



Title: **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE HUSKY PRINCIPLES**

Sponsored by: **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President), **Ben Henry** (Evans School of Public Affairs), **Derya Baykent** (Education Psychology), **Kylee Peterson** (Biology)

Written by: **Tunny Vann** (ASUW), **GPSS Husky Principles Committee**

Resolution Number: 01.09-10

WHEREAS the adoption of the Husky Principles will strengthen the UW Community by providing a model of expectations for what it means to be a part of our University; and

WHEREAS the Husky Principles are different than the Student Conduct Code in that their purpose is to build community and not set restrictions; and

WHEREAS the Husky Principles provide members of our community opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue; and

WHEREAS the Husky Principles will foster a sense of community within the University by creating new campus traditions; and

WHEREAS a group of students, student leaders, faculty, and staff have been collaborating on this project since 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the following statements be adopted as the Husky Principles:

“The values upheld at the University of Washington serve as the foundation for our excellence in higher education. As a member of the UW community I strive to:

- Practice high standards of honesty and integrity.
- Respect the dignity and rights of all persons.
- Support freedom of thought and expression.
- Pursue ongoing intellectual and personal development.
- Engage in critical thinking and discovery.
- Improve our university community and the world.”

Presented to GPSS for approval on January 13, 2009.

Approved on January 13, 2009 with 30 for, 18 opposed and 13 abstentions.



Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE TEXTBOOKS**

Sponsored by: **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President), **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), **Kristian Anderson** (Art History), **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial Engineering), **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)
Written by: **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW)

Resolution Number: 02.09-10

WHEREAS the escalating cost of conventionally produced and distributed textbooks well outpaces inflation, and shows every sign of continuing; and

WHEREAS students are facing increased financial stress from similarly escalating tuition rates, transportation costs, and housing expenses; and

WHEREAS the University Book Store buyback program can dramatically reduce the cost of conventional textbooks for students when faculty readopt textbooks, but is heavily curtailed when faculty members adopt the newest editions of textbooks as soon as they are released; and

WHEREAS new models are emerging that have potential to restructure the textbook industry and lead to systematic affordability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the University Book Store and proactive faculty be commended for their work to select and deliver textbooks at an affordable price; and

THAT the University Book Store be commended for reducing the net cost of educational materials through the customer rebate program; and

THAT UW faculty be encouraged to use earlier editions of textbooks, and only adopt new editions in the case of actual pedagogical improvement and not merely aesthetic rearrangement; and

THAT UW faculty be encouraged to take a leadership role in embracing more affordable and more effective models for the textbook industry; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Faculty Senate Chair Bruce Balick, UW Book Store CEO Bryan Pearce, and Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life Eric Godfrey.

Presented to GPSS for approval on December 2, 2009.

Unanimously approved on December 2, 2009.



Title: **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI**

Sponsored by: **Kris Anderson** (Art History), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)

Written by: **Kris Anderson** (Art History)

Resolution Number: 03.09-10

WHEREAS on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, tens of thousands of lives were lost due to a massive earthquake; and

WHEREAS the scale of this loss of human life touches people from all corners of the world; and

WHEREAS our own University of Washington campus sits in an active and dangerous earthquake zone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the Graduate and Professional Student Senate offers its sincerest condolences to the citizens and residents of the nation of Haiti; and

THAT a moment of silence be observed in their honor; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Haitian Consulate.

Presented to GPSS for approval on January 13, 2010.

Unanimously approved on January 13, 2010.



Title: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF THE CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Sponsored by: **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President), **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences)

Written by: **Katie Stultz** (Campus Sustainability Fund Working Group Member)

Resolution Number: 04.09-10

WHEREAS the GPSS Legislative Agenda states that “The GPSS supports efforts to increase environmental stewardship and sustainability on campus;”^[1] and

WHEREAS the Campus Sustainability Fund’s mission statement is to “create a sustainable campus and foster an environmentally conscious university culture by funding student-led projects that improve the university’s environmental impact;”^[2] and

WHEREAS “the University of Washington, through President Emmert, is a founding signatory to the American College & University President’s Climate Commitment (ACUPCC),^[3] and is committed to developing an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral;”^[4] and

WHEREAS the Climate Action Plan commits the University of Washington to reach carbon neutrality by the year 2050;^[5] and

WHEREAS the Climate Action Plan recommends the creation of a student fee as a possible mechanism to fund campus sustainability projects;^[6] and

WHEREAS as of May 2009, there are 62 currently active student funded sustainability funds at other world-class institutions of higher learning nationwide;^[7] and

WHEREAS “the EPA announced that greenhouse gases threaten public health and welfare of the American people,” and “scientific consensus shows that as a result of human activities, GHG [greenhouse gases] concentrations in the atmosphere are at record high levels;”^[8] and

WHEREAS the University of Washington emits over 220,000 pounds of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide^[9], which was recently found detrimental to human health by the United States Environmental Protection Agency^[2]; and

WHEREAS 46% of waste from the UW goes directly to landfills;^[11] and

WHEREAS the University of Washington uses 1,037 gallons of water per gross square foot of campus per day;^[12] and

WHEREAS the Campus Sustainability Fund Working Group proposes that the fund be created under the Services and Activities Fee, as it is the most democratic, accountable and transparent method for instituting such a fund; and

WHEREAS the Services and Activities Fee funds invaluable student programs such as the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Childcare Assistance Program, Classroom Support Services, Counseling Center, Ethnic Cultural Center and Theater Complex, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, Hall Health Primary Care Center, Q Center, Recreational Sports Programs, Services and Activities Fee Committee, Student Activities and Union Facilities, Student Legal Services, and Student Publications,^[13] and

WHEREAS the Campus Sustainability Fund Working Group has thus far collected over 2,500 signatures of support, over 28 endorsements from registered student organizations, and will continue to outreach to groups on campus to garner student support and awareness for the proposal; and

WHEREAS the Campus Sustainability Fund Working Group and the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability has currently collected over 80 project proposals from students, faculty and staff amounting to over \$2,500,000, showing a current demand for the fund; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports the creation of the Campus Sustainability Fund under the structure proposed by the Campus Sustainability Fund Working Group through an increase and/or re-allotment of the student Services and Activities Fee; and

THAT a copy of this legislation be sent to UW President Mark Emmert, Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life Eric Godfrey, all members of the Services and Activities Fee Committee, GPSS President Jake Faleschini, and ASUW President Tim Mensing.

1. UW GPSS Legislative Agenda 2010
2. Campus Sustainability Fund Proposal Mission Statement
3. "Text of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment." American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment. 26 January 2010.
4. "Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability." The University of Washington. 26 January 2010.
6. University of Washington Climate Action Plan
7. Bintliff, Jacob. "Student Green Funds: 1997 - 2009". University of Illinois. 26 January 2010.
8. United States Environmental Protection Agency
9. Climate Action Plan Committee, "University of Washington Climate Action Plan". University of Washington. 26 January 2010.
10. "New Releases Issued by the Office of Air and Radiation". United States Environmental Protection Agency. 26 January 2010.
11. University of Washington Climate Action Plan
12. Finance & Business Services, "UW: FS: Finance and Business Services: Utilities Usage". University of Washington Facilities Services. 26 January 2010.
13. "Services & Activities Fee Committee: About S&F Fee Committee". University of Washington Services & Activities Fee. 26 January 2

Presented to GPSS Senate and approved on March 3, 2010, with 69 votes in favor, 2 opposed, and 6 abstentions.



Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UAW LOCAL 4121 BARGAINING EFFORTS**

Sponsored by: **Lindsay Morse** (GPSS Secretary), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Sean Schneider** (Genome Sciences), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences), **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), **Ashli Baker** (Classics), **Naomi Campa** (Classics), **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President), **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work), **Aaron Naumann** (Anthropology)

Written by: **Lindsay Morse** (GPSS Secretary)

Resolution Number: 05.09-10

WHEREAS UAW Local 4121 represents approximately 4,500 graduate and undergraduate Academic Student Employees (ASEs) at the University of Washington, many of which are constituents of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS); and

WHEREAS ASEs (Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, Tutors, Graders and others performing similar work) are responsible for much of the critical frontline work that makes the University of Washington (UW) an internationally recognized institution of higher education: conducting research that helps bring \$1.15 billion in grants and contracts into the University; providing more than half of the instructional contact hours to the 42,000 undergraduates who attend UW; and helping to make UW competitive in attracting first-rate students from all over the world; and

WHEREAS collective bargaining rights for ASEs were legislated by the Washington State Legislature in Olympia in 2002; and

WHEREAS ASEs on campus make approximately \$15,000 per year on average—an amount that is several thousands of dollars below the “Self Sufficiency Standards” for one adult living in King County in 2009, and tens of thousands of dollars below the Self Sufficiency Standards for the many ASEs with children;¹ and

WHEREAS the Local 4121 Bargaining Team is proposing increases to wages to keep up with cost of living—particularly rising costs of tuition and fees; improvements to the health insurance benefits to cover families more affordably and protect ASEs from extraordinary costs; and better student/instructor ratios by restoring cuts that were made to instructional positions in previous years; and

WHEREAS the budget for grants and contracts, which fund approximately 60% of ASEs, has been increasing and the UW brought in an additional \$57 million last year in grants and contracts, with continuing grants already budgeting wage increases for ASEs; and

WHEREAS the cost of wage increases for ASEs that are not paid by grants is .1% of the UW operating budget; and the UW Board of Regents approved a 2.5% wage increase for ASEs last year at a cost of only \$664,000; and

WHEREAS without increases, the wages paid to an ASE at the average yearly (9 month) rate drops by more than 5% per year due to student fees that must be paid as a condition of employment; and

WHEREAS Local 4121 members voted overwhelmingly (99%) in favor of the bargaining agenda; and

WHEREAS the current ASE contract is set to expire after April 30, 2010,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT GPSS supports the efforts of the UAW Local 4121 leadership and bargaining team; and

THAT GPSS urges the UW Administration and the University bargaining committee to come to a timely and fair agreement on the new contract; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to UW President Mark Emmert; UW Provost Phyllis Wise; the UW Board of Regents; Louis Pisano, Assistant Vice President of Labor Relations; Mindy Kornberg, Vice President for Human Resources; and David Parsons, UAW Local 4121 President.

Presented to GPSS Senate and approved on April 28, 2010 with 59 votes in favor, none opposed and 3 abstentions.

ⁱ “The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Washington State 2009,” Prepared for the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County (in collaboration with the University of Washington School of Social Work): <http://www.swwdc.org/docs/wassr.pdf>.



Title: **RESOLUTION TO NAME THE HUB SENATE CHAMBER**

Sponsored by: **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences), **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work), and **Yutaka Jono** (FIUTS)

Written by: **Jed Bradley** (ASUW Student Senate Chair) (ASUW Resolution R-16-28), adapted by **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary)

Resolution Number: 06.09-10

WHEREAS Rene Singleton has advised hundreds of student leaders at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS Rene has served as the Assistant Director of Student Activities for twenty years; and

WHEREAS student leaders in the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW), and other student groups have relied on Rene’s wisdom and experience throughout all twenty years; and

WHEREAS students appreciate Rene’s unmatched enthusiasm, helpfulness, wisdom, humor, and thoughtfulness; and

WHEREAS Rene serves as a cornerstone of institutional memory in the GPSS and other organizations; and

WHEREAS naming a location on the University of Washington campus for an exceptional individual is an honor not only at the UW, but throughout the collegiate world; and,

WHEREAS the HUB is being renovated and will be completed at the end of 2012, and the new design includes a ‘senate chamber’ for use by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate and the ASUW Student Senate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS recognizes Rene Singleton for her unequivocal dedication to student leaders and as a pivotal part of our experience at the University of Washington; and

THAT the GPSS acts to name the future HUB senate chamber the “Yvette (Rene) Singleton Senate Chamber”; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to UW President Emmert and the Naming Committee.

Presented to GPSS Senate and unanimously approved on April 28, 2010.



Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING COMPOSTING ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CAMPUS**

Sponsored by: **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), **Jake Faleschini** (President) **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences) and **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)

Written by: **Matthew Zemek** (ASUW Resolution R-16-20), adapted by **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary)

Resolution Number: 07.09-10

WHEREAS the University of Washington (UW) began a composting program in 2004 by collecting coffee grounds and pre-consumer vegetative food waste from the UW Club and three Housing and Food Services (HFS) kitchens; and

WHEREAS HFS instituted a post-consumer composting program starting in 2007 in cooperation with the Registered Student Organization (RSO) Students Expressing Environmental Dedication (SEED); and

WHEREAS UW Recycling & Solid Waste, a program under UW Transportation Services, is working to expand composting within the UW Medical Center; and

WHEREAS an audit of all waste produced by the University of Washington between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003 found that 43% of all waste produced by the University was compostable [1]; and

WHEREAS effective July 1, 2010 compostable or recyclable food service-ware shall be required for all food service businesses within Seattle under Seattle City Council Bill number 116250 [2]; and

WHEREAS landfills are sealed, preventing compostable materials diverted to them from biodegrading aerobically; and

WHEREAS organic material in a sealed landfill biodegrades anaerobically, leading to the production of methane, a greenhouse gas twenty times more effective at trapping heat than carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS the University of Washington has received a grade of A- from The College Sustainability Report Card since 2008 [3]; and

WHEREAS an expansion in the use of composting will help the University to maintain its grade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports all current composting programs run by HFS and Recycling & Solid Waste; and

THAT the GPSS commends Recycling & Solid Waste for efforts to expand composting within the UW Medical Center; and

THAT Recycling & Solid Waste be encouraged to conduct another audit of waste collected from the University of Washington; and

THAT the GPSS requests that Recycling & Solid Waste develop and implement a pilot program for the addition of compost receptacles to designated campus buildings no later than the first day of Autumn Quarter 2012; and

THAT, should the pilot program or waste audit justify such a measure, the University develop a plan to add compost receptacles to all student-use campus buildings no later than the first day of Autumn Quarter 2015; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Eric Johnson, Program Operations Manager for Recycling & Solid Waste, and Pam Schreiber, HFS Director.

Presented to GPSS Senate and unanimously approved on April 28, 2010.

[1] City of Seattle Ordinance Number 122751

[2] University of Washington Waste Characterization Study, February 2004

[3] The College Sustainability Report Card



Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STUDENT-RUN FOOD COOPERATIVE**

Sponsored by: **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President), **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer), **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work), and **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering)

Written by: **Maggie Bennett** (ASUW Director of Organizational Relations), adapted by **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary)

Resolution Number: **08.09-10**

WHEREAS a student-run food cooperative can offer an alternative food source for students at a low cost and can provide leadership and community planning experience; and

WHEREAS a food cooperative can help to engender a culture of sustainability on campus; and

WHEREAS a food cooperative is an organization owned by its consumers (UW students, faculty and staff) and workers and constitutes a means of democratizing our food system; and

WHEREAS successful student-run food cooperatives have been created at other regional universities, including the University of British Columbia, Portland State University, The Evergreen State College and University of California Berkeley; and

WHEREAS a student-run food cooperative could create a community space and forum for discussion surrounding food sovereignty and food justice issues, as well as sustainability and nutrition; and

WHEREAS the food co-op will work collaboratively with the UW Farm to localize, contextualize and democratize the campus food system, maintaining the University of Washington as one of the most sustainable universities in the country; and

WHEREAS the UW Farm is poised to expand to an acre of land which would dramatically increase their production capacity; and

WHEREAS a student-run food cooperative would be directed by student staff and volunteers, with help from advisers in SAUF; and

WHEREAS the food co-op is expected to be self-sufficient within the first year of its creation; and

WHEREAS the food co-op has the support and mentorship of local businesses such as Madison Market, Molly's and Chaco Canyon; and

WHEREAS the food co-op has the support of the Nutritional Sciences Department; and

WHEREAS there is a functional kitchen in the South Campus Center (SCC) that has not been utilized for six years that could be used to prepare food for the cooperative while the Husky Union Building (HUB) is closed for renovation; and

WHEREAS the food co-op's ambition to operate a food cart in Red Square or another central campus location will help fill the gap in food services provided on campus with the temporary closure of the HUB; and

WHEREAS a food co-op would benefit the UW community by providing alternative food choices, leadership opportunities for students, and increasing awareness of food justice issues in our community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports the creation of a student-run food cooperative on campus; and

THAT the GPSS supports the student-run food cooperative's use of the SCC cafe space, as well as the co-op's use of a food cart to serve students in central campus; and

THAT the GPSS supports a student-run food cooperative space in the new HUB once its renovation has been completed, operating independently from and in competition with Housing and Food Services; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Tim Mensing, ASUW President; Jake Faleschini, GPSS President; Lincoln Johnson, Associate Vice President of Campus Life and Director of the HUB; Phyllis Wise, Provost and Executive Vice President; Paul Jenny, Vice Provost of Planning and Budgeting; and Pat Wahl, Dean of the School of Public Health

Presented to GPSS and approved on May 12, 2010.



Title: **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT EMMERT FOR HIS SERVICE**

Sponsored by: **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW), **Lindsay Morse** (Secretary), **Jake Faleschini** (President), **Sarah Reyneveld** (Vice President), **Tim Hulet** (Treasurer), **Charles Plummer** (Earth and Space Sciences), **Marc Jaffrey** (Earth and Space Sciences), **Trond Nilsen** (Industrial and Systems Engineering), and **Shawn Mincer** (Social Work)

Written by: **Jason Padvorac** (ASUW)

Resolution Number: 09.09-10

WHEREAS Dr. Mark Emmert has served as the President of the University of Washington for 6 years, and has now accepted an offer to become the President of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS President Emmert's creation of the Husky Promise program enabled thousands of students to earn a UW education who otherwise would have been unable to afford it; and

WHEREAS President Emmert's ability to give the UW a human face led to the most successful private fundraising drive in UW history, with the Campaign UW: Creating Futures campaign bringing in \$2.68 billion to support the UW; and

WHEREAS President Emmert's skill in management and passion for discovery has been key to building a community at the UW that is competitive in attracting top students and scholars from around the world, and that brings in more federal funding than any other public university in the country; and

WHEREAS President Emmert has helped the UW become a global university, with actions such as the creation of the Office of Global Affairs and the opening of a UW office in Beijing; and

WHEREAS President Emmert has consistently encouraged and supported the creation of visionary programs that deal with pressing contemporary issues, such as the Department of Global Health, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, and the College of the Environment; and

WHEREAS President Emmert has overseen the expansion of the UW Bothell and UW Tacoma to 4-year baccalaureate granting campuses; and

WHEREAS President Emmert has positioned the UW to become a leader in the study and practice of environmental sustainability through efforts such as creating the Climate Action Plan and organizing the College of the Environment; and

WHEREAS President Emmert hired Coach Sarkisian; and

WHEREAS the distinction President Emmert has earned as an alumnus of the University of Washington is a rightful source of pride for all Huskies; and

WHEREAS President Emmert has made himself regularly available to student leadership on campus; and

WHEREAS these statements list only some of President Emmert's accomplishments during his tenure as the President of the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS President Emmert will be sorely missed; therefore

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:**

THAT the GPSS thanks President Emmert for his tireless and impactful service over the last six years; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our fellow Husky, Dr. Mark Emmert, along with best wishes for him and DeLaine for this next stage in their lives.

Presented to GPSS and approved on May 26, 2010 with none opposed and two abstentions.