

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GPSS Senate Meeting- 3 December 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:33 by meeting chair Alice Popejoy

Introduction for New Senators

Alice Popejoy (President): GPSS uses parliamentary procedure to facilitate discussions. The idea of parli pro is to make sure that everyone's voice gets heard. Don't worry too much about the language, just speak up when you have something to say.

Natalie Gordon (Secretary): At the beginning of the next quarter we will give an introduction of GPSS and the parli-pro language.

Approval of Agenda

Natalie Gordon (Secretary) moved to change the sponsor of the Legislative Agenda Approval item to Alice Popejoy because only the Chair can sponsor an action item, Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy) seconded.

Alice Popejoy (President) entertained a motion to approve the amended agenda for December 3, 2014.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) moved to approve the agenda, Joseph Telegen (English) seconded.

Agenda for the meeting on December 3, 2014 approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes

Alice Popejoy (President) entertained a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2014.

Brandon Ray (Atmospheric Sciences) moved to approve the minutes, Gerald Mbara (Pathobiology) seconded.

Minutes for the meeting on November 12, 2014 approved without objection.

Spotlight - Jaye Sablan, Scholar's Studio

Jaye works for core programs at the Graduate school.

Jaye Sablan: Scholar's Studio is a chance for people to present in TED talk style about their research. The goal is to have fun and practice scholarly research presentations without using jargon. It is important for people to understand what your research is about and make the public excited and feel the passion you have. The Winter theme is "play". All graduate students and postdocs are welcome to submit applications.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): How do you choose your theme?

Jaye Sablan: Me and Kelly and Lauren Ray, who is the head librarian make the final decision. We also have graduate student input, and we normally do it the summer before a new school year.

Joseph Telegen (English): Do you have suggestions on what sort of language to use if we are interested in applying?

Jaye Sablan: Please check our website. Don't use too much jargon. The goal is to make your research as accessible to the public as possible.

Alice Popejoy (President): Why are you telling people about this?

Jaye: Because we want people to practice and learn about presentations and give people the opportunity to network

Natalie Gordon (Secretary): When is the deadline?

Jaye Sablan: February 6.

Open Access in UW Research - Juliya Ziskina and Austin Wright-Pettibone

What is open access

- free and immediate online availability of peer reviewed articles

The policy proposal

- formalize the process of depositing research articles in the UW's existing institutional repository
- shift from an opt-in system to an opt-out system, where the default is that researchers submit their articles to the repository

Scope of the policy

- peer-reviewed by current UW student, staff or faculty
- after peer review, but before copyediting

Who benefits

- Students benefit because education depends on access to scholarship.
- Professors benefit because open access would provide more teaching resources and make teaching more effective.
- The University of Washington benefits because open access would create more visibility for the institution.
- The libraries benefit because open access would help us deliver more high quality research.
- Authors and researchers benefit because they could be in control of their work and its copyright. Making their research openly available would increase citations and impact.
- Since UW is a publicly funded school, the public should be able to have access to information. Knowledge should be a public good.

UW Policy would not be unique

- Harvard, MIT, University of California, Dartmouth all have been doing it

Misconceptions on Open Access

This policy would be a financial burden

- This is unlikely because we already have the infrastructure in place. The UW libraries already have experience supporting access to research for the past several years.

Publishers won't want to publish UW work

- Publishers are used to dealing with these requests, if not, the authors can request the opt-out option.

Open access would harm journal or peer-review

- There is no empirical evidence that open access leads to a loss in revenue. It doesn't affect peer-review process at all because peer review happens before the article is deposited in the open access database.

It is difficult and time consuming to deposit articles.

- This is false. It can be as simple as sending an email to librarians who are already doing similar work.

Recap of Open Access

- Open access is a supplement to traditional publishing
- improve UW visibility, and improve academic scholarship

Question & Discussion

Juliya Ziskina: More information is available at uwopenaccess.wordpress.com

[Breakout session to discuss open access]

The Senate recapped breakout discussions.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): There is a written resolution that we will bring up next quarter.

Alice Popejoy (President): We want people to be able to have time to digest it which is why we brought it up tonight. Natalie will send out a draft of this resolution so people can digest it and make revisions.

Juliya Ziskina: Check out the website if you have any questions.

Zachary Williams (guest): What is the opposition's view?

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology): Just some feedback, I saw the resolution, and there are some "asks" that I think are too broad.

Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): Regarding implementation, how do you compel people to do this? What is the compliance rate at other universities?

Juliya Ziskina: The UC schools hired a company to develop a system to monitor the journal publishing for UC authored work. The system is then used to send emails to UC faculty to ensure the identity of authors and they can reply to confirm that they are the authors.

Alice: We are over time, do you guys want to continue or move on?

Joseph Telegen (English): moved to extend the time by 5 minutes, Branden Audet (International Studies) seconded.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology) objected, there are other sources to find answers to questions.

Senate majority vote: motion defeated. Time was not extended.

Legislative Agenda Discussion

Alex Bolton (Vice President): After the emails I sent out last night, there were a lot of suggestions for amendments. Keep in mind that we want to keep this broad. We have some funding issues with McCleary- the state is not fulfilling its responsibility to support K-12 education. Initiative 1351 to reduce class sizes passed this year, but has no funding tied to it. It is estimated to cost \$12 million, but we don't have enough to fund this initiative, therefore some programs are being cut.

Nora Williams (Political Science): There's a point on the second page that has to do with student wellness, and I was wondering if we need to be more specific on it, like including gun control etc.

Evan Firth (Oceanography): I think a good, broad response to that is to "safeguard the classroom environment".

Alma Khasawnih (Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies): I am concerned about policing. I am against policing on campus in any form.

Vanessa Kritzer (Public Affairs): We need to keep in mind the difference between policies that you would like to see on campus and policies that might happening in Olympia that will affect our school.

Halee Hyatt (Dentistry): Was there any discussion on the 4th item on the front page? Did you mention anything about private donor schools?

Alex Bolton (Vice President): This item is specifically aimed toward the current medical education agreement (WWAMI). Now UW and WSU are splitting the program and WSU is starting its own school. We want that money in Spokane to stay with UW rather than going to WSU, because if not, we will have to come up with that money somehow. Also we want to open more slots for local medical students. I want to make sure that this is very student oriented, and I know a lot of people have been frustrated by how hard it is to go to medical school.

Bryan Wilcox (Political Science): Are all of these items things the state has rules and regulations on? For example does the state legislature actually have legislation on student voice?

Alex Bolton (Vice President): A good example is a freeze on fee-based programs. Part of that freeze is a requirement have a student group involved to have student input on future decisions.

Legislative Agenda Friendly Amendment

Chrissy Elles (Law) proposed including the line "exploring potential state financial aid programs specifically for graduate and professional students".

Kevin Shotwell (ASUW) proposed the language "policies that respect and protect the civil liberty and civil rights of students, faculty, and staff".

Jen Hubber (Epidemiology) proposed stating "tuition and fees" instead of just tuition.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) proposed removing the word "parent" from position statement three on the first page to make it more inclusive.

Yasmeen Hussain (Biology) proposed changing "policies" to "policy" on the additional statement page.

Chrissy Elles (Law) proposed making the wording more clear on the UW spokane school section by breaking it up to three bulletins instead of just one long paragraph.

Halee Hyatt (Dentistry) proposed adding medical before doctors in that section.

Alma Khasawnih (Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies) proposed changing the "Washington" language so it doesn't exclude any undocumented students.

Alex Bolton (Vice President) responded that undocumented students are considered to by Washington residents and are included in the current language.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology) moved to approve the legislative agenda, Steve Carlin (Chemistry) Seconded.

Legislative Agenda approved without objection.

Officer Reports

Alex Bolton (Vice President): If you have any interest in coming to Olympia, we are always looking for students to share their stories with legislators.

Doug Taber (Treasurer): The Science and Policy is making a wonderful website.

Natalie Gordon (Secretary): The Diversity Funding application is online under the resources tab. Also please send me the information for your announcements after the meeting.

Alice Popejoy (President): The Whole U and Your Kids Too- we have a big meeting on December 9th organized by the provost. We really hope to give a big push for childcare on campus. Also, the faculty senate is charged with developing criteria for creating fee-based programs.

Announcements

Halee Hyatt (Dentistry): The Dental School is offering free screenings for students' dental school exams. Contact me if you are interested in receiving free treatment.

Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy): There's a union meeting tomorrow at 4:30 at Loew Hall in room 201. There is a posting on the UAW website, please go check it out.

Meeting Adjournment

Evan Firth (Oceanography): Moved to adjourn.

Eric Kernfeld (Statistics): seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.