passed in the Senate, it will be sent to whatever relevant organizations that are in charge of the issue addressed by the resolution representing student voice. Some recent resolutions include: the minimum wage on the UW campus, the on-site childcare, the open access publication policy, and the fee-based programs formation guideline. As you can see, resolutions can make a real difference, and they can also be very specific. In order for the Senate to be well informed on what is in each resolution, the GPSS has a few ideas on how they can approach it. The timeline looks as follow:

First, a writer (or writers) sends a resolution to Secretary by Sunday of the week before the Senate meeting when a resolution will be presented. On Wednesday, Secretary sends the first draft of the resolution to Senators. In the Senate meeting of the following week, the writer of the resolution has a time to introduce it to the Senate. By Sunday of the same week, the writer sends Secretary the second draft. Then, Secretary opens an online space like Catalyst where Senators can discuss further and comment on the resolution. The conversation continues by Wednesday, 48 hours before the Senate meeting, when the online discussion is closed. The author has the final chance to make changes in the resolution, reflecting feedback for

amendments. In the next Senate meeting, the author will present the final version of the resolution. Amendments can still be made at the meeting with the author's consent; most amendments made are what we call "friendly amendments." Then, finally the Senate votes on the resolution.

Q & A

- **Justin Bare (Computer Sciences)** asks what if someone has something that is more time-sensitive.
- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)**: The Senate can accommodate to resolution items with a tight timeline, but for things that are less time sensitive, it is encouraged to have more time to prepare and present.
- **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics)** asks if there is a place where Senators can have a guideline or even a template on how Senator should structure a resolution.
- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)**: The template is already available on the GPSS website.
- **Joseph Telegen (English)** reminds the Senate that the resolution language is not subject to parliamentary languages. Senators do not have to learn parliamentary rules to draft a resolution.
- **Brian Tracey (Marine and Environmental Affairs)** asks what if someone wants to collaborate with other people.
- **Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer)** answers that after the first presentation is the perfect time to recruit more people to collaborate with.
- **Alex Bolton (President)** suggests that Senators who are interested in drafting a resolution can also talk more about their ideas during the announcements.

4. FALL SOCIAL & CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

5:49pm

Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer): The GPSS welcomes all graduate and professional students this Thursday at Burke Museum from 7:00 to 10:00 pm for "Fall Ball: Nightmare at the Museum." Costumes are encouraged but not required. She calls for volunteers to help setting up, id checking, and assisting bartenders. She also needs people who can help monitoring food supply. There is a sign-up sheet. People also should bring their Husky card and another id that proves their age such as a driver's license or a passport.

5. EXECUTIVE SENATOR NOMINATION and SPEECHES

5:53 pm

Alex Bolton (President) gives a quick introduction to the role and work of the GPSS Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of 5 officers and 5 Executive Senators, plus ASUW BOD representative. The Committee puts together the agenda for a Senate meeting, and there are always lots of behind-the-scene conversations on important topics. It is a way for people to get more engaged in the Senate. If someone is interested in

pursuing an officer position next year, it is a great way to get started. The Executive Committee meets every other week. He asks whether there is anyone who would like to nominate himself or herself.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) nominates **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics)**. (Nomination accepted.)

Monica Cortez-Viharo nominates **Federico Fabbri (Italian and French Studies)**.

(Nomination declined.)

Randy Siebert (International Studies) self-nominate herself.

Joseph Telegen (English) nominates **Giuliana Conti (Music)**. (Nomination accepted.)

Introduction of Executive Senator Candidates:

Randy Siebert (International Studies) is in International Studies program and wants to get more involved with the GPSS.

Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics) was deeply involved with the effort to get childcare on campus last year and would like to be officially a part of GPSS Executive Committee.

Giuliana Conti (Music) is in Music Composition program and has always been interested in policy-making. She is interested in representing a larger body and make changes.

Q&A with Executive Senator Candidates

- **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics)** asks how many open seat there is.
- **Alex Bolton (President):** One seat is open.
- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology):** What is your strength is to become the Exec Senator?
- **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics):** Self-start.
Randy Siebert (International Studies): A Fresh perspective in the Senate.
Giuliana Conti (Music) is specialized in mediation among people who are involved in an organization. In her experience in teaching, the GPSS leadership is closely in line with the purpose and goal of the organization.
- **Ted Chen (Bioengineering)** asks the candidates to introduce topics they are interested in tackling as an Exec Senator.
- **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics):** Fees and transparency.
Giuliana Conti (Music): Changing the active shooter protocol and training for all student body.
Randy Siebert (International Studies): Environmental friendly policies.
- **Yasmeen Hussain (Biology)** asks how many years they plan to be involved with the GPSS.
- **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics):** Graduating in the next fall probably.
Randy Siebert (International Studies): She will stay at least next two years as she just started.
Giuliana Conti (Music): If her Ph.D. application is successful, many more years, but for minimum 2 years she will be around.

- **Alex Bolton (President)** asks why they chose to come to UW and what they did before coming to UW.
- **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics)** graduated from Smith College as an engineering major and then became a statistician. She was involved in a student government in the previous school.
Giuliana Conti (Music) wanted to work toward music and art education, especially getting music into public school.
Randy Siebert (International Studies) did her undergraduate study at UW finishing it in 2013. She worked as Resident Advisor and a part of RA Diversity Committee as well. She was interested in culture and diversity so that she helped to guide around 60 students.
- **Evan Firth (Oceanography)** asks whether they consider themselves as a leader or a follower.
- **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatistics):** Both, but more as a leader.
Randy Siebert (International Studies): It depends; she knows her strengths and weakness to know when to let others lead.
Giuliana Conti (Music) takes in multiple perspectives to mediate what might be in the best interests for others.

6. EXECUTIVE SENATOR ELECTION

6:09 pm

Elloise Kim (Secretary) informs the Senate that the Judicial Committee will serve as the Election Committee for the Executive Senator Election since the Election Committee has not been formed, yet. Noel Kim will take the role of the chair of the Election Committee.

Voting starts at 6:10 pm.

7. EXECUTIVE LIAISONS

6:17 pm

Monice Cortes-Viharo (Vice President of Internal Affairs) informs the Senate of the Executive Liaison position availability of numerous committees and councils. Anyone who is interested in those positions may contact Austin Kinney, Director of University Affairs. It is a great way to learn how decisions are made at the faculty and administration level and a wonderful chance to practice leadership as a graduate student representative.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

6:22 pm

Topic 1: College Council and Budgetary Conversations

Alex Bolton (President) says that Good of the Order is an opportunity to bring attention to topics that Senators are interested to the Senate body. One topic that he brought to everyone's attention

to is College Councils. A College Council is composed of a group of students who meet with a Dean to advise on the budgetary matters of the School. Deans submit their budget plan to the Provost, and the Provost will decide which college get how much fund for what. He emphasizes that it is a great opportunity for students to get involved on budgetary conversations. Currently the Provost gives Deans about the 1-month timeline to submit their budget, which is not very long at all. He encourages the Senate to become involved in the conversation on what are the priorities for student programming, boosting career services, and faculty salary. He also urges the Senate to read through emails and get engaged with a budgetary conversation through the College Council.

- **Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology):** Does all colleges have their own College Council? School of Medicine does not seem to have one.
- **Alex Bolton (President):** No. They have not resolved that issue and would like input on what college has or does not have its College Council.

Topic 2: Inadequate Information

Giuliana Conti (Music) brings attention to inadequate information, for example, for how students can protect themselves against an active shooter. Graduate News is not sufficient in providing such information. She asks the Senate to join her and Joseph Telegen to bring more adequate information to graduate students. The group will be meeting starting on coming Friday. The group is open for all and not limited to GPSS Senators. Those who have any questions can email her to gconti@uw.edu.

Topic 3: Faculty Unionization

Justin Bare (Computer Science and Engineering): There is some update on faculty unionization. A big step at UW – faculty, grad students, staff, and all other workers get all unionized. This creates an opportunity for solidarity. But, there has been a strong backlash against this unionization, including President Ana Mari Cauce. According to Justin Bare, a copywriter has been hired to write an anti-union rhetoric on the UW website. He is currently drafting a resolution to stop the University's anti-unionization rhetoric and activities.

Q& A (All answered by **Justin Bare**)

- **Giuliana Conti (Music):** How does the unionization affect the faculty and students?
- A: Many positions are part time lectures. This may be detrimental for our education and faculty as well. People deserve full pay and benefit. The union can do a lot to reverse that process. Backlash happens a lot on campus when the administration assumes the position of knowing everything.
- **Joseph Telegen (English):** Speaking as a member of the teaching community, would there be representatives from other communities?
- A: The union would include all faculty at UW. I am not very familiar with their full organization, yet.
- **Brian Taubeneck (Vice President for External Affairs)** notes that right now there is many different kinds of information being thrown online. The Faculty Senate is going to have a Senate-only forum soon. The following meeting after that will be the executive leadership who is planning on having a panel to invite workers who are interested in

speaking to attend.

- **Elliot Koontz (QERM):** What is the difference between the Faculty Senate and the new union?
- A: The Faculty Senate is similar to the GPSS. While it is not necessarily legally binding, the union can request for better healthcare benefits and other.
- **Mahdi Ashrafi (Mechanical Engineering):** Do you have some idea on how the unionization of professors would affect grad students?
- A: Not very clear at this moment, but the faculty union and the Faculty Senate would have a similar relation to that between the GPSS and UAW 4121.

Monica Cortez-Viharo (Vice President of Internal Affairs): The GPSS may support faculty on whether they have a union or not if we have a resolution about it.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology) moves to table this discussion until the resolution is drafted.

Meixi Ng (Education) seconds.

9. EXECUTIVE SENATOR ELECTION RESULT

6:39 pm

The Judicial Committee announces that **Jennifer Kirk (Biostatics)** has been elected as Executive Senator for the year of 2015-2016.

10. OFFICER REPORTS

6:45 pm

Monica Cortez-Viharo (Vice President of Internal Affairs) reminds the Senate that Fall Ball is just around the corner. She asks everyone to spread the word and remember to bring their Husky Card and state ID. Shawn Ferris of Husky 100 will come to the next meeting. Its application will be open at the end of this quarter. “Communication Skills for International Graduate Students” with the Core Programs went really well. She is working on program reviews. All graduate programs have to be reviewed by an outside body. The GPSS ensures that graduate student voice is heard in the program review process. In the past there was a sort of cherry-picking situation with the administrators, but the GPSS wants everyone’s voice to be heard. G3 is Grade Guiding Grad, peer mentoring program. The Senate will hear more information on that, but on November 12th there is a huge mentorship event.

Brian Taubeneck (Vice President of External Affairs) says that both Federal and State Legislative Steering Committee will be meeting soon. The ASUW Steering Committees has been wrapping up their legislative agenda and they have been working hard to keep their language as broad as possible. He is finishing up the GPSS legislative agenda. It will go to the Executive Committee next week; after they vote on it he will present it to the Senate as well.

Kerstin Hudon (Treasurer) announces that F&B Committee gave out its first special allocation. The Committee is coming up new ideas to help RSOs with smaller or medium events.

Either \$750 for one event or \$450 quarterly is what they are considering. She is currently sitting on the committee hiring for Office of Student Veteran Life. Travel Grants applications closed last Friday and the Committee will be voting on soon. The ABB report is available in January. It will be public and will be posted on the Budget and Planning website.

Elloise Kim (Secretary): The Judicial Committee is fully staffed and met last week. The Committee will be discussing different sections of the Bylaws over a few meetings throughout the next quarter to make some amendments. The Diversity Committee will meet next Tuesday and Diversity Funds are open for applications. They are looking for RSOs and departments who are having diversity-related events and programming. The first event of Diversity Committee, “Serving in Silence: Gender and Sexuality in the Military” will happen next Thursday. It is co-sponsored by HUMV, Rainbow Grads, Q Center, HUB, and the GPSS Diversity Committee. It has been a good collaboration between multiple organizations. She encourages Senators to grab a few posters and spread the word about it to their constituents. Information Specialist is finally on board, and thus, the GPSS website reconstruction is going to begin. Anyone who has a great idea about its configuration is welcome to contact her. She reminds the Senate that she is monitoring senator registration and their meeting attendance closely. If Senators have any issue in attendance record and name tags as well as getting emails from the GPSS, they need to let her know. She also asks Senators to return their name tag to Demi when they leave the meeting.

Alex Bolton (President): The next Senate meeting is on Nov. 18th and its final meeting is on Dec. 2th. The Senate has only two meetings left this quarter with Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Holidays. After every meeting, Elloise works to compile announcements, events, and information if Senators send them to her by 12 pm of the following day. It is to share the information with all departments or programs so that Senators need to take a responsibility in sharing the information with their constituents. There have been a lot of movements on the childcare issue. They are still investing great effort on programming. The Professional Staff Organization (PSO) is putting together a childcare event next Wednesday at 12 pm. The PSO has been a great partner with the GPSS on childcare issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:00pm

See the Addendum.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:13pm

ADDENDUM: Announcements

The Psychological Experiences of Marysville School District Employees Following the October 24 Shooting

Oct. 30th, (Fri) 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Miller 104

Associated Students of the College of Education (ASCE) is hosting the talk that will focus on data from Marysville School District employees (N = 597) surveyed six months after the shooting at MP high school. The shooting had widespread impact on emotional responses, interactions with students and colleagues, coping strategies, and perceptions of intergroup relations on employees throughout the district. The results reveal notable differences by education level, school demographics (i.e., schools with more Native student reported greater negative affect), and psychological closeness to victims and families.

FREE Film Screening: *Merchants of Doubt*

Nov. 3 (Tue), 5 -7 pm

Thomson Hall 101

Come watch a documentary about the "scientists" who cast doubt about the harmful effects of tobacco...and how they are at it again with climate change. Questions? Email tfuw@uw.edu.

- FREE pizza and drinks
- Meet new people
- Small group discussions with your peers

Childcare at the UW

Nov. 4th (Wed), 12 - 1 pm

HUB North Ballroom

The Professional Staff Organization (PSO) and the Whole U welcomes Amy Hawkins, director of Worklife and Childcare Development at the UW, to share updates on the childcare access initiative. Hear the latest news as the University works to expand its offerings. Looking for current opportunities for childcare access and support? Join us before the presentation for a resource fair starting at 11:30 a.m. Light snacks will be served. You can register for the event

at <https://wholeu.admin.washington.edu/uwnetid/twuext/EventRegister.aspx?regid=&eventid=288&eventsessionid=316>.

Serving in Silence: Gender and Sexuality in the Military

Nov. 5th (Thu), 4:30 – 5:30 pm

HUB 145

The HUMV (Husky United Military Veterans), the GPSS Diversity Committee, the Q Center, Rainbow Grads, and the HUB host a conversation with Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, Ret., 2015 recipient of the University of Washington's Distinguished Alumni Veteran Award. In 1989, during a routine interview for top-secret security clearance, U.S Army Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer revealed that she was a lesbian and, despite her distinguished 26-year military career, she was discharged from the U.S. Army. Cammermeyer filed a lawsuit in civil court, challenging the decision and was reinstated in 1994 following a decision that the military's ban on gays and lesbians serving in the military was unconstitutional. She returned to the National Guard and was one of the few people openly serving under "Don't ask, don't tell" until her retirement in 1997.

UW Workforce Lecture Series: Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Youth

Nov. 6th (Fri), 12:20 – 1: 30 pm

School of Social Work Rm 305 A

This workshop is designed for service providers to provide a foundational overview of the issue of sexual exploitation and trafficking of youth. Topics include: the social and cultural context of sexual exploitation, the sub-culture of prostitution, risk factors, identification, engagement techniques and local resources.

Society of Hispanic Engineers 5K race

Nov. 8th (Sun)

Time: Registration starts at 8:00 am; Race begins promptly at 9:00 am.

Location: We'll take off from the University of Washington's [Red Square](#).

Tickets: You sign up and purchase a ticket [here](#). Student tickets are \$20 and general admission tickets \$25.

We invite you to join us for SHPE's very own 5k! The run is being held to raise funds for scholarships granted to underrepresented students. Specifically, these scholarships will allow them to participate in professional events aimed at nurturing their career development and expanding their network, like the National SHPE Conference held in Maryland this November. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1487141044938962/>

College of Education: 2nd Annual Documentary Series: Education +Society

American Teacher

Nov. 10th (Tue), 4 – 6 pm

Smith Hall 120

Weaving interviews of policy experts and startling facts with the lives of four teachers, this film tells the collective story of the ones on the frontlines of our educational system. For more information check <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1848826/>

Beyond Measure

Dec. 1st (Tue), 6 – 8 pm

Kane Hall 120

Rather than ask why our students fail to measure up, this film asks us to reconsider the greater purpose of education.

Thriving in Graduate School with Peer Mentoring

Nov. 12th (Thu), 3:30 – 5 pm

HUB 332

Do you want to learn ways to support your peers as they navigate graduate school? Are you interested in starting a peer mentoring group of your own? Attend this panel event and hear from experienced grad student mentors from diverse disciplines, as they share insights on best practices for building supportive and meaningful connections with fellow graduate students. After the panel, light foods and refreshments will be provided during the reception. <http://grad.uw.edu/events/#/?i=1> Core Programs in the Graduate School is hosting this event.

UAW Trans Health Survey

Please participate in the survey for transgender health care for graduate students covered by GAIP. More information can be found at <http://www.uaw4121.org/uaw-membership-survey-trans-health-and-equity/>

Student Regent Vanessa Kritzer, Fall Quarter Office Hours

Every Wednesday, 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

University Committee Executive Liaisons

The GPSS President appoints graduate and professional students to serve as *Executive Liaisons* to the various University committees, which determine policies that impact students. The following is the list of positions open for application. Any graduate and professional student can apply. To apply for a committee, please fill out [this application form](#) and send it, along with a resume, to the GPSS University Affairs Director, at gpssua@uw.edu.

Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
Architectural Commission Student Member
Arts & Sciences Advisory Committee for Students

ASUW Off-Campus Housing Affairs Advisory Committee
Board of Student Publications
Campus Security Advisory Committee
Campus Sustainability Fund
Committee on Graduate Student Tuition Policies
Committee on Student Records
Dawg Pack Advisory Committee
Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee
Emergency Management Planning Committee (EMPC)
Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Faculty Council on Academic Standards
Faculty Council on Benefits and Retirement
Faculty Council on Research
Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs (FCMA)
Faculty Senate Council on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB, Joint appointment with ASUW)
Faculty Special Committee on Intellectual Property and Commercialization
Financial Aid Advisory Committee
GO-MAP Student Advisory Board (GSAB)
Graduate School Core Programs Advisory Board
Hall Health Advisory Committee
HUB Art Project Selection Committee
Innovation in Sustainability Seed Grant
Institutional Animal Use & Care Committee
Institutional Review Board A (Biomedical)
Institutional Review Board B (Biomedical)
Institutional Review Board D (Biomedical)
Institutional Review Board G (Behavioral)
Institutional Review Board J (Behavioral)
Institutional Review Board K (Biomedical)
Library Fines Appeals Committee
Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award
Sponsorship Advisory Committee
Standing Committee on Accessibility
Student Conduct Code Revision Committee
Student Regent Selection Committee
Task Force for Bias/Discrimination Reporting and Response
University Transportation Committee
UW Public Arts Commission