

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Executive Meeting Minutes Session 7

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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 Michaella Rogers
GPSS Secretary Randy Siebert
GPSS Executive Senator Monica Cortes Viharo
GPSS Executive Senator Michelle Brault
GPSS Executive Senator Laura Taylor
Graduate School Liaison Kelly Edwards
ASUW Director of Internal Policy Taylor Beardall

Call to Order 5:35 pm

Approval of Agenda

5:35 pm

James Moschella Moves to amend the agenda by adding a 5 minute section regarding the Legislative agenda after the STF presentation.

Michelle Brault Seconds.

Sarah Loeffler Moves to approve the agenda as amended.

Monica Cortes Viharo Seconds.

Approval of Minutes

5:36 pm

Michelle Brault Moves to approve the Minutes.

Monica Cortes Viharo Seconds.

Office of Registrar, Helen Garrett

5:36 pm

Helen Garrett: She came in, in February as the new University Registrar. They keep in charge of grades and things. Brought on Board to be the Chief officer of enrollment and information services. She was specifically hired to improve the Husky Experience. Has a robust background. Her biggest goal is to improve systems for students. She herself is a Doctoral student at Oregon State University. Office of Registrar does a lot of work with scheduling classrooms, and help with transcripts beyond schooling. She wants to be here today to let people know that if there is any issue that comes up in regards to anything the Office of Registrar does make sure to let them know. Heard concerns about safety from students. One of the first things she did that she is passionate about is bringing in the preferred names, she is super centered on students. She feels strongly against standing up against access privilege. Access privilege is when one student knows how to get access to something over another student because they know how to work the system. Anyway, they can mediate that they will try to. In January, there will be improved search functionality for things like MyPlan. Wants GPSS to bring up any concerns they hear about enrollment processes to Helen.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Saw an email about the phasing in of a new scheduling system, can we get an overview of that? Second, one of the issues GPSS has really been taking up around the different types of access people have is the issues around fee based programs. How are you involved in how those programs are administered? Trying to make sure students regardless of what program they are in have access to the same resources.

Helen Garrett: Had a Learning Space taskforce, that tried to deal with the classroom space issue. Class space is getting very limited trying to figure out how to maximize classroom space. Opening up window for reservation from 9am-3pm for classrooms. Working to make sure that only 12% of offers can be in that prime-time space. Also, there is a new software R25 live used to schedule classroom space and other space as well. Overall, trying to make a cultural shift on campus to try to make more availability of classroom space.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Denny is a great place to have presentations. It's an amazing space and its exciting to see more multimedia spaces. Also, for Fee Based programs. Students in Fee Based programs are not eligible for same kind of financial aid and there are certain courses and instructors they can't work with based on how their program is set up. Students in fee based programs think they are not getting all information they need about when to register and cost changes.

Helen Garrett: Trying to make an online registration system for Fee Based programs rather than just a paper system where everyone can get information they need no matter where they are and when it is. Doesn't know if she can change the Fee based system but can make the experience more seamless. Starting the process next week.

Randy Siebert: How involved are you for advocating for new buildings for classrooms?

Helen Garrett: Doesn't have any power over it but she is aware of it. Getting a company to come in to model classroom issues that are there. As soon as quarter starts, UW is at 90% of classroom capacity.

Randy Siebert: IC (Instructional Learning Center) across ECC is falling apart, in the future there might be a new building there.

Helen Garrett: We need more places for people to learn.

Renee Singleton: In terms of spaces for nonacademic purposes. Is there a place for students to go to learn where those are?

Helen Garrett: Learning Spaces committee is about classroom academic space. With the new tool that they have it allows student groups and organizations to have a place to ask for space on the campus and to find the perfect space. There will be a test run in UW Bothell and Tacoma first.

STF Yearly Funding Plan 2016-2017, Bryce Colton

5:54 pm

Bryce Colton: A lot of changed in terms of information provided and readability for the STF funding plan. Took all thoughts and concerns/recommendations from the last Executive meeting into consideration.

The Funding Plan now has a breakdown of all past spending. Also, it has a lot of information about employees, they are on an hourly wage and they can work up to 19 hours but usually don't. They extrapolated backwards to get average employee wages.

There were a lot of questions about continuous funding model so they went through policies and made new policies on Blocks. They are continuous funding, analogous to SAF units. They have a policy that outlines the initiation of Blocks, and Block continuation policy, also drafting block application for Blocks, will be on website soon.

Michaella Rogers: Did a lot of work on this. SAF will go through its own process to make sure that before a unit is a block we really understand heir needs and how they may change. Also, worked on figuring out how to evaluate performance to make sure blocks are being used well. There are more strict guidelines to become a block.

Bryce Colton: For the special project fund, there are 2 million dollars set aside so the committee can fund special projects they think are worth it. Two main ideas right now, one is bulk purchasing. They know that a lot of departments want charging stands so STF can buy a bulk of charging stands for departments. Also, second idea is making a survey to send out to students in the campus at large to get official opinion on what students want.

Michaella Rogers: The Adobe deal with UW has fallen through so STF is thinking about creating a scholarship for people who can't afford to buy adobe themselves because it might not be covered under financial aid.

Renee Singleton: This is probably the nicest presentation document that the committee has come up with for years. It would be nice if you can put the names of all committee members and their titles on this presentation for future reference.

Bryce Colton: Something he just built into website is to get biographies up for STF members. He is trying to add Biographies and titles on as many avenues as possible, currently a work in progress.

Elloise Kim: Wants to compliment how much work STF has done in the last two weeks.

Bryce Colton: Thank you for the excellent constructive criticism. Also, the color version on the website is very nice.

Elloise Kim: Before we make an action to approve are there any questions?

Monica Cortes Viharo: With the idea of Special funding, do you have information about criteria that items need to pass to decided where they will go?

Bryce Colton: Committee would figure that out, probably could use Survey for where students want bulk purchases.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Would be nice to have a standard procedure to distribute things bought in bulk.

Kelly Edwards: Even having an open feedback forum for people to let the committee know if they want something would be nice.

Michaella Rogers: Can set up endorsements, if people want something they can endorse it for different buildings who have a need.

Michelle Brault: There are campuses that are not part of this campus that may want bulk bought material.

Bryce Colton: We are very well aware that there are other campuses that are in Seattle realm that are not on this campus and are keeping that in mind.

Laura Taylor Moves to approve Yearly Funding plan.

Michaella Rogers: Seconds.

Legislative Agenda

6:07 pm

James Moschella: Not printed out but he shared it virtually with Executive Senators and Officers. Today was the final discussion of language. Have decided on items that will definitely be included, and items that will be there if there is space.

First State support for academic excellence and predictably tuition. (No budget cuts)

Second is Transparency and Equity for self-supported programs. Basically, means try to get equity for fee based programs students because more than half of graduate students are in Fee based programs.

Third, Promotion of Graduate Student Mental Health and Wellness. Trying to push against stigma this year about talking about mental health then push policies for that.

Finally, sexual assault prevention and care.

There are more as well.

Other that didn't make it on are: Support for Scholars, Financial Aid, Sustainability, and Transit access. If there is room these will be on final agenda but not for sure.

Taylor Beardall: This has to be approved in the Senate as well? (yes)

Renee Singleton: Is there anything else in there about housing?

James Moschella: Hasn't really come up in SLAB meetings, doesn't seem to be that big of a concern for students. Thanks people who have participated.

Elloise Kim: This document will be sent to Senators tonight and they will hopefully approve it at the next Senate meeting.

Monica Cortes Viharo: What if someone at the meeting mentions housing at the meeting?

James Moschella: They can move to amend the agenda and James could add it, or could approve the agenda and agree to add, or James can argue against adding it.

Kelly Edwards: For a few of those items that are below the line of full approval, she wonders how those were ranked? What he did was he asked SLAB members to send in votes for things that should or shouldn't be included these four did not have high favor with people.

James Moschella: Asked SLAB members to ask what they prioritize and the four that are listed as not really important are ones that continuously came up as not super important.

Nov. 16 Senate Meeting Review

6:12 pm

Elloise Kim: How did the Good of the Order at the last meeting go?

Laura Taylor: Sounded like people really wanted GPSS to come together as a whole to do something about the state of things due to the elections. Lots of people were frustrated that we weren't taking some kind of stand and making an Ad Hoc committee.

Sarah Loeffler: There is a committee meeting on Friday, for the Graduate Student Experience Committee. They will be taking up the issue of campus climate after the elections Will meet and see where it goes from there. Overall, wants to make sure that the Executive Senators/Officers don't dictate what the Senate can do.

Laura Taylor: A lot of students don't know what their resources are, so they look at GPSS to figure out what their resources are.

Michelle Brault: Was frustrated by the comment about what the Executives will do, wants to get point across that GPSS is really the Senators. Doesn't think it is Executive members responsibility to lead everything that GPSS does.

Monica Cortes Viharo: She left early during the last Senate Meeting before this conversation. However, it would be good to mention to Senators that Graduate Student Experience Committee

is tackling this issue. People will not necessarily know those two things are meeting. A nice way of saying that GPSS is taking leadership and this is an avenue people can use. Thinks there is a middle ground between GPSS doing everything and having some leeway. Can have a meeting to brainstorm what issues people are facing post-election and how to deal with them.

Sarah Loeffler: She led into that Committee with this conversation during the last Senate meeting. So Senators do know that the Graduate Student Experience Committee will be tackling the issue of Campus climate post-election. Does anyone have suggestions moving forward about how to set up opportunities for Senators and how to let Senators understand what opportunities exist?

Elloise Kim: We have been hearing different suggestions about what to do moving forward. There are Committees (standing or ad hoc), Resolutions, Working groups, and protests. There are many different channels, and we are touching different grounds we can try.

Kelly Edwards: That list that you just ran off is a great list, and is worth a slide at the Senate meeting to help Senators understand those are avenues they can take to do something. In regards to the Graduate Student Experience Committee she thinks Sarah did a good job on letting Senators know that is something the Committee can do. If Sarah can have an open invitation during this next meeting about how the Graduate Student Experience committee is doing something soon that may be good.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Explicitly stating what is happening at the meeting would be good.

Michelle Brault: In order to get people to engage more with Resolutions more, it may be good to take 5 minutes in the next meeting to go over the proposal process. Make sure everyone can take time to understand they can all do a proposal.

Randy Siebert: In terms of the Good of the Order, thinks the last organic conversation was a little difficult, wasn't sure what to take from it. Thinks it would be good to go into Good of the Order with idea of what to talk about.

Renee Singleton: Thinks a lot of students will be emotional after January 20th when Trump gets into Office. Things the Executive team should try to put some structural things in place so people automatically have a place to go in advance. Schedule meetings for committees in during that time.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Would propose making a slide about how Senators can be involved in any issue they want to. Also, letting people know what is happening around campus. Second, she seconds the motion of revisiting the Resolution. A few years ago, Joe and her made a skit on how to make Resolutions.

Elloise Kim: Officers are meeting weekly and they would like to have some kind of information meeting before Joseph and Erin's second reading of their Resolution to inform Senators what can happen during the second reading and also to generally educate the Senate about how Resolutions work. An explanation of Resolutions is already in the plans for the next meeting. As for the organization about the last Good of the Order meeting, she thinks a lot of important topics

were brought up but then were cut off fast. Thinks having a more focused plan for the conversation may be better for the group.

Laura Taylor: Agrees more focused discussion is nice, but thinks last Good of the Order so many different things were brought up. She thinks that if there is a format every single time those topics may not be brought up. If something big comes up the Executive team can try to follow up on it.

Kelly Edwards: Noticed there are a lot of follow up conversations, there were a lot of different sparks and the students that were interested in specific topics talked more about it after the meeting.

Monica Cortes Viharo: It is less elegant but it was nice. Would like to do some of both, formatted and non-formatted Good of the Orders.

Elloise Kim: In terms of flow, she would like a better way to structure the conversation so that sparks can be fully fleshed out instead of jumping around.

Michelle Brault: Liked the idea of having an open conversation, but the issue she saw is that some topics that are more niche may have more time than other conversations that may be more productive. Thinks it is important to move on from subjects that show very little interest.

James Moschella Moves to extend time by 10 minutes.

Michelle Brault Seconds.

James Moschella: Two things to point out. First two Good of the Orders GPSS had actionable items they could work on, they were the meetings that had a topic in which the conversation was framed around. Second, more people left the last Senate meeting than the first two. Doesn't know if it is because it was a difficult time but it may have something to do with the structure.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Can GPSS do something where GPSS can bring up topics they want to discuss then give each topic around 5 minutes so that the topics can be fleshed out?

Elloise Kim Thinks giving equal time for different topics may be problematic because different topics have different weight.

Randy Siebert: Seems like a lot of structure for something that tries to be organic with no Parliamentary Procedure.

Elloise Kim: Need to have balance between structure, and organic flow.

Sarah Loeffler: Maybe we can try more to get people to send in topics ahead of time for Good of the Order. Thought that during the last meeting the Good of the Order blurred with announcements a little bit.

Laura Taylor: A lot of times people don't know what deserves more time until it is brought up. Also, just because two people talk about a topic doesn't mean it doesn't affect a lot of people in the Graduate School. Also, we have solicited for people to bring up topics ahead of time but it doesn't work because people usually have topics on their mind the day of. Thinks having

structure similar to what Monica proposed may be good. Doesn't know how to have organic conversation and structure at the same time.

Randy Siebert: Thinks that (organic yet formatted conversation) that happened during the first two meetings was useful, constructive, and time well spent for the senators.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Thinks the times GPSS makes a topic people talk but they do not bring up other issues that are important to them.

Elloise Kim: Agrees with that but doesn't think that Good of the Order time should be used to have everything brought up, certain things can be talked about out of the meeting.

Michelle Brault: Certain conversations aren't as engaging.

Sarah Loeffler: Sees two needs. Need as leadership group to make space where people can talk about stuff and Executive can get takeaways that they can build on, and need for a space where the Senate can just talk about issues they see on campus.

Laura Taylor: Maybe the Senate can just make small groups of 10 people that can meet to talk about issues they see that they can bring back to the big group.

Randy Siebert: Thinks it's a good idea but people might see it as a reason to leave.

Elloise Kim: Some people may not have interest to be in a group so they may leave.

Monica Cortes Viharo: One option could be to give people 5 minutes to give people to shout out what people want to talk about and separate people into groups. Also, maybe giving people notecards that people can put topics on for Good of the Order on before the time comes.

Michelle Brault: Does think that if there is something that Executive team thinks is very worth discussing, we should do that. However, once in a while we should just open it up for more unstructured conversation. If we can flip back and forth that would be good.

Elloise Kim: If lots of people want to engage in a certain conversation, we can extend the conversation time. However, if there is something that can be talked about later we can table it to the next meeting and maybe make it an agenda item.

Michaella Rogers: Is there anything we want to bring up next Good of the Order time?

Elloise Kim: Since next meeting has food, Good of the Order will just be moved to a more mixer time event after the meeting when people eat.

James Moschella: Kelly is the expert, what do you think?

Kelly Edwards: When talking to Senators who have already left the Senate they left because of the structure, specifically too much structure. Having a good middle ground for when something needs structure and when something needs to be organic is important. We may want to think about ordering of certain times during emotional times, sometimes it's hard to sit through business when people have emotions on their mind. May be good to move things around so during emotional times that are coming discussion comes before business.

Sarah Loeffler Moves to extend time by five minutes.

Michaella Rogers Seconds.

Elloise Kim: There were strong opinions on the Resolution last meeting. Sometimes presenters want to have more time to explain the Resolution, thinks that is good for the second reading but thinks that first meeting should be focused on getting Senator opinions. Would be good to get shared understanding for what each reading is for before the next meeting.

Laura Taylor: Genuinely thinks first meeting should be presentation on Resolution, because there is online commentary available and people were getting really nitpicky about language during the first meeting. Also, doesn't think entire Resolution should be read aloud rather get main gist of Resolution.

Michelle Brault: Thinks it's important to get feedback during that time, but is should be about merit of Resolution not language. Thinks it was frustrating, because that shouldn't be time for author to be defensive rather a time to get feedback. Whole point of this is to get the Senate body to pass the Resolution. Authors should know how Senate feels about the Resolutions as soon as possible.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Also, felt like some of the commentary was aimed towards the person. There was a Senator who said this makes me angry. Thinks it a hard way to start commentary if they are just talking about merits of it.

Elloise Kim: Many people expressed deep discussion about conversation that happened during Resolution by certain person.

James Moschella: Important to address uncomfortable-ness of situation. And concern about GPSS meetings being a safe space.

Michelle Brault: Can we clarify what is being talked about.

Renee Singleton: Why doesn't Senate take a recess.

Michelle Brault Move to have a 25-minute recess.

Monica Cortes Viharo Seconds.

Dec. 7 Senate Meeting Agenda

7:15 pm

Items: Tent city 3 (information), Husky 100/Student Affairs (Information), GPSS Legislative Agenda 2017 (Action), Resolution process (Information), Resolution healing (action)

Laura Taylor Moves to approve.

Michelle Brault Seconds.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Do we need to elect new Executive Senator?

Elloise Kim: Will announce it during the announcements, and election will happen during the first Winter Senate meeting.

Executive Senator Reports

7:21 pm

Laura Taylor: Nothing

Monica Cortes Viharo: Report on Experimental College Taskforce, the taskforce has final document they will bring up. Their recommendation on fiscal insolvability of Experimental College. Has data that most of people who used it were not UW students, and requires a lot of space. They recommend dissolving it, and asking to put out survey to see what needs students have and how they can be filled by other means. Will be going to ASUW tomorrow.

Michelle Brault: Sciences and Policy committee event happened today. Was first event, and 40 students came. Was all day workshop, had two panels. Everyone was very engaged. Was a whole day event.

Sarah Loeffler: Wanted to point out that she overheard a side conversation at the event that it was the best panel event they had been to on campus.

Officer Reports

7:30 pm

ASUW: GPSS will be going over election policy as a board. This Thursday is Take Back the Night and it is an open mic night it is in the HUB at 7pm. Danielle (ASUW president) will be putting together an undocumented student working group. Everybody Every-body fashion show will happen in Winter, it is a body positivity fashion show if anyone interested in modeling can sign up online. Also are having RSO leadership summit in January so if you know of any Graduate RSOs that want to come to that they are more than welcome, it is a time to collaborate and find resources. Lastly, **Hockey** (Director of Campus Partnerships) trying to change Husky cards to get suicide hotline number on back. Wants students feedback on that and what other things students may want on the back of the Student IDs.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Blank monologues have student auditions. They get 10 people to write their own monologues about something. They want more Graduate students at that event.

Graduate School: Career based events for humanities and social sciences coming for Winter. A lot of Career based events for humanities and social sciences in particular. Have been doing a lot of work right now supporting students, as have the Senate. Also, getting clear statements out on what values are as an institution. The Graduate School has been getting some push back about their communication being partisan. Also, there is a strategic plan for Graduate Students to make this a space where all students can flourish. That has been the burning issue.

Vice President of Internal Affairs: Sam the new director of Graduate Relationships is here. One of the issues they are working on is professional development. Sam is compiling resources from other SAGE Universities on what they are doing on professional development. Graduate Student Experience Committee is meeting on Friday at 12pm. Will be sure to follow up with another email to Senate to let them know that is something that is being worked on.

Monica Cortes Viharo: Will Friday at noon meeting be a regular time or starting point for election stuff?

Sarah Loeffler: Starting point for election stuff. Another thing they are working on is making a promotional video over Winter quarter about what GPSS does. Wants to get some clips from the Senate meeting the winter social, and of all Executive team and Senate. If anyone wants to participate reach out to Sam. Also, they want to do Senate feedback survey, trying to figure out how Senators feel about meetings and conversations, Sam will have the survey put together by next week. Wants to keep it short, but if anyone has any ideas on what to ask let Sam or Sarah know. That will be going out Wednesday. Did Science and Policy Committee. Randy and Tory are working on the reception after the GPSS meeting. Also, Upass stuff is coming up, that is something everyone will need to work on in the beginning of Winter quarter. Sam's email is: gpsspart@uw.edu

Vice President of External Affairs: On the State level the Legislative agenda is done. Matt is working hard to get groups together for working groups for next quarter (Winter). Two working groups are Campus climate, and Student debt. Want to put together resources, white paper and some effective communication strategies around those issues. From WSA Legislative Agenda, Trustee empowerment part was not passed, so WSA will not be lobbying on Student Reagent process. Olympia update, he is planning a lot of first week after break. The higher education assembly day is tomorrow but he can't attend because of class. For Fee based programs he is really harnessing into Legislators, looks like something that can pass. A Federal Judge blocked rules for Post Doc wage changes which the UW was ready to set, but now that is in limbo.

Kelly Edwards: Except, UW voted to keep them going.

James Moschella: SAGE has grown by two members some of us will work on working groups to write those white papers. PAC-12 Graduate coalition has first conference in a week, will update on that. He also met with some students about child care today, looking into how GPSS can help on that front. Also, Science and Policy committee event went amazing.

Secretary: Last meeting had about a 57% attendance rate. Putting together get together after meeting next week. There will be fried rice, spring rolls, and mimosas. Diversity Committee has given out some money to a Luau a group is having as an event next year. Also some money for Taiwanese Night Market. Also, funded a great Graduate event came to them from the Law school, it's about family law and gender equality law, it's an open event. She worked with Cooper and created generic email they will send out to departments that don't have any representation on PhD or MA level. Working with the Judicial committee on process of getting underrepresented communities in GPSS to go through Executive team not just Senate. In Bylaws able to have one member of an RSO from an underrepresented community as a voting member of GPSS but it's a Resolution process. Will still have a petition but to have it voted on by Executive team to add some Diversity to Senate. Also, Diversity Committee just trying to come up with big list on ways to report bias and discrimination on campus.

Sarah: Wanted to say that she went to a meeting with the Jackson school and they brought all Chairs from different centers. Mentioned there is Jackson School alumni that offered to do consultations for undocumented students.

Elloise Kim: Also, there is immigration clinic happening.

Treasurer: Working heavily with STF, she is very satisfied with progress they made. Has taken a lot of things from SAF and applying it to STF. Starting voting on Fall proposals on Monday and will do that for next two weeks. SAF is ramping up, she is doing site visits from other units and seeing what they want from SAF. F&B gave some more money. Announcement on Departmental Allocations Last Senate meeting has really been well received and has gotten a lot of inquiries. Travel grants early winter applications due the second week of school.

President: Academic conference is a big plan she has for this year, met for first time on Tuesday, will keep meeting to come up with proposal to send out by beginning of next quarter. Meeting will probably be May 6th in the HUB. The theme and structure is still being discussed, when more is decided she will report back. Met with Russel Hanson, the UW Tacoma student sitting on the Budget council. He wants to learn how to make a system for UW Tacoma's Graduate student, wants to come to some of GPSS's meetings.

Kelly Edwards: Can you connect me to them? (Yes)

Elloise Kim: Continued to meet with Senators. Major issue she heard is that they appreciate the better efficiency and feel they can participate more. They had questions about how to share information they learn to their constituents. Also, shared governance, some colleges were well invited to decision making progress but not all departments. Will collaborate with James on how to improve Fee Based programs, working on transparency and equity. The Milo Yiannopoulos will be coming to campus January 20th at 6pm the location will be in Kane Hall. University's strategy for the event is not to go to the event, we can make the same recommendation to Senators.

Kelly Edwards: Talking to some Graduate students that planned a teach in during that same time.

Monica Cortes Viharo: There is a teach in tomorrow at ECC from 11-2pm on Standing Rock.

Renee Singleton: There is a plan for event on the same day as Milo at ECC with some speakers.

Elloise Kim: Macklemore might be there.

Elloise Kim: Inform students that the best strategy is not to go to that event but rather go to other events on campus. Last thing she has to report is International Student focus group has been going well, and hopes February report will be beneficial.

Announcements

7:46 pm

Randy Siebert: Heard there are some flyers on campus about someone controversial speakers coming to speak and it is not real. If you see something worrying double check if it is real.

Adjournment

7:48 pm

Michelle Brault Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Kelly Edwards Seconds.
