

**Minutes: Official Meeting of the Graduate and Professional
Student Senate
Executive Committee
September 3, 2014**

Natalie Gordon
Alice Popejoy
Doug Taber
Alex Bolton
Yasmeen Hussain
Eddie Schwieterman
Evan Firth
Rene Singleton
Patricia Denga

Called to order 5:37

A. Amend Agenda

Alice: Before we approve the agenda, I will amend the agenda to add a vote on the finance and budget proposal to approve departmental allocation before the start of fall quarter. At what point of agenda would you like to insert the action item?

Eddie: how about right after approval of agenda?

Alice: ok, second?

Yasmeen second

Alice: any objection? Alright.

Alice: movement is approved. We have an agenda.

Motion to approve Agenda as revised:

Yasmeen: move

Eddie: second

B. Funding of \$350 for Aquatic and Fishery Sciences.

Even B: did everyone get my email?

Alice: just re-iterate

Natalie: There's also print out

Even F: basically last year the FB committee motion to recommend to executive committee to fund the school of aquatic and fishery sciences and at _____ event, which went through all the proper channel and was reviewed by _____ and interview and everything was completed, except that their event is at on Sep 26th so that is before they will be able to get it approved by this upcoming year's the committee, so we are here to hear motion which I am going to forward to approve the funding of \$ 350 for the department of aquatic and fisheries science event which is to a _____. I am going to ... still move.

Motion to fund... Everything I just said

Eddie: second

Alice: Any objection? None. That motion is approved. The fund is approved to fund \$350 dollars to the department of aquatic and fisheries.

Yasmeen: I have a question. Does this come out of the fall budget?

Alice and everyone: Yes.

Yasmeen: So no other summer thing will be heard?

Alice: But this one was proposed before the end of last year which is why we are considering it right now. It was long long in advance

Doug: I was on the committee when we did this, and yeah everything was put together. it just that they have a weird timing where they couldn't get last year's founding. Because it was toward the end of spring quarter. And they just had a weird time where they couldn't get last year's funding because expire at the end of spring quarter and they couldn't get it off because there'll be an F in Beebe meeting. So just because their retreat fell in that gap we have to do it this way

Yasmeen: I guess we should have summer that in the future where it's like early fall Event

Doug: We can't guarantee you will have staffing in the summer because a lot of time there is none so that's why I'll imagine if we you say "yes will prove your funding" and there was no one here to answer ...funding at this place is actually around but we just don't have to staff

Alice: this isn't setting a precedent for funding summer retreat or summer events anything like that. This is a special case of people who have their act together and their retreat happen to be in a time frame that's not for us to fund and we're just taking this as a one-time thing. Is that right Eddie?

Eddie: it was my impression that exec was supposed to function as FB committing in the summer sp that in the future if there is anything that happened, exec would do it

Alice: I see is that for travel grant?

Eddie: no just F&B

C. New Staffing Announcement

Alice: moving on, new staff hiring announcement. I do have Douglas Taber on the agenda sponsor for this item however, I will like to personally introduce Patricia Denga Who is our new special assistant to the president and Patricia would you like to say a few word or introduce yourself and tell us something

Patricia: hey I'm Patricia and I'm studying international study and mom from Zimbabwe I have been in the US for six years now done a little bit of assistance Finance... (Indistinctive)

Alice: so although personally I was looking for graduates students to hire but Patricia was highly qualified and has worked as a student assistant to the a Dean of college engineering and it's just so awesome, and ask me so many good question that I was like I don't know- that's a really good question. Come back next week and asked me that again? And keep asking more great question. Like she's a thinker, she's an

architect and detail oriented and I love her already welcome to the team! Doug, do you have anything you want to say since you're deficient sponsor for this agenda item

Doug: in regards to new staff we just hired another event specialist who is Angela whose resume included event planning at the White House for Pres. Obama. kind of hard to beat and interviewed her with that in mind hoping that she will match her criteria her and she's excellent and she's our staff now and Eli is another person that we just hired for budget specialist and he's really excited to be involved GPSS and offer to volunteer extra hours with me to work here and he wants to help GPSS do more things and I was really exciting for all of us especially Natalie loves to hear that we have volunteer hours...so that was really good for that respect

Natalie: I also just hired information specialist to work on website and wiki page. That's exciting

Doug: Did you mentioned our Communication specialist which is also a new person.

Natalie: oh yes since our last meeting I hired a communication specialist. So she did our save the date for the Husky Sunrise event and our brochure which is sitting right there and they look awesome

Alice: gorgeous by the way!

Natalie: I'm going to brag and Cynthia a lot. She'll be listening to this recording and typing the minutes.

Rene: get me on the list, so I can get them (save the date)

Alice: We haven't sent it out yet I'm sending them tomorrow.

Natalie: so the only save the date that has gone out which is draft mode. Yeah do it in the next day after I send the budget request which brings me to the next thing: I want to get an update on husky sunrise next

Rene recording all new staff's names.

D. Husky Sunrise Introduction

Alice: back to Husky sunrise we have asked....

Multiple people talking

Yasmeen: last time we talk about it was called graduate welcome...

Alice: oh yes it's called husky sunrise. I don't remember when that happened but who are we in the meeting with?And I just said it. Do you remember who we were in a meeting with Doug?

Doug: I remember you're like....oh! It was with Christina Coop

Alice: Yes it was with Coop, and I was just talking about it and all of a sudden I was just like Husky Sunrise and it's been stuck since because she likes it and everybody likes it so we are doing it. Husky Sunrise- breakfast and mimosas with the deans - there will be vacant because we don't want people to think its continental breakfast. We're spending big bucks on scrambled eggs and potatoes and bacon so people can eat a real meal because we don't want people to not eating muffins getting drunk on mimosas. Which I think Renée has a question.

Rene: Yeah I did not know that you guys are doing what you're doing, so I made arrangements with the director who I work with and stuff so we need to have a meeting because she's your contact supervisor and I was just saying how you guys feel about and she said she didn't know about it ..That's why...

Alice: Oh. She didn't know about our event? Debbie?

Rene: No because she has been on vacation for the week and so I guess we would just get together and have a review meeting about it. I just don't know what time you guys will be available to do that on Tuesday of next week and there can be one representative from your group or 2 or 3 doesn't matter

Natalie: Tuesday the ninth?

Rene: Yeah

Natalie: I'm free before 1:00 and after 3:30 – I have meeting from 1 to 3:30 I'm free outside of that. What time are you guys free?

Doug: I'm free all day

Alice: I'm free at three. Can we do 330

Natalie: Can We give me a little transition time like 345

Alice: Okay

Natalie: Yeah so I can get point-to-point

D.1 Husky Sunrise Budgeting and Alternative Plans

Rene: I guess you guys are going to talk about the funding and alternative plans

Alice: Yes so I'll current funding situation is that we received \$5000 from Student Life, which is very nice, for our event. We were not given our request from the Dean of the Graduate School because apparently they do not have enough discretionary fund and they do have a budget for GPSS of \$5000 that we can use every year. And they're like if you want to use that \$5000 that we already gave you, go for it. So that's what we have from that. But that's \$10,000 if we do that and in addition we have asked the provost for a request for the entire year of \$35,000, which is a \$15,000 increase from what we receive from last year, which would cover the whole cost Husky Sunrise Event in the case if we didn't get funded. I did let her know that we bought 5000 from Student Life so they might give us 30 maybe, maximum. They might not. I have a meeting with offices of planning and budgeting tomorrow and they may tell me that's a really nice idea but we can't. We can barely give you what we gave you last year. Which I'm fully prepared to hear!

Doug: What did they give you last year?

Alice: 20. (Grand) What we would do in that situation if we have a \$5000 deficit in our budget and we need to be covered- a couple different ideas, one, which was great, from the Dean of the dentist school who I met today. He was fantastic and he recommended that while we invite the deans to attend the event, we should let them know-"hey your name is on the title, we really want you there" and we can ask them for contribution of anywhere from \$500-\$800 and if we got that contribution from all 16 deans that

will cover the remaining of the balance of the event. So these are all ideal situations and I won't know any more about that until after tomorrow.

D.2 Concerns about Husky Sunrise advertising

Yasmeen: I have a question or comment. I guess so mention mimosas and food....I'm wondering the interest of students at University. It will be useful to downplay importance of those on the posters and up play the meeting of the deans with the students. For example Muslim student don't drink and don't eat and don't eat pork

Alice: We can have eggs and potatoes.

Yasmeen: Right! But if you say there will be bacon and mimosas on the poster as advertisement it will be super uncomfortable to go to something, and be like "I'm not going to eat bacon" So just not putting it that way it might be useful for increase the varsity for the event- just say that there breakfast

Alice: Yeah it's breakfast and mimosas with the Deans. Mimosas can also means that you can just have orange juice. Tithe ideal was just to have...

Yasmeen: I guess what I mean is that by advertising that this is an alcohol event that puts pressure on people and maybe it's not true, but I grew up in a place where there is a lot of Mormons, and if there is an event that's advertised as an alcohol-filled event and they're like "I don't want to be at that event because this is going to be a lot of pressure. Like people is going to serve me alcohol"

Rene: Can I contribute to this too cause I don't know how much money that you'll actually be getting and I want to talk to you about the alternatives, because you have money for all kind of things, but then if you get less money- what is it going to be this event. This has never been done before and I think is the best thing since the invention of toilet paper- a welcome event for graduate student. But because you have not set up everything; and you guys are fine, but it's a privilege if they give you exile and you're kind of short of Deans come through because it's new and they don't know about it or their selfish or whatever. Backup plan would be- what would you reduce to keep this event? What number would you guys have? We need to have a hierarchy of what's important. So I was just wanting to think that how you guys are thinking in terms of planning a plan b

Alice: Well hopefully we get...

Natalie: if we're going to talk about this now, we're going to extend time. We can talk about it now or we can talk about it later or we convene. It doesn't matter- I just want to.....

Alice: I think that's a great suggestion. Hopefully it will be get funded and we won't put bacon on the poster and hopefully we will have orange juice and champagne in separate containers on the table. So anyone who just want orange juice can just have orange choosing a champagne glass and they can feel totally included.

Yasmeen: No that's totally fine I just mean the advertising...

E. Orientation Volunteers

Alice: Moving onto the next on our agenda- orientation volunteers needed. I'm going to go get some brochure. Natalee take it away!

Natalie: So in your packet of awesome materials is the schedule as right before this meeting. So we are attending over 40 orientations, which is awesome! But it means that we need a lot of volunteers, so that the ones under the speaker columns that are empty, are the spaces that still need to be filled. And I it will be physically impossible for me to do all these because there are many of them at the same time. If we can fill in as many of these as possible, it'll be really wonderful and extremely helpful because we want to make sure that we can attend all of these.

Yasmeen: I have a question my department isn't on here.

Natalie: Yes I sent an email to all the department advisers and scheduled the ones who responded and said "yes we want GPSS to come". So there are many departments who did not respond or did not respond "yes" but if you will like GPSS to be there you can talk to your advisor.

Yasmeen: This is the same day as our exec retreat. But yeah thanks for answering question for me.

Alice: Just to get you all excited. About orientations we have brand new GPSS brochure.

Natalie: they just came in like a half an hour ago. Looks like Doug have a question!

Doug: Can we just start signing the hour now and I would like to do this day. I'll go ahead and start and I'll take all day Tuesday, September 3.

Natalie: Thank you guys.

Yasmeen: You're taking the entire day?

Doug: Oh yeah!

Natalie: and I will fill in for you on the ones that's un-schedule for timing if that conflicts. We will get there!

Alice: So just a little off-topic, there are some errors on the brochure. How many of these have we order?

Natalie: 700. Can you talk about this later? Because we got hundreds for the orientation

Alice: Anyway. They are really pretty, they're are much more visually appealing and the reality of brochure is that people don't usually read them. So that's the goodness!

Alice: So, is everyone signing up for at the schedule

Natalie: It's in that packet

Alice: This is action item. So... That we all take responsibility and I recognize that our representative Senators are volunteering and I really appreciate all the time you have given. That said, any other additional 10 minutes or whatever you can do will be really appreciate. Natalie, what do you want us to do?

Natalie: Just volunteer as many as you can take on

Doug: So I raised my hand and say September 3rd, Tuesday all day and just wrote my name there and I was wondering if we can go around and everybody can see when they're available

Natalie: Yeah and I also make note of the ones that if I do all the rest ...it was still need to be filled.

Multiple people: Can you tell us what those are

Yeah immunology on the 11th I can't do you still have an appointment but I can cancel it so

Alice: I can do that one

Natalie: Let me write that down and then Sociology on Thursday the 18th

Alice: What about the 15th? Do you have some of that biochemistry? Okay did you already have someone for about chemistry?

Natalie: biochemistry panels only goes until 12 so I can so I can do that one, unless somebody else wants to do. It is not a completely necessary. Electrical engineering is another one that conflicts.

Alice: I can do that

Natalie: Wait.

Doug: Actually I'm sorry I can't do the Sociology one. Can do the electrical engineer one instead?

Natalie: Yes and if there are some, like....I can't do you sociology because it conflicts with arts so if you take other ones I will free so This is just base on the maximum number that I can do.

Alice: I can do sociology 11 AM on Thursday the 18th.

Natalie: And then there is a Public Health Resource Fair that goes from 1:15 to 3:00 so if someone that he can do that or either part of it on Friday the 19th....

Yasmeen: I can do that

Natalie: Okay

Yasmeen: I'm happy to do it because public health is my jam.

Natalie: and... I don't know about Monday the 22nd

Yasmin: The 11:10 one?

Natalie: well... There are two from 11 to 11:10Alice do you think the officers should be at that event the whole time or would it be okay for me to split and do one of them?

Yasmeen: I can do one of them!

Natalie: Which one?

Yasmeen: Let's do the Denny one because I know that hall!

Alice: You know what I'm sorry Thursday the 18th...I can't do.

Natalie: Can't do sociology?

Alice: I can't do the 18th

Doug: That was the day that we wanted to do the planetarium share. On the 22nd. The Sunrise

Yasmeen: It's at 9 AM right

Natalie: Yeah 830. Starts at 8:30 and goes to 11. So I can just peace out early and go to the other one that would be fine! And on the back, dentistry at 2:45 on the 22nd...

Yasmeen: Oh that's at the Health and Sciences thing?

Natalie: Yeah!

Yasmeen: I'm already there. I can do that one.

Natalie: and then I can cover the Social Work and the Material Science Engineering one.

Alice: I'm really sorry Natalie, I can't do the eleventh either.

Natalie: The immunology? Ok! Well let's just keep moving forward on the back. So, dentistry... and now we are having an RSO Fair, which is from 10 to 3 on Wednesday and Thursday. I could stay for all Wednesday but I have class starting at like...I think 1:00pm... On Thursday so if I get people to cover Thursday the 25th it'll be great. Sorry Wednesday the 24th and Thursday the 25th. I can do Wednesday but then someone would have to cover the Bio Ethic presentation.

Yasmeen: That's two people there's two students at it

Natalie: The bio ethic one?

Yasmeen: Yeah, so there's two students right? The number of people who will be attending the?

Natalie: Yeah

Yasmeen: So maybe it's worth losing two students to do the RSO

Natalie: I mean...

Yasmeen: It's not very ethical but....

Natalie: I would really like.... This is to show that we care and to show graduate students that they are valuable to us but if nobody can do it then then that's what we'll do

Doug: We can just have to staff do that RSO fair that's a recommendation

Natalie: Yeah we can do that

Doug: yeah we would love to

Yasmeen: I can do bio ethic since it's at a Health & Sciences also.

Natalie: Okay. Would you be okay with that it doesn't have to take the whole 15 minutes either. Just give

them more information and say "this is GPSS, do you have any question" So.... Are there any other ones even outside of any absolutely necessary that people can take?

Someone: Anyone signed up for the Evans school on the 19th? I can do that and I'll harassed Law school.

Doug: Anthropologies' only giving us 10 minutes?

Natalie: Yeah....some of them are only giving us 5(minutes)

Yasmeen: That's enough time!

Doug: I can do... I guess anthropology on Friday.

Natalie: Okay and thenhow far away is Guggenheim from the Art building? does anybody know?

Multiple people: It's really far away. Guggenheim's by the fountain

Natalie: Is it doable to get there in 10 minutes?

Rene: 10 minutes moving but yeah you can do it. It's uphill.

Natalie: Where is Art building?

Rene: It's at the end very end of the quad! Next to the road

Natalie: That should be fine! So I still have a conflict of Art and Sociology on the 18th. Doug would you be able to take one of those? Art or Sociology?

Doug: What date?

Natalie: The 18th. Thursday the 18th!

Doug: If not me. There'll be staff, so yes.

Natalie: Can you commit to one of them?

Doug: I will take Art. Wait no, school doesn't start then, right? I want to make sure!

Rene: School in general starts on the 23rd

Doug: On wait, no I can't. I'm taking the Thursday and Friday off for the first time in the summer. That's my only vocation but I will.....

Natalie: Wait this isn't next week. This is the week after!

Doug: Oh, then yeah I can totally do it. 18th?

Natalie: Yeah! Thank guys I think that covers it. And if you guys can just let me know if you're going come to.... You're already coming on Friday right? To training right?

Natalie: So this is on Friday from 1 to 2 and Tuesday from 230 to 330. You all are very familiar with

GPSS and I trust your ability to give the presentation to students about it so if you absolutely can't make it I will just give you an outline of presentation that we come up with! So any questions for me? I really appreciate it guys! Thank you. There will be chips and salsa and carrots at the training!

F. Bylaws Discussion and Revision

Alice: Okay moving on. Information items. Bylaws discussion and revision. I put 'all' but I should just put Yasmeen, our lovely bylaw fairy, which she will take us through.

Yasmeen: Think I'm going to put down my resume

Yasmeen: So did everybody get a chance to look at the bylaws? I know Eddie did and Evan who's not here did. Anyone else? So ...I wanted to... so we can accomplish something and feel good about what we have done and moving on non-substantial spelling change and just make sure that we agreed that those can be changed, if they are still in the document and have not been changed

Natalie: Natalee agrees.

Yasmeen: Is this a Move thing or do you just..?

Alice: Just talking about it now

Yasmeen: Okay I'll just do that and will close the tab. good work everyone! So what didn't we go over the last time? Several things, Committee Chair Training, maybe we'll talk about that since we are already at start of the year and all that stuff. Do we do Committee Chair Training?

Alice: No But we will

Yasmeen: Awesome and that will stay in the bylaws.

Yasmeen: There are a lot of things in bylaws that we will not actually do, so last time we talk about election of Senators proxy stuff, there's also things in bylaw about Senator Resignation. I don't know anyone who's written a letter of resignation but I guess it's nice to keep those things in the process to make it look formal. Departmental reviews comes up for a few times. Eddie comment that that your department went through review, and I don't know anything really about it but look on the website that it says that the department reviews committee... has a page that has nothing on it so I'm don't have any information about whether the review was conducted or why the review was conducted or who does that or....

Alice: so.... it is officially under ... it's the preview of the president. I don't know if that's under bylaw or if that's just how we do it in practice. It's the preview a president to do program reviews and by do I mean sit in on committees meetings with the reviewer and the group in the graduate school that's a run by Becky and Augustin ...I want to say... and I forget get the man's name but those are the main graduates staff that works with through GPSS to represent graduates in the process. And then we also send out surveys to students through our senators and we typically ask one of our senators, who is from that department to oversee that process and making sure that it's a fair thing and they are getting feedback on the students on the program. That said, the impression that I got from the graduate school this year this summer when I met with them, is that they have had some inconsistency with the level of involvement and follow through from the GPSS president from year-to-year. So this year I assure them that we will be on the ball and that is happening. I think it makes sense to have university affair director under the

president have be as a project. But I don't think that doesn't really need to be written into the bylaw- If there was a little bit more structure, specifically, what our responsibilities are- that might be useful.

Yasmeen: So I think that's all for the things that we have to talk about things like policy and Wiki... I'm really excited about that. So the GPSS bylaw say that the treasure is in charge of evaluating staff and I know we have a staff evaluation conversation the first meeting of the summer, so that was brought up and I'm sure the officers continue to discuss it, I'm wondering what you come up with and if you come up with something different just wondering if we should change the bylaw also.

Natalie: I think it kind of makes sense to have a person who was supervising the staff evaluate them because they have more direct contact with the workers they're doing in their daily activities and have that relationship so that makes sense to me but I'm also not super.....

Doug: I can see why there would be any negative impression the person supervising the individual evaluate them, because you know I'm not going to... especially the person I was assigning work and look at the work and processing work and having me from across the hall....

Yasmin: So that can be something we can change in the bylaws?

Alice: I also think that it will be worth doing evaluations, self- evaluation for all the offices, and putting that in there. That we that we do regular quarterly or whatever evaluation of our staff but also that the officers have some accountabilities for their own job and do there's some self-evaluations and even do some evaluations of all other officers....? I don't know how you guys feel about that/ there should be more accountability built into the prophecy

Natalie: and also maybe quarterly reports to. Not just doing self-reflect but also for next year's people to know what's to be done.

Alice: Clarifying. You mean written report.

Natalie: Yes.

Yasmeen: Okay! So...

Natalie: Which I think should be written down somewhere that the officers are supposed to do that in the bylaws but....

Alice: I think that's perfectly reasonable!

Yasmeen: So there is something in there about the secretary being sitting on the ____ student advisory board, but the student vacancies thing shows that there is a vacancy in ____ so do we have two seats on ____? And secretary is one of them? Or is it just some representative?

Alice: So it's the secretary....in the bylaw it says it's the secretary or appointee or just a secretary? I think the reason it's a secretary is that because the secretary is traditionally responsible for diversity issues .The reason why it says vacancy on there is because it said before on the website that Austin because he wound up filling a lot of the diverse moles of last year's secretary. So we're having just sort of a transition back to the way it supposed to be done. Because Natalie is still have to be able to do her job and I'm going to go in and fill in Natalee on the ____unless you're think that needs....

Yasmeen: I sounds good to me! I just want to check that there wasn't actual second seat that we have to

fill in.

Alice: I don't believe so. We just have a seat and it's just traditionally secretary. I'm happy to going change that right now

F.1 Bylaws: voting policy

Yasmeen: So one more thing that I think would be useful to go over. So there's new students from our department coming in to GPSS and we set down and talk for about an hour about the questions she have and yeah it was great. She already signed up to give her presentation so that'll be interesting. But one of her question is that how do you do votes. And I told her that we raise hand and she say isn't that kind of a lot of peer pressure and I was like yeah actually. And I felt that a lot too, especially there is a vote that I don't agree, but everyone around me does and I'm not a hesitant person to raise my hand but I know that's a general things that happens, and I have a little discussion on the catalyst about this. But what if we think about possibly having some kind of paper ballots not secret; or maybe secret, but some kind of other system rather than raising our handful for vote.

Alice: Personally I thought a lot about that because I believe that last year, political vote, that we got into some difficult conversations and voting about wound up being very polarized by where in the room you're sitting, which indicates that people are pretty concerned about the perception of people around them and how they are voting. the only thing I will have to say is that it's ... a couple things actually, one, if you're not really sure and you see other people voting for something and you're kind of okay with that I can help you make your decision, not that ...that's the right way to do it but that it ...but they do public votes in Congress, you know how people are voting. Second of all I think it might be logistically challenging if we're in the middle of senate meeting and we have to go count all the votes to figure out what how to move forward on in action item

Eddie: One option that we might consider that it wouldn't necessarily be cheap but ASUW does it that's clicker. That's what the legislator does now too. I think it's good to have a public record of how you vote but it's like for public group, we almost have to have that. but it could be a little bit nicer to use clicker I think... that's the only two options that we should consider is that either just still doing hand or clicker

Yasmeen: I've look at the text message type thing before, that assumes everyone has a phone.. I'm not sure how right that is... But also they can get pricey if you have more than certain numbers of votes...Which.... but they are probably less expensive than buying clicker...

Rene: It's a training exercise to teach people how to vote -if you're embarrassed, that's okay but you have to get a voice at some point and we have to coach people into having enough opinion and stating that opinion because here's a problem going on when no one in a society that tell exactly what's on their might because they're afraid. I'm happy to stand in front of the room encourage everybody through that, because it's an honor and responsibility for people to be able to vote.

Alice: I think that will actually be very useful

Rene: Whether it's clicker or whether use your hands, what you're saying is I'm representing these guys and that this department and we think this way on this topic. And if everybody's afraid or embarrassed to do that, we really have some problems. If that's what's going on in Washington right now, that everybody needs to be trained. So there is a technique of the clickers, but clickers are going to be showing your name. The social part of the pressure part, that's cultural, and that's something we need to work on

because you guys are it! You guys are the leaders of the future and we need to count on everybody. I'm happy to volunteer to help with that process because you're always going to be feeling like uncomfortable because you guys are dealing with big things. And this years, I think the big activity, like the political ones you have are going to come to the table and a lot of you going to be uncomfortable, and it's going to be all guts. And guess what, that's what we want. We want to hear your gut. and it's scary, it's supposed to be its nerve-racking but it's supposed to be but this is government and I want to say that and help people. I'll be happy to help but that part of it... don't forget that part. Because we can't make everything clean and quiet. And you guys have to take initiative and it's going to be uncomfortable.

Eddie: I think that people definitely need to feel more comfortable coming out their shell and actually promoting their opinion and making their stands. and I think that the paper ballots are workable for the reasons mentioned but also because when we're voting on the resolutions it's not just the final question that comes up but it's also editing the resolutions it's motions... and it'd be unworkable to do to do a paper ballot for it but I might be workable to do clickers for Those. so I will note that one lasting something, Alice mentioned that the voting tend to be polarized depending on where the strong speakers were, and I don't think that's necessarily the case of peer pressure. Because in the case, of a lot of these, for example, the real Gaza resolution, had a lot of people shows their seat based off what action they were in and a lot of people take of their faction. So, just be careful with causation and correlation. There might be just a correlation.

Natalie: I think we might... I think we can incorporate that into the senator training as well. Renée, if you would come talk, we will have a senator training, we can incorporate that into the new welcome to GPSS this is what the program looks like and talk about voting.

Rene: Yes and I will be encouraging each of you, guys need to stand up and help. But I'm just talking in general, I it's hard to do it's hard to facilitate the room, but if you will participate and stand up, even if you're not comfortable, share your topic with the group. You have influences, you officers have influence let people hear you! A lot of times the conversation would be changed because you sent something those are example of something you guys can make an impact.

Alice: I remember feeling that way about almost everything that ____ said. He was a powerful members of the executive committee and he spoke. I always have a change of opinion after he share his thoughts. We deliberated this for hours and hours and this is what we came up with and that was really helpful for me as a new senator because someone had new experience and I feel like you guys can do the same.

Alice: motion to take 5 min break

Alex; second

Alice: This is Alice I'm bringing our me meeting out of recess and back to order a 6:41 PM

Yasmeen: I think it makes a lot of sense for Rene not just come to the new senators but also the first four meetings to give her presentation to the whole Senate. However, I think that when we have a resolutions and someone feels so strongly about it and give presentation and people don't have any opinion about it , they just about yes because that's the easiest thing to do. .. And I find it really sad that the Senate put out resolutions that people don't actually believe in that they just vote that resolutions are getting pass because somebody give presentations and nobody else cares. I don't think that resolutions should be made. I don't think that's how we should present ourselves for things. And I think that adding some kind of clickers that shown someone's names, and it's not anonymous, people do stand up for their opinion but also isn't it easier to just raise your hand? Wouldn't let people think makes me think a lot more about what they're voting. So that' can go back on the list of things that we need to think about... just like GPSS mission and everything else.

Evan: I'm just curious about where the idea where people don't care come from? because we get the option to obtain and I do see people do obtain from every vote and I fear that stack don't care

Yasmeen: I have talk to some senators who are in senates and they're like "yeah ...when I don't care I just vote yes ...because it gets the meetings over and I don't have to make a stand"

Even: The one time that I obtain is because that I care so much that I want to go contact my costume juicy and make sure.... that because it was a really decisive things

Douglas: Oh yeah it's just not only ...that I don't care about but I think I feel

Eddie: Obtaining is basically like you're not there. So obtaining is something that should be discouraged because it's not like you need a majority of the vote and obtaining to establish some sort of thresholds for the majority. And as it does for some circumstances but it's not this case. And I think that I would be concerned if a resolutions have passed with less than the majority of the people in the room that's what but will really concert me. If people are voting yes because someone else gave a passionate argument and they don't have anything against it, I don't know if that's necessary the worst thing ever. Because otherwise we can you can instill passionate, it's just not going to happen. And the fact that there are some passionate people who are putting resolutions to forward I think that's a good thing.

Yasmeen: So I guess that wraps up all the bylaw stuff ...we have some things from the last time and this I will have time to think about. But I don't know what we want to do moving forward. it's an information item so we don't have to make any action but I think some point in the future we can make it action item and make some of the changes or not...

Alice: So our next week next Wednesday, we have our committee retreat. I think we have other things to talk about other than the bylaws, which we will talk about in a second. But we might be able to do some of the decision-making there. Hopefully because the idea is strategic planning, the\is action based outcome based, outcome based meeting. And hopefully get some of it done by then. That's that we have another two executive meetings. So Wednesday the 17th and Wednesday the 24th, which is the first day of school, I will like it to be my personal goal that by the first day of school, Wednesday the 24th, we have a fully revised fully completed new set of bylaws. Not new, but new, but improve bylaws to present to the senate at the following week.

Yasmeen: Which date which we could switch

Alice: The 24th. The first day of school. September 24. That gives us two more meetings to get our action going into discuss this and to actually go through and make the change. And Yasmeen if you want to take the initiative to ...do you have a word document version of Word document bylaws? You want to put that on the Google docs and we can all go there and change it and make edits directly. And we can all agree it through before that last meeting. Because I think we weren't done going through discussing the issue to get some clarity on the issues and now we have that, I think we can move forward with some more concrete revisions and actually end up voting on it does that sound like a plan

G. Executive Retreat:

Alice: Moving on to the exact due to the executive retreat agenda, which is in your packet at the very end of your last page of your package/ this is what we are looking at- an hour in the morning with _____ who's going to whip us into shape and talk to us about what it means to be here and some other things. And we all have coffee so we all stay awake. Then at 10 o'clock we have our executive leadership and composition training and is basically a team building time where we learn about our communication skills

and communication styles and what opportunities and challenges we're going to have working together . So we have an outside expert coming in to do that exercise with us, that's to our activities. I think it would be really helpful and really informative and help us really get a feel for what's going to be like working together- what are some of the potential issues that might come up as we are spending long hours of the night revising People's Revolution that they bring for us. Then at 12 we are going to have lunch catered by Razzes which is really exciting they have all sorts of delicious pizzas and pasta. And then we're going to have a fun little activities and then at 1 o'clock we have an orientation to welcome to the HUB and student government from Nikki Johnson who is just right down the hall from us he's awesome and then at 2 o'clock hopefully, we need to talk about that.....But the email we got said that she was coming in at 10 AM and you I were talking about it we had to put two

Rene: Will confirm that

Alice: Okay yeah

Natalee: oh no it's says 2-3

Alice: Great so there's no issues. Perfect then at 3 o'clock we have another external guest coming in. This one for free, helping us to do strategic planning. She's been teaching facilitation training- so training people how to facilitate good action- based, outcome based stuff, which is what she has been doing with higher level of executive in Washington DC at the Department of Labor she will be there at 3 o'clock to help us to talk through some strategic planning stuff for the year. Sort of like a timeline stuff, and what I did want to get from you all is that what you want the focus on in strategic planning, so that we have a little bit focused around that before we go straight into it. And hopefully at 5 o'clock if we don't want to kill each other at that point, we will love to go to happy hours at the College Inn Pub.

Eddie: Yes I guess have a question for Renée. What we are restricted to discussing during the strategic planning. Is it an official meeting?

Rene: No you guys are at training. It is notyou guys are not... it's a retreat you can be free and clear. We're not taking this, we're not doing notes. It's just orientation

Eddie: So if we were just talking

Rene: You're just talking then, just go ahead, there's not going to be making decisions, you're just talking. and if you did strategic planning it doesn't mean you're actually going to get a plan you're just talking it out then

Eddie: Okay

Rene: You're not going to go on vote for legislation or Senate item

Eddie: Right

Alice: Why did you ask Eddie? What are you curious about?

Eddie: Well just I mean usually, I know in Florida...if two elective officials ever get together and talk about business and you can't get away with that so I don't know I guess its fine...

Rene: Well let's talk about that. We will do it and we would talk with Eliza about it to see if it's okay.

Alice: Just to be clear since I am asking for you to give me some feedback on strategic planning, I think

the difference is that we're not talking about GPSS business, we're talking about goals, visions, ideals, what we want to be so it's not really business per se because is nothing specific it's more broad picture or big picture plan, The strategic planI'm still waiting on suggestion on what people want.

Doug: What Do you have in mind to get it started

Eddie: Being on time with meetings and stay on track

Alice: Well we can also do is have people think about it and email you instead of being on the spine trying to think what we want to talk about

Natalie: Thank you Natalee

Eddie: Can you also give a few on what you're thinking, just have a point of reference

Alice: Yes so last year and the year before and probably many years pass, GPSS has done a bunch of events throughout the year without really talking to one another, without including the communities, without doing committee training, without having our unified visions, or where GPSS is going or what it's going to focus on, without integrating its legislative items of what they're doing on campus, without considerations of what all the companies are doing, and I am into other activity unit on campus. there's just a lot going on, and a lot of things we do are based on tradition, and I think what we should do is rather identify our goals and visions and images of GPSS and where we want to be and how we want to be perceived, what we really want to accomplish the next year. And figure out how we can tailor our various programs in coordination with the committees and external units on campus, in and out of Olympia to accomplish those goals because I don't that's often done. I think what's important to be to respond to issues that are coming up and as René pointed out our extremely important issues in the work right now. We can't operate and bracken. We have to be responsive to the sentiments and the things that are flying around us; otherwise we will be irrelevant. And I think we can be really important place for debate, for action, for advocacy, and there's a lot of things that we can do to help improve the graduate students experience in these ways. Not only emotional but also very practice things like having an event to connect everybody to the campus resources that they need and just tie that into varies is resource fairs that's around campus for example. So this is sort of my like big picture vision and because I have to be up here I am relying on all of you to come up with some concrete way to talk about this and hopefully we can talk about this and talk about strategic planning. so I'm hoping that you all can think about some of the things that you want to talk about and what we can incorporate this

Eddie: do you want to hear ideas now

Alice: Yes please drop them down

Eddie: one thing I was thinking about is in the past GPSS has tried to organized around legislator agenda ... and one thing that's a very lacking is communication between graduate and professional students and legislators. Because they never hear from us, which is kind of amazing considering how many of us there are. And how dependent we are on what happened in Olympia. So I was thinking we can set some concrete goals on, in terms of numbers of the letter sent by graduate and professional students to state legislature or something like. And that might actually help out Alice a lot when you goes And talks to legislators in Olympia if there is that communications that perceive him., so maybe we could work to organize a letter writing party or something like that to get people to write emails or letters to their legislators. And my other idea is that something we discussed, early in the summer, which one is taking in the Policy Summit and actually having something going on the size of the few graduate and professional student showing up and giving the board presentation legislator and come on campus. one of those things could be if we discussed putting our planetarium for them and having events outside of

meeting showcase thing that's going on here that's supported by the state, facilities that we used for our own purposes and/or out-reach that are supported by the states that could be interesting to do., so that's just a couple ideas we have.

Alice: I think that's fantastic! One of the guidance definitely needs to be discussed is the higher education summit and that's something that I think this year I will like to see it extended to include other universities in the state of Washington. It's the higher Education Summit it's not the UW grad students in higher Ed and that generally means everybody who is in higher Ed. and since we have been working more closely with the Washington student Association (WSA), they have been providing resources. Recently, helping us do some training and stuff. And we pay them a lot of money be a member because we have so many students that pay inside the organization and they're willing to do work for us for free, for the work for the money we already give them. they're here and willing to help us to do organizing around that, so I think we could really benefit and legislator and benefits and our image can benefit from inviting those other universities from those are the places getting their legislators to come but not just Seattle legislators, to all be here together and say this is important, all of us say it's important, so I think that's a really good point and I would like to also discuss that as well.

Yasmeen: Yes. Aren't we discussing this things at the retreat? So why are we discussing them right now

Alice: this is just an example of the things that we will talk about. Eddie was just giving us some idea and I was responding. We're not going to go into extreme detail and planning actual things that we are going to be doing. We're just talking about ideas for topics that we want to discuss at the retreat

Evan: So yes because you mentioned like student mental health stuff, f and I was wondering if we can talk about where grad students can go, I think that's a good point to start addressing student success and mental health and emotional health, especially in the first year and then maybe are you guys already talked about this before but like a current events or activities or events or somehow to get the activism of current events that's going on there Ferguson the Gaza via anything...

Alice: And one other thing that I will really like us to discuss at the strategic planning and maybe this is the only thing that we will get to discuss because I think it should be the first , or at least reserve time to talk about it is the vision statement for GPSS. Because we don't have one. We have one on the website, we have another one recommended last year by the president and the University director based on the work they have done based on the focus group. But we don't have a vision, we don't have a strategic plan we don't have any sort of guiding principles, by which we move forward other than the resolutions that are passed or not past of students GPSS and it will be great for consistencies of our organization, as far as principle and the actions that we take, and events that we hold to be in line with some sort of vision for the future and I think this is a particular student groups to do that. so without any objection I will make our vision statement finalization... let's come up with finalization and verbal written vision statement for GPSS at the strategic planning and move forward from there .does that work for everyone and then happy hour and nachos. if there is no other comment or question on the executive retreat agenda let's keep moving for to Executive Senator report

H. Executive Senator Report:

Yasmeen :We do have three nominations three nominations for executive senators being the person the representation that are coming in electronically, one is out of country, I don't think we've received.....I don't know if Natalee hasn't informed them that they have been nominated or they nominated himself has asked for their information that we can share senators and I don't think we have any responses on that

Natalie: No responses yet but we talked them they have to have a response by the 8th

Yasmeen: Okay I think one day of voting is really a narrow window for people out of country... school haven't started, people are in and out of town. One day of voting that's like....

Alice: Yeah, we can.....

Yasmeen; I know it's impossible at this deadline but....

Alice: I think if we don't get a quorum senators who have voted....I don't know what the process Getting a new exec of the senator by the time you will be nice but if we don't feel like this is giving us the best opportunity to have the best person for the job then it might be worth considering waiting

Alex: I'm wearing a little bit about the optic because I know a lot of time students and faculty's playing this administration things in summer and there's kind of an expectations on a lot of people be here in the summer and it's just ...my gut doesn't like it . I understand why we're trying to do it but my gut doesn't like this more than anything. and also I feel like to it, it allow certain groups that's around in summer to have advantage over those who aren't expected to be around . And some are expected to live because we are expected to ignore a lot of school stuff.

Evan: can ask do we know how many of those nominations are either if we know... who they are or can we tell the committee who they are?

Natalie: Yes, so I have Allies, share she was nominated by the other senators of her department, she's out of the country so I haven't gotten a response from her about whether she wants to accept the nomination or not . and then it's Darius character from physics and then henry Olsen who's from bioengineering

Yasmeen: I'm sorry I thought I nominated Chena ? During the meeting also. Yeah it was a meeting before

Doug: To let you know, four nominations is pretty good.... normally it's a contest between two people but it feels like there's 0 follow up.

Evan: I do think that the voting... the one day voting windows too small

Alice: It' been unusual for the last two years that there have been so many vacancy on the executive Senate board. You typically want people to stay for multiple year, so you can have that institutional memory there. So when I ran, it was like this special opportunity, like this doesn't come that often. and so I don't think it's like a requirement that we have a vacancy going to the fall and say if we have dedicated Senate who's being around for a couple years and are interested over the summer, I don't see why we don't let them have that chance. I'm not convinced yet why we shouldn't do it

Douglas:so likewise we may not be opportunity to those who are not a campus during summer but we're definitely not giving opportunity to those who are going to be incoming senators who might want to do it . It was only this time last year that I have never even heard of GPSS and so you know, but there are you know, literally hundreds of students coming in that can potentially be interested in GPSS, they could be spending four years with us at GPSS, but I am just up doing a pros & cons of we are putting off this summer times for those senators who are obviously interested in... I think it would be better if we wait.

Alice: However I think there is somewhat of a hope and an expectation but hope that someone was exec senator has been a senator before. So I mean that's why we're still lucky to have Eddie & Yasmeen, because they have been around GPSS for quite a while and they are very incredible resource for us to

have them in the room. So if somebody who has been a senator before, frankly I think they should have advantage to someone who is just coming in fresh and will just be teaching them all the stuff from scratch instead of getting very useful feedback from day one. and that there is an expectations that as an exact senator, you are here over the summer, to meet with us or at least be available, so people who are not checking their emails... it's not like in next year when ever run for office of position then there'll be nothing yet so people have been around for a year should have that opportunity

Yasmeen: So I think we've gone over and was actually reached a point where we have to make a decision whether or not to continue with this, not this discussion but whether or not to continue with the vote as it sustain

Alice: So we actually don't have to , because it's not an action item. But I agree, I think I agree with you that we should Move. if there is no strong objection from any individual, I think we should continue as planned as reported in the email and wait and see if we hear back from people on the 8th.

Yasmin: I object

Eddie: my objection is only the voting windows is too small but not disagreeing with having only the Senate pool and from the summer voting. I think you're right that we would rather have someone who's served in the Senate before to do it and get that position. But ideally we would have set the deadline like September 3 or fourth and have a bigger voting windows so that's my objection.

Evan: do you think it'd self-resolved if it's just obviously not enough vote cast and that it's just... No one voting

Doug: I think that looks really bad because then if someone is a winner and then you're telling them that they didn't win

Alice: The other thing is that, in our bylaws we are actually not required to have a vote on an executive senators by the fall Senate. We have the authority as that exec to appoint an executive senator. So...

Yasmeen: But I we do that and then we change the bylaws...

Alice: Yeah sure we say we did it because these were our constraint.

Yasmeen: But that's what we just did to the having Eddie and I added into.

Alice: You were nominated from the floor and voted on

Yasmeen: That's true. It was a totally democratic process. And we wouldn't know we are going to lose Michael. That's the thing without he's going to be here over the summer and we are in a situation that we have a really important decisions to make about the bylaws being one of them. And we can say that we are in a sticky situation we could use the vote of the people to guide us in our decision-making. But if we don't have a quorum, we don't have a big turnout on the vote, if we don't even have a proper procedures... It doesn't matter because we don't have a proper procedure ...and we can say given the situation we want to have a set of bylaws moving forward that helps guide an executive committee in the situation in the future.

Alex: I have no problem with the executive committee selecting someone, but the problem is that we said that we were going to have certain process. And we either need to... I think the least bad thing would be to extend the voting window! That way the people who were told that they cannot nominate themselves

by certain deadlines can do that and the voting will start on the times that we said it will start. We will just lose opportunity to have that senator there to come to us to the retreat

Doug: I have a question- can we invite any of the nominees to come to the executive retreat? If we extended voting window. One is out of the country so she's not going to be here... either way maybe there's three possibilities and maybe one will show up

Alice: I just have a feeling that it's really be a shame to miss out on opportunity to have all executive senators included in this retreat because the ideas teambuilding and if you leave one member of the team who is not coming, not only do they feel left out but they become left out because they don't understand what everybody else coming from

Alice: Second? Any objection?

Yasmeen: I think you're right to Alice about we are missing out on having someone there, but I also think we missed out on having three good senators who feel like they're part of the Senate and the team... if we just say hey sorry we couldn't even know you were nominated, sorry no one voted for you, sorry we did this process really hastily.. It's like by.... if we rush this vote and we stick with the plan instead of saying hey maybe this wasn't the best idea. Because I think we are on board with the idea that you post of "oh yeah this would totally work" to maybe this is not a great idea. And I think we will alienate the three other people that got nominated or anyone else who want to be nominated. Consider by saying "yeah let's continue with this kind of iffy process". if I I were a senator who want to be a part of it and I was out of the country and didn't see anything, I'll feel pretty resentful about that. And I think will look some good senators because of that and lose respect.

Doug: Yasmeen, can ask one question what your preferred solution is?

Yasmeen: My preferred solution is to sustainable the vote and wait until fall at this point. Because between the 10th and 24th, there's 2 weeks. I mean we could do like a vote like until the first day but the first Senate meeting is only the second week of school... like it's not that much longer to wait

Alex: the other hand I think we still need to consider the fact that we open the process nominations and the certain people who have been nominated... some set of those people are expecting to be candidate of vote.. those people are expected to win and I think the least bad option is to extend the voting window.

Doug: I agreed. Possibly expanding the vote window to fall quarter so they're already nominated, they are already candidates... there nominated that's coming in but they're there is a chance to have more candidates comment potential candidatesBecause what if we have a third-year Senators that just didn't get an email and come back and said "yeah I totally want to do this" or first year or whatever so that's just my...

Alex: I guess my concern are kind of a unique just thinking about all different types of programs that we have as a part of the graduate professional schools here and how we have's to some that are two years, some that are there are some there are sevenaiming toward senior, we're putting a lot of two or three year program at the disadvantage which I don't think is fair.

Eddie: but you can't get both at the same time. if you get someone for my two year program you're not gonna..

Alex: That's true

Alice: Reading our bylaws more carefully on the committee... For executive senator that should be nominated by committee, consisting of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. And approved by GPSS after all senators have been advised of the duties and responsibility further nomination may be made from the fourth. All interested senator will have the opportunity to apply for the office and to be interviewed by the officers, and there is more. But I feel like given that language, actually we have to allow nominations from the floor, that It can't actually be official until then.....

Doug: So we hold the votes until the first Senate meeting?

Alice: Yes

Evan: But I think we should definitely reach out to the people who were nominated and make sure they know exactly what the procedure is so that's open to them.

Alice: Also what we can do is we can do both. We can propose the bylaw changes with the way we would like to see executive senators position to be filled. And then proceed with the process that we propose .after that, then proceed by putting into practice our proposition on how to change the new senators. I think Chris's was that you putthat they have to be back there and not that they are nominated by the committee officers, but that that they have to be elected and that it's a democratic process just like the officers. And that's not just nominations by the officers.

Yasmeen: I really think that letting people who are nominated know that "hey you are nominated" before this meeting

Alice: I think that maybe Natalie can send an email... do you feel comfortable with that? And just say hey we have..... The executive committee of GPSS has decide to extend the votes of the executive senator until the first or second senator meeting of the year and nomination..... These are the current nominations that we have already if anyone else is interested please feel free to nominate somebody up until the time of the vote.

Alice: Yeah I can do that.

Alice: And we can also encourageI think when you emailed the nominees..... Encourage them to come to our next exec Senate meeting to just see what it's about so we can get more acquainted with them.

I. Officer Report

Alex: biggest thing was very good WSU retreat that I also went to Eastern. I think we built some good relationship, we stayed up late working one graduate student issue PowerPoint presentation that we gave very early next morning but seem to be very well received. Many people come talk to us afterward Alan able to stay the whole time but I think it went really well.

Doug: we hired new staff, everything's been moving along with Husky Sunrise, which is great !we come up with the budget there is been bumps in the road but other than that things are great

Natalie: I've been working mostly on orientation stuff- thank you so much for volunteering. Also the

evens. Also be representing the graduate department advisor kick off meeting today, they have a lot of really good response. So really promoted the image of GPSS there and the people are excited so....

Alice; Can I add that Q&A session at the GPA meeting

Natalie: Oh yeah! There were a bunch of questions and only one of the question was not directly direct at Natalee and myself.

Alice: ok, ASUW is not here. My officer report is - thank you all for being here thank you all for your time and energy and your attention and I am able to be a better leader because of all of you and I think GPSS is in for a great things! Thank you! Announcement? Alright 7:36 executive meeting adjourned; I officially adjourned this meeting at 7:26 PM. Meeting adjourned!