

# Graduate and Professional Student Senate

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## Executive Meeting Minutes Session 5

OCT 7, 2015 | HUB 303

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

GPSS President Alex Bolton  
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs Monica Cortes-Viharo  
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs Brian Tabaunek  
GPSS Treasurer Kerstin Hudon  
GPSS Secretary Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim  
Executive Senator Evan Firth  
Executive Senator Yasmeeen Hussain  
Executive Senator Joseph Telegen  
Executive Senator Brian Tracey  
GPSS University Affairs Director Austin Kinney  
Graduate School Associate Dean Kelly Edwards  
ASUW Director of University Affairs Roy Taylor

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***Call to Order: 5:36pm***

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Alex Bolton** moves to approved agenda.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** seconds.

Seeing no objection, the agenda is approved.

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### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**5:38pm**

**Elloise Kim** included a list of attended members, added page numbers, corrected the adjournment time, and moderated the style to be more consistent.

**Kerstin Hudon** moves to approve the amended minutes.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** seconds.

Seeing no objections, the minutes are approved as amended.

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## STUDENT CONDUCT CODE REVIEW

5:40pm

**Elizabeth Lewis:** The current UW Student Conduct Code is too complex for students to navigate and understand. Elizabeth and her colleagues have dedicated years of their time to review the Student Conduct Code since 2010 and the GPSS has been an important partner during the process for making amendments. The Cleary Act requires additional changes in Student Conduct Code. While the GPSS Senate passed a resolution in support of the Student Conduct Code last year (titled 478120), the Faculty Senate requested some edits and change of two phases in the Code. Although the resolution has been passed by the GPSS Senate, Elizabeth believes it is important and necessary to update GPSS officers and its members on some of the new edits in good faith to what she promised the GPSS officers in the previous year.

More Sustainable Model For Hearing: Currently the Board is made of at least 7 faculty members. In previous years, the Board saw suspension cases around 5-6 times each year with up to 20 cases/year. The number will continue to rise as students report sexual misconduct and other misbehaviors more actively. The current model is, therefore, not sustainable, which is why Elizabeth proposes a different model. They will train a larger group of people so that the faculty might reduce the number of hearings down to 5/year over time. The amount of time the faculty commits to this is really significant. We also want to be able to provide an opportunity to respond to student behavior that is outside of University expectation appropriately.

Action from Other Organizations: The Faculty Senate moved to accept this draft. The ASUW passed the resolution on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Act, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>: There is currently an emergency act to be in compliance with the law. That will be good until Oct 28<sup>th</sup> (approx. 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>). We can extend this period of the emergency rule until February. There is a sense of urgency to make a decision and consider it.

Next Steps: Officers agreed that it's important to communicate to the Senators what the changes are. **Kerstin Hudon** suggests that they need to have bullet point on what was in the document and what has been newly added instead of just giving the full resolution. **Alex Bolton** responds by saying that, "our standing now is in support of the current document. But we definitely need to communicate."

The Exec Committee agrees upon an action that the Student Conduct Code presents its updates to the Senate at the first meeting.

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## HUSKY SUNRISE DEBRIEF

6:08pm

**Monica Cortes-Viharo:** The report from card readers concluded that we had 531 swipes, and the Bookstore gave out 700 plus T-shirts. Time of arrival was mostly before 9:00 am. After 9:00 am only 68 people arrived. Between 10:00 and 10:30 there came about 50+ people. The suggestion on changing the time to 8:30-10:00 would make sense because 259 people showed up before 9:00AM. From the collected feedback, some of the good things include: bar set-up, no long lines, tent, security, and dining staff's friendly attitude. Things to work on next time is marketing. It would be great to send out an email before the school ends. So departmental advisors can incorporate the event in their planning. The all-student email also can be sent out

earlier. The social media page can be improved as well. People really liked free T-shirts. The diversity of tabling resources was really good. Suggestions about Husky Sunrise: group picture setup and more social media involvement. Monica wrote thank-you notes to a lot of players involved. There were conversations regarding whether they want to expand the resource table list and invite more organizations. The officers believe that it would be helpful to conduct a survey to find out what student attendees think are the most valuable.

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## **HUSKY SUNRISE BUDGET DEBRIEF**

**6:08pm**

**Kerstin Hudon:** They have used about \$15,000, which equals to 70% of their budgeted amount. The tent receipt hasn't arrived. Once it is added in, it will be still under their budget. The place where they spent more is catering, which adds up to about \$2000 (including champagne delivery and bartender labor hours); however, they spent significantly less on publicity (\$800) compared to the previous year without the packet print job. There were suggestions made to use publicity money to make a sign near the fountain to direct people and reduce confusion at site. Associate Dean, Kelly Edwards, points out that they can consider letting other organizations bear the cost of producing packet/brochure next year or even have student attendees make their own folder of information.

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## **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

**6:22 pm**

**Alex Bolton:** The following students are appointed to the committees below for a term beginning immediately and ending June 15, 2016.

### ***Provosts Advisory Committee for Students (PACS)***

Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim, College of Arts & Sciences, English

Brian Tracey, College of Environment, School of Marine and Environmental Affairs

Ryan Brill, College of Arts & Sciences, Jackson School of International Studies

### ***Student Technology Fee Committee***

Devin Bedard, College of Environment, Earth & Space Sciences

Eddie Schwieterman, College of Arts & Sciences, Astronomy

Yasmeen Hussain, College of Arts & Sciences, Biology

### ***Faculty Council on Women in Academia***

Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim, College of Arts & Sciences, English

### ***Diversity Council***

Brian Tracey, College of Environment, School of Marine and Environmental Affairs

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## **11/23 EXEC MEETING SCHEDULING**

**6:27pm**

**Alex Bolton:** After a thoughtful discussion and a survey, they will have their Exec meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 - 10:30 am to accommodate Thanksgiving schedule.

**Joseph Telegan** moves to set the meeting on 11/23.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** seconds.

The Executive Committee meeting has changed to Dec. 2 5:30 -7 pm to Nov. 23, 9 -10:30 am.

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## RESOLUTION TIMELINE

6:30pm

**Yasmeen Hussain:** In the current draft for the resolution timeline, they ask authors to send the resolution draft to Secretary 3 days before it would be put on the agenda. Secretary sends it to the Senators and the Senate discusses the draft version during the Senate meeting. Authors can update it after the Senate meeting and put the edited version online so that people can comment and provide additional edits. After that, they can vote on the resolution in the Senate. The important question would be whether it fits in with their bylaws or whether they can have it as is. Technically they have to change their bylaws because currently the bylaws says one week before the meeting it has to be sent, and they should change it to 3 days before instead. One thing that is important, regardless of the bylaw changes, is to teach GPSS members how to draft a resolution.

**Elloise Kim** agrees, and adds that a spotlight during the second Senate meeting will be on how to draft a resolution led by Yasmeen Hussain. The officers suggest that Monica Cortes-Viharo and Joseph Telegan did a great demonstration last year and should do another one this year.

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## TENT CITY 3

6:36pm

**Brian Tracey:** The purpose of the event is to curate home security and provide some stability for people who are homeless. It lasts about three months and they move around the areas within the King County.

**Kelly Edwards:** They should consider working with the Health Equity Circle as they have been advocating for UW being one of the sites. This program helps the community live its values, which is to demonstrate social justice and make an impact. Some of the Public Health and Social Work students are also very interested in getting involved. It's important for us to reach out to other organizations and entities so that this program can be more than just allowing people to sleep here and allow civil engagement.

**Brian Tracey:** This topic can fall under the diversity umbrella, and they can have a further discussion on this topic as the Diversity Committee progresses throughout the quarter.

**Alex Bolton:** The current standing of the GPSS's opinion is that in support of Tent City at UW, so a resolution might not be completely necessary, but we can do a spotlight on this issue and inform the Senate about this conversation. The current suggested sites for this program include: HUB lawn, Parrington lawn near the Law School, Red Square, Archery Field, and Rainier Vista.

All officers agreed that a new resolution is not necessary, but GPSS should play an important

role in encouraging education on campus on what the Tent City really means. Associate Dean, Kelly Edwards, suggests that social media plugs would be helpful and they should remind their members that GPSS voted in favor on this issue in 2009. Particularly, representatives from ASUW will be connecting with previous Tent City organizers at Seattle University to better understand how to structure the project.

**Joseph Telegen** brings up the issue of resolution effectiveness and seeks to find solutions on tracking the effectiveness of past GPSS resolutions, to which **Alex Bolton** responded with the suggestion on sending a letter to administration to remind that GPSS supports the idea of Tent City.

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## EXECUTIVE SENATOR REPORT

6:48 pm

**Yasmeen Hussain** Burke Gilman trail construction results in some route changes around the campus soon. They are closing some sections and will also be closing pedestrian bridge to Hitchcock. People have to go a mile a way to go to the hospital area. They have not communicated this change to the school, and they have not considered the potential for people with disability. I was wondering is there any way to communicate to Transportation Services.

**Elloise Kim** Originally, next week's spotlight was featuring transportation services but they canceled the spotlight today. Maybe we can invite them again.

**Yasmeen Hussain** It would make more sense to close certain section at a time to increase accessibility. They are closing the trail on Monday and they will close the bridge on Wednesday. I can send you the website and map and I will update you the next time.

**Brian Tracey** I went to the Race and Equity event. The turnout was good and the event went well in general. It was moderate by Drama Professor. In the near future there will be more talks and conversation on the topic of race and equity; specifically one in January, and one in April.

**Joseph Telegen** I joined Travel Grant and Finance and Budget committees. Held exec office hours for the first time today. I will be joining ASUW steering meeting on Monday- how they are going to use committee chair to better facilitate that meeting. I am the Style Chair of ASUW this year, which mean I will be performing a lot of the same functions that Elloise would be doing. I will be representing GPSS at the union and administrative staff sits down regarding the minimum wage. On the other note, Joes' resolution Brainstorm- they are the things that I am looking into. I would like to take a poll on how much interest do you have on each item on the scale from 1-5 and bring them to the next senate meeting.

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## MEETING AGENDA SETTING

7:02pm

**Kerstin Hudon** points out the GPSS Bylaws says that the Treasurer must present budget number at the first meeting. She will also share the Husky Sunrise budget report during the first Senate meeting.

**Rene Singleton**, SAO Adviser, recommends that each officer introduces themselves and provides a brief description on their job duties.

**Monica Cortes-Viharo** adds that they should do a parli pro tutorial, which would ease people

into some of the daunting procedures during Senate meetings.

**Yasmeen Hussain** reminds the Exec Committee to add the Student Conduct Code item toward the end of the meeting.

**Elloise Kim** informs the Exec members that according to the GPSS bylaw they are required to form the Judicial Committee at the first meeting.

**Josephs Telegen** motions to approve the agenda.

**Brian Taubeneck** seconds.

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## OFFICER REPORT

7:23pm

**Brian Taubeneck:** The WSA meeting was in Tacoma. Ben Henry gave a presentation on lowering tuition debt. He is currently working on the legislative agenda and eliminating things that are not relevant this year. Also, they have a bi-weekly check-in meeting with State Relations coming up, and there's an event called U Lead, We Lead coming up next week.

**Kerstin Hudon:** She is finishing training manual for the Finance & Budget committee. Most committee members will be trained on coming Friday.

**Elloise Kim:** She has cleaned up a senator listserv after examining each member. They have 83 Senators at the moment including 54 returning Senators and 20 new ones. Roy Taylor from the ASUW will be a part of the Exec Committee this quarter on behalf of Noe Merfeld. Jerry Baldasty, Interim Provost, will join the Senate on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The exec listserv has been updated. She met with Kristen Hosey, 2012-2013 Secretary. She gained some histories about Diversity Committee from Kristen. The Senate Handbook is being updated, and it will be sent out along with the welcome letter next Tuesday.

**Alex Bolton** welcomes Austin Kinney for joining the GPSS as the UAD. He's a first year Evans student. Brian Taubeneck and he will be heading to southern California for the SAGE fall summit. He asks for a couple ideas of best practices of childcare on campus. The Regent meeting went well last week and Monica will go to the upcoming Regent meeting in Tacoma on his behalf. He also hired the new Special Assistant to the President, Brian Namba.

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**Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm**

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