



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Senate Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2018 / HUB 334

1. Call to Order **5:35 PM**

2. Approval of Agenda **5:35 PM**

Michael Diamond: Moves to approve the Agenda

Jake Busch: Seconds

3. Approval of Minutes **5:35 PM**

Brittany Bishop: Moves to approve the Minutes

Sierra Adibi: Seconds

4. Guest: Student Regent Jaron Reed Goddard **5:36 PM**

Elloise Kim (President): Introduces the guest.

Jaron Reed Goddard (Student Regent): Shares that she was at the Senate meeting last quarter and she shared what the Board of Regent does. The Board of Regents is a ten-member governing body at UW that's established by the state statute. The student member is her. The Board is the highest level of governance body. They authorize the Toll budget which is \$7.6 B, authorize acquisitions, oversees student and academic policies. The Board of Regent's broad responsibilities are to supervise, coordinate, manage and regulate the university, as provided by state statute. Being

a student member, she gets to voice her concerns on student issues and issues that impact the university itself. This year a lot of the time has been spent in oversight of dentistry and medicine as they are going through some financial issues. There has been a recent merger with a community health partner to increase the impact in Eastern Washington. That's under the leadership of Paul G, Ramsey who is the CEO of UW Medicine.

Highlights that the Student Regent position is one year long, and applications are opening up soon for the position. Invites applicants. Historically, this position has been filled by a graduate student. As a student regent, she attends all the meetings and she gets to present the student issues at one meeting in May for 20 minutes. Since the position is just for one year, the targets are tight. Highlights the top issue she worked on which is the issue of sexual assaults. This has been a big issue this year. If someone needs to talk to someone or send an email, there are options online as well where one must fill a questionnaire and all of the information is safely and securely sent to her office. The statistics behind sexual assaults being underreported showed in the online reporting tool should decrease with these initiatives.

Unknown (Name wasn't mentioned): At a recent meeting, someone talked about a direct admit feature. Asks if she can talk a bit more on that.

Jaron Reed Goddard (Student Regent): People from public high schools wants to mostly get into engineering colleges and STEM degrees. As a public university, UW serves few out-of-state students and mostly in-state students. As far as undergraduate students are concerned, her concern with direct admit is that it creates a sort of self-optimization systems. UW already knows the admission levels in terms of some great schools in the public area that gets preferences too. Usually it's the public school from the campus area that's given preference as they know how well people do effectively and overtime with direct admin, the public institutions have to think about what they should do, how they would do etc. CS is the in the top 5 program list in the country but also be affordable as much as it can be. There are some drawbacks to direct admin but the only way the administration is through the students and she has registered her input and needs continuous pressure.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics): For individuals interested in applying to the Regent Position, asks where she can find the application?

Jaron Reed Goddard (Student Regent): There's a committee that organizes it and GPSS will also send out information in March. The application should also include Letter of Interest, recommendations, transcripts and answer a few essay questions. One the applicants are interviewed by statute, they are then interviewed by the governor's office. The results will be out in June/July.

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Leadership in Higher Education): Asks, in her one year as a student regent, how she maintains active connect with students? How does she make her position aware with other students of such positions?

Jaron Reed Goddard (Student Regent): Says she tries to come for meetings like this every quarter. Meets with GPSS, ASUW and other student organizations monthly. Much of her activities are really driven by the agenda. Right now, very heavily involved with UW dentistry and medicine.

So right now she spends a lot of time with students from there and the strategic teams to understand what they are thinking. In two months Law School is going to approach with tuition increase and so she will be spending a lot of time with Law students.

Elloise Kim (President): reads out the question posted on Slido: As a student regent, what's your short term or long-term career goal? How do you maintain self-care?

Jaron Reed Goddard (Student Regent): Says she is graduating from school this year and is hoping to become a prosecutor. Likes to work on gender-based crimes and policies.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Asks her to talk a bit about compensation for this role.

Jaron Reed Goddard (Student Regent): Yes, it is compensated. Tuition is paid for and per diem is paid. It's a fully funded job.

5. Resolution Procedures

5:51 PM

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Says it will be better to do a bit of a review before going into the second review of resolution and then go back to the first reading of the resolution.

The document includes a resolution and it includes a timeline. Send out resolutions in a timely manner according to the to be presented for the first reading and then after that amendments can be done to the first reading. General questions can also be an inquired once it's done then Senate it gets disbursed as an electronic document on which one can make comments which then leads to the second reading in the past two weeks you have had access to the Google document of the resolution where they could make comments, make recommendations, ask questions and engage with the authors of the resolutions as well as with the Senators about things that might fit better or be removed based on those recommendations, 48 hrs before the meeting, the writers get together and make those changes accordingly. They will then send it back out and then do the second reading. The second reading is when we can make more adjustments to it. Those amendments can come in the form of friendly amendments or subsidiary motions. The options are;

- Table (not debatable or amendable)
- Close debate (not debatable or amendable)
- Limit debate
- Postpone to a certain time
- Refer to committee
- Amend

Asks if there are any friendly amendments that people would like to offer before voting on the resolution.

None

Makes a motion to pass the resolution.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Moves to vote the resolution

Colton Myers (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance): Seconds

Majority votes in favor of the resolution as it stands.

Motion passes.

6. GPSS upcoming action items

5:55 PM

Elloise Kim (President): Shares the reason for a different order of the agenda. Last time there was a discussion on the structure of the meeting and there were a few suggestions to have actionable items earlier rather than towards the end.

Sydney Pearce (Director of Events): Shares that she worked with Tori on the Graduate Student Experience Committee survey. Survey was emailed out to all grad and professional students. Need 2,000 responses to have representative data (currently at 48). The objective is to find out what resources graduate, and professional students are using on campus. Urges to take the survey, so they can better support graduate and professional students in the future. Winter Social is tomorrow from 7:00 - 10:00 pm in HUB Games. Represent your Alma mater. Free drinks and snacks. Children and one non-UW member welcome to attend. Bowling tournament begins at 7:30 pm.

Elloise Kim (President): Shares the GPSS newsletter was released earlier that day. If someone hasn't received, they need to report it. Student Regent Selection Committee has 3 seats. One seat is taken by GPSS President. ASUW President and GPSS President takes turns in leading the committee. This year, it will be led by GPSS President. The other two seats are open for anyone. To apply, submit resume and cover letter to gpsspres@uw.edu before 11:59 pm on March 12. Student Technology Fee Committee is looking for one new member. They meet every Monday 3:30 - 5:30 pm in HUB 303. U-PASS Student Advisory Board is also looking for one new member. They meet at 1:00 pm every other Friday during Winter Quarter. Spring Quarter is TBD. To apply, submit resume and liaison application form to gpsspres@uw.edu by 11:59 pm on March 16.

Announces that Laura Taylor, the longest Executive Senator is graduating soon and hence her position is open. So, there will be another election to elect a new Executive Senator. Those who want to re-run and those who hasn't run yet, are welcome to run this time.

Sydney May (Law): Shares that she is a part of Women's Law Office and are hosting a lecture/workshop for Women to try and encourage women to run for office. But it is open to all students. More information to be shared soon. Flyers can be picked up after the meeting.

7. Resolution in support of a Moratorium on the Post-Completion Training Fee until a Transparent and Inclusive Process is Established 6.00 PM

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Shares that the night before the previous Senate meeting, international students received an email from the Director of ISS that they will be having to pay a sum of \$100 to \$200 on the actual service for OPT/CPT authorizations post study. There is already a hefty amount that the immigration, customs and other US agencies imply on them. This would be an additional fee that they would have to be. This decision was made without consulting graduate and professional students bodies or any other organized body of students (ASUW or GPSS and others) on campus. This came as a surprise and it is a big breach on goals of sharing governance between students of this university having been governed. It also breaches transparency in general. The intention of using the amount is great in terms of hiring more help with government processing requirements and tracking government requirements etc. However, this shouldn't have been implemented without consulting the graduate and professional student bodies or any other organized body of students. The purpose of this resolution is to get them to include graduate and professional student bodies or any other organized body of students and discuss if they need this fees specifically targeted towards international students or if it can be done in a different way. The fee needs to be suspended until that transparent process can be established.

One thing that he has heard from the ISS and Provost's office is that they are not claiming a fee on current students. Therefore, the process was okay but he disagrees with that on two different fronts: 1) this will actually affect the current students as students are encouraged to apply for OPT three months before their completion of the degree and these are students who have not yet submitted their thesis. They will be charged a sum of \$100 to \$200. 2) Alumni are also entitled to transparency and inclusion of all the students in here is important. This is all very much in GPSS's purview.

Unknown (Name wasn't mentioned): Shares that OPT is the work permit that international students get at the end of completion of degree. This is a benefit to international students where one gets 1 or 2 years of work permit to build skills in the US in the field they have studied. Its objectionable that they should monetize that benefit as international students are already paying more towards tuition and contributes a lot towards the university financially. This university attracts a lot of students from all over the world. To maintain that, it's important to pay attention to the needs of international students as Immigration is also making it very difficult for them with the entire visa process with a lot of cost involved in every step.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Invites questions and any friendly amendments.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Adds that because it impacts students, it's not only a violation of transparency and goodwill but also a violation of bargaining contract which says no new fees can be imposed unless they have been bargained. Suggests adding that point to the resolution.

Elloise Kim (President): States that from the time the email was sent out, she has been talking to every possible office asking for help regarding this issue and Provost, Jerry Baldasty has been very communicative and acknowledges that communication should have been better than the way it was executed. So, he is asking his team to look into the way the information was built and has been communicating with Elloise about his findings. But ISS and the university in general are adamant. She raised the point with them that the process begins before the students complete the degree, but they insist that the benefit of the service will happen after the student completes the degree. Therefore, it's incorrect to call this as "student fees" and in case of student fees, it requires Board of Student Regent approval. But because it's not a student fee, only with the Provost's approval, the fee could be imposed. They insist that this is the service for alumni, therefore it's not necessarily a current student issue. While they acknowledge that, better communication between ISS and GPSS and ASUW on behalf of so many international students on campus should happen. Shares that she met with ISS yesterday and they are open for conversation with students but overall, they are clear that this is not student issue, but alumni issue.

Nathan Dreesman (School of Nursing): Asks how this impacts the visa status i.e if one declines to pay this fee and decide to go work for a private company? Asks if they would be deported?

Unknown (Name wasn't mentioned): States that this permit is required to work for anybody outside of the campus. If one declines to pay the fee, they would not get the work permit; basically, don't get the benefits that one is entitled to.

Elloise Kim (President): Adds that nobody can go to a private service provider because only through ISS office of UW, one can apply for jobs as they issue the permit. ISS works as a service carrier that will be processing this document that will be sent to USCIS.

Nathan Dreesman (School of Nursing): States that this is basically forcing the international students to pay this or leave because they cannot say NO. This is unfair especially if it's coming from an academic institution.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Shares that upto 50% of international students of graduate population do want to stay in the country and do OPT or AT of some form. This is affecting J-1 and F-1 visa holders because these visas are specifically for studying and one cannot work on those. It will be illegal to work under those without the work permit authorization.

Elloise Kim (President): Adds that ISS for years has been underfunded while the demands and population of international students has grown. It's true that they need more resources to provide and serve. However, they should have had the conversation before communicating and wrongful when they insist that it does not affect current students. There is no clarification on how they estimated that cost and if they are going to hire someone, how much money do they need to pay. The emails lack those estimates. Makes a motion to extend time.

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): Moves to extend time by 5 minutes

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Seconds

Micah Buuck (Physics): Comments that counting it as a student fee and using it to pay salary seems absurd.

Yue Shi (Biology): Asks if this is the final version?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Clarifies that they are making the friendly amendments.

Unknown (Name wasn't mentioned): Shares that since this is the first reading, it will be up online the whole two weeks if someone wants to make any changes or add comments.

Yue Shi (Biology): States that international students pay double the amount and there is no way to switch for in-state and so they contribute a lot financially to UW. So, it's surprising that ISS is trying to impose this extra fee.

Elloise Kim (President): Adds that graduate students who come without RA ship or TA ship are asked to pay higher tuition that will contribute more money to the central admin. However, that doesn't mean that ISS will reap a bigger pie from the central admin for their services. The number of international students using ISS has grown while the budget while the budget for ISS hasn't really changed. Therefore, they decided that this service is not for new students and they would create new fee that will be charged for alumni for the service they need after they graduate is the underlying reasoning for this fee.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Clarifies that even if the services after one graduates, the fee that international students have to be paid while they are still students.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Clarifies that it doesn't have to be but its recommended that they start the process 90 days before the end of the program.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Asks if in most cases they will still be students when they pay it?

Unknown (Name wasn't mentioned): States yes, atleast for a quarter.

Elloise Kim (President): Adds that the problem is ISS hasn't shared any information on how many students use this service and when. About 1100 students used their services last year amongst 7000 international students in both grad and undergrad on campus which is a big number. It is out of their capacity to serve them all. Yet, there should be a transparent communication about what they do, how they do and where they need more budget and resources.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Points that those positions must be two ASA positions because there are too many international students who cannot work outside of the university. This should be an opportunity to hire more graduate students and potentially international graduate students.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Moves to invoke Article (4) Sec E, sub section 4 which allows us to suspend the rules of resolution of subsection 3 of the same article to move to a final reading for this resolution. Shares that if they don't act on that resolution today, the next time they can act on it is two weeks from now. That's when the fee is going to go into effect. Because they found out just a day before the last Senate meeting, there was not enough time to compile with Bylaws. So, this motion is to suspend the rules and move to the final reading where non-friendly amendments can be made as well.

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Suggests creating an Ad-hoc committee for this if it needs to be done quickly and efficiently? Asks if that is possible to ensure an intensive revision process?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Shares that he couldn't possibly pass that to an Ad-hoc Committee. Needs the full Senate Body to review it.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics): Points that a lot of them have already seen the resolution in the past two weeks.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): States that they can still do a working group like the mental health group if there are lot of issues around international students that can help in addressing those issues as well as pass this resolution.

Elloise Kim (President): States that when it comes to voting, they can choose to vote for it or against it. But once the resolution is passed, the Senate needs to advocate it collectively instead of going from her end. Asks if anyone objects the motion made by Michael.

None. Motion carries forward.

Elloise Kim (President): Makes a motion to extend time to do the second reading.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Approves to extend time by 10 minutes

Jake Busche (Chemistry): Seconds

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): States using contract language in the resolution makes a lot of sense.

Elloise Kim (President): Shares that OPT is the work permit for 12 months or 36 months in case of a STEM degree, the name & address of the employer should be maintained and updated by ISS for Homeland Security that enables students to stay in the United States without any hassles. There's a lot of paper work that goes in once students are on OPT.

Dave Slager (Biology): Asks if there is any risk for ISS if the fee is pre-empted that it would resolve in visa and immigration problems for people that need this paper work in the immediate future? Are there other ways that the university can cover that?

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): States that he cannot speak in detail about the internal funds of ISS but this was announced very recently and the fees is due in Spring. So, there may not be any funding crisis happening over the next two months. This is the peak period for OPT applications.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Suggests that to put in the language of violation of contract, they can write “article 7 Secs 1 &2. Sec 1 says “unless otherwise provided all tuition and full waivers will stay the same through different contract”, and Sec 2 says “new fees imposed by students will be give notice and opportunity to bargain over the impacts of any of the fee imposed”. States that her friendly amendment would be to put in the article.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Moves to amend as Monica suggested to not question further on.

Kristin Fitzpatrick (Pathology): Makes a friendly amendment that the strength of the argument would be improved by swapping paragraph that starts at 52 with paragraph that starts at 27.

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): Makes a motion to pass the resolution

Christian Love (Higher Ed): Seconds

Hand voting. Unanimously passes.

8. Good of the Order

6.36 PM

Noelle Symanski (Law): States that this is a good opportunity to talk about the rally that happened last Saturday. Invites people to share their thoughts on that? Invites someone to explain the reason for the rally on Saturday.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Explains that the University of Washington Republicans invited the alt-right group Patriot Prayer to speak on Saturday afternoon in Red Square. At the same time there were other events that was scheduled including fashion show, diversity related events etc. President’s office sent out an email that said students should avoid Red Square on Saturday and said that some campus events scheduled for Saturday have been cancelled. There are conversations going on that students had to pay for increased security measures on campus.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Shares his concern over UW's message on Social Media while the rally was going on that they sent out an email in coordination with local Law Enforcement who told them that doing anything more to shut down would just be more dangerous.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Shares that UW has its own Police Department that is separate from Seattle Police department and those recommendations came from UWPD and not SPD.

Noelle Symanski (Law): States that UWPD just covers the campus but right from the Ave which is not part of the campus is handled by SPD. There were a few things that happened off campus and there were a few scuffles and few scuffles and arrests on campus as well.

Brantley Coleman (Biochemistry): Asks how separate is UWPD from UW and how fair is it for UW to say they consulted themselves and decided this. Secondly, she thinks that it wasn't UWPD who was involved in this event and the previous ones' but SPD was also involved.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Shares that UWPD and SPD brought 90 Police Officers onto campus to monitor this event in collaboration with each other. The Chief of Police for UWPD is constantly in communication with President Cauce and there was a lot of communication between UWPD and school administration during the preparation for this event.

Yue Shi (Biology): Asks if this was a peaceful event?

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Shares that there were several arrests

Yue Shi (Biology): Asks if the outside group was here as supporters?

Noelle Symanski (Law): States that the outside group was invited by the group here in campus.

Colton Myers (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance): Asks if the UW College of Republican receives funding from the University at all?

Noelle Symanski (Law): States that there are student RSOs that they can apply.

Colton Myers (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance): Points that he raised a Title 9 saying that this was a breach of Title 9 which states that you cannot discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and by using UW's resources they were inviting a group that was inherently discriminating against LGBTQ community and other marginalized communities. They didn't elaborate or share much information. So, asks if they received funding from the University to put this on?

Kristin Fitzpatrick (Pathology): Shares that Patriot Prayer and the College of Republicans had no funding to finance this event in particular.

Yue Shi (Biology): Asks why there was no follow up email after the rally from the President's Office.

Elloise Kim (President): States that the university is careful about not sending too many emails. Asks as a Senate, if she wanted to hear more after the rally especially given the nature of the rally.

Dave Slager (Biology): States that it's ludicrous for the university to state that sending one extra email as an excuse not to notify campus when there are so many emails sent everyday otherwise.

9. Officer Reports

6:53 PM

Sydney Pearce (Director of Events) for Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Invites everyone to come to the Winter Social tomorrow. Requests everyone to take the GSE Survey. Wants to know everyone's thoughts on attending GPSS Bystander Training in Spring Quarter. Asks Kelsey to explain the meaning of Bystander.

Kelsey Hood (Policy Director): Shares that as per the training she had attended in undergrad, a Bystander is someone who witness a sexual assault or a crime and learns how to act on those situations.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Shares that she had attended a green dot training and it was helpful in terms of getting her to think about what might happen in certain situations and not necessarily on campus but could be on a bus and dependent on different variables and demographics.

Kelsey Hood (Policy Director) for Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): PROSPER Act is a federal issue. Handouts are available. PROSPER Act is a re-authorization of the Higher Education Act that's going to affect grad students in a lot of ways just like the tax reform battle did. Primarily it's going to eliminate public loan forgiveness program as well as the student plus and parent plus loan programs. These packets are the advocacy action packets. Senator Morris office is going to be collecting student stories on Friday. They are going to be accepting stories on HigherEdStories2018@help.senate.gov.

Colton Myers (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance): Requests to share the information on the PROSPER Act document so they can just upload and share with people.

Kelsey Hood (Policy Director): Reports Olympia updates from Matt. Student Loan Bill of Rights (6029) funded in the Senate budget, broad support in the House. Feeling good about this bill, and especially about the study. Child Care Task Force (2367) - funded in the House budget, still trying to pinpoint a champion in the Senate. Cautiously optimistic, but are still working hard on this one to get it passed. Decoupling S&A Fees (1433) - in Senate Ways & Means, which heard the companion earlier this session; predicting it will pass through committee, but still pushing with legislators to make sure it happens. Vets' Mental Health (5525) - predicted it will pass on to House Appropriations; conversations with the Chair have been productive, amendments are being introduced to make the bill more palatable and passage more feasible.

Elloise Kim (President) for Brad Copenhaver (Treasurer): Reports that the deadline for the Travel Grants 2018 is March 26, 2018. Looking for people who will work on the Travel Grants Committee for the Early Spring and Spring cycle. Contact GPSS Budget Specialist (gpssbudg@uw.edu).

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Reports that they had another Resolution workshop today that was fruitful. Two people returned to work on the resolution they worked on last time. One more workshop to be conducted before next meeting. Diversity Committee Leadership Workshop was also informative. Reports a 38% attendance in the last Senate meeting. Last quarter averaged 55%.

Elloise Kim (President): Reports that she met with Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) to give their feedback about cost of attendance information that will be published. The year they were open for feedback from student leaders. Some of the cost they originally presented will be revised. They also need your feedback on website improvement. Email suggestions to gpsspres@uw.edu. Student Regent application will open in late March. Contact Student Regent, GPSS & ASUW President for more information about the position. Provost working on cost reduction of convocation and commencement - consulting with SCPB, PACS, O of Ceremonies.

10. Announcements

7: 00 PM

Sydney Pearce (Director of Events): United Way of King County's free tax preparation services. There is a FREE tax prep site on the UW Seattle campus on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 7 PM and Fridays from 12 to 3 PM for your convenience. No appointment needed.

11. Adjournment

7:01 PM

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Moves to adjourn

Rena Cruz (Microbiology): Seconds
