



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Senate Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2017 | HUB 334

1. 1. Call to Order 5:35PM

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2. Approval of Agenda 5:37PM

Charlie Fieseler (Physics): Moves to approve agenda.

Jasmine Rah (Medicine MD): Seconds

3. Approval of Minutes 5:38PM

Benjamin Miller (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences): Moves to approve the minutes

Rachel Hutto (Biochemistry): Seconds

4. Guest: Student Technology Fee 5:39PM

Alec Meade (STF Committee Chair): Introduces himself. Informs that the committee was just formed for this year and they meet on Mondays at 3.30 pm. They are hearing proposals from students and departments who write to them requesting money from technology to be used for RSOs, student projects, extra-curricular activities etc. Received about \$2 million funding requests this quarter from 20 different proposals that are currently under review. Shares some copies of the yearly funding plan and request for proposals to the group. Suggests visiting <https://uwstf.org/> to learn more about what they do.

Michelle Brault (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Requests to share some examples of STF funded projects or technology in the past?

Alec Meade (STF Committee Chair): STF has funded a lot of equipment for formula motor sports, lot of equipment for various maker spaces on campus – one in Commotion run in Fluke Hall and the other major one is going to be open in McCarty Hall. STF also funds software needs; pretty much anything that is an object or software related to suit academic pursuits. The scope is wide.

Molly Grear (Civil & Environmental Engineering): What are the rules in terms of the stuffs that's being funded open to all on campus because some of the them are open to few and sometimes they are not?

Alec Meade (STF Committee Chair): Requires all groups that are funded for with a few exceptions to make their equipment open to all students. However, often times are access restrictions that are put on the equipment such as those that require - safety training, the need for building access etc. Often times students may not know about these. Bit students from many departments can request access to any STF funded equipment and it's the responsibility of the department that houses the equipment to administer the running and usage. In the past, STF has failed to do a great job of administering that in terms of compliance etc. However, since the last two years, we have someone occupied the paid position and STF is in the process of reviewing them all. As STF finds equipment that has no access, are working with the authors of the proposals to rework.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Who requests funding? Is it the students or the departments?

Alec Meade (STF Committee Chair): Every proposal that's received by STF is reviewed via signatures from 4 authors amongst them, one needs to be student, one needs to be a dean or chair or dean equivalent, a budget contact who is certified by UW to certify the budgets and some other faculty contacts. Student and the faculty contact often writes the proposals.

Elloise Kim (President): Best way to contact Alec or STF if anyone has more questions?

Alec Meade (STF Committee Chair): Suggests checking out the website <https://uwstf.org/> The contact page offers all contact details of individuals in the committee for general questions. For any queries on proposals, write to the STF committee who can help.

Elloise Kim (President): Adds that Brad Copenhaver (Treasurer) is the representative from GPSS. One can reach him as well.

5. Guest: Population Health Facility

5:44PM

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Introduces herself and Lyndsey Cameron, Principal Architectural Associate. Shares that at the last meeting, they had talked about site. The building will be located where the Guthrie annex buildings are currently located along 15th avenue. Project goals remains the same as before – to foster collaboration and connectivity, promote healthy living, design space that's flexible and adaptable to meet the evolving needs, sustainability and support and further the institution-wide Population Health Vision. The buildings will house the

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, the Department of Global Health, and elements of the School of Public Health. Its primarily a place where people will come to work every day. It will also have some teaching space and some space for students to interact with faculty and staff.

Shares images for viewing and the topography of the plan. Some of the ideas that are inspiring in the building is about how to improve pathway that is the entry one - very significant entrance to campus. Looking at how to improve that in and around the building looking at environmental and human connectivity. The big analysis has been done about passageway through the campus. Blue is bicycle path connected to bus, the red is the EDA accessible pathway, in and around the site. There is an elevation issue so the entrance will be put in the center of the building.

Removal of Guthrie and Annex buildings will help open up space and make it a great gathering space. The physics building that's existing and will interface with that. Looking at making the space to be a much nicer gathering space. Looking at creating a nice indoor and outdoor experience and enhance that space. Currently there is a parking lot in that area which will eventually be removed. Some accessible parking will be created which will also serve as a fire lane. The courtyard down to the south, which is over the loading dock where the building can be encroached in space for anybody who works.

A lane will be shared between pedestrians and bicyclists. Parking will be absorbed in the central parking garage. Elevation gives a sense of making space for more greenery.

Christian Love (Education, Higher Education Ph.D.): Asks about who is funding this project.

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Shares that the project is primarily funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation who donated \$210 Million. University has committed to put forth \$20 Million. There's a request into the State Capital budget for that \$20 Million. But capital budget has been frozen. So, the backup is from the central campus reserves.

Adam Elder (Biostatistics): Asks if there is any such space planned inside the schools of public health and who is making these decisions?

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Clarifies that there are no specifics yet. Holler is the representative on the project working team who will be working with those departments to figure out how much space is required and how many people are required.

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Asks for how long is the path along the construction from Physics and Astronomy to Grant Lane to the Scramble going to be unusable?

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Reports that the construction is for about 22 months. Demolition of the existing buildings will start from Feb 2018 and the new building will be completed in March 2020.

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Regarding sustainability, lead is a marker that's used on the campus. Lead version 4 is now in effect and it's only gotten more and more rigorous over its versions. UW is one of the first to use the lead markings in the country. Currently

targeting lead gold and intends to move towards platinum. It puts towards high energy efficiency with a cost. Another aspect of importance is attention to is ‘Wellness’. Between a lead gold and a wellness, there will be a nice balance between energy efficiency and a pleasant place for people.

Claire Pendergrast (Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences): Asks if they can share anything about the evidence behind the wellness certification?

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Shares that it starts thinking about the light experience in the building, the air quality and above all the individual’s health of being in the building. Lead certification intends to be about the energy usage and how carbon footprint is driven down. Also relates to University policy, so could stretch to how well the employees are taken care of.

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Reports that on the first floor on the north and after 15th Ave, that part of the building is underground. Team is looking at restrooms, support area and storage and in the building above ground, bringing in daylight- a large story convening space may be used as a teaching classroom for certain parts of the day. It will be opened up so that its part of the cafe seating.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Asks if the building will be open to the public or if it will have controlled access?

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Clarifies that it will be open for all. However, few floors on top will have some controlled access as they will be offices such as research etc. Lobby and other unrestricted places will be open to all; to have coffee, for the café, to relax, grab and go.

Elloise Kim (President): Motion to extend the discussion by 5 minutes

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Approves

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Seconds

Claire Pendergrast (Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences): Asks if there will be laboratories in the building?

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Shares that there won’t be any. No wet labs as such. But there will be lots of computers for computational work for people working in teams and looking at big data.

Elloise Kim (President): Requests Jeannie to provide information about the open houses they have been conducting that people can attend and seek answers for more questions that they might have.

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, Major Projects): Reports that they had one open house already. Next one is on 30th Oct. An email will be sent. There’s one scheduled for the neighboring buildings

with neighbors on 31st Oct between 11 to 1pm at the architectural lobby. Members of the designing team would be present. Outreach to many tried.

Elloise Kim (President): For more information, once can check out their website-<https://cpd.uw.edu/population-health-facility> and all the contact details can be found on the website.

6. Resolution in Support of an End-of-Year Celebration

6:02PM

Elloise Kim (President): Shares that since Giuliana Conti (Secretary) is absent, this will be tabled for next week

7. Executive Senator Election

6:03PM

Elloise Kim (President): Reports one seat that needs to be filled as Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama) is exiting. Invites nominations (self or others)

Peder Digre (Global Health): Nominates Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics)

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Accepts the nomination

Christian Love (Education, Higher Education Ph.D.): Seeks clarification on duties of Exec Senator.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Explains that Exec Senators sit on the Executive Board and attend all Exec meetings. Closely related to the Senators. Execs add different perspectives to the Executive Committee just for the fact that it kind of expands the number of voices that are making the decisions on where the Senate is going. Execs meet every Wednesday at 5:30pm on the days that have no Senate meeting.

Michelle Brault (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Adds on to Laura's comments saying they are the first line of volunteers.

Elloise Kim (President): Invites Elizabeth Oestreich to introduce herself and share why she should be the Exec Senator.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Shares that she was a GPSS senator last year and also a student parent as well as a student veteran. She intends to help make GPSS more inclusive to non-traditional graduate students.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Asks if she has any ideas to make GPSS more inclusive to non-traditional graduate students.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Shares that in the past there weren't many GPSS events that she wanted to bring her kids to. There are other grad students who have kids, spouses, partners and even parents. There are many different backgrounds and experiences of students. She intends to bring some different voice.

Elloise Kim (President): Calls for hand vote. Explains the three ways to vote: Yes, No, Abstention.

Majority hand votes for Elizabeth Oestreich without any abstention

Elloise Kim (President): Welcomes Elizabeth.

Michelle Brault (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Announces that she will be leaving her position as Exec Senator soon. Exec meetings are open if anyone wants to know more and later, self-nominate.

Elloise Kim (President): Highlights that Grant Williamson is the only Exec Senator who can stay for next year. Invites more people are welcome who can stay longer.

8. Good of the Order

6.09PM

Elloise Kim (President): Explains that it's this time during the meeting that one does not have to care much about Parli Pro. As senators, GPSS will use this time to learn about what's going on; if there are any issues that one might have that can be shared. Invites Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs) to explain further.

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Invites people to bring forward any significant issues on campus that GPSS as a whole should be addressing. There are four different routes on going about it. 1) If the issue is big and affects graduate students as a whole to a significant extent, then those issues will be handled by Senate as a whole including Officers and Staff 2) If an issue is affecting a smaller population and not necessarily something that would need the entire GPSS to be involved with, the issue can be brought to one of the Officers who can help with addressing that. 3) The third way is the Adhoc Committees. These are committees specifically for the purpose of what they are addressing. These are when an issue is significant but the Officers and Staff have limited bandwidth and capacity to take on those issues, the Senators can form an Adhoc Committee themselves and work on the issues 4) The fourth way is to direct an issue to current existing committees.

Shares that he is currently working on directives for Adhoc Committees to ensure a concrete and fluid process and those will be coming from Judicial soon.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Shares there were some very passionate people in the past who had strong ideas on what was important and what wasn't. But there were no ideas on how to fix those problems. Adhoc Committees are created when someone has very strong opinion about problems on campus, or maybe that it doesn't have a simple solution or lacks the support,

Adhoc Committees will look at those ideas, understand the concerns better and look for solutions outside of the Senate.

Katie Reichard (Pharmacology): Asks if an issue like housing and security falls under adhoc given the complexity or will that be first tried by Senate?

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Clarifies that such issues will be directed to one of the existing committees like the State Advisory Legislator Board or GES committee.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Asks if people should bring the issues to the Good of the Order and then get the route that way or they have to check the ideas first and then bring it to Adhoc Committee or Senate?

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Clarifies that it is an option if one is unsure of the solution or something that has come up recently before the meeting or unsure of the magnitude of the issue. Invites to come talk to the Officers about the issue.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Clarifies that for an issue to be adhoc, it may be a discussion that's happening with the Good of the Order or even the resolution that's clearly not making progress as a Senate body; the Senators may be asked to form an Adhoc Committee. Adhoc Committees does not require to bring the issue to the entire Senate.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Asks if the creation of an Adhoc Committee will have a new legislative procedure that needs to be actualized?

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Shares that he will have to double check the Bylaws regarding the creation of an Adhoc Committee. Adhoc Committees currently exist in the Bylaws for certain. The Bylaws this year are more of directives to make sure that the Adhoc committees are doing productive work.

Elloise Kim (President): Adds that the Bylaws for Adhoc Committee is simple and flexible. The committee is to be led by Secretary which seems to be a challenge since the Secretary is already heading many committees. So, it needs to be revised. For now, one can go with the existing procedure in creating the Adhoc Committee. There is also a policy memo to create a new committee if there is a strong need. So, GPSS is flexible with respect to these committees.

Elloise Kim (President): Shares that there were two guests for the day. It was informed to them to keep up time and they did. There will be a total of 14 Senate meetings this year. The first meeting was informational and the last one will be a celebration with no guest. There will also be an election meeting. With that Senate will have 11 meetings left to have guests. Asks the Senators if the sessions would be informational and helpful for them or if they would be burdened with additional 30 minutes of meeting time. Discusses the guest list that has been arrived at by the GPSS and Exec and seeks feedback. Reads the Guest List: Student Legal Services, Counselling Center, Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, Ana Marie Cauce, Jerry Baldasty, Undergraduate Research Office, Ombuds, Student Regent, Regent member – Joel, Student Life especially, Student Conduct Code Office, Planning and Budgeting Office, SAF and Program Review of Grad School. Seeks feedback.

Adam Elder (Biostatistics): Shares that it feels necessary for the Student Senate to look at these things. It was nice to have Population health talk, but isn't sure of the value add in presenting it to the Student Senate. Wants to understand what exactly they want from Student Senate.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Clarifies that sometimes it is 'required' to present to certain student groups. This group's feedback will represent all graduate students. It might not influence their decisions. It's more like a 'check off the box'.

Elloise Kim (President): Recommends that as Senates, it's important to share honest feedback and try to make an impact. Such forums should be utilized. It should be one of the ways to collect feedback and not the last stop that they make.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Agrees with the time limit that are given to guests. Also suggests limit on number of presentation slides.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): There will be time limits. A guest from STF might not have questions. It will be mainly announcements. Whereas, Population Health needs to present and obtain the Senator's feedback and hence the time limit is imposed. There is time limit specified for speaking and questioning.

Thatcher Collins (Applied Mathematics): Suggests sharing the presentations in advance which would ease reference and help having productive conversations. Also helps to think of questions in advance. That would also save time.

Elloise Kim (President): Shares that most times their work is in progress and might not have the presentation ready to share in advance. But going forward, GPSS could request them to share in advance so that GPSS can share with Senators in advance too.

Natalie Slusarenko (Pharmacy): Suggests that GPSS share with Senators who the guests are in advance too.

Elloise Kim (President): Assures that GPSS will certainly try to do the best

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Suggests that like earlier how ASUW Senate was present, there could be Faculty Senate as speakers or there could be a mixed or Cross Senate speakers.

Elloise Kim (President): Welcomes Elliot's suggestion and requests for any such feedback on guests etc.

9. Officer Reports

6:28 PM

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Redirects to Sydney Pearce (Director of Events) to talk about Fall Social.

Sydney Pearce (Director of Events): Talks about Fall Social coming up on Thursday, 2nd Nov 7pm to 10pm at HUB Lyceum. Hands over posters to be put up in the respective departments. Requests to share the event on Facebook on the respective department's page. Calls for volunteers to sign up for the Fall Social event. Indicates that there will be free food and drinks. Husky card and State ID will be required for all attendees. The theme is to promote the upcoming election which is on 7th Nov.

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): GPSS Socials is an opportunity to build connect with current Senators and also other Graduate and Professional students. Requests people to participate, volunteer and connect.

Shares that she had her first Graduate Student Experience (GSE) Committee meeting. A student survey will be sent later this quarter. Invites people to email her if someone wants to join the committee if they wish. Bylaw quiz is coming up. Asks everyone to study hard because the quiz is hard.

Katie Reichard (Pharmacology): Enquires if there' is there anything extra to promote the votes? If there will be any expert inputs?

Sydney Pearce (Director of Events): Highlights that here would be a few voter pamphlets which will have some information. One has to be registered with Washington by 31st Oct. There are registration forms if someone needs. Invites to share more such ideas in the future that can be implemented next year. Email to gpssevent@uw.edu

Katie Reichard (Pharmacology): Suggests ballot boxes

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Shares that SLAB is coming along well. Internal deadline is 11/2 to have the agenda set. Few upcoming meetings with Legislators; meetings with State Senator and State Representative on campus. Will be updated as needed after the meetings. SAGE Fall Summit is THIS WEEKEND at the University of Pittsburg. Invites Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering) to take over.

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): Introduces herself as the member of the State Legislative. Highlights the importance of representing the people in her department and attend meetings. Two weeks ago, she invited people to share about what they want to change on campus etc. The conversation was fruitful. There were inputs to be on the legislative agenda. Since the Senators not only represent themselves, but also represent other people, it's important to meet with other larger committees that they represent as Student Body.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Asks if those inputs will really be helpful since the two deadlines are closer?

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Shares that Research is still on-going and they are still collecting stories. After 11/2 deadline, SLAB/FLAB becomes more of a research body. Therefore, any information or issues that one brings will bolster the agenda. SLAB is always welcoming new members. Meets twice a week on Wednesdays at 1pm and Thursdays at 10am at GPSS office. Invites Senators for the meeting. SAGE will have different working groups which are the SAGE Advocacy issue groups. Interested candidates could reach out to Matt himself.

Sydney Pearce (Director of Events): Presenting Giuliana Conti's (Secretary) slide since she is at a conference. Met with most officials related to diversity organizations on campus.

With the Office Manager, Giuliana has been working on updating records and website with the Creative Director. Working with some of the Diversity organizations to create a great partnered relationship with GPSS. Thanks, the office staff for keeping everything running smoothly.

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Presenting Brad Copenhaver's (Treasurer) slide in his absence. Shares that Travel Grants application deadline is tonight at 11:59 PM. Travel Grants Committee meeting is on Monday, Oct 30 @ 10 AM. Finance & Budget Committee meeting is on Tues, Oct 31 @ 4 PM. Needs volunteers for BOTH committees. They are essential to GPSS's operations and are great opportunities to get involved. Email gpsstres@uw.edu to join.

Elloise Kim (President): Informs that the Finance & Budget committee can be served only by Senators. This committee does lots of work allocating lots of money for departments for programming. If interested in who should get the money for what, the F&B committee is a great committee to serve on.

Adam Elder (Biostatistics): Enquires about how much time one should commit to this committee?

Elloise Kim (President): Clarifies that the F&B Committee would require just about one hour per week for the meetings or special activities and occasions. If one has a good reading of the application, one does not have to worry much. Travel grants requires one time commitment only once a quarter of about 3-4 hours depending on the number of applications received. Reading takes a bit of time but not too much. Depending on the number of people volunteering, to ensure transparency and fairness, there has to be at least three reviewers for each application. So, the volunteers will be divided accordingly. More the people, fewer will be the applications to be reviewed.

Elloise Kim (President): Reports that Provost search is concluded. Ana Marie Cause to decide the next Provost. Fee based program information communication was discussed in the meeting last week with the PCE (Professional and Continuing Education program) of Continuum college. There's lack of communication given to students. So Elloise is working with Grad school and PCE to ensure clear communication about Fee-based program.

Student Life staff meeting had a Grad Student Panel to learn more about the Graduate School Experience. Completed appointments of special committees PACS, SAF, STF, U-PASS AB membership. Working on Faculty Council appointments. There are twelve faculty councils. Benefits & Retirement, Faculty Affairs, Tri-Campus Policy, and Univ. Facilities and Services requires more members. Invites people to join. She has hired the University Affairs Director. In conversation with the University administration regarding childcare. Shares that Amy Hawkins is the only one who works on childcare issues in the entire university. She is occupied with the new HR benefits system. So, there is a struggle in advocating student-parent issues, but also the general child care issues. It has been a challenging conversation. Invites Senators to talk to her if they want to add value by participating.

10. Announcements

6:45PM

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): A new Student- Parent RSO was created this quarter. Creating and increasing awareness on campus. It's a central place for Student Parents to come together. Would share information about it if interested.

Elloise Kim (President): Shout out to Elizabeth for being the loudest voice for Student Parents.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): A workshop on public comment for science and environmental advocacy at the Seattle Central Library on Oct 26th from 6 to 8.30pm

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Requests everyone to collect the Fall Social posters and put them up in their departments and share the event on Facebook.

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Informs about other posters from other departments for everyone to look at and take them along.

Katie Reichard (Pharmacology): White paper project scheduled for 16th of Nov at 5.30 pm. Requests Grant to provide more information.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Shares that the White Paper project is the project run by the Science and Policy Committee designed to help graduate students on some postdocs to write some policy that can be distributed to local government or organizations that bolster their arguments on why they should take specific actions. Through the white paper project, people will be taught how to do that. Nov event is essentially the kick-off event.

Justin Camputaro (HUB Director): Cake will be given away tomorrow to celebrate HUB's 5th anniversary.

11. Adjournment

6:50PM

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Moves to adjourn.

Charlie Fieseler (Physics): Seconds.