



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL  
STUDENT SENATE**

**Senate Meeting Minutes**

*May 02, 2018 / HUB 334*

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**1. Call to Order** **5:32 PM**

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**2. Approval of Agenda** **5:33 PM**

**Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry):** Approves the agenda

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** Seconds

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**3. Approval of Minutes** **5:34 PM**

**Colton Myers (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance):** Approves the minutes

**Katie Reichard (Pharmacology):** Seconds

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**4. Officer Elections** **5:36 PM**

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** The Officer elections order is

President

Vice President of Internal Affairs  
Vice President of External Affairs  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Will be asked if there are nominees from the floor. Each nominee to give their speech for 3 minutes. There will be a 10 minute for Q&A per candidate as well. Asks if anyone seeking is nomination at this time and that they need to check eligibility. Michael and Cory will help verify that. Morgan is distributing ballots. Elizabeth will be keeping time. Invites candidate running for the role of President.

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** I am the current GPSS Secretary. Was a Senator for 2 years before being elected as Secretary. As Senator for Music, I realized there was a lot of under representation and there's a lot of challenges being a Senator that can be confusing, liberating and can also be exciting. When I ran for Secretary, I ran on the platform of Diversity because the Secretary's position around diversity is incredibly important. Running on the same platform even for President along with transparency and mental health as those will be the most important responsibilities of my role. Graduate students have been converging on those topics and Senate meetings is a common place to bring together thoughts and communicate back to the constituents. I see opportunities for facilitation and delegation and to heighten the potential on campus as representatives. One of the things that's most exciting is being able to continue with GPSS. Built and developed several relationships over the years including ASUW, grad school, OMA&D etc. and learned that we are not just assisting in isolation, but all of the departments put together are embedded within a community. As part of UW community, I would like to serve you in a way that allows me to be your voice as I interact with people in the administration in my regular meetings and in managing my duties as President in a way that's fully representative of you so that we work with tandem for a Senate Body and an organization that is what we want it to be. Through facilitation and delegation, focusing on Diversity, transparency and mental health, I believe that I can be that person that tells you where we are with the organizations and how we can progress and be more conclusive.

**Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education):** Since diversity is your platform, how do you identify diversity in yourself?

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** Have been fortunate to be part of the Diversity Committee. One of the tasks that I was hoping to do this year and are doing is the operationalization of diversity itself. As a committee what's the mission and goals and what it means on campus and after talking with our committee members as well as other people on campus it can be can see just a really broad topic because people can easily throw the word diversity around and mean any number of things. In her curriculum she is researching Social Justice and diverse representation in music education. Within university there is diversity of demographics, disciplines and ideologies. We have a plethora of diversity. My goal is not to define what diversity means. The goal is to understand what it means to you and how I can reflect that when communicating diversity with people within administrative roles through officers and Senate Body through surveys and data collection Interpreting what are your needs as diverse body and making sure that our body is also diversely representative.

**Yue Shi (Biology):** As President, you will represent the GPSS Body and talk to the UW administration. What are you going to do to fully represent our voice with your personal voice?

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** As Secretary, have been responsible of roster, recruitment and orientation through the year and one of the challenges that I have recognized within the Senate Body is that it's very difficult for the Officers to communicate directly with Senators when not through surveys which can also be kind of inundating. Try to reduce overwhelming people with too many questions. Want to be reachable and approachable. Being representative means being a listener. Listening is a powerful tool that's underutilized. Encouraging resolutions, communication, listening to Good of the Order, run survey and putting forward other opportunities and information from you and finding ways to influence. When are we discussing items on the agenda based on what we have collected information from our constituents and departments. Having been a Senator, understands its difficult. Have ideas to bridge those connections including a valuable survey that you can send to your constituents. Can streamline things better to ensure efficient communication.

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** Invites candidates running for the role of Vice President of Internal Affairs.

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** I am the GPSS Director of Events. Excited to work with everyone again. Want to work on oversee and improve events that we currently have. I have a lot of experience working with the specifics of the planning the budgeting and I've also had a great chance to hear from all of you and other students about what they'd like to see differently with our events specifically, with accessibility for our students with night classes and also our student parents and then as well as students that are looking for more professional development. So, I think those are some ways we can improve our events and continue to work on them. The second thing I would like to work on is continuing to improve and connect our connections to campus resources. one of the big things that we've received in terms of feedback from students is that they are either unaware of their campus resources and they like more of them. So, I have a couple different ideas. One of them is in the works. It's a resources tab on the GPSS Website. It would be a centralized place for all of the different resources with links. Second is the re-establishment of a graduate student orientation. This is something we've heard from a lot of people about that they would really like to see, and I know myself included that I would have loved a specific orientation for graduate students. Envisioning this to happen before Fall quarter starts with seminars on campus resources, a resource fair, a campus tour directed towards graduate students and their specific interest in resources and that as well is a take home packet or make electronic versions available to be able to bring those resources to also people who can't attend. I've been able to work with. Some of the other organizations on campus. Specifically, I am a member the Graduate Student Experience Committee, I am a U-Pass proxy member this quarter and I have plans with Diversity Committee and Science and Policy committee. Inputs from all of those groups as well as all of you will help with. Finally, I want to just continue to improve and build upon the transitioning and the development that we have within our office and for our staff. Especially with monthly office meetings and just continuing that training as well as just advocating for all of you for our students and for our constituents.

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** Hello, I'm running to be the next Vice President of Internal Affairs. I would like to go over three roles I have in this position – Events, Committees and resources. Along with the President, The VP of internal is responsible for serving on the work pointing graduate

students to 49 different committees on campus. That's 49 different opportunities for graduate student voices to be heard. This is a great opportunity to make sure that students who are traditionally under represented have a seat at the table. I want to start off by saying I recognize I run for this role with a great amount of privilege that my voice is different, and I'd like to encourage other students from different backgrounds to have a seat at the table with Administrators. I believe I'm qualified to sit on these committees and speak with administrators because of some of my background in campaigning. As a campaign manager and in this role, you have to tell your boss what to do and that requires a lot of tact. In meeting with the administrators, I could be a strong advocate for what I believe and also be tactful and maintaining strong relationships. Next thing I want to talk about is events. It's my understanding that next year there's the concern over funding for Husky Sunrise which I think is a great opportunity to restructure our Fall program to make it work better for everybody. So, first I would propose holding a graduate student orientation as the the graduate student survey sensed that that students want when we typically do Husky sunrise. Later in the week in Fall on Friday, hold a Husky homecoming after classes so that everyone who started classes have the opportunity to participate and can free up the costs for child care. Like to talk about campus resources. Talked about mental health earlier. So, I am going to focus on career development this time. Would like to ask either the administration or GPSS to set up a mentorship program between the community and UW graduate students. Identified an online tool. This would be a program to reach out to alumni, community members and faculty and staff and pair them with a graduate student who's interested in the program. This is a doable opportunity to connect graduate students with faculty and community and it addresses the concern the graduate students have about professional development.

**Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education):** In the likely event of internal conflict, there are limited resources to conduct events. Concern is two departments are competing for one event or resources that's crucial for both. How do you address that?

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** Negotiation is a big part of learning at law school. It's important to listen to find out what both of the groups want and find out if there's a compromise. Students have limited time and budget competing for limited resources. So, creating a coalition and collaboration would work. If two groups are competing for funding for an event, they can be encouraged to collaborate and share the funding and use it together.

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** Improving survey reach, cross programming are great options. People who want Social events but also wants professional development; finding creative ways to stretch the budget is important. Look at the ways we are already spending our money in certain areas and there have been different talks about hosting event outside of specific pool of money.

**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering):** Major part of this position is not just deciding the events but also executing. What's your experience planning and executing the events for 500+ people and how have you been a part of GPSS events so far?

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** As Director of events I have had experience in every step of the way of events that has taken place this year. Prior to this, I have background in event planning

and have planned events for over 1000 people. Have a lot of experience with GPSS specific events and some great new ideas. I have attended these events and got to know the attendees as well.

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** Worked at a small environmental law firm before Law school. We redirected a specific portion to Olympic National. Had 600 people attend the dedication ceremony. Co-ordinated the event. Worked on two campaigns and fund-raising events for both campaigns. As far as GPSS events are concerned, I came to the Fall event it was a great opportunity to meet everyone and will continue being part of events in the future. Haven't been as involved as Sydney obviously but have attended Social events.

**Jared Rowe (Jackson School REECAS):** One of the things that came up a lot is interest in having more social events over professional and other events. How do you plan to balance the demands?

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** I would love to create a program to match the grad student with a community mentor. It would be great to do a mentorship kickoff. Great to have those quarterly. But there's limited funding. Part of the role is finding what the grad students want. The current officers just submitted the GSE survey. There's a strong need and desire for more professional development.

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** The GSE survey gave lots of inputs on both the sides. A lot of people love the Socials and a lot of them wants to see professional development events and lot of them need both. Therefore, cross-examining them is important. Its good to have funds for people to relax and have fun. But can also build upon the committee events that we already have. Want to grow those and support those as whole Exec Board and Senate to bigger Social and development events.

**Sep Makhsous (Electrical Engineering):** Both talked about communicating and listening. What sort of initiatives are you going to take. Anyone can send the survey out and wait for the response to come back. How can you reach out better other than through survey?

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** One great venue would be the graduate student orientation. Raising awareness for GPSS would be a great way for students to know and reaching us would be more comfortable. As Senators, I would like you to come to us directly with things.

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** There's nothing like the in-person connection speaking from the campaigning experience. During campaigning, I have knocked on 10K doors for the 2016 elections which is considered invasive and people don't really like it. We can use the same principle in GPSS where people initial reservations in the beginning might have to reach out, but we provide the open-door policy to build dialogues. In-person connections are very important.

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** Invites candidate running for the role of Vice President of External Affairs.

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** I've been very fortunate this past year to serve as the GPSS Policy Director. It was a great privilege to work with this year's VP of External Affairs. Have a lot of lobbying experience at the state and the Federal level. Been very fortunate to work with or umbrella organizations, the Washington Students Association and the students of graduate education. I'd like

to focus on the big three things I'd like to accomplish next year. I know that a year is a very short time span to do things but luckily, we've got a great involved student body and great committees under all of the Officer positions. So, I think we can do that. The first thing is I know you guys are also probably sick of surveys, but I think that they can give us some really valuable information and I think that's the quickest way to get out all of the diverse departments we have on campuses and I'd love to get them focused VP of External Affairs and on legislative priorities what is important to you and what you would like to see the legislature. What do you want me to lobby for because your constituents are the people and I'm just there as a microphone for all of your views. So, I think that's a great way to start to get people more involved. Planned to use these results to get people more involved in the legislative experience by connecting them to some of the boards that we have advocates for graduate education and connecting them with people within WSA. There's a lot of opportunity and everybody is passionate about something. In this political era, more voices from diverse body is really important. The next thing would be to create an External Affairs web page. I think that you get bombarded with a lot of information and it's easiest if you can go access it yourself if it's constantly updated. This will be a place where we can keep information about state and federal priorities; those that are coming up and anything of interest to graduate students is for you guys to get involved. The last thing is organizing a graduate research symposium with WSA. This would take place at the legislator. Graduate students from all departments would be able to present their research, connect, network with legislators and staff; talk about internship or career opportunities and really show the legislature where that money's going. When they try to cut funding, this is going to be a great way for students to say "No, this is important and valuable."

**Katie Reichard (Pharmacology): At the Huskies on the Hill,** there wasn't a lot of time for grad student issues. How in your goal can provide more opportunities for students to interface with legislators?

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** Due to limited funding, getting only grad student lobbying day funding is going to remain a challenge. Right now, there's a memo and talks to ASUW that solidifies what goes into the transition documents. Making sure that everyone is on the same page is important. Things can move in the quicker pace. We contribute a lot to the undergrad experience. We need to have an equal voice.

**Colton Myers (Evans School of Public Policy & Governance):** Do you see anything in the upcoming legislative session that you think would be of importance to lobbying forward as we prepare for next year's Huskies on the Hill?

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** Federally, the POSPER Act is going to be the biggest thing. It's challenging. There are 22 public universities lobbying for this. So, there's a huge voice behind us. At the state level wants to work with legislators to see if there is any way we can get some progressive funding directed solely towards education. Need more funding for graduate students.

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** One of the pieces that we do is office co-ordination and communication. One of the challenges with your role is being removed out of city/state for an entire quarter. How do you foresee being staying integrated within the office, and keep communication in a way that fosters our connection with Officers as well as Senators?

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** Have a little bit of exposure on that from this year when Matt was in Olympia. So, I know how to do that. Need to hire a passionate staff. Plan to be here every Friday. Should be doing the job and getting feedback about what's happening in Olympia. Will be available on email as and when required and also on phone calls. Also, the External Affairs webpage will provide all of the updates as well.

**Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education):** As an international student, the only thing we cannot do is vote but can be a part of everything else. How do you plan to increase the awareness and attention and plan to engage the international students with policy makers since we are also part of the community?

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** International students are a huge part of UW and there are so many things that they bring in and are passionate about. A lot of them tie into the survey I am planning on sending out to connect students with those types of issues and get them on committees that are working on legislation. Also, keeping in close contact with lot of international students to understand what exactly they want me to lobby on in Olympia. It's really about communication. Have no background in it. So, need to communicate with all different students from different departments.

**Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics):** Do you plan to balance the need for new legislation and or GPSS work that didn't come through in the past year?

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** Historically have carried over legislations from the previous years that weren't passed. Legislative Advisory meetings are open to the public too not just Senators.

**Clare Gamlin (Neuroscience):** Want to know the feedback from Legislators and what resonates with them? What can we do? Will there be a training?

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** As part of Huskies on the Hill, I want to have the training three or 4 days before so that people have time with the materials. Getting a couple of legislators to do a panel would be helpful. They can expect to see what the student issues are. Face to face communication is crucial.

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** Invites candidates running for the role of Treasurer.

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** It's an honor to serve the fellow graduate students. Experienced first-hand of very positive effects of what GPSS can do as a student body. The F&B committee works towards allocation of funds for travels, student activities and events. But what we did start to see throughout the year was a lot of confusion among students about the funding options are available and the application process. Therefore, one of the objectives is to increase transparency and accessibility of funding opportunities for students. I plan on doing that by working closely with ASUW in order to streamline the application process as well as share better information on ASUW as well as GPSS website. Current year had a fund crunch. So want to fight for more student funding with detailed budget analyses. If we can use the information that we have, in terms of funding opportunities on what was granted and what wasn't, we give ourselves a leg to stand on when we go there and ask for funding for GPSS. Worked for 5 years before MBA. Saw

what works and doesn't work in terms of budgeting, budget creation and financial analysis. Worked closely with Brad this year. Want to continue this year by centralize GPSS budgeting process, and create an easy to use financial dashboard that makes information more useful and accessible for Senators and students.

**Robby Perkins-High (Evans School):** On my first big financial decisions when I was 16. After a hard summer of working, I decided I'd spend my money on something a teenage boy dream – an Xbox. After carefully thinking and decided I didn't want to blow hundreds of dollars on a new Xbox, I made the financially sound decision to buy a used Xbox. I met up with a man named Howe from Craigslist at Wal-Mart parking lot, handed him an \$80 and in return I got a brown paper bag full a fully functioning Xbox. On returning home I learned that it was in fact not fully functioning. Since then I've learned a lot about smart spending particularly. Professionally, I bring my experience conducting extensive financial projections for multimillion dollar housing developments. Additionally, at the YMCA and East Boston and I ran budgets similar to that of GPSS for the after school and summer program. Academically, I was an economics major at Tufts University and I'm currently at the Evan school focusing on finance and budgeting. While budgetary. Experience is very important I believe that there are three main values that are important for successful Treasurer and those are equity transparency and advocacy. To ensure equity, I will strive to make sure our diverse student body is actually represented in all the Finance Committee. Additionally, I hope to collaborate with a diversity committee to review our current policies to ensure equal access for all. As I have already started to do as a candidate, I hope to speak with all of you individually to make sure I'm always listening first. For transparency, I envision any graduate student being able to immediately see the most current GPSS budget, learn how our decisions are being made and understand our policies. While some of that's being already done, I plan to emphasize consistency with that as well as making myself as a personally accessible as possible. Lastly, with advocacy I hope to open up a dedicated space to talk about how graduate student money should be used in an overall university setting. After listening and hearing opinions, I will be an adamant advocate for those things on the STF Subcommittee, the SAF subcommittee and with the university leadership. The Treasurer position shouldn't just be about the numbers. It should be about making sure that those numbers are working to promote the values and a dedication to hard work and collaboration, I'm the right candidate for the job. Thank you.

**Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry):** Thank you for having me and allowing me to share with you. I am very interested in becoming your GPSS Treasurer. I have great pride in our university and I'm a triple Husky. I'm new to GPSS. I initially got to know this line organization through our struggles in dental school. All of the students that I've worked with thus far have really been very inspiring. It's really made me become more involved in GPSS. Compared to the other two highly qualified candidates, I have the least amount of formal financial experience background but I'd like to point out to you that we are currently in a unique situation where we're experiencing challenges around campus where they're having budget cuts and issues of mismanagement, challenges with diversity, mental health issues and many others and so I believe that especially during these times of treasure as an Executive Officer should also contribute in any way that they can. So especially because of so many of the issues are fiscal in nature. I plan to not only support people in the budget & finance capacity but in addition I plan to provide support and insight to help to use those numbers to really paint a picture and develop plans to tackle these issues. As a health care provider, it's my priority to try to understand the background, subtle nuances for each person. Building trust is essential

Having surgeon and meeting held by patients and including include people who are low income and have mental health issues is important. I really strive to understand what these patients need and however I can support them. I feel that this translates in many aspects in order to consider diverse student population and I plan on using my experience to be able to continue to learn from them and work with our team to provide for it. We as students in the dental school they were looking at 30% increase in tuition over the last three years.

**Oliver Keyes (Human Centered Design and Engineering):** There has been a contract negotiation between union, academic students and university. What is your position on contract negotiations? What steps will you take to participate in negotiations and such situations?

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** Been following the contract negotiations to some extent. In the most recent negotiations, there was some give and take from UW side. Been following closely with child care side and there's a cap on child care spend per year. That's going to impact child care and lot of students. Curious to see the next one. Would love to have GPSS representation and get involved in that area.

**Jacqueline Wong (Dental):** I learned about the resolution that was passed recently and it was explained in a way that depicted lack of transparency, decisions that are being made with no plans involved. There's been a trend for students and employees in shouldering the mismanagement and other inadequacies. Have passed a resolution in Dental school and has 80% of our signatures. It will be passed on through GPSS and ASUW. Dental school example is evidence and example of all of the issues that's going on. Plan on continuing the truth and hold administration accountable.

**Robby Perkins-High (Evans School):** Looks like the university has been ignoring the economic conditions from the past 3-4 years. I'm in strong support of GPSS's current stance. The university's tact thus far by just throwing numbers at these meetings and saying we can bring specific number back to them and holding such effective negotiations would be good.

**Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama):** As someone who has been fortunate to receive a travel grant, and as a Senator, I have heard people complain about the difficult process. What's your thought in helping people to be successful in reducing the burden?

**Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry):** Wants to make the process clear on website and give enough access for information. Would like to set up quarterly workshops for educating the process and allow for Q&A in person.

**Robby Perkins-High (Evans School):** There needs to be balance struck between the complexity of application and making it doable. I would like to make it accessible. Want to coach applicants through the process is necessary.

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** There's a lot of subjectivity in travel grants. Some subjectivity is always going to be there. Want to eliminate some subjectivity to create a successful application. Making myself available to people is key as well. More funds is the focus.

**Yue Shi (Biology):** Have you downloaded the GPSS budget and looked at it. What are you planning to increase the financial transparency?

**Robby Perkins-High (Evans School):** I wasn't a part of GPSS in the past year. After deciding to run for this year's elections, I attended a lot of SAF, F&B meetings, Exec and STF. Careful analysis is required in understanding the impact of each dollar on students.

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** Have helped Brad with this year's budget. There are opportunities to streamline and make that easier process both for the Senators and students. Needs to ensure better transparency as well.

**Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry):** Attended SAF and saw the budget proposals. Yet to understand the numbers in a better way. Goal is to communicate as much as we can.

**Jenny Brown (Pathology):** How do you play merit vs. need for travel grants. Ideally it should be need based but most of the current grants are merit based. How do you address the issue as its discouraging for students who really need it?

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** It's half and half the way it's structured right now. Can be looked into and see if we can decentralize it.

**Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry):** It's true that it's based on points system and it's kind of objective. Can find out specific contact and find out more about need and merit-based budget.

**Robby Perkins-High (Evans School):** I would like to get feedback from Senators and work on that to ensure fairness.

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** Invites candidate running for the role of Secretary.

**Amy Gabriel (Office Manager):** Thank you all for taking the time to be here tonight participating in the 2018-19 elections. I spent the last year working as an Office manager and serving on the diversity and travel grants committees. As your secretary, I will build upon the work that Giuliana has completed this year, improve organizational infrastructure and maintain Diversity Committee momentum. Specifically, will work with the Officers to make sure the GPSS website is updated weekly. This includes providing a new tab on the website. New Senators can learn about the duties and expectations of becoming a new Senator and the current Senators can find out the number of meetings that they attended throughout the year. Additionally, I will contact departments with low or no representation starting this summer to make sure that GPSS more accurately reflects the graduate population on campus. I will also expand orientation presentations at the beginning of the school year so that the recommended Senator can get acquainted with GPSS as soon as possible. As Office manager, I have managed attendance list for 2017-18 and I have noticed the attendance trends throughout the year. I understand committing Wednesdays can be challenging for students, especially for student parents and can lead to meeting absences or even dropping out of GPSS entirely. I would like to brainstorm ideas with the Senate for increasing engagement and making sure that we retain our members. Ideas could include incentives for high attendance or coming up with ways to do virtual participation. I will also establish regular protocols and templates to

streamline internal process and increase GPSS consistency because we are run by students for students. The higher turnover can significantly impact the organizational capacity and accountability. In the secretary position, I will ensure that all the Officers can more efficiently and effectively transition into the role. I will continue to be invested in the GPSS Diversity Committee that has gained excellent traction this year. I plan to continue my involvement and coordinate with other Diversity Leaders on campus to host large scale events so that we could serve more students. Very excited about the opportunity to serve as your Secretary. Together we can accomplish great things.

**Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics):** In terms of diversity committee, what impact can you have on the decision making of travel grants?

**Amy Gabriel (Office Manager):** Restructuring is going on in the Diversity Committee. These positions will have certain responsibilities and will have expertise in terms of funding, internal involvement etc.

**Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs):** Moves to extend time by 15 minutes

**Elloise Kim (President):** Seconds

**Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences):** There are so many diversity committees across campus. What's special about GPSS Diversity committee?

**Amy Gabriel (Office Manager):** The benefit that we represent and serve all of the departments and all of the people. We have an event coming up to co-ordinate with different diversity leaders and coming up with identifying the gaps fill the gaps that those needs match.

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** Shift to last Q&A session to all candidates. All Senators, Officers and members of judicial and elections can vote. No Proxies can vote.

**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering):** Question to Chase Kania. You said that there's an opportunity to decentralize the funding allocation. It's very important for people sitting on those committees to have strong opinions. Why will centralization help?

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** This is a way to reduce burden on numbers and have representation from these committees where few people have a say and still have the decision point. It can help GPSS achieve the vision in a transparent way.

**Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry):** It's important to converse about what each one needs. Each role is different.

**Robby Perkins-High (Evans School):** It's impossible to separate Diversity Committee from all of the other ways that GPSS is allocating the money. I would get inputs from Diversity Committee and other Senators who are interested to review what ways we are currently allocating money.

**Bo Goodrich (ASUW Board of Directors):** Question to VP of Internal Affairs candidates: How do you ensure that the relationships are effective between organizations like ASUW and GPSS?

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** Been working with a lot of ASUW members on U-PASS Advisory Board. Had a lot of opportunity to connect with undergrads in a more informal setting. Letting them know why we are all together and making that connection to make UW a better campus is important. As a Liaison, I have worked together in a lot of situations.

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** It's part of the job description to attend all of the meetings. Participating in the ASUW meetings and talking about all those things what graduate students want is something that will be done. Was ASUW Senator in undergrad. It's one position for undergrads and its important position to be the voice in a meaningful way.

**Jared Rowe (Jackson School REECAS):** Question to VP of Internal Affairs: The platform that you are planning is the same platform. Are you going to continue working together or how will it be after the elections?

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** Would love to keep coming back and encourage graduate students to participate. Can collaborate if there are similar platforms. It's encouraging that people have the same platform ideas and want to work towards the same things. Try my best to execute all of the things.

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** Great that there are several similar ideas. Leaving with similar ideas invested. In the process of creating transitions for next year. Resources are available for orientation.

**Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education):** International students bring more revenue. How does the Treasurer plan to communicate to other stakeholders and plan to engage international students?

**Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry):** Talked to several international students in the dental school and talked about how to get their voices heard. Feels the sentiments as School of dental is looking at increasing the tuition and saying that they will earn it all back once out of school. Mainly it's about communicating the realities and talk to leaders about funding and offering support in push back on international students' fee and push back when needed.

**Robby Perkins-High (Evans School):** No answer right now. Would love to talk to IS and then figure out what to do and bring that to the university and hear their rationale.

**Chase Kania (Foster School of Business MBA):** Same answer. Want to have discussion and see what can be done as International Student offers.

**John Metz (Atmospheric Sciences):** Are the grad student orientations mandatory? There are a lot of orientations by the departments already. How would you differentiate this one?

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** Not mandatory. It would be complement to the departmental ones. The campus tour is essential. General resource fair is crucial.

**Noelle Symanski (Law):** Not mandatory. Keep it optional. Have fun things. Free things to do that many don't know. Connect with diverse group.

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** Thanks candidates and the Senators. Senators can vote and the ballot boxes are placed to drop off the voting cards.

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## 5. Resolution in Support of Affordable Summer Parking for Graduate Students

**7:02 PM**

**Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics):** Likes to make an amendment on line 29 that says, "students are unable to purchase discounted parking passes". Wants to change the wording to say, "whereas graduate students who are not considered ASEs such as those who are self-funded or on external fellowships are unable to purchase discounted parking passes".

**Clare Gamlin (Neuroscience):** Makes a motion to make the amendment change.

**Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering):** Seconds

**Brandon Philip (Oceanography):** Confused with the amendment.

**Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics):** The amendment is in relation to the fact that a lot of grad students are not ASEs. It's important to make that consideration. Everything else in the resolution still applies.

**Dave Slager (Biology):** Are there any interest in adding remedy for extra traffic and extra gas emissions that would remove the incentive for parking on campus. UW is interested in becoming carbon neutral soon. Can that be included?

**Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics):** Welcomes suggestions.

**Dave Slager (Biology):** This is now specific to grad students who are not ASEs be able to purchase discounted tickets. Is that very specific?

**Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics):** As far as how that amendment changes rest of the document; the rest of it in Line 32 still stands in terms of how discounts will be applied in getting staff benefits and as staff privileges. Not confident that if more and more students push for staff privileges will get them. Got the amendment suggestion just today. Haven't had the time to go back and check the rest of the resolution.

**John Metz (Atmospheric Sciences):** We are giving this discount by our own authority. Should that be reworded that we are petitioning the transportation authority?

**Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics):** The way the resolutions are written is that this is how it should be happening, and this is our official stance.

**Monica Cortes Viharo (Drama):** Resolutions don't have the force of changing. The vehicle itself is a "should vehicle". Stating it forcefully is not problematic.

**Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering):** The copy of the resolution to who it is to be sent to needs to be included.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Vote the final version of the resolution.

*Voting begins - 30 Yes, 4 No, 3 Abstain*

*The resolution passes.*

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## 6. 2018-2019 GPSS Budget

7:12 PM

**Brad Copenhaver (Treasurer):** The 2018-19 GPSS Budget draft was submitted to SAF this quarter. Once GPSS approves tonight, the final request will be sent to SAF.

- The total Fiscal Year 2019 Budget: \$482,570.18 (3% increase)
- Total FY19 Request to SAF: \$442,570.18 (1% increase over last year). Last year we had to take a 10% cut due to the financial issues with SAF. Although the position is better than last year, it's still not great.
- Other Expected Income: \$30,000 from Provost. New Provost next year. So, the 30K is not guaranteed. Elloise is working hard to get that again for next year.

- General Fund Expenditures: There is a huge amount has not been spent. Like to develop some strategies to use that money.

Line item budgets are as below:

- Administrative Budget: \$49,750 (25% increase). Includes a new line item: \$10,000 for Special Projects Fund. This is a pilot program this year.
- VP Internal Budget: \$3,600 (12% decrease). Decreased conference travel by \$500
- President Budget: \$2,500 (25% increase). Increased conference travel by \$500
- VP External Budget: \$9,175 (no change)
- Treasurer Budget: \$10,820 (no change)
- Secretary Budget: \$6,400 (52% increase). Reinstated \$2,000 for Diversity Fund that was cut last year & added \$200 for advertising and promotion.
- Personnel Budget: \$356,325.19 (0.27% increase) includes all officer and staff wages, officer tuition waiver, small changes in staff hour allocations and small increase due to benefit rate changes
- Departmental Allocations: \$5,000 (no change)
- Special Allocations: \$17,000 (no change)
- Travel Grants: \$22,000 (no change)

**Hannah Bassett (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences):** Need clarification on the Fiscal Year spend.

**Brad Copenhaver (Treasurer):** The spent under FY 18 is as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. Yet to do for April. FY runs from July 1 to June 30. A lot of the expenditures happen towards the end of the fiscal year.

**Micah Buuck (Physics):** What sets the pay scale for hourly staff?

**Brad Copenhaver (Treasurer):** University has a minimum wage. When the staff member is hired, GPSS offers 18 per/ hour which is the maximum. It's a bit problematic since it's not a specific process for GPSS. Working on the staff pay guideline and policy memo for the same.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Entertains the motion to approve the FY19 GPSS Senate budget.

**Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education):** Approves

**John Metz (Atmospheric Sciences):** Seconds

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** Judicial has to go through the proposed Bylaw amendments and make any recommendations and approve/reject it. They went through it and after two rounds, here is the current improved version of it.

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** This cropped up from an Adhoc committee as part of the tax reform effort. There wasn't a process to track the Ad-hoc committee. This is to close that gap. There were some minor language changes. First thing we did was clarify the supervisory responsibility within the Bylaws. Added "guidance and support for a committee within the GPSS. Any GPSS Officer may designate or appoint a chair for a committee while still maintaining supervisory responsibility over that committee." Created a new clause that says GPSS in individual basis as Ad-hoc committee is created will determine the Officer to have supervisory responsibility over the Ad-hoc Committees as part of the culture to create committee."

The next clause is the Officer that has a supervisory responsibility will draft a policy memo to approve with the Exec Committee. This is to keep track of all the Ad-hoc Committees we have active within GPSS as well as to give a bit of substance to that committee. Things that have been included are the timeline, the creation date, termination date and any necessary votes by the GPSS that would authorize the committee and also the function details and goals of the committee. It has to be created within one week of the creation of the Ad-hoc Committee. The next clause is delineating the parli procedure as its currently written that all standing and all Ad-hoc committees must follow parliamentary procedure. The language change in the above paragraph is separating those two out. The Adhoc committee does not have to follow the parli pro as the rest of the GPSS does. The last paragraph "any Ad-hoc committee can vote to suspend parli pro and follows the same process as GPSS."

**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering):** For 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the majority of the vote, it's not clear of the current attendees of the current meeting.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Need more than 2/3 of attending Senators to approve the amendments.

*Everyone votes in favor.*

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## 8. Resolution Regarding the University of Washington's Obligations Under Title IX and Improving Incident Reporting 7.36 PM

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** Been working with Jaron, the Student Regent to express interest to bring in online incident reporting of incidents to UW specifically Callisto which is a startup in an order to expand resource to reporting incidents on campus. Callisto is a non-profit organization that develops technology to combat sexual assault and harassment.

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** Shares that Callisto allows anonymous reporting.

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** It's a 24/7 access. UW will have its own institutional website. Students have an option to report to institutional reporting. There is no evidence uploading at this point. The reporting is time stamped. Needs username and password. One can log in as much information as they want but doesn't need to submit the information immediately. Doesn't need to go to the police at that time as well. Website will tell if the perpetrator has been reported earlier. Students choose to report when they know the perpetrator is assaulting other students. Provides that extra incentive. UW will also help connect with an advocate which is a great resource at UW. Get them to connect to the resources they need.

**Katie Reichard (Pharmacology):** There is a lot of data. One thing that would be helpful is a point on data security and privacy.

**Dave Slager (Biology):** what are the thoughts of other organizations on campus since it's a third-party tool?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** This would be a big step forward. Can't speak to the computer science of it. Came up in ASUW meeting as well. The data is heavily encrypted. There are different levels of processes. No concerns about information and security but we are going about more commissioning about the specifics to communicate that better.

**Hannah Bassett (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences):** How are they giving information and how are they contacting the individuals? Why limit to sexual harassment and leave out general harassment?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** Students can report on anything. They will get access to one of the confidential advocates. Students will be able to report much large array of issues and offenses. They can report on anything that they face. But the fact is that students usually underreport. Callisto is very user friendly and accessible.

**Hannah Bassett (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences):** Suggests changing the wording to be more specific.

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** A lot of the features of the Callisto are like "one size fits all". Callisto creates the tool that's consistent across campus but that particular portion will be designed and constructed to fit the specific needs of the campuses. Currently there are several avenues to report. Don't want to send directly to Title IX Officers but want to connect directly with confidential advocates. They will be immediately followed up with.

**Hannah Bassett (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences):** Is it like Craig's list where automatic email is generated for following up?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** Looking at implementing that. One of the other plans is even if students choose officially not to file a report, we would offer a resource page so

they are redirected to resources that are available to them on campus which is also helpful in ensuring that the tool doesn't replace the option of human interaction.

**Whitney Hugie (Nursing):** One of the key issues in sexual assault especially on campuses is the consequences. Is the university supporting the consequences? What is the fall through on the university's side and legal side?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** To avoid false naming and false accusations, need to double check if the data is shared with UW. Even if the student's name is shared anonymously, Callisto will inform who should be watched out for etc.

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** More to be done later to more directly address that aspect and the resolution.

**Elloise Kim (President):** When Student Regent, Green Dot, ASUW and GPSS came forward with this project, felt that it should be funded by the Central rather than student departments. But to implement this as a first step, we can request STF to fund this.

**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering):** Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.

**Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics & Astronautics):** Seconds

**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering):** Makes a motion to move the resolution to second reading

**Brandon Philip (Oceanography):** Seconds

**Hannah Bassett (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences):** Objects. Reason is there were several good points and suggestions were made. Should be given more time to incorporate.

**Jenny Brown (Pathology):** Why specifically the Callisto tool and not others?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** Did a lot of research in the past of different tools. Jaron had met someone and discussed a lot about this who had a lot of knowledge in this area and computer science. Callisto was highly recommended.

**Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering):** Since there is a motion, we should be debating and not asking questions.

**Nathan Dreesmann (Nursing):** Its clear to all and Matt has made a note of all the changes to be made. Agrees to move forward.

**Bo Goodrich (ASUW Board of Directors):** Moves the second motion and close the debate.

*Voting begins for resolution to move to second reading*

*Majority In favor 2 abstain. The resolution to move to second reading.*

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** Why isn't UW PD included as one of the forwarded contacts?

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** Will be added.

**Elloise Kim (President):** There is a start-up cost of 10K initiation fees and a 40000 dollars annual subscription.

**Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry):** Is that 40K coming out of STF until the university offers support.

**Brad Copenhaver (Treasurer):** The process to submit proposals to STF for this year is closed. Every quarter they accept proposals. Usually on annual basis. Can try get the funding again next year. Can ask for admin cost in the future if we succeed in the first year.

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** Routing through STF is because the administrative budgets need to go towards increased staffing.

**Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry):** How is it going to be managed? Who is managing the Callisto account?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** It will go through Title IX.

**Kristin Fitzpatrick (Pathology):** What measures will you use to solve the technology fee for registration and how will you measure the benefit?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** In trial period. Hoping to get STF to fund after the trial period.

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** Our peer institutions are using it. Cannot identify benefits at the moment. It has to be defined by Title IX.

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** It's a very young start up. Therefore, not a lot of long term data available on Callisto. What we have heard from other campuses is that it has

dramatically improved the student body and reporting. It helps build trust between students and the institution.

**Nathan Dreesmann (Nursing):** \$50K is a lot of money. This is rolling out for under grad and grad students from all three campuses and STF from all three campuses?

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** Yes

**John Metz (Atmospheric Sciences):** What other universities are using this?

**Audrey Ween (Assistant Director, SARVA):** Stanford, USC, Colorado and more. Can get the list.

**Peder Digre (Global Health):** Moves to close the debate

**Clare Gamlin (Neuroscience):** Seconds.

**Samantha De Abreu (Forestry):** Can you add domestic violence category too?

**Hannah Bassett (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences):** Can add a consideration of what a trial period consists of?

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** Yes

*Voting begins. Majority votes. 4 abstain*

*Resolution passes*

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## **9. Good of the Order**

**7:58 PM**

**John Metz (Atmospheric Sciences):** Moves to skip Good of the Order

**Jenny Brown (Pathology):** Seconds

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## **10. Election Result Announcement**

**7:59 PM**

**Elliott Okantey (Law):** Thanks everyone, the Elections Committee, Exec and Senators. The officer elections results are:

President – Giuliana Conti  
Vice President of Internal Affairs – Sydney Pearce  
Vice President of External Affairs – Kelsey Hood  
Treasurer – Robby Perkins-High  
Secretary – Amy Gabriel

**Elloise Kim (President):** Congratulations to all the winners.

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## 11. Officer Reports

**8:02 PM**

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** Moves to skip Officer Reports

**Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs):** Seconds except the announcements.

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## 12. Announcement

**8:02 PM**

**Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs):** Requests everyone who to sign up and attend attend the Green dot training is next Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5.30 to 7pm. It's a 2-hour training for someone who even witnesses any assault to step in and help and support. It's free. Specific curriculum for students and senates have been created.

**Giuliana Conti (Secretary):** Brown Bag Lunch with us! The theme is privilege. Facilitate and promote discussion on difficult topics. Diversity Committee's very first event. This is on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Using this as pilot for next year. There will be one every month. Feedback and surveys will be there too to participate.

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** Red & Blue Makes Husky Purple event is on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5.30 to 7.00 pm at HUB LYCEUM.

**Kelsey Hood (Policy Director):** Those who wants to have a discussion regarding graduate student issues and want to build network with Alums should attend this event.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Student Regent finalists have been chosen. The three finalists - Yasmin Aguilar, Monica Cortes Viharo & Kaitlyn Zhou who was the University Affairs Director at ASUW.

These three will be assessed and office of Governor and will select the Student Regent. It will be announced during the end of May. Thanks Peder and Jacqueline who have served on the committee.

Opportunities for the next year, University Book Store invites two graduate student members on their Board of Trustees. It's a 2 year-long term. If interested, contact me. Another position that has opened is in the Campus Sustainability Funds committee. It's a one-year term position.

**Sydney Pearce (Director of Events):** Husky Sunset is on May 17<sup>th</sup> 5 to 8pm.

**Bo Goodrich (ASUW Board of Directors):** ASUW elections is next week. Invites Senators. Website has the information.

**Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs):** Please complete the student debt survey. Survey closes on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Elloise Kim (President):** Please complete the Senate Survey as well.

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### **13.Adjournment**

**8:10 PM**

**Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences):** Moves to adjourn

**Nathan Dreesmann (Nursing):** Seconds

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