

Minutes: Official Meeting of Graduate and Professional Student Senate
Senator Meeting
October 1, 14
At HUB 145

A.Approve Agenda

Eddie: move to approve agenda

Ted Chen: second

B.Approve minutes

Chris: move to approve minutes

Margaret Hughes: Second

Alice: All our meetings are open meetings, so all of our meeting minutes are posted and open the the public, that's why we state our names and procedure.

Natalie Gordon: To help ensure a democratic process, GPSS uses parliamentary procedure.

Parli Pro acts as a guide to keep order by designating what to say and how to say it to accomplish certain purposes. We have charts in you nametags as well as a couple of posters that describe the most commonly used parli pro language. Parli pro is used to protect the voice of the minority. It is very important that all voices are heard, so please express your opinions. The purpose of following this format is to address dissent and potential conflict in a fair and democratic way so that everyone has the opportunity to be heard in an orderly way.

(People Talking to each other)

Alice: So if you are a brand new senator, you have never been at GPSS before, I want you to go to the front of the room.

(People talking to each other)

C.Introduction

Alice: So the idea behind this is last year we had a series of focus groups of senators and we asked them what they want more of, and a lot of people who were new senators last year felt like they got no orientation, no introduction, and no one to go to when they didn't know what was going on, so the idea behind this is to really get new senators to talk to senior senators, and maybe even someone you have seen before, maybe at the orientation, hopefully we will do some of that. Is there anyone among the senior senate?... lets see.. Who has been here for one year only? Now two years? Three years? Four Years? (people cheering) Eddie is on our Executive Committee so if you have any questions, Eddie is an incredible resource. He can answer every question you might have about GPSS. But if I can have...It looks like there's about a little less than twice as many new senators, so if you can pair up with someone and find returning senator and just talk to each other. And ask if you have one piece of advice for me, what would it be? Or if you have a question, I am not going to dictate what your conversation should be. But find someone and partner. Start to pair, if there aren't enough, just join a little mini group of two.

(People talking for 6 minutes)

D. Introduction of GPSS and where GPSS situated in the University

Alice: Alright, thank you so much, sounds like there's a lot of great conversation going, I hope some of you have a little bit better idea of what GPSS is. I want to just go out to you really quickly, next on our agenda we have a quick overview of GPSS, and where we are situated within the University. But I want to throw it out to the audience really quickly, what is GPSS? It is the Graduate and Professional Student Senate, but what is GPSS? What does that mean for anyone?

Monica (School of drama) : Representing the graduate student in the University.

Natalie: Can you say your name and..?

Tom (Chemistry): The best way for graduate students to generate departmental conversation.

Alice: Anything else? Cool. this is kind of a hard question, and I asked myself this previous to the presentation- what is GPSS, and I don't think that any one person, especially not me, have the answer to that, because GPSS is "this", right here. You are GPSS, so there's no way that I can define for you right now at our first meeting of the year "what GPSS is" because that is up to you, the level of engagement and how much you put into this this year is going to determine what GPSS looks like for the year. I know that officers, Executive Committee, Rene- our SAO advisor, we all have been working really hard to make GPSS the best it can be throughout the summer. But from here it's kind of like, we are extending the torch to you. So I think what we can talk about though is what GPSS does and this can shift, but this is sort of from my perspective. We see and celebrate community. I hope some of you were able to make it to Husky Sunrise, our first ever welcome event for graduate student at the UW, we had breakfast and mimosas, so enjoy the orange juice that's left over... so that's the goal right? It's this inter-departmental interdisciplinary space where we can create community despite being at different locations all throughout the University. We facilitate and exercise advocacy. We facilitate advocacy by giving you the tools that you need and the opportunity to go talk to legislators in Olympia through the Vice President, we also advocate on your behalf in Olympia and at the University level. We provide pathways and tools for success. Tools can be anything from professional development in our partnership with the Graduate School or our own workshops, it can be resources in the form of travel grants or other things that your department might need. And we can connect you to the right people in the University to answer the questions that you have or help you figure what it is that you need to know. And we safeguard and uphold student rights. Luckily we are an institution that actually cares a lot about student rights right now, and we are taking advantage of that, but we also want to make sure that moving forward there are policies in place that ensure our rights will continue to be upheld by the institution. And that's something that we care about very strongly. So just really quickly I want to give you an idea of where GPSS is situated within the University. And I assure you that this was not thrown together, this was a very long process

of figuring out how to represent this. The organization chart at the University of Washington is 30 pages long but this is all just in one slide. And the Board of Regents is at the very top because those individuals are responsible for making every decision that the university makes down to at the end of the year they approve all of our diplomas for undergraduates and graduates. Luckily on the Board of Regents, we have a student regent, this is Kiana Scott from last year, and we actually have our current student regent Marnie Brown with us. Could you stand up for a second. She is also a new graduate students so she is here representing the Regents. So she gets a vote at the table, I don't know if you want to, we don't have it on our agenda, but if you want to say a few words.

Marnie : I want to say one thing- Eddie, were you a TA for Astronomy by any chance, three or four years ago- you were my TA my freshman year, I don't know if you remember me but I was in your winter quarter class and you showed a video of Colbert, and that is the first clip I ever saw of Colbert and now I watch every episode after that. But I just want to say that I am really excited to be the Student Regent this year. I really want to try to convey students opinion to the Board of Regents. So if you guys have any issue or anything I should be aware or talk about, please feel free to email me. I am very excited for this year and I look forward to working with all of you.

Alice: Thanks Marnie, so Marnie gets a vote, she is a full Regent, which is awesome. I don't know the data, but I don't think many Universities actually have that set up. But also on the Board of Regents, there's non-voting officio members, the President and the Provost, the president of the UW Alumni Association, the chair of the Faculty Association, and the student body presidents, that's myself and Christina Xiao, the president of the ASUW who is fantastic to work with by the way. So we have a seat at the table, and we get to say things so that's exciting. Coming down from the Board of Regents, the President and the Provost each have a bunch of offices and Vice Provosts, and Vice Presidents for things. And they have commissions and committees, they have offices that do various things. They are really important, but I don't want to confuse the slides. So then there's the Provost's Advisory Council for Students, which is a super important committee, that advises the Provost directly every single Friday, she meets with students at 3:30. And that's incredible, not even faculty and administrators have access like that to the Provost which is a huge deal. By the way I should say, President Young's primary job is to be the head of the University. He makes a lot of the decisions but he is more of the business side, and the Provost does the academic side, she is the Chief Academic Officer, and a lot of the budget decisions go through her. And we have the Faculty Senate which I will talk about in a second. So In a Faculty Senate, they have committee, it is made of faculty members and sometimes the administrators and Vice Provosts go to those and they make a lot of important policy decisions that then trickle down to the department. And here is GPSS. We appoint graduate and professional students to the commissions and committees that are at the University levels for the Provost and the President, we appoint graduate and professional students to the committees from the Faculty Senate, and the Provost Advisory Council for Students. And I will just put a plug out there right now, we have three empty seat for the Provost Advisory Council for Students. I'm still waiting for applications for that. The first meeting is on Oct

17th. It is a super important committee so I hope I get a lot of applications this week. And we have the deans for those colleges who work for the Provost, and she is the Chief Academic Officer, and we have the faculty and staff who are affected by the policy. So the other link between the deans and graduate and professional students is the college council, which has different names in different schools so you might have one, but you don't know it by the name of college councils/ student councils. We hope to improve that and get some better communication with each of the college councils, and get them going with each of your schools. But I just want to point out that if you are a graduate and professional student and you want to change a policy, you have an issue that is going on with the dean's office. If you go to your college council, you say "dean, we don't like this" and he or she says "sorry, that's what we are given" that is where it stops. But if you come to GPSS, you can sit on PACs and you can talk to the Provost, who the dean works for, and then the policy go like that. Same thing with your department, you can go and talk to your department, your program advisors or your department chair, and they are like "sorry, that's what we are given" but if GPSS appoints you to a Faculty Senate committee, they develop policy that trickle down to your department and your faculty. So this is a model of shared governance that we have here at the University of Washington, and GPSS plays a pivotal role in this, and I just want to point out that you do not need to be a senator to sit on most of these University committees. So its technically my job is to appoint graduate and professional students, and it used to be it is only for senators but now it is any graduate student. I think it's fabulous this year that we have given them a new title, our GPSS Executive Liaisons, and they are super super important. We would like to have senators on it so we have better communication but if you know people who maybe don't have time to come every Wednesday but are interested, please direct them to our website go fill out an application. So just internally, quickly, this is what GPSS looks like. Obviously we are fed by graduate and professional students, GPSS as a whole here, what we are doing here is the heart of the organization. This is where we talk to each other, where we deliberate, where we can most effectively hear from one another, and I can hear from you and bring something up to the Regents. We also have an internal Executive Committee which we will hear about in our next meeting. And you will hear about one of them today- Judiciary, which in our bylaws, we have to form today. Also we have our Executive Liaisons, then we have our college councils. So we do events. Our committee funds events, and GPSS puts on events like Husky Sunrise, we have more targeted things like Diversity Forums, they are put on by our Diversity Committee, and then of course you have heard, we give money, so the the Finance and Budget Committee approves travel grants and departmental allocations. So we do provide a lot of resources in addition to this external advocacy within the University. So the Executive Senators. The Executive Senate is a super important body with GPSS. We meet on the off weeks of our Senate meetings on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the HUB. The Executive Committee is made up of the four officers, by the way you will meet them later, but can I just have them stand up? The Four officers and Rene too. So we have Natalie.. You guys can introduce yourselves.

E.Executive Senator Introduction

Natalie: I am Natalie, I am the GPSS Secretary

Doug: I am Douglass Taber, I am the GPSS Treasurer

Alex: Alex, Vice President.

Rene: I am Rene, I am your SAO Advisor.

Alice: She is also secretly our god...I don't know what would we do without Rene. But we also have four elected positions on the Executive Committee which by the way sets our agendas for all of our meetings, and we filter all the issues that come up at GPSS before we bother you and take up your time with them. So, it's a super important committee, it's essentially the steering committee of the Senate, and you have a lot of additional responsibility with it. I just want to invite our Executive Senators to come up right now. We have four positions, and we only have three currently, and they worked really diligently, a lot of them are super senators, and I have learned a lot from them, and I am so appreciative working with them. If I can just have you three up here and introduce yourself and talk about being an Executive Senator so hopefully we can inspire one in all these audiences to run for our next week's election that will be open.

Yasmeen: Hi everyone. My name is Yasmeen, I am an Executive Senator for the first time, I started this summer and it has been fun so far.

Eddie: I am Eddie, I have been involved in the Senate for a long time, but this is my first year being an Executive Senator, starting over the summer.

Evan: I am Evan, I am a third year Oceanography student, third year Senator, third year Executive Senator. Yeah, I weirdly started my first year, it's kind of interesting.

Yasmeen: So what the Executive Senator does is sit with the officers at our bi-monthly meeting. We decide the agenda, which sounds really silly, but what that really means is that we discuss all the issues that we discuss in the Senate or other people have brought to us and we narrow things down a little bit, and look at what we should put on the agenda, and what else we might need to bring up to Senate. So if you contact us, the information you give us goes to the officers pretty much directly.

Eddie: Yeah, I mean Executive Senators are unpaid positions, unlike officers. So Executive Senators are supposed to to define the voice in Executive Senate, and we are not in the office everyday for 8 hours a day like the officers. So it's a little bit of different perspective that the senators bring versus the officers.

Evan: So you get lots of responsibilities, you get more meetings, so some of you might be wondering ok so what do I get in return being an Executive Senator. One of the benefits is that

you really get your fingers on what is going on in the administration and the University as a whole and GPSS. So it's a great way to get involved and really know what is going on.

Eddie: If you want to take a leadership role, you should think about joining the Executive Committee.

Yasmeen: We have several officers who are former executive members right?

Evan: Yeah, it's a pretty common thing that officers come from the executive senate.

Yasmeen: And It's also a nice way to get your hands in more leadership in GPSS without going through specific things. So maybe I am interested in diversity, then i should go to diversity right? But if you are interested in GPSS as a whole, maybe executive senator is the place.

Evan: And it's fun. We did a great executive senate retreat this summer. We learned a lot about ourselves actually, our communication styles, that was interesting. So I recommend it to anyone who is curious about getting more involved.

F. Elections and bylaws

Alice: Yeah, we talked about the procedures, so just quickly for those of you who did get our email this summer about having an online election, I just want to clarify what happened there. We do have some nominees, but when we went back to our bylaws, we determine that we couldn't actually have an election electronically. And we did want to give new senators who are coming here for the first time an opportunity to to also run. So if you're interested in being an Executive Senator, talk to one of these fine people, talk to one of the officers, come to our meeting next week, it's upstairs on the third floor at 5:30 of this building in a big conference room. And just show up, it's an open meeting. We will give you a shout out at our next Senate meeting and let everyone know who showed up and we will have you say a couple of words to explain why you want to be an Executive Senator.

Yasmeen: Just to clarify, you don't have to show up, but it is beneficial for you to participate.

Alice: Does anyone has any question right now? Thanks you guys. (Applause.) So, Judicial. Next round to ask people to volunteer is for the Judicial Committee. Do we have any members of the last year's Judicial Committee? Yasmeen do you want to speak a couple a words..?

G. Judiciary Committee Formatio

Yasmeen: Yeah Judicial Committee basically means you look at the rules of the Senate, any problems that occur with the rules, so if something happens, and someone says that "I don't think that is done according to our bylaws" you get to look at that, or you get to decide if there are some issues in the bylaws and you need to change them. But Judicial Committee is important because it's the only committee that you can't be on another committee for, so if something goes down you are the person on top of it. However, it's not actually a big commitment, if stuff

isn't going down. So you are supposed to meet once a quarter, we met three times last year, one for each quarter, and each was less than a half hour long. So if you want to get involved, and you like reading stuff, this is the committee for you.

Alice: So you don't have to attend more than 3 meetings a year, and you wouldn't have to sit on any other GPSS committee, and you have a really good excuse, unless Doug starts to spend all our money on ice cream, and then you are going to have some work. Ok, so right now, it's said in our bylaws that we have to elect the Judicial Committee at our first Senate meeting of the year. So do I have any volunteers for the Judicial Committee. Please identify yourself. Your name and your department.

UNCLEAR. NAMES TO BE IDENTIFIED.

Joseph Telegen (English) : volunteer

Derek Sutherland (Aeronautics & Astronautics) : volunteer

Amirah Majid (iSchool): volunteer

Lise Lalonde (Comparative Literature): volunteer

(2 more- to be added to minutes)

Alice: Fantastic, we have a Judiciary Committee, next up the GPSS Spotlight and I will hand this over to Natalie to present our presenter, our history of spotlight, it came up last year, we decided in the executive committee that we want to highlight people in the community that aren't necessary senators to share about their department and their story, and we have 5 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. And Natalie is going to introduce our speaker.

H.GPSS Spotlight

Natalie: Tonight for our spotlight we have Hailey Mackay, who is our senator for Landscape Architecture we are very excited to have her speak, she expressed interest at the end of last year, and was very persistent checking back throughout the summer so Hailey- if you want to come on up and tell us about Landscape Architecture. (Applause)

Hailey: Hello everybody, I am Hailey Mackay, as Natalie mentioned I am the senator for Landscape Architecture and it came to my attention that not a lot of people know what Landscape Architecture actually is. I bet a lot of you know what Architecture is, but can I see by a show of hands how many of you could tell us without looking at the screen what Landscape Architecture is? I often joke that if half the people that went to Husky Games knew what Landscape Architecture is, we would have a very different city. So I wanted ,after a very inspiring spotlight last quarter on Occupational Therapy, I decided to take the leap to present to you, a much larger group than I have ever presented to before. So bear with me if I get a little nervous. So the definition, the art and practice of designing outdoor environments, especially designing

parts of gardens to get between building and roads. That's pretty brief, you could say in a very broad sense that Landscape Architecture is pretty much everything in between buildings. So we have to take a lot of things into consideration. It's a matrix of different factors, scale is a big component, working between regional city, park and garden scale. So working from very small details like benches or a curb to huge things like the Seattle Waterfront. Landscape should be approachable and be full accessible and functional all throughout the year, so you know, different weather conditions, different access, different component of what we do. Accessibility, again as I mentioned the ability to move people from spaces, so for instances, between classes at UW, there's a huge rush of people. And a landscape architect who work for the University of Washington designed those spaces to try to move people really efficiently through spaces. Aesthetic is also important, for spaces to be enjoyed, to be used in the correct way. Landscape should be aesthetically pleasing. This is very subjective and so we generally think about the sensory experience. So touch, smell, sight, taste maybe when you are doing a garden. So all of those types of things go into considerations. And then lastly health. So making sure that the landscape is facilitating healthy use, facilitating exercise fresh air, cleans the air as well as mitigating soil water, so when it rains as it does often in Seattle, that water isn't just rushing out to the sound. It's getting held. We have a saying in Landscape Architecture of "slow, spread, soak", about storm water, which is basically to get it to filtrate back into the ground instead of having polluted road water rushing out to the Puget Sound. So this is what I designed my presentation based off of, a rough draft of a poster that I am helping with the Washington chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect Design. So with their intention for this poster design, much like my intention with this presentation, is to let the larger world know what Landscape Architecture does and when you might be in a landscape that has been designed and what kind of consideration goes into that design. So I felt that these were three projects, award winning projects, by the American Society of Landscape Architects that really kind of represented different scale and different use of the landscape. So on the top we have the Anchorage Museum, and then we have smaller scales of Ballard Commons in Seattle, and under that we have the Olympic Sculpture Park which is also in Seattle. Which I sincerely hope that you have all been to, because it's a really wonderful space. So breaking that poster down a little bit. The Ballard Commons, which is a pretty small scale project by Swift company and it has a lot of really wonderful details. The texture of the stones, the fountain, and the accessibility of the fountain. You can touch it, you can feel it, and make it your own space. And at night you can see that it is a versatile space, it's fun during the day, and at night it lights up, and it can be enjoyable. A couple other details, a bench and a little table from the Ballard Commons as well as a really popular fountain that was designed by somebody else at the University Village that you guys might be familiar with, these frogs and turtles that spit water that kids love to play in. It's just a really popular thing. And one of my favorites at the sculpture park at the end is the the Louis Boudoir eyes that are also benches, and an exceptional work. Ok, so moving up the scale, to the Anchorage Museum in Alaska. I thought this was really great example of two things in particular. One is that you can see in plain view that it's pretty much all ramps. So instead of having all stairs and ramps specifically added on for accessibility, this is completely ramps that curve through the site in a more geometrical shape so you can get access to the site and you don't really have to think about finding the ramp. And I thought that was really beautiful here. And as

well as seasonally, the facet of the building lends a lot which obviously would be the architect's job, but in addition to the facet of the building, using that to really activate the landscape. And you can see that it's just a really sunny space to be in. In winter, when it's snowy, or when when it's summer and everything is lush and green, it is beautiful in sunset. Okay, moving up a little bit in scale, we have the sculpture park, one of my favorite parks in the city. And this was designed by Charles Anderson, Landscape Architect, as was the previous projects, and this combines a lot of different aspects of Landscape Architecture. And it's actually a really complex site. It is the Seattle Art Museum Outdoor Sculpture park, and it does a couple of things really well. One as I mentioned availability and accessibility, it attracts a lot of joggers, it attract a lot of dog-walkers. Up there in the corner there are people doing yoga outside the pavilion which is really wonderful people who really appropriated that space and made it their own, as well as cleansing storm water and holding onto, filtering, and being able to release stormwater through this beach. It also provides habitat through creating the beach instead of just having the sea wall where there's not a lot of availability or habitat for juvenile salmon or other creature that need to live there. And access to the water. There's not a lot of access to the water at the Waterfront right? You go down and you walk along the promenade but you are actually not able to touch the water or see the drift wood or play with the drift wood. So that's a really wonderful moment you can see. And I will encourage you all to go and explore this wonderful space. One last thing that I think is really cool, and the reason to walk through the whole site, is that you can move from different eco system. So like a little bit up here you can see native ferns and that type of things and then you move right down to the beach, so there's different type of landscape to experience, so I hope that was informative about what Landscape Architects do. It's a very broad profession, and a very important one. This is the website if you have more questions, and that wraps it up. (applause) If anybody has question or comments. Go ahead.

Doug: Where is the sculpture park? What bus can I take to go there?

Hailey: The Olympic Waterparks, the waterfront is a little bit tricky to get there on a bus, but I know that there is a bus, I think it is the 39 that goes from campus parkway outside of Elm to lower Queen Anne, and it's just a really short walk if you look on Google Maps, you would see the distance. Or I think there are other buses that goes to the Seattle Center, and this is quite close to the Seattle Center. Yeah, it's walking distance. Anyone else?

Monica: So when you were talking some work that's being done there at Seattle. Can you talk a little bit more about what that is, because I think that is going to impact all of us if we want to go downtown.

Hayley: Yeah, absolutely. So Monica and I were talking, ,and my studio project for this quarter is focus on the Seattle Waterfront, as many of you might know- they are redoing the sea wall down there, because there have been some microscopic sea creatures eating away the seawall and it is quite old anyways. So they are replacing that and when they are replacing that they are actually redoing the whole of Waterfront. So if you go down there anytime soon, you will find that

most of the businesses are going to be closed. There's going to be tons of construction down there. There's a lot of information online you can look at, SeattleWaterFront.org, and that has a lot of fantastic information mostly in the form of pictures and diagrams, so it's really accessible. So basically what that is, there has been a proposal from the James Finer Operation who did the highland in New York, another really wonderful project. And the proposal hasn't quite landed yet, there's been a lot of push and pulls from the city as well as the residents, as well as the different factions that go into making, like the waterfront or the sculpture, which is quite frankly the transportation departments, city government, and Seattle itself all, those types of agencies that have to come together and agree on a scenario to actually build. You can see the draft of their plan, but that's basically the Waterfront. Anyone else?

Yasmeen: I am wondering how architects and how landscape architects work together.

Hailey: We work together closely and there's a little bit of friction there, I won't lie about that. So architects design the structure right. So in the college there's Architecture as well as Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning and Construction Management. All together, they are called the College of Built Environment and it's located in Gould Hall across 15th. And it's that idea of the built environment encompasses all of those things. So typically, this is a pretty static explanation for your question, and things are a little more mushy than this. But basically the architect would design the building and landscape architect would design everything around the building. That also comes into question of your transportation planner, or people who specialized in different facets of that. Civil engineers are a big component as well, as that's why I say it gets a little bit mushy, but that's kind of the cut and drive. And it's really neat where those two meet is when we work together closely.

Alice: fantastic, thank you. (Applause)

Natalie: And just really quick, if any of you ever want to do a spotlight, or have someone that you want to bring in to do the spotlight, please email me and we can get you set up on the schedule. There is an opening for next meeting. So if you are interested, please let me know.

I.Voter Registration

Alice: And next we have our Vice President Alex who is going to encourage you to vote in the State of Washington.

Alex: Hi everybody, I am Alex, I am the Vice President urging everybody to please register and vote if you haven't already or update your registration if you haven't done so already. I have forms on me, so after the meeting I will be around. Also we will send an email out after the meeting, but please urge your constituency as well. So just as a heads up. October 6 is the deadline for registering or updating registrations. So we don't have much time. There have been a lot of people on campus asking about registration, so I hope we reach you and your constituency. But please do so, and I actually went to an election class this quarter and our teacher just gave us a

literacy test from the state of Louisiana from back in the 60's , so if you want to see something really messed up, this thing makes literally no sense, and you have to do it in 10 minutes and it takes a half hour to do. So voting is something we are taking advantage of nowadays. So after the meeting I will be around, I have registration forms if you want to take some back or if you want to do it yourself. And if you already are a Washington resident, updating your registration is actually really easy to do online. So if you have your license, you can just do it there, otherwise you need to do a formal hardcopy. That's it. Thank you.

J. Officer Report

Alice: Actually since we are now going into our officer report, you want to stay up here? Our Vice President is going to give us the first officer report. And these are a little different the way we are doing them today. Typically there will be issues there are going around on campus, the President will talk to you about, and what is going around at the University level, and Alex will talk about the legislature, and bills, and initiatives that's going on. But for today we are going to give you an idea of who we are and what we do within the organization, so we don't throw too much at you. But after today, I promise we will be doing much more serious business, resolutions, where we talk about the actual function of GPSS. But we really want to give you a true orientation today, because you took the time to come here, and we felt like it was our responsibility to give you more information on what is going on before we all throw you in the fire. So with that, Alex , take it away.

Alex: So the reason I brought up voter registration is because the Vice President's main job is to have external relations with government agencies. So the biggest part of my job is I am the liaisons for graduate and professional students to the state government. So during winter quarter I will be down in Olympia five days a week, taking a few classes up here. I will also be the federal liaison as well, so I work with a group called student advocate for graduate education, and Alice and I will be going later this month to Texas to meet with other school , and we will be working on a trip to DC. But I also work with our federal agent here on campus. I actually have an office back in DC. So we will be working with them as well. We have some opportunity to get involved there. So we have state committees, and federal, so if one of those sounds interesting to you, please find me after the meeting and we can talk about getting involved there. Both legislative committees work on forming our legislative agenda for both the legislators and Congress. So those are the committees that I chair. I think that's the biggest preview of what the Vice President does. Personally I am a second year law student, I have been around here for a while. I got my MPA from the Evans School, I was also here as an undergrad, and I am originally from Spokane. Thank you. (Applause)

Doug: Hello everybody, I am Douglass Taber, I am serving as the GPSS Treasurer. I was a first year senator last year. I am a second year Evans student, I go the Evans School of Public Affairs. What I ran on last year, I don't know if you remember, I want to be really open and available. So that's my main goal regarding senate and everybody else. I want to be able to answer your questions and help you get the information you need. I to get Pho on Thursdays on the Ave, so if you want to come eat lunch with me at PhoTran every Thursday, I am usually there

anyways. I am also supervising three amazing committees that i am very excited about. First we have Finance & Budget Committee, Science & Policy committee which Alice was really involved in last year, and is going to stay involved with more or less this year. It's a really good committee that we have a symposium at the end of the year, and also the Travel Grant committee, which is the funnest committee. Do we have any Travel Grant people? Ok, there we go. It sounds like it's going to be boring, but it's actually really fun.for some reason to read people's applications and figure out distributing funds. It's something magical-giving money to students that need it.

Natalie: Hello everyone again, I am the Secretary. So I do several things, one of the main things is that I manage GPSS' s communication and outreach, so that means sending emails to the graduate program advisors, sending emails saying that we need senators, sending emails to all of you with our agendas and just updates on what's going on. I also oversee the GPSS communication and outreach committee, which is trying to work on GPSS image and relations and outreach to improve our image and how we are perceived on campus. I also manage GPSS records and publications. I have Cynthia here who is amazing and makes amazing posters for us to promote our event and advertising. I also make sure that our records are in compliance with OPMA and state laws regarding the state laws that Alice mentioned in earlier in the meeting. I also coordinate GPSS diversity efforts. So if that interests you, we will be putting together a committee next meeting so keep that in mind. I also sit on the GOMAP committee, which is really awesome and fun. And I am also going to be setting up meeting with other diversity entities for graduate students around campus. And I also represent graduate and professional students issues to ASUW . I sit on their board of directors. ASUW is the undergraduate student government. So I meet with them weekly and I hear about what they are working on, and I think about how that ties in with what we are working on, and how we can solidify that partnership on campus. And finally I maintain and manage the GPSS membership and senator registration. So I coordinated with many of you to get you on out listerv and registered, and I work with GPAs to get participation. So that's a brief overview of what I will be doing as the Secretary this year. (Applause)

Alice: Before I talk about the role of the President, I just want to acknowledge the amazing work and dedication, enthusiasm, and creativity of the officers and the staff that we have here and the Executive Senators as well. But in particular the officers and staff that I had a chance to work with over the summer to get GPSS up and running. I think this is the first time in GPSS history that we have 4 GPSS officers in the office everyday. So Alex had an internship at the Attorney General's office, hitting the ground running with his position, being the liaison to Olympia, and Natalie totally just underplayed everything she just said that she does, because she has done an incredible amount of work this summer, not only you probably saw her at the orientations if you are a new students, because she coordinated all the departmental orientations. I mean every single department we were at. And some of you in the room, thank you for volunteering to do that. And also she failed to mention her official title as our Chief Diversity Officer, she is taking that very seriously. And Doug too, I have never heard any Treasurer that gives a report that sounds fun. Usually when the tTreasurer talk,s everyone is just asleep for 5 minutes, so that was

really engaging. So a quick report on myself, I am your liaison for you to everything at the University. You kind of saw the the Board of Regents level but I am going to quickly go through it all. My job is really to communicate on behalf of graduate and professional students to the Board of Regents, to the President and the Provost, I sit on PACS, which I will hopefully have three of you soon, or someone you know. But I also get one on one meetings with the Provost. When we have an issue that comes up and I assure you that there are many, I don't want to ignore the fact that there are a lot of terrible things that are going on around the world right now. I don't even know how many wars we are engaged in on the international level, how many atrocities that are going on, all of the racial tension that is coming up within our country with things that are happening with Ferguson and just everything that is going on. We don't live in a bubble, and things will come up that are serious and will require our attention. So I want you to know that I am not blind to that and neither is our University administration. I had the great pleasure to meet with all of your deans, I have met half of all of them at this point. It's super interesting to see all the different cultures, and all the different things that are going on. The College of Built Environments, he was awesome. He came to Husky Sunrise and his office is kind of all laid out. The Faculty Senate, I sit on the Committee of the Faculty Senate, so I get really close contact with the chair of the Faculty Senate, and in particular the Council on Planning and Budgeting, which is sort of like a PACs for the faculty where they look at the budget and do a deep dive into the budget, and the chair of the senate became the chair of the budgeting process, and I sit on that as well. And we also have a GPSS position on that committee. The Graduate School, we have these monthly meetings with the graduate executive staff. And the Graduate School is really supportive, we are working with them on a lot of initiatives, I didn't mentioned G3 anywhere in here , so I should mention it now. It's our Grads Guiding Grads peer mentoring network. That's a partnership with the Graduate School and you will hear more about it later. Division of student life the UW Alumni association, I am on the Board of Trustees for that. And all the other University wide committees. It my responsibility to make sure that our voices are heard. I can't go to 80 committee meetings all the time, my head is already spinning, but we need our voices to be heard, and I will just call to you again, to get your friends, peers, yourself, to look at our University appointment tabs, and fill out one of the applications in one of the vacancy links. Because that's what we are here to do. And so I advocate on your behalf, I advocate for a diverse student body, and of course I chair the GPSS meetings, and the Executive Committee meetings, and set the agenda. And my job is really to hear from you, so really make sure that you speak up so I can hear you loud and clear, so at those meetings I can actually speak on your behalf, and that will be challenging. Because I will be working with the administrator almost all day everyday and it's really a pleasure for me to be able to interact with you and talk to you. Some come to my office, set up a meeting, talk to me, so I can really be representing your ideas, and not just my own. Doug, do you have a question?

Doug: No, more like a statement. Regardless of where you are going after graduate school , joining these committees looks amazing from a hiring perspective. Doing volunteer work for something like the Travel Grant Committee and just any committee looks really good on your resume, because that shows that you do something that people don't normally do. It's a very interesting thing to see on your resume.

Alice: And it's a good opportunity. You get face time with the Vice Provost and faculty members, and you get the experience. You get to meet some other students, just interacting with people from the University committee members. I think that's a big part of why we are here is to experience community, we are not just here in our labs, we are not just in and out and not making any impact, I mean sometimes that can be really difficult for graduate students, we have higher suicide rates than undergraduate students, we feel isolated as a whole and we have problems. So I think for me that's a big reason, and that's why it's so important. By the way I kind of forget I am a student sometimes because I am so busy. I am a third year PhD student in Public Health Genetics, and I am also getting my certificate in Statistical Genetics. So doing this interdisciplinary thing. Trying to balance stuff with GPSS. But I care about this a lot. But I would invite anyone who has anything to say or announcements to make to speak now.

Alma: I am a member of the Women of Color Collective on campus and we have our first fall event and I have some flyers here, please pass them to Women of color graduate students in your departments. Our event is on Wednesday the 16th of October from 4:00-6:00 at the Ethnic & Cultural Center at the Unity Room. If you have any question, you can send an email to me. Yes it is only for women of color, and women identified as women of colored graduate students. Thank you.

Michelle: Foster school of Business. The MBA program at the Foster School is sponsoring a fun run this Saturday, 100% of the profit goes to The Boys and Girls Club so registration is \$40 and you get a t shirt, and there's actually going to be some prizes for top finishers, and there's also an after party, I can't remember if it's at Finn's or.. but you can look that up at FosterFunRun.org.

Eddie: There's an open house the UW Astronomy department is hosting at the planetarium this Friday for the graduate students, and there's going to be two shows one starting at 7:00, the other one starting at 8:00PM. Because we have limited space, we ask that people who are interested to get a free ticket. You can either google UW Planetarium and look at the website or go to astro.washington.edu/group/outreach.

John: I'm John with the Rainbow Grads. Rainbow Grads is the LGBTQ graduate and professional student organization on campus, we have our kick off event tomorrow at this cafe at the science building at 5 PM. If you can look up Rainbow Grads on Facebook, all the information is going to be there. There's going to be food & pizzas so why not.

Brian Tracy: I move to get the Secretary to put everything in a follow-up email.

Alice: Sure, I will take a second. Any objection? Sweet, thank you for that, love the action.

Alex: Second

Kevin: WCS, Oct 12 from 12-1, the event is called Beyond the Gender Wall.

Monica: School of Drama, We have a lecture series, so you can just go to School of Drama website. And The Center for Performance Studies is hosting a set of lecture series.

Amirah: There is a Women's Hackathon sponsored by Microsoft. Men are invited to participate if they bring a woman or come with a woman. That's on October 11.

Alice: Any other announcement?

Alice: I think that's all we have if we don't have any other announcements.

Alex: I move to adjourn.

Yasmeen: Second.

Alice: Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.