



## **M-03-16 Memorandum on Science and Policy Committee**

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### 1. Composition

a. The Science and Policy Committee (SPC) shall be composed of Vice President of Internal Affairs, Director of Events, Vice President for External Affairs (when possible), Policy Analyst (when possible) and any number of volunteer members that are graduate and professional students.

b. The Vice President of Internal Affairs or its designee shall chair and oversee the functioning of the SPC.

c. Other recommended members and collaborators may include:

Representatives from the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), the Forum on Science Ethics and Policy (FOSEP), Emerging Leaders in Science and Society (ELISS), and other student groups and UW faculty engaged in science policy.

### 2. Function

The SPC is to enhance the discourse between scientists and policy makers through advocacy, community building, and student empowerment, working with the Vice President for Internal Affairs and the Director of Events as well as the Vice President of External Affairs or Policy Analyst when possible. To that end, the SPC serves to:

a. assist student scientists in developing their skills in communication across disciplines and to the general public and promote public awareness of science research at the University of Washington, by providing opportunities to develop partnerships in the UW and greater Seattle community;

b. create opportunities and organize science and events in collaboration with other GPSS committees, UW organizations, and national organizations (such as the National Science and Policy Group) as needed.

### 3. Meetings

a. The SPC shall meet once every quarter (Fall through Spring) and more if necessary.

### 4. Authority

- a. Opinions of the SPC shall not become official GPSS opinions until approved by a majority vote of the GPSS.

*Presented to and Approved by the GPSS Executive Committee on*