



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Senate Meeting Minutes

March 07, 2018 / HUB 334

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

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

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Moves to approve the Agenda

Kristin Fitzpatrick (Pathology): Seconds

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

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Shares that there are no minutes for this meeting and the two minutes will be shared in the Spring break for review and approvals will be done in the first meeting of spring quarter.

4. Guest: Thaisa Way, Faculty Senate Chair **5:36 PM**

Elloise Kim (President): Introduces the guest as an urban landscape historian teaching and researching history, theory, and design in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the College of Built Environments. She is currently the Chair of Faculty Senate at the University of Washington. She is an Executive Director of Urban at UW and you must have received a survey last week. The survey was on food, housing and security for students and community members and this project is an effort to foster a healthy and affordable growth of Seattle as a city for all. Thaisa is here to share her role as a Faculty Senate Chair.

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Encourages everyone to fill out the student survey. Shares that it's an honor to serve as a Faculty Senate Chair. There are altogether 7831 faculty, but a Faculty

Senate doesn't represent so many people as the Senators who represent 15K grad and professional students. But Faculty Senate is an important part of shared governance. Faculty Senate is about to hit the 80th year. Founded on May 18th 1938. The faculty senate was formalized in 1956. Reads the importance of why UW is a public university and the core value of being a public university – *“University administration must seek wisely and diligently to advance the common effort; and strength of the university is greatest when its faculty administration including students join the advancement of common objectives.”* This essentially means that the university can only do its job if administration and leadership is working hand-in-hand with the very people who deliver. Faculty Senate's governance is its 4 institutions.

- 1) Faculty Senate which is one person for every 40 faculty within every college/unit/campus or school which is about 140 faculty representatives
- 2) the Secretary of the faculty serves a 5-year term
- 3) the Faculty Councils- there are 11 of them
- 4) Chair and Faculty members and there is a committee of anywhere from 8 to 12 people on those committees. Those committees run from academic standards that oversees and approves all changes to curriculum – new courses, new degrees, changes in enrolment, multicultural affairs, university facilities etc.
- 5) Within each college around the campus there is an elected Faculty Council which is a shared body of governance within that school that advises the Dean.

So, there are multiple layers of faculty governance at various scales across the university. Within Faculty Senate, there is a Faculty Senate Vice Chair who serves for only one year and then they serve as Chair for one year and there is a Media Pass Chair who is involved in planning and budgeting. There's also a Faculty Legislative representative. The Vice Chair really sits and learns and attends a lot of meetings. The Chair serves on the President's cabinet, reports to the Board of Regents, meets with the Boards of Deans and Chancellors and is on almost all of upper major administration and committees. The point is that Faculty Senate real voice and student Senators should use that voice. The Media Pass Chair becomes the Media Chair Committee on planning and budgeting that oversees all the financial planning of the university. It reviews the compensation packages that each team presents, reviews tuition increases or Directors who want to increase or decrease tuition, ABB for better or for worse, help to shape ABB and all in coverage of the administration. The incoming Provost Mark Richards has a strong shared governance but only in academics and curriculum. They do not share any financial facility decisions.

Some of the projects that are onboard this year that can give an idea of what they do. Have a very close partnership with the Provost, President and Board of Regents and Chancellors and one of those projects is the UW Faculty 2050. Those students who are going into academia will be the Deans and Directors in 2050 and this project is to ensure setting up of a great career path. The second aspect would be to create a more inclusive and diverse community. The third part is how UW is public good as UW gets increasingly threatened by the decrease in state funding but also by public distrust. Needs to do a better job of articulating why a public university is a public good and it's not just about job training or economics.

Some of the work is more faculty driven with part in administration where they are reviewing the entire disciplinary process now and that will be faculty owned as they should look into the

disciplinary process and administration gets involved a bit and advises the Faculty Senate. Doing a handwork of lectures which is again faculty driven. Some of those are leadership driven but Faculty Senate work as partners. Some are just about running their own programs regarding the management, looking at upcoming ideas around changing directed missions mostly impacting undergrads.

Elloise Kim (President) reads out the question posted on Slido: What role, if any, does the faculty senate play in diversifying the UW faculty to better reflect and represent our diverse student body?

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Shares that they can play a couple of roles. Firstly, there are two councils – Council of multicultural affairs and a council on women and academia and they both look at everything from diversity plans for all the college, units and campuses and schools. They are in the midst of reviewing all of those diversity related blueprints to determine how strong they are and how viable they are and what kind of support they are getting. The women and academia is looking at salaries right now since the women from the faculty are paid less and promoted less often. From Workday there are better data that has been generated and are working on that. That's a policy in itself. But equally on the ground they have been working a lot on thinking about 2050— what happens on the ground (classrooms, offices, faculty meetings etc.). One of the initiatives was a diversity training for new Chairs. It's a yearlong training and there are 19 new Chairs. Faculty Senate also oversees some of the hiring and push for lot more money.

Elloise Kim (President) reads out the question posted on Slido: Could you speak to the events around efforts to form a faculty union? How has the faculty senate approached these efforts?

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Shares that she is an outsider to that group and hence cannot speak much for them. They didn't get even close to the number of signatures they required to put it up for vote. Highlights that it's her thoughts strictly that shared governance is actually very strong at UW and union governance work very different. However, a significant number of faculty support that effort and that could continue.

Elloise Kim (President) reads out the question posted on Slido: Is there anything you would like from us grad students to help you with your faculty senate efforts?

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): States that Faculty Senate and Student Senate are all on the same boat. Needs student Senate to speak up regarding career path about the kinds of career path they would want. Around the inclusive community, it's important to speak up both as individuals and as GPSS. Where both Faculty Senate and Student Senate can work together is towards public university—how do we talk about what we do to the public that begins to convey the importance of public institution because for 200 years, the country has believed in public education and education is the way of helping support democracy which has been taken for granted and have stopped talking about that. It's about investing back in self and also about understanding the potential.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): What is being done/explored to support parents of young children among the faculty?

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): States that the Faculty Council of Women and Academia passed the resolution. They did a study on wellness and has a lot to do with nursing homes where moms' need to breastfeed their babies. It is critically important. Senate is also advocating for child care, affordable housing project for UW. Also working on parental leave. It has been passed at the Washington State Legislature and a small tax has been imposed. Has been advocating tuition for children of faculty and staff but hasn't been successful. Many public universities offer that, but UW doesn't.

Elloise Kim (President) reads out the question posted on Slido: Is sexual harassment prevention training required for faculties? Or it is optional?

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Shares that it is somewhere in between but the discussions are ongoing. There are three kinds of employees in a public university like UW. There is confidential employees (counsellors, doctors etc.), responsible employees (who are expected to report this to Safe Campus) and there are supporters employees (janitors etc. who are not expected to know all of the aspects of sexual harassment/assault). Faculty falls under responsible employees. Expectation is that they report to safe campus because it is the only way to equitably to make sure that every student has access to services that the university has. Also reworking on sexual and racial harassment tools.

Yue Shi (Biology): Asks if it is optional?

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Shares that it is highly expected but not yet required and the reason is they have to work with the AGR's office to say something is required and then someone doesn't do the job. The idea is basically to say "yes, you need to do this".

Christian Love (Higher Ed): Seeks clarification on trainings.

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Shares that they do have a fair number of trainings and currently they are working on how to streamline some of those and makes sure that every faculty oversees all of them over the course of time. Hasn't been very successful in the first six months but they are trying hard to streamline.

Sarah Harbert (Earth & Space Sciences): Highlights that her department recently had the Green Dot training and some of them expressed concerns about all of the contact information about people on campus has been stored. Raises concerns over emails particularly.

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Shares that they are not supposed to email but call for that reason. But to check more on that concern and get back. However, recording someone on campus is not the trusted way to do that. So skeptical about how confidential everything is going to be. 80% of undergrads believe that its trustworthy and confidential.

Sara Park (Environmental & Forest Sciences): States that her department they recently they recently had a student council and they talked a lot about sexual misconduct particularly and how does safe campus issues affect grad students in particular.

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): Shares that the Safe campus is also linked to resources, so they have confidential resources who can talk through the situation and they also have legal resources and other resources depending on what help a student wants—mediation, Ombuds, counselling etc.

Yue Shi (Biology): Asks if there can be a training to prevent anything from happening in the first place?

Thaisa Way (Faculty Senate Chair): States, they do have. Clearly there is a need to first teach appropriate behavior and it's important that bystanders also know what to do. The point is one can be trained in all these areas, but it makes a difference to speak up and say "it's not okay" when it's required to say.

5. GPSS Action Items

6:05 PM

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Announces that Graduate Student Experience Survey is on and win a \$25 Visa gift card. UW Student Housing and Food Insecurity Survey is also on and there's a \$2100 gift card that can be won. GPSS Senator Green Dot Training is on April 11th 5:30 - 7:30 pm, HUB 332.

Elloise Kim (President): Announces that 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.

6. Elections Guide

6:10 PM

Elloise Kim (President): States that there are multiple people who are serving on the Elections Committee. Invites them to explain what to expect for the upcoming elections.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Shares that she is representing the Chair. Quite a few changes have been made to the packet in order to prevent any mishaps like in the past. The goals are

- To facilitate legitimacy and transparency for the election itself and for GPSS.

- Be fair for candidates and for GPSS as an institution
- Be clear, simple to understand, follow, and enforce
- Be realistic considering GPSS's resources and institutional capacity
- Integrate lessons learned from previous elections to improve upon past election experiences
- Be generally permissive, prohibiting or limiting conduct only to the extent necessary to serve these values and principles

Changes to the Elections Packet includes meeting requirement on how many meetings they should attend in order to be considered for an Officer position. Added a whole Section 4.5 on campaigning tactics on what is acceptable and what is unacceptable; endorsements as well as tickets. Thirdly, what to do in the event of a tie that has some clarifying processes.

Regarding meeting requirement, Candidates must attend 3 GPSS Meetings of which one must be either Senate, Exec, or Finance and Budget and the other two can be either the meetings above or S&P, SLAB/FLAB, Diversity and GSE. That would have exposed them to the GPSS process, parliamentarians' procedures and also if one cannot make it to Wednesday meetings, they have the option of going to others.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Thinks that three meetings is a really low requirement and adding Finance and Budget and alternate time for a 5.30 on a Wednesday and the elected officers will be serving a minimum of 20 hrs for the next year. With that low bar, they would not really know the value of coming to Exec, Senate or Finance and Budget and can relate to or understand internal processes of how GPSS functions as the other committees don't really deal with those internal processes the same way. So why the other committees?

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Shares that those points were presented to the Elections Committee and ultimately as a group, everyone came to the consensus that a lot of these committees are actually essential to the running of GPSS. If someone is on SLAB/FLAB and wants to run for VP of External, it will be valuable. The compromise that they came to be was having that one meeting requirement either GPSS or Exec.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): States that Wednesday 5.30 might not work for all people who wants to run for the elections but that's the commitment they are making for next year. This is one way to open it up for candidates.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Adds that they are trying to be as permissible as possible. Historically speaking, these committees have been on the election's packet. Moving on, with campaigning tactics, ASUW has a nice guideline on what to do what not to do which GPSS has never adopted. So, this time, Elections Committee intends to make it a more transparent process. Candidates running for elections can distribute flyers and print-outs, address a group to promote a candidate, place promotional signs and use social media or electronic platforms. But they cannot campaign in the ASUW or GPSS office, store campaigning materials in the ASUW or GPSS office, campaign at a GPSS meeting or event while it is conducted, deface campaign materials from other candidates or interfere with academic instruction to campaign.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Asks if there's anything referring to enforcement? Is there a mechanism already in place?

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): States that any complaints would ultimately have to be brought to Judicial. There is a mechanism already in place.

Claire Pendergrast (Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences): Asks if someone can campaign for someone else with their official title?

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Shares that will be covered while talking about endorsements.

Elections to take place on May 7th which is earlier than last year. Moving on to endorsements,

- If you are a Senator that is not in a position of power, then YES you can endorse a candidate who is running.
- If you are an Officer, Executive Senator, Employee of GPSS, a member of Judicial, or a member of the Elections Committee, then NO, you cannot endorse a candidate who is running.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Strongly disagrees that people who have been listed as unable to endorse because that is using their title should clearly not be allowed and in unofficial capacity, one of the candidates is strongly preferred for specific reasons, particularly the Officers understand the position better than anyone else. If they are endorsing in unofficial capacity it seems substantially to the benefit of GPSS.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Suggests reflecting on what makes it official and unofficial.

Bo Goodrich (ASUW Board of Director): States that he is a Liaison to the Elections Committee and a reviewer of all of the election policies. It's actually a violation to tell people that they cannot endorse but can tell that they cannot endorse in an official capacity. It is required them to say that they cannot do it through official means of communication. For ex. Elloise cannot email as she is the GPSS President and she can use statements like "in my unofficial capacity, I do this".

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): States that this is something that needs to be talked about with the Chair.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Suggests adding a line "in an official capacity, they cannot endorse". Moving on to tickets, the Elections Committee has decided that they are not going to allow tickets for this year's elections as tickets create an unfair advantage for people that already have had access to an idea of what promotes winning.

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Seeks clarification on what exactly she means by tickets?

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Shares an example from last year. There were four candidates that were all running to advocate to reserve. Definition of tickets is available in the elections packet.

Bo Goodrich (ASUW Board of Director): States that ASUW tried to stop people from being associated to in that way, but they can't do that as that's a violation of their right to form free association and free speech. So, suggests being careful about how they do it. ASUW doesn't recognize any affiliations formally. Outside of that they cannot really control.

Jared Rowe (Jackson School REECAS): Extends time by 10 minutes

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Seconds

Bo Goodrich (ASUW Board of Director): Shares that they cannot stop people from sharing strategies, materials or branding with each other. They can allow what is within their control. If there is an official GPSS elections website, they can mention that "statements and affiliations will not be allowed within this".

Elloise Kim (President): Adds that they can set their own rules regardless of what other units do because they have to respect the freedom of speech but there is more transparent way that they can conduct elections.

Jared Rowe (Jackson School REECAS): Asks if they are advocating for different interpretations of laws based on the rules because it sounds like if something is a violation, it is pretty much the violation of the first amendment.

Rene Singleton (Assistant Director of Student Activities): States that everything here has to abide by Washington State election policy.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Asks if legally they are allowed to have the language as is for endorsements and tickets?

Rene Singleton (Assistant Director of Student Activities): States that for endorsements it can be said that the candidates are officers but cannot use their titles. For tickets its implied but it is tricky.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Points that there is no mechanism that guarantees that people can vote. Even if someone has similar materials as of another party, there is no way to check them.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Reiterates that in order to remain transparent, she is happy to make changes to the language of what a ticket means. Moving on to how voting is done,

1. Rank your choices in order
 - All candidates are ranked

- Extra lines in case people run from the floor. Names are not printed on ballots but they are put up in alphabetical order.
2. The candidate with the most votes wins unless there's a tie, in which case there will be instant Run-off. Even then if there's a tie, each ranking will be assigned a number value: 1st choice: 3 points, 2nd choice: 2 points, 3rd choice: 1 point and 4th+ choice: 0 points. Points for ALL ballots will be totaled. For this to be implemented, we need a Bylaws change.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Seeks clarification on one of the reasons they proposed this process to be that rate choice ballot. The way the Bylaws currently are is that the rate choice ballots are deadlocks. One goes to vote unless they change their mind or they lose the opportunity to vote. So that should change.

Bo Goodrich (ASUW Board of Director): Shares that they continue to have the run-off until they have the majority and not stop until they have 50% of the votes.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Shares that last year there were odd number of votes. One person chose to write down two options rather than three or one. Therefore, they were not able to get the majority.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Adds that because of that, the candidates who are listed, they clearly want preferential and so they will be receiving points on that ballot. In that case it wouldn't change the balance.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Shares that the GPSS current Bylaws are exactly the same as ASUWs.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Says yes. Emphasizes that in her 4 years in Senate, this has come up only once. So, this is a safe hold if it happens again. So tonight, there is a need to vote on the packet knowing that there will be amendments in the endorsements clause and the tickets to ensure that the language is legal.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Proposes to amend it now.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Makes a motion to extend time by 10 minutes

Elliot Koontz (QERM): Seconds

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Asks if anybody likes to suggest a friendly amendment to the wording of the packet?

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Suggests amendments under Sec 4.5 which is the new campaign rules. Suggests adding what official capacity is.

Rene Singleton (Assistant Director of Student Activities): States official capacity is using the titles.

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): The other one is on ticketing which is under Sec 4.4 to highlight individuals who are identified together or officially affiliate together. Entertains the motion to vote the elections packet as it currently stands.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Moves to approve the elections packet as it currently stands

Christian Love (Higher Ed): Seconds

Motion passes.

7. Executive Senator Elections

6.42 PM

Laura Taylor (Molecular and Cellular Biology): Nominates Michael Diamond

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Declines nomination

Christian Love (Higher Ed): Nominates Zhiyun Mary Ma

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): Accepts nomination

Audrey Motta-Wurst (Speech & Hearing Sciences): Nominates Jacob Ziegler

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Accepts nomination

Nominations closed

Elloise Kim (President): Invites the candidates to come forward, introduce themselves and talk about what they would like to do in their roles as Exec Senators.

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): Introduces herself as a first year student. In the remaining one year, she is dedicated to present the voice as Exec Senators. Would like to represent all the students, fellow Asian students and fellow international students. Wants to learn more and get involved with student governance.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Introduces himself as a second year Ph.D student. Decided on the fly to run to give people an option. He was working to run as an Exec Senator for the upcoming quarter. His program is for 6 years and so intends to stay with GPSS throughout his time in School. He joined GPSS this year and he has been serving as a pioneer Senator, also serving as a Liaison to the faculty benefits and retiring accounts and he has found GPSS's involvement great with students. Chemistry department is in its own bubble as many other Science fields. So he has been trying to bridge the communication gap between Chemistry and GPSS. As an Exec Senator, he would love

to facilitate GPSS ability to the constituents. So, finding a way through an official GPSS capacity for senators to distribute information quickly.

Francis Abugbilla (Jackson School PhD): Asks since they didn't mention what they will do in their capacity as Exec Senator, how they plan to pass on the information to constituents.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Shares that he also serves on the graduate student board and through that capacity, he has created a graduate student Facebook Page. Had to self-invite everyone in the labs and it doesn't necessarily reach someone who is not on Facebook. He tried his best to communicate with people.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Asks what other roles they have in GPSS?

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): States that her priority is to increase communication between GPSS and international students.

Elloise Kim (President): Asks Senators to cast their votes. Officers don't vote unless there's a tie. Candidates can vote.

8. Resolution Proposing the Name Pronunciation and Preferred Pronoun Options on MyUW 6.52 PM

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): States that this resolution to propose the name pronunciation pronoun options on MyUW. This sparked from her own experiences with her Professors who cannot or find it hard pronounce foreign names. Having the pronunciation online on MyUW would help Professors to know the students better in classrooms and on campus. It makes communication easier and invokes respect. This will be in the form of phonetic spelling. Primary format is voice recording.

Yolanda Valencia (Geography): Asks if she prefers to keep the original name or the preferred American name for pronunciation or have both pronunciations?

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): The goal is for the Professors to pronounce the names correctly and this serves as a reference for them.

Kristin Fitzpatrick (Pathology): Asks how many pronunciation options are being posed.

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): The idea is to use chatboxes or if people have options of their names being pronounced in a way.

Elloise Kim (President): States they can contact Mary for any further questions.

9. GPSS Senate Survey Results (Fall Quarter)

6:57 PM

Louie Vital (Director of University Affairs): Shares the Senate Survey results. The majority of Senators study engineering and built environments. There was a tie between Health-related studies including nursing, medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and public health. What is important, however, is what is obscured by this pie chart. The students that are underrepresented come from Information and Library Sciences, Education, Social Work, Business, Law and Policy. Part of this is due to the nature of the questions and the grouping of the response, but regardless of the categorizations, there seems to be a chronic underrepresentation from these departments. This underrepresentation is not isolated to this school year. 60 % of them are new Senators and 28% are returning Senators. 48% Senators attended meetings last quarter. Satisfaction levels are at 80%. The other 20% states they are not too satisfied but there were no reasons provided for that except one that stated that there is underrepresentation from Arts and Sciences. 44% of the Senators said they are becoming familiar and are comfortable with Parli Pro. Looking into the future, we know that this is an area we need to improve in.

Regarding Senate communications, 76% feel they have been provided with sufficient direction and support to be a successful Senator. 24% feels there's room for improvement. Some responses include *"I wish my department would connect me with previous senators when I have questions"*, *"I would love some materials to share with students in my program, so they know how I can help them"*.

Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama): Asks if GPSS can provide names of previous Senators if someone needs?

Louie Vital (Director of University Affairs): Shares that they can keep a track of everyone from before and provide the list as and when needed.

Moving on with survey results, for the question what the most helpful aspect of Senate, 88% said its helpful in gathering info about campus issues, to connect with other Senators and GPSS is a hub for communication. The results also showed that they learn mostly about GPSS through Senate emails followed by Facebook, Twitter, website, previous Senators and department advisor. There was an overwhelming majority of them who said they would prefer to receive Senate emails once a week. Over 76% of the respondents said they disseminate information from Senate meetings to their constituents mostly through department/program list serv, personal network, and social media updates. 60% of them said they disseminate information when there is an urgent issue, 32% said after GPSS meetings and only 12% said as frequently as possible.

For the question why they don't disseminate information, 40% of the respondents said due to lack of interest from constituents in GPSS, 16% said due to limited accessibility to listserv, and 32% said they are unsure what to share. Feedback from Senators *"there's a high turnover rate of Senators in some programs"*, *"Listserv moderator rejects my emails because they feel the emails are not relevant to the student body."*

How GPSS can help is through brief email summary provided after meetings, frequent use of GPSS Facebook/ Website, materials to gather constituent opinions meeting minutes by the end of the same week, make the expectations of communication clear, and determine methods of accountability.

Regarding events and programming, 52% of the respondents said they attended Husky Sunrise and Fall Social, 24% attended Science and Policy. Most of the committees including F&B, Diversity, SLAB/FLAB, Travel Grants, and Science and Policy committees were found to be impactful.

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Points that the GSE Committee is missing from the list.

Louie Vital (Director of University Affairs): Other additional facts include 40% of respondents identified as a first-generation graduate student and 12% of respondents identified as an international student. Almost 70% of the Senators are White or European.

Elloise Kim (President): Announces the Election Result. The new Executive Senator is Zhiyun Mary Ma.

Makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and the slides will be shared as pdf.

10. Adjournment

7:15 PM

Francis Abugbilla (Jackson School PhD): Moves to adjourn

Jasmine Rah (Medicine): Seconds
