



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Senate Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018 / HUB 334

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

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

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Makes a motion to amend the agenda. The motion to remove item 11 from the agenda.

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): Seconds

Nathan Dreesmann (Nursing): Approves the amended agenda

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): Seconds

3. Approval of Minutes **5:36 PM**

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Approves the minutes

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

4. Guest: Chief John Vinson, UWPD

5:36 PM

Chief John Vinson, UWPD: Like to share some of the things that has happened on campus in the last year. Overall, crime is still relatively stable on campus and off campus. No major crimes apart from theft of some electronics but we are working together. That suggests that we all are still working together and looking after each other. That's the key to our overall success. As we get to finals week remind your colleagues to be mindful about things being left unattended in the library. Let's work together.

We have achieved triple accreditation. CALEA Accredited University of Washington Police Department (UWPD). IACP CALEA is for all Police Departments across the globe. That reminds us that we have policies and standards in place, external assessors looking at our policies and that we adhere to the best practices. Working on the Safety Act. Looking at what type of Safety Act we want and what should be the functionality. ASUW has a sub group that has worked on several options. Hope is to be implemented by the Fall quarter. If interested in technology, please help review the process. Currently, we don't have anything like that and we are supposed to be one of the best schools in Pacific NW. We don't have another way of communicating. If you have any interest, send me an email.

We are trying to get a UWPD student research center set up in Fall quarter to continually evaluate our process. Still in conceptual phases. If students are interested, we can work together in partnership. Want to be responsive to community needs. If you ever want us to come in and do presentations or do joint events, please let us know. The more we engage and the more conversations we have throughout the year it would be very helpful. I usually come in during the end of the year. But from next year I want to come in early, so we can have periodic reviews and check-ins. Any questions?

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Why do you exclude family housing from the night walk?

Chief John Vinson, UWPD: We can consider that. The funding that we used to extend the North 45th came from a donor and the agreement was to extend to certain points only. So, there were some demands. That was the part of the original conception. But looking at the need, we can go back and work on it.

Elloise Kim (President) reads out an Anonymous question on Slido: What does UWPD do to work with students to ensure our campus safety? How do you get student feedback?

Chief John Vinson, UWPD: We attend a lot of presentations on campus with different student groups including residents. Please include us for any other meetings that you think could be of importance. If there's any other ways to collect data apart from survey, I welcome suggestions.

Brendan Philip (Oceanography): Does UWPD offer Active Shooter training to students?

Chief John Vinson, UWPD: Yes. Right now, we do that by request. In Fall we put together the number of classes and we will put that information out. If there's anything special request for a group of 5 or 10, I will deliver those trainings personally. Let me know.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Being part of many other communities, a lot of questions comes with Officer trainings towards population on campus especially within the trans population and other marginalized communities. Do officers receive enough training in interacting with communities that might feel disconnected from the Police Department?

Chief John Vinson, UWPD: We do some training, but we will be doing more. In the process of hiring a Trainer who can deliver Police specific training and also community specific training to ensure that we are covering the broad spectrum of members that we have. Need to have thoughtful about the way to go about it. Beyond that, if you think we need any specific training that's required, please reach out and suggest.

Elloise Kim (President): As someone who has worked with Chief for the past 2 years, he really means it when he says he will takes suggestions etc.

Chief John Vinson, UWPD: My cellphone number is 206-406 -7995. Call me or text me to reach out directly. Thank you.

5. GPSS Upcoming Events & Opportunities

5:51 PM

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Husky Sunset is tomorrow, on May 17th, 5pm at Sylvan Grove Theatre. Free food, drinks and a photobooth will be there. Please come. Share the Facebook link.

Elloise Kim (President): Need someone to be on the University Bookstore Board of Trustees. Someone who can stay for 2 years only should apply. There are 2 positions open in Campus Sustainability Fund Committee. Deadline is June 1st.

6. Executive Senator Vacancy

5:53PM

Elloise Kim (President): Elizabeth & Peder are graduating. Anyone can run for their posts in the Executive Committee.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): In being within the Exec meetings, it's great to feel that we have accountability being pointed at us. When we talk about things that needs to be changed, we realize that we are paid to be in these positions. But the Executive Senator positions are unpaid and allows us to feel grounded and decide the best for graduate students. Please run for these posts if you can attend meetings every other Wednesday.

Elloise Kim (President): It's a great leadership opportunity. Elections is in the last Senate meeting on May 30th.

7. Resolution in Support of Expanding the Office of Student Veteran Life 5:56 PM

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): We have 5 resolutions for first reading which will then go for second reading at the next meeting. We will have people sharing comments and we can have some friendly amendments.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): All of these have gone through the Resolution workshop. Next meeting is supposed to be a fun meeting for Senate. It has to go through this meeting.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): This did pass the ASUW Senate. I'm a veteran. We now have an office for student veteran life for any programmatic needs that Veterans have that's non-financial. The space that's there now, is nice. It was created from an RSO with student support from ASUW and GPSS. But there's not enough space to accommodate the growing numbers. We are willing to be creative, but we are

Ying Wei Ye Jr. (Public Health): Many have used the space. Had Dr. Laura Boye, veteran support psychologist joined the team. She has a shared space. There's lot of space issues. Other academic institutions like Arizona State University had about the same number of students in 2011. Now they have over 3000 students and family members who use the benefits. Even here we have

the children, classmates and friends of Veteran's coming and utilizing the space. So, it's been growing.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): Reads out the resolution. (No. 08.17-18). Michael made a comment and we have made that change. One more suggestion was by Oliver. Just want to clarify that using diversity to meet a variety of opinions and experiences.

Ying Wei Ye Jr. (Public Health): An amendment made to the ASUW, that the facility or space be made accessible to veterans and disabled as well.

Celine Pastore (QERM): Do you have any place in mind?

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): We are flexible. But needs to be centrally located to maximize usage. The Hub is not big enough. We don't have a specific space in mind.

Ying Wei Ye Jr. (Public Health): No formal process. Student veteran life has recommended that ASUW and GPSS grant support to get the process going.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Motion to move to second reading

Nathan Dreesmann (Nursing): Seconds

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Extend time by 5 minutes

Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry): Seconds

Ying Wei Ye Jr. (Public Health): Make the amendment that "The GPSS supports the new space be accommodating to disabled veterans."

Nathan Dreesmann (Nursing): The language used in Nursing is "to meet ADA standards"

Zhiyun Mary Ma (Education – Leadership in Higher Education): The "whereas" clause could be switched with the following "whereas" to make it stronger.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Clause for ADA standards doesn't make grammatical sense.

Micah Buuck (Physics): Move to close debate & vote.

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

Voting begins. Majority in favor. 1 opposed. 1 abstained.

Resolution passes.

8. Resolution to Improve Remote Accessibility on Campus for Students with Disabilities and ESL Students 6:14 PM

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): Earlier this year I started working with Student's Disability commission. One of the biggest request was to increase and improve remote accessibility to access lectures at home specifically if the technology is something like Panopto recording. It allows Professors to record lectures and post on Canvas. The issue is that only 15% of classroom on campus have that technology. There are over 250 classrooms without any of those technologies. This resolution is asking for an expansion of technologies and asking university to develop a 5 year plan to extend the technology to all classrooms.

Reads out the "That" clauses from the resolution (No. 06.17-18).

When I called the classroom technologies asking if they have these technologies, there are only about 10 or 12 cameras available for events. Considering there are over 250 classrooms without these technologies, it's very low. Also asking university to design in a space that's accessible to all regardless of age or disability.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Have you talked with DRS?

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): Tried contacting them but never heard from them. It's important for Professors to know this. Students sometimes doesn't want to talk about disability.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): She tried to contact them multiple times. It just did not work.

Brendan Philip (Oceanography): Add that this allows flexibility to all graduate students who are outside of classrooms like if they happen to miss classes due to attending a conference or something.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): I've used my own laptop to record a panopto. Is it complicated to use?

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): There are several technologies that can be used on campus. Student technologies are fully equipped. There are some that are limited on computers. The issue is with sound, noise and such. It's less accessible.

Elliott Okantey (Law): Move to extend time by 5 minutes

Rachel Hutto (Biochemistry): Seconds

Brendan Philip (Oceanography): Panopto also allows students who must study off campus to access lecture materials remotely.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Move to close debate and vote.

Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry): Seconds

Voting begins: Majority in favor. 2 abstain.

Resolution passes.

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Since we don't have the quorum, the rest of the resolutions will only do first reading.

9. Resolution in Support of Resolving the UW School of Dentistry Student Financial Issues with Input from All Stakeholders including Dentistry Students

6.25 PM

Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry): This was also passed by ASUW. School of Dentistry has a debt of \$42M. Saw a tuition increase of 30% in the last three years. 30% is not the precedent to increase tuition. They are also looking at faculty and staff layoffs. This was all proposed and actioned without student representation or consultation. A leadership council was set up recently which had

student voice for the first time. But none before that. This was also written as a petition to the Students of School of Dentistry. Like to add a “whereas” clause. 260 students signed the petition.

Reads out the contents of the resolution (No. 09.17-18)

When ABB happened, the timing was such that the curriculum also changed. There was an oversight where the summer tuition was not allocated back to the school. It’s on the range of \$3.5M. One of the clauses was that 70% of that will be paid by the Dentistry students beginning of FY’15 to present and into the future where the school will be allocated back in full. So that’s about \$2.2M. Instead in the first year \$180000 supplements were given to us. It wasn’t adequate. The next clause is the 10% reduction in tuition to future increases in student cost fee increases in the next 4 years to account for the difference. Any program closures or staff layoffs to have student consideration and voice as well.

The dental fears clinic has a Psychologist that offer service to other patients who face fears. In shadow of mental health on campus, this clinic is also important. Finally, we want the administration take responsibility of the mismanagement.

Micah Buuck (Physics): Can you give a quick summary of how this came to being?

Jacqueline Wong (Dentistry): The deficit or the debt happened several years ago. The curriculum changed. Those things are grey areas on how the deficit continued on how the school is losing money due to several different factors such as inefficiency with clinic etc. Lot of faculty members are making high salary. Questionable things are happening. Deloitte did an audit. That was by the central administration. We need to have a comprehensive one so that we can come up with a generalized plan and stop the deficit from happening. There’s a lot of potential to start generating revenue. But they are not exercising that.

10.Resolution in Support of Improving and Expanding Orientation Resources for All Graduate and Professional Students 6.39 PM

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Brandon and I are a part of the GSE committee. The survey was run and was presented at the Senate last month. One of the issues that came out was students don’t feel connected to campus and they needed more orientations. So, this resolution (No. 10.17-18) talks about more orientations and also have campus tours.

The biggest resource on campus is U501. It’s an online orientation system for graduate students. This is the first year we had U501 and it went out only to new students. They don’t promote it to

all students. Even when they put out, they had only a month and a half to gather information on what to put in there. The GPSS page is literally copied from the website. So, this resolution is asking U501 to be distributed to every student, asking GPSS be a higher stakeholder in orientations and asking Senators to host campus tour for students.

Brandon Boone (Director of Graduate Partnerships): This is basically just pointing the general resources that students don't know about

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): As the current secretary, summer orientations are insane. It's also really important that lot of departments don't have a formal orientation. This would allow those depts to become acquainted with other people and allow us to be a part of that program. Senate Body becomes accurately representative. Graduate students need to be informed.

Elloise Kim (President): Send in your inputs to Tori and Brandon.

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Brandon will be presenting the second reading at the next Senate meeting.

11. Resolution in Support of Ensuring University Washington's concrete Commitment to On-campus Sustainability 6.47 PM

May Tran (Political Science): Was working with ASUW last year as a Liaison to GPSS. We only use a portion of sustainability. Asking UW to make the push to use renewable energy make a sustainability future. The general idea of the resolution (07.17-18) is that whole of UW Seattle campus has a heating system that's being powered by natural gas. That's more toxic than using greenhouse gas. One way we are moving away from natural gas is making that change of using natural gas with hot water. This project will take a lot of time and resources. So, we are asking the school administration now to have a plan to make the change happen. There have been a lot of sustainability initiatives on campus but there are no reports as such. General reports of all the sustainability initiatives on campus is required as there is no robust communication between administration and students.

Noelle Symanski (Law): Any rough estimate of the cost?

May Tran (Political Science): UW is required to do this by 2050. Will need \$500M. By then we should have the technology and financial capacity.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Any universities that has done this?

May Tran (Political Science): Stanford and UBC.

Noelle Symanski (Law): If not for this resolution, are they required to do this by 2050 anyway?

May Tran (Political Science): Not required. But good to have a plan in place. A way for UW to move to carbon neutral is by moving to green house.

12. Good of the Order

6:54 PM

Rachel Hutto (Biochemistry): Lot of students in my departments have been losing healthcare without any sort of warning. Has this happened with any other departments? When enquired, we didn't get a concrete answer and they said that everyone has been notified. But we have received no notification.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Happened last 2 quarters with me.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Good thing to go and check at the beginning of the quarter.

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Talked to Lifewise last quarter. They are committed. They won't know who has enrolled until after a week or two after the quarter starts. They will pay all the medical bills even then because you are enrolled. They just will have to backdate it once they get the list from the university. As long as you maintain your grad student status and ASE status, you will be fine.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Is it some departments or some individuals?

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): If you get charged for medical expenses you get charged. If you're not, you are not affected. In my case it was for mental health. So people who are going for that are getting charged.

Nathan Dreesmann (Nursing): Who determines what insurance to get? As grad students we are paying high insurance with less resources. It's surprising.

Elloise Kim (President): It's part of the bargaining contract. Still under discussion.

Elizabeth Oestreich (Public Health Genetics): That's one of the reasons why we protested because they are trying to get deductibles for mental health.

Elloise Kim (President): Next negotiation is on May 22nd.

Micah Buuck (Physics): Do the grad students who are not ASEs have separate insurance?

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): It's the WA State Exchange Affordable Healthcare Act.

Elloise Kim (President): A survey will be conducted by Hall health. You can share your suggestions in that survey too.

Rachel Hutto (Biochemistry): Is the delay for everyone? Is that reflected on the website?

Grant Williamson (Molecular Engineering): Yes.

Rachel Hutto (Biochemistry): When is that going to be resolved?

Elloise Kim (President): UWIT recently had a leadership change. Due to that, there are lots of things happening in the unit and people are overwhelmed. UW Desk mail and Catalyst is retiring. They have been getting a lot of unpleasant feedback.

13. Officer Reports

7:03 PM

Tori Hernandez (Vice President for Internal Affairs): Please attend the Husky Sunset tomorrow. This is my last Senate meeting. Thank you for an awesome year.

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Currently working on a lot of internal processes improvement. Talk to me offline if interested in hearing more about those. DACA hearing happened yesterday in the federal court in CA having to do with the future of the program and why it was originally rescinded. More of a federal update next week. Not much to report on the state level. We are on the interim and entering election season.

Kelsey Hood (Policy Director): Red and Blue Makes Husky Purple recap - Lot of meaningful conversations. Hoping to make this an annual event. Thanks for showing up.

Matt Munoz (Vice President of External Affairs): Final SLAB meeting is this Friday, 11:30 am, HUB 314. Theme is “planning for next year”. WSA will be the higher education representation on the child care collaborative task force (HB 2367). Working with Elizabeth to identify students.

Brad Copenhaver (Treasurer): SAF approved our full budget request for FY2019. Thanks Peder for his leadership of the committee. Finance and Budget Committee is meeting this Friday at 10:30 AM, and this will likely be our last meeting. Few applications to be reviewed. Still accepting applications.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): Thank you for engaging online with the resolutions especially, Michael Diamond. Looks like people liked having the resolution that enabled them to comment within the timeframe of the first reading. Did a few events. Amy has been in the process of these events. Brown Bag Lunch happened. The topic was privilege and having challenging conversations over lunch with people who are interested in talking about it. Connection Event allowed to involve the other members from other Diversity Committees on campus for a discussion. It was fruitful. Got a lot of honest responses.

Amy Gabriel (Office Manager): We ran about an hour behind schedule because people were in their working groups, talking about issues and challenges they are facing and how they want to overcome that. Got a lot of feedback that these events need to be conducted at least quarterly.

Giuliana Conti (Secretary): As we restructure the Diversity Committee, we are working hard that it’s not just a priority for our organization but it’s done so with information from our constituents especially from leaders that are responsible for helping their own constituents through different challenges and goals. We created a leadership structure. Elections is end of this quarter. Several positions are communications, Finance etc. So, starting in Fall we will have the leadership in place.

Elloise Kim (President): UAW Local 4121 communications with ASUW, the Daily, & admins. OMA&D 50th Anniversary events happening today and tomorrow - “Revolution & Evolution” Exhibition in Allen Library. Check that out. North the History of OMA&D: a Talk w/ Emile Pitre May 17, 7:30 in Kane 120 & more: check OMA&D website. Board of Regent approved renaming Whitman Court slu?wił (means ‘Little Canoe Channel’) & Tribal Leadership Summit on May 11. Big change was done without much objection. Working in the Industry with a Graduate Degree is a workshop series that’s happening on Monday, May 21st, 4:30-6:30, HUB 332 a workshop series by Core Programs & GPSS. People from Microsoft and Amazon will be there. Not a job fair. Just informational.

14. Adjournment

7:16 PM

There was no quorum. So, ended the meeting.
