



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Exec Meeting Minutes

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Members Present

GPSS President Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim
GPSS Secretary: Giuliana Conti
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Matt Munoz (via phone)
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Tori Hernandez
GPSS Director of Policy: Kelsey Hood
GPSS Executive Senator: Elizabeth Oestreich
GPSS Executive Senator: Noelle Symanski
GPSS Executive Senator: Grant Williamson
GPSS Executive Senator: Peder Digre
GPSS Executive Senator: Laura Taylor
HUB Director & GPSS Advisor: Justin Camputaro
Assistant Director of Student Activities: Renee Singleton

1. Call to Order

5:32 PM

Elloise Kim: Welcomes Noelle Symanski and asks her to introduce herself to the group as she is the new Executive Senator.

Noelle Symanski: Introduces herself as a first year Law student. She went to undergrad degree at UW, took some time off and then joined grad school. She was part of ASUW during her undergrad.

Everyone introduces themselves.

2. Approval of the Agenda

5:35 PM

Peder Digre: Approves the agenda

Laura Taylor: Seconds

3. Approval of the Minutes

5:33 PM

Grant Williamson: Moves to approve all of the minutes as there was ample time to review all of them.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Seconds

Elloise Kim: Shares there are 9 minutes of the meetings that are approved including the last Exec meeting.

4. Legislative Item Approvals

5:34 PM

Matt Munoz: Shares that GPSS as an organization do not have much main covering documents over the Legislative Agenda. In the past, the Legislative Agenda would get passed if an issue came up. In Olympia, its discussed whether or not they will advocate on those issues. However, that conversation didn't happen in the last quarter and hence he wanted to bring it up this quarter in two different ways. First is by actually acquainting the Exec to advocate on tuition waivers and waiving the credit pack from 200 to 250 and it will also allow the general of registrar under honorable conditions to strategic waivers. This is in both graduate level and undergraduate level. However, GPSS has always been advocating for pipeline programs that make it easier for students to pursue graduate education post undergrad.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks what's the reason for needing an actual legislation because anything is waiverable. Is that just to make that an easier process?

Matt Munoz: Says yes. The second proposal is expanding risks so that he can use his own discretion in reaching to decisions for the rest of session. It is possible that something comes up and GPSS should advocate for that. Clarifies that its specified in the agenda but does not have any approval. As long as the items are in line with the Legislative Agenda, he is in the position to advocate for them in Olympia. Shares that he will also be drafting a policy memorandum either this quarter or next quarter.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if he would still be reporting what he has done or if just the timeline would change? Asks if he would first advocate and then let the Execs know?

Matt Munoz: Says yes. Shares that it will only be the items that using his discretion that he can say aligns with the Legislative Agenda. For instance, like mentioned in the proposal, the veteran

tuition waivers would align with the increase in access of the underrepresenting communities. It needs to have a tangible solid justification for why GPSS and he should be advocating for this.

Noelle Symanski: Asks if there's a time when he would let them know of what he has been advocating for? Asks if there would be a session or an email update?

Elloise Kim: Shares that Matt has always informed her about what he is doing. An email update would be ideal for now. But it won't be very helpful for him to be very focusing on advocating jobs. He needs to make decision on the best discretion. Asking him to report during an official meeting might be apt unless it's a very big thing.

Kelsey Hood: Shares that regular weekly updates on Exec or on Senate is the best option because the substitute for bills and amendments can happen very quickly. Weekly check-ins would be ideal.

Matt Munoz: Shares that one of the bills that has been very big on his list [inaudible due to conference phone]... human rights which happens to be the first priority on Legislative Agenda. The House version is killed by the Sponsor. There was a hearing on the probation tomorrow. By noon her heard that it was killed. So, things are moving extremely quickly. Therefore, a report would not be burdensome. It would just quickly become obsolete.

Elloise Kim: Shares that this doesn't need any approval from the Execs. Asks Matt if this is the direction he would like to go.

Matt Munoz: Just to have a surety of propriety, asks if there's a way it can be officially approved.

Elloise Kim: Asks in what way it would be standing in terms of documentation?

Matt Munoz: Says he can draft a policy memo by tomorrow.

Elloise Kim: Asks if it can be approved in the next meeting?

Matt Munoz: Says yes.

Grant Williamson: Suggests approving it now so that its recorded in the minutes that can serve as a public record and which can avoid any extra work. Moves to approve both proposals.

Giuliana Conti: Seconds

5. Resolution Updates

5.54 PM

Giuliana Conti: Expects everyone's inputs. Background is that, as a Senator she often experienced fatigue trying to find someone who shared her opinion. Claims to be lucky that in her first quarter she drafted a resolution but it's difficult to find people who are interested in one's idea and their willingness to draft a resolution together. Furthermore, it's difficult to know how to draft a resolution without the help and experience of those who have already done it. So, this is request

that is two-fold. 1) Puts across her interest in conducting a resolution workshop for two hours before Senate not the 24th Jan Senate but the one after. 2) what are some ideas for connecting senators or interest matching. Those who want to draft resolution and finding others to support it with them. Opens the floor to ideas

Elizabeth Oestreich: Shares that she likes the time that Giuliana proposed and also thinks the good of the order potentially could be an opportunity for maybe after the workshop, then people know they are talking about resolutions. It will give them an opportunity to think about resolutions.

Peder Digre: Suggests Slido for submitting ideas for resolutions.

Tori Hernandez: Asks if the info for Slido can be shared in the next week's meeting.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that Slido has a finite amount of time which is a week so; it would have to go out in the e-mail to Senators a week before the Senate where people would then be able to give ideas, vote them up and then during good of the order that coming meeting, she would ask people who are interested in the ideas to stay after and meet with the people and if unable to stay, they could e-mail her and she would connect with them.

Elloise Kim: Clarifies Tori's question saying if it's in the good of the order next week, it would be good for brainstorming and help check people's interest. Also, if the workshop happens outside of the Senate, it becomes a part of the educational piece for people to do it.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that it would be good if two more people would be there to help during the workshop. Asks if she should email later asking for help.

Noelle Symanski: Points that depending on people's class structures, the turnout before the Senate would be lower than after.

Grant Williamson: Suggests doing the workshop outside of campus.

Elloise Kim: Recommends lunch time to ensure better participation from Science, Engineering etc. who will have more regular schedule when compared to Arts and other disciplines.

Laura Taylor: Points that it eliminates anyone who is off campus.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that her interest in having it centered around Senate time is that people are already going to come for the Senate or are already there.

Tori Hernandez: Recommends an hour before and an hour after the Senate meeting.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Shares that she prefers the daytime option just for ways to get people who can't come to Senate meetings, engaged with Senate because the evening time is a barrier to people who can't get to campus, but this might get partnerships with people who are interested in Senate but can't come to the Senate meetings but partnering on a resolution might be a way to engage a different population.

Giuliana Conti: Points that it would be two workshops then.

Laura Taylor: Say nothing's going to make everybody happy.

Kelsey Hood: Suggests a poll over email.

Elloise Kim: Asks if the workshop is only for Senators or is it open for all graduate and professional students who might be interested in becoming writers?

Giuliana Conti: Shares that she is happy to open it to everyone and that the Senators could distribute it to their constituents.

Elloise Kim: Agrees with Laura that no matter what time is chosen, it's not going to make everyone happy. Everybody's schedule is very different when they are grad students. Therefore, suggests doing one workshop and advertising it widely. Expresses her apprehension about having the workshop during Senate meeting by saying that the Senators barely make it to the meeting on time and also exit earlier (after an hour) for various reasons.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that the other reason she came up with Wednesday is because most workshops that are conducted on campus are frequently conducted on Wednesdays between 1.30pm to 4pm.

Elloise Kim: Points that GoMap organizes brown bag lunch time event at around 12.30pm. CCD also has lunch time event around the same time. So, it may not be the best time in a daytime schedule.

Giuliana Conti: Shares she will think through this more and thanks everyone for their inputs.

6. Thinking Ahead: 2018 Elections

6:03 PM

Elloise Kim: Shares that although it's too early, Tori and Elloise have started to talk about the planning to have a big picture on when to have the elections, who might be interested in running etc. Depending upon the interest, who might be in charge of leading the Election Committee, the Election Committee needs to be informed later. Requests comments and feedback about the coming months.

Laura Taylor: Asks if it would be closer to the beginning of the quarter?

Tori Hernandez: Shares that spring quarter has five Senate meetings and they discussed of having it the second to last Senate meeting to avoid situations like last year.

Elloise Kim: Points it was just a proposal and the reason behind it was if it's the first meeting in the spring break is sort of campaigning time and likes to enjoy that. Second meeting is the second-best alternative.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that she likes the idea of having the elections in the second or third meeting. Few considerations are to be made as they decide. One of the biggest challenges in being an elected officer is especially if it's late, as not being able to shadow that person and really learn from them in those final weeks because they and the person elected will have hectic schedules at the end of the quarter. So, the middle of the quarter would be a nice time to know so that and there can be scheduled meetings in order to train that person into that position. That would be a huge asset to the office as a whole. And secondly, these conversations have come up in ASUW a lot. Mental health is a big issue during elections processes and so shorter election process could be more helpful. It's good that there would be a buffer should anything like last year happen. But if there is a need for an extra meeting, then it's there. Thirdly, the idea of having it farther from the last meeting allows the last meeting to be more about the Senators than it does about the people who are running or being elected.

Laura Taylor: Shares that in her four years as a Senator, it was only last year that they did not actually celebrate the graduate students and the Senators. It was disappointing.

Giuliana Conti: Agrees that she as someone who got elected, felt a miss also because she would have loved to celebrate with the people who voted for her and it just wasn't an option at that time.

Elloise Kim: Reminds that they are not the Body that decides everything. The Election Committee facilitates, and the Officers will present very transparently and remove any conflict of interest in any process in assisting and training the Election Committee.

Grant Williamson: Shares that according to the Bylaws, the election needs to be announced by the last GPSS meeting in February.

Giuliana Conti: Asks if that means the Elections Committee has to meet in order to do that.

Grant Williamson: Says probably.

Elloise Kim: Shares that they need to check the Bylaw and they need to form the Election Committee so that they can process what can be done about the election dates and the proposed amendment by Laura in early Fall that could be integrated into Bylaws and elections guide as well. Also highlights suggestions on Giuliana's point on training. Recollects many different ideas and alternatives in the past were tried to ensure longer period for transition and training. It didn't necessarily happen. There was a tendency for current officers to wash their hands off the job and move on without proper transitions and knowledge transfer to the newly elected Officers. Due to that, in the last two years, the elections happened at a later part of the quarter than the previous years, but the transitions were not always smooth. Therefore, it's not the issue with the timing but also the efforts of team members. As a GPSS member for a long time herself, proposes a training for the candidates where knowledge is shared about the kinds of meetings that are attended and

what are some of the major duties of Officers. Invites comments and conversations on that subject on improvements on areas where they have not done well earlier.

Giuliana Conti: Shares her concern with that idea that depending on the number of people that might be interested, it could stretch them thin while they're still trying to accomplish what they need to do for their own position. It's part of the responsibility of someone interested in the position to pursue the respective Officer and ask for that chance to sit down and talk about their positions. What matters is the advertisement of the election itself.

Matt Munoz: Points that it's important to be mindful of the mid-term season since the mental health during election season is patchy and with mid-terms after that might make it even worse. This is in reference to the Senate meeting and elections in the third meeting of the quarter.

Elloise Kim: Points that the discussion can be continued later as well.

Giuliana Conti: Asks if ultimately, it's up to the Elections Committee?

Elloise Kim: Shares that she is yet to go through the Bylaw on that. Usually Officer gives the direction and the Elections Committee confirms it or goes differently.

Laura Taylor: Points that people don't actually start thinking about elections until Spring quarter and some people like her were slow to make up their mind about what they were actually running for. The second week feels like just being back from spring break. Shares two weeks might not change anything much other than that it will provide more of an opportunity to maybe meet with other Senators.

Elloise Kim: Agrees with Matt's comments on advertising and shares that she is planning to do the campus newsletter and election will definitely be one of the major points that will be included. Besides the date, there won't be too many details available but wants to make sure the word is spread. Points that there have been some concerns that GPSS is still not known by many students. So, there's a need to invite more students and constituents who can recognize and be a part of GPSS.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks when will the Elections Committee be formed?

Grant Williamson: Reiterates that as per the Bylaws, it's during the last meeting in February.

Elloise Kim: Points that if they form the Committee on Feb 7th meeting, they will have two week's timelines to work on the election dates.

Tori Hernandez: Asks by when should the election's guide be approved by the Senate? If it's also in the last meeting of February, recommends having the committee formed in the next week's meeting given the ample number of changes and proposals for the elections guide.

Elloise Kim: Suggests proposing an amendment to the Bylaw if the current timeline set by the Bylaw is too prescriptive and requires flexibility. The Bylaws in the past had exact dates of

committee to be formed and election dates as well. For the sake of flexibility, the Judicial Committee removed many dates and details.

Grant Williamson: Shares that the elections guide must be approved no later than March each year.

Elloise Kim: Points that there are three meetings after the coming meeting. So, if the formed Election Committee on the third meeting of this quarter and then Election Committee to decide when the date will be by the fourth meeting of this quarter. If they come up with election guide by the fifth meeting which is the end of this quarter, it will be in line with the Bylaws. Points that to form the Election Committee, it needs people who would not run for election but will be a great and diligent contributor to the election. Suggests encouraging people to consider if they are not planning to run.

Laura Taylor: Volunteers to be a part of the committee.

Grant Williamson: Asks if she is going to be around since she had expressed her interests in resigning from Exec in Spring quarter.

Laura Taylor: Clarifies she will be resigning soon after the election.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if she can be a regular Senator member and not be in Exec?

Laura Taylor: Points that one of the Execs has to be on the committee as per the Bylaws. That way, she would be that Exec which would allow the other Execs to run for election if they wanted to.

Elloise Kim: Points that overall there will be three seats for Execs to be a part of the committee during the election process. Can be discussed later too. At one point, there were three Execs who were elected at once.

7. Next Senate Meeting Agenda -Jan 24 '18

6:21 PM

Elloise Kim: Shares the draft of agenda for the next Senate meeting. Seeks suggestion on time to be allotted for President Ana Marie. Currently booked from 5.30pm to 6.10pm.

Grant Williamson: States realistically its best to take as much time as possible.

Peder Digre: Suggests less time on the agenda but have the motion to extend time.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Suggests 30 minutes with a 10 minutes buffer.

Elloise Kim: Shares that she doesn't want to delay her if she has after-hours work to carry on with. 6.15pm is the time she must leave.

Laura Taylor: Suggests scheduling 15 minutes short so that way if students wants to extend, they will have the option to do that.

Elloise Kim: Points that realistically Senate meetings start at 5.33pm or 5.34pm allowing people to settle down. Once the approvals of agenda and minutes are sought by 5.37pm, it will give 25 minutes with Ana Marie until 6pm.

Grant Williamson: Reiterates that the point of the agenda is to accurately represent what Senate is doing and recommends starting at 5.30pm on the dot for this meeting to maximize time with her.

Elloise Kim: Points that it's Senate's thing to extend her time but she is a lady with understanding of the system about the maximum time she can be with the Senate and she will be very flexible if she has more time to spend. When Elloise submitted the proposal, she had requested for 30 minutes of her time and booked 45 minutes by looking at her available slots. Points going over 30 minutes would be a bit risky.

Grant Williamson: Shares he is fine with that but thinks its disingenuous to plan ahead of extending time. If the intent is to definitely extend time, that time should be on the agenda.

Laura Taylor: Points that they don't know that they're going to extend time.

Grant Williamson: Shares that it's important to maximize the time with her regardless of the time constraints because she is the key decision maker at the university. Students should be asking her as many questions as possible and as Exec leadership, its necessary to be respectful of her time. When the time is up, it's important to close down the questions and let her move on.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Points that the process to extend time always takes quite a bit of time. So, being clear that we have this amount of time and there is no time to extend. Just being explicit in that and highlighting her tight schedule would make sense. Positive that they won't run into the opportunity or the position where there's not enough questions.

Matt Munoz: Agrees.

Elloise Kim: Recommends 30 minutes and see how it goes.

Laura Taylor & Grant Williamson: Suggests using all of 40 minutes if they can get that.

Laura Taylor: Reiterates what Elizabeth was saying about using the full time with no extensions. It's good to be explicit about it.

Tori Hernandez: Suggests compromising for 35 minutes.

Elloise Kim: Says 40 minutes might be a bit tricky.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if that's because she requested for 30 minutes in her proposal.

Elloise Kim: Says yes and the 45 minutes is possibly her traveling time even though her office might be considering her time in between. Believes 30 minutes is good enough. But added 15 minutes in case she wants to talk more, or the students want her to talk more.

Grant Williamson: Points that those are very different - if she wants to talk more is very different from if students want her to talk more.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Shares that she really wants to try and prevent extending time because that takes a good three minutes to do that.

Elloise Kim: Proposes a hand vote.

Majority vote for 35 minutes.

Elloise Kim: Moving on, shares that she has added advertising Huskies on the Hill.

Tori Hernandez: Asks Matt and Kelsey how much time they need for Huskies on the Hill.

Kelsey Hood: Shares that 5 minutes is all they need as they did a presentation last week on that and there will be an email that will be sent out to Senators with all the details before the Senate meeting.

Matt Munoz: Agrees with Kelsey.

Elloise Kim: Asks if there's anything else that needs to be added to the agenda.

Giuliana Conti: Calls out resolution update for 5 minutes.

Elloise Kim: Asks if they can have Good of the Order since they talked about it.

Noelle Symanski: Seeks clarification on what Good of the Order is.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Shares that it's an opportunity to put something else on the agenda.

Laura Taylor: Shares that when Good of the Order was first developed, she was present in the room. It was supposed to be an opportunity for Senators that did not feel comfortable speaking Parliamentary Procedure to bring up anything of interest that they wanted to bring up to the Senators. It could be in the lines of "I think that our, I have this idea, or I have this question and I just want to pose it to the Senators" and it's supposed to be an open discussion forum. That was how it was originally created. It has evolved over the years but that was the original intention.

Noelle Symanski: Asks if they are allowed to propose things to go in the slot?

Laura Taylor: Says yes. Shares that earlier this year and later last year, when people had a topic in mind to discuss, they could bring it up.

Noelle Symanski: Asks if she can propose something to go in that thought now?

Laura Taylor: Says yes.

Noelle Symanski: Shares that something they've been floating around the last poll that she really wanted to try to do a discussion on is mental health strategies that work for other departments that her department is not doing a good job on and thinks it could work for multiple departments. Sharing some context, within the first quarter they had two students in the program take their lives in the first couple weeks and they don't have a counsellor in the building to address this. The faculty has been very supportive, but they don't have a budget. So, maybe if other departments do something without a budget that they're not doing, that could be useful to get a sense of that, so her department could use that. Points that it doesn't have to be this meeting but can be discussed eventually.

Giuliana Conti: Points that's something she can do by just raising her hand and start the conversation during the Good of the Order.

Grant Williamson: Shares that though this goes back to the discussion they've had of what about the Good of the Order is, asks if they want to do as this is the topic they're doing and really going depth on it or just want to do a passing thing. That's the constant discussion in Good of the Order that has never actually come to a decision.

Kelsey Hood: Asks if this is the topic that everybody decides needs to be searched more in depth and add to the agenda in the next meeting and have a quick discussion for 5 to 10 minutes

Tori Hernandez: Shares that after witnessing Good of the Order done both ways last year, having structure to it is the best way to facilitate conversation and can be opened up after if anyone else have any other topic that they would like to discuss.

Elloise Kim: Says it can go either ways. But the Execs have to know amongst themselves about what needs to be discussed. Noelle's idea is a good topic to discuss. However, Good of the Order is to guide the Senate for the most important items on the agenda at that time and learn from the Senators. There should be room for that as well.

Giuliana Conti: Asks if she can have 5 minutes to talk about resolution workshops and interest matching them as its own new business topic.

Elloise Kim: Says sure.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Shares that she likes the idea of Exec Senators or Senate having the opportunity to host Good of the Order if there is a specific topic. On the 24th of Jan, few fellow student parents are planning to bring their kids to the meeting and so there's an opportunity to also talk about SPCAR cell. Asks if that could be in the good of the order?

Elloise Kim: Points it has to be a separate agenda item because by giving the information of what is known to the Senators, will help with a concrete agenda to decide what the meeting is about, and the student parents will have a lot of questions on the way the university is doing on childcare. So, having a separate agenda would be the best way to do this.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Says she is fine with having that as a separate agenda. The focus can be on the Student Parent and Caregiver Advocacy introduction. 5 minutes of time should be good for this.

Elloise Kim: Asks if Good of the Order is for 10 minutes?

Giuliana Conti: Shares that she is excited about the meeting because there is so much substance.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if the resolution workshop would be with the update or if its separate because they're connected but not.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that the resolution update, the one that she was looking on is a resolution that was a joint resolution between ASUW and GPSS that requested the school to build The HUB on the site sooner than the time intended.

Rene Singleton: Shares that it was rejected. There were several proposals though. One of the proposals was that UW is the most expensive building in the state of Washington. That was rejected too. Suggests looking at the resolutions again and choose a different one.

Noelle Symanski: Suggests the U-PASS resolutions.

Giuliana Conti: Agrees.

Peder Digre: Suggests adding the resolution workshop as the separate agenda item.

Giuliana Conti: Recommends resolution update and workshop for 10 minutes.

Giuliana Conti: Moves to approve the agenda

Peder Digre: Seconds

8. Executive Senator Reports

6:40 PM

Peder Digre: Reports updates on SAF. Started orientation presentations that's going well. As a SAF chair, he has had meetings with ASUW and Student Regents and talked a little bit about capital planning. Particularly talked about the proposal from Recreation and the university has somewhat new debt capacity issue that impacts how SAF can propose capital projects. If any actions come out of that, it will be brought to GPSS. SAF will be developing a framework or criteria list on how it prioritizes projects from SAF units and eventually approve them. Also met

with UW Treasury to talk about fees and bond accounts for the facility renovation fee and bond fee and got some updates on what is needed to have, and everything looks good there. Reports that the two college councils that he is on, the Provost budget submission from the academic units are due to the Provost on Feb 1st. Working on developing memos to submit to the Provost.

Rene Singleton: Asks if the fee-based programs are legislative or if they are different.

Peder Digre: Clarifies that fee-based programs are included in the academic program. For ex. School of Public Health has a lot of fee-based programs and self-supporting programs and they are a separate tab within the submission and they will be talked about in the budget planning as well.

Grant Williamson: No updates to report.

Laura Taylor: Reports that the Research Advisory Board meeting was cancelled again twice in a row. Managed to find a replacement for Michelle Brault and MCB now has a new Senator and its exciting because she's a second- year student and she'll be around.

Giuliana Conti: Shares that she's already on the roster and has been indicated.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Reports that she presented to the Regents last Thursday and it went really well. She was there as a representative from the grad student experience with the focus on student parents. She got a number of questions some that she had predicted and some that she hadn't. One of the things that she talked about which is an opportunity for a resolution was that HFS does not allow family members to live in student family housing. So, the student spouse or partner and their children; it's very specific definition of who can live there and one of the Regents actually asked why that was so. So, that's potentially an opportunity for a resolution.

Regent Rice also had some good questions. Matt and Jerry have been reaching out to her about the DSHS working connection which is a Child Care Grant for low income parents. So, it's just been it's really good, things are moving forward, people are recognizing that it's not just child care, there are many issues facing student parents. Part of the reason that some students were interested in bringing their kids to GPSS meeting was independent of the President coming but kind of good timing was because GPSS meetings are in the evening. If one is a single parent, it's hard to find a babysitter and end up paying out of pocket. Childcare is a very specific thing. Glad that everything is kind of coming together and moving forward.

Giuliana Conti: Asks if they are having child care in the next meeting.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Says no.

Elloise Kim: Points that Elizabeth is not sharing enough because her presentation was so critical and was impressive. Appreciates her presentation.

9. Officer Reports

6:45 PM

Tori Hernandez: Reports that she has been working on a personal handbook for GPSS and Brandon is proofreading it for her. The link will be sent out to everyone by the end of this week and also specifically by Friday for the first staff meeting. Winter Social is coming up. Invites Sydney to talk about that.

Sydney Pearce: Shares that it's on Feb 22nd, Thursday. Food, drinks, fun and bowling permit is available

Tori Hernandez: Adds that she is expecting help with bartenders and setting up. Reports that she was on the Student Safety Advisory Board for the first-time last week and it was really interesting. There were some Q&A with the police officers. First GSE meeting this quarter will be on Feb 9th, at 2pm, venue is TBD.

Matt Munoz: Reports that at the federal level, he has contacted Sarah Castro and the Leadership of the immigration is putting together a document. He will be sharing the document with everyone. SAGE is looking good. The Higher Ed Act and authorization bill [inaudible due to conference phone]. Otherwise there will be a Government shutdown. Conference is from 8th to 11th in DC. Can provide more details on that. Regarding childcare, most of the focus has been on the working childcare connections. Students still have to meet a 14 to 20 hour working requirements on the situation. Everyone he spoke to expressed that its unrealistic.

Kelsey Hood: Reports that the WSA Bylaw committee call was centered around situation that's going on with students and they are trying to find a way that can make everyone happy with a fix. The Bylaws would still retain the voting rights, if it happens again there would be a clear-cut way to do that. Nothing has been reached yet. There's a lot of debate. Invites questions. Committee updates – putting together a list of assignments that will be sent out over the weekend. Requests people to RSVP for Huskies on the Hill which is on Jan 29th. Buses to leave at 7am. Leaving the capital at 3.45pm. Expected arrival back is around 5am depending on the traffic. An advocacy training is scheduled for 9 am at the capital. Email with all details to Senators will be sent out that can be sent to their constituencies. Flyers of the event will also be attached. Students who wish to drive can apply for waiver in advance. OGR has requested that GPSS contributes some discretionary funds to help with the price of food for that day. No exact number yet.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Asks if the SAF de-coupling is a waiver or permanent?

Matt Munoz: Says its permanent de-coupling.

Giuliana Conti: Reports an update from Senator start. Went from 96 Senators at the beginning of the year to 138. Last quarter saw an average of 53% attendance respective to the number of Senators that were there at the time. Not sure what happened last week but had 37% turnout. So, there barely was any quorum.

Shares that she forgot about two things to attach to her e-mail last week that were important. The program review one sheet, so that people have it. She will advertise that the presenter for the next meeting is Ana Marie with the Slido number while sharing the agenda. She will also include

questions from last week's Slido. Monica has information that she wants her to add about the Union. Will add information about the workshop with the Slido number so that they can start thinking about it and then asking questions or are presenting ideas. Special Olympics is also to be added. These will be the major contents and does not want to include announcements. Requests Tori to send information on GSE, she would add Diversity Committee and announcements on Huskies on the hill. There's one about Diversity Committee training that's really exciting for people who run or participate on the Diversity Committees.

Elloise Kim: Reports that they already discussed Elizabeth's presentation at the Board of Regent. Asks everyone to bring their attention to item 10 A2. School of Law and School of Medicine presented at the Board of Regents while the report included the student data of School of Pharmacy and also School of Dentistry as well and a major focus was not just the demographics but how those four schools are doing to invite and recruit more students from diverse backgrounds. It was interesting. It's a great thing to know but sometimes statistics could be a very playful thing. When there was one native student last year and this year there are two, it shows 200% increase. Respects the overall effort of the schools. Understanding the underrepresented student population, seeing how many of them are applying and how many of them are accepted compared to Whites still has a long way to go. Board of Regents not always have a harsh opinion against it. Believes, as students they will need to do more about that.

Quarterly newsletter to include Election news and Huskies on the Hill report as well. New grad school interim dean has been announced who will serve from early March. New Provost will work on who the next Dean is. The Director of University Affairs will be drafting a report form for the Liaisons to ask them what kind of discussions and items happen at their committees, board and councils. Generally, when the assignment letter is sent out, the response rate is good. Some of them had sent the report after each meeting that has been very helpful. But now, one has to be realistic that it cannot be asked from everyone. So as an alternative, they are working on a full report as an alternative. She will let the Senate know how its going and if its an effective way of communicating with liaisons.

Lastly, PACS and Faculty Committee Senate planning and budgeting are talking about ABB and union adjustment proposals. Their way of thinking of closing salary gap especially at the Professor level and the Assistant level, students are really good. It means UW is extremely great to recruit young talented professors and UW is paying a lot of salary to attract them. However, in comparison to peer level, UW is very behind with respect to salary of Professor level. They also talked about financial plan for grad students and how their tuition will play out. Main discussion in the last week's meeting was mainly about the College of Arts and Science.

10. Announcements

7:05 PM

Elizabeth Oestreich: Highlights that GPSS needs to think about the timings for the events and be mindful about scheduling from 7am to 10pm which could be a bit hard for parents and kids who will have school the next morning.

Laura Taylor: Adds that GPSS can look at other nights too and not have all the events on Thursday nights. If there are recurring commitments that are always on that night of the week, it excludes from ever doing a Social.

Tori Hernandez: Points that the HUB game area is cheaper to use during the week. Can be looked into for next year.

Grant Williamson: Shares that he has heard from many that Thursday nights are the best nights in terms of expecting a turnout.

Rene Singleton: Shares that she hasn't witnessed events organized by GPSS around families. Suggests thinking about family events as well.

Elizabeth Oestreich: Also points that trying to recruit student parents to committees is another thing that needs focus, so they feel included.

Elloise Kim: Promises to include that in the next GPSS President recommendations.

11. Adjournment

7:10 PM

Giuliana Conti: Approves to adjourn

Grant Williamson: Seconds
