



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

Senate Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2018 | Hub 332

Officers and Executive Senators Present:

GPSS President: Giuliana Conti
GPSS Secretary: Amy Gabriel
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Kelsey Hood
GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs: Sydney Pearce
GPSS Treasurer: Robby Perkins-Hood
GPSS Executive Senator: Zhiyun Ma
GPSS Executive Senator: Jackie Wong
GPSS Executive Senator: Michael Diamond

1. Call to Order **5:36 PM**

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

Sam Fouad (Art, Art History, and Design): Motions to Approve Minutes.

Casey Duff (ASUW Rep): Seconds.

3. Approval of the Agenda **5:37 PM**

Amy Gabriel: Motions to amend the agenda to add VetLife Petition to Add Non-Academic Seat after Programming and Marketing.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Seconds.

Mason Proffitt (Physics): Motions to approve the agenda as amended.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Seconds.

4. Support For Progressive Revenue Sources To Fill Gaps In Higher Education Funding In Washington State **5:38 PM**

Giuliana Conti: Welcomes new senators. Comments that this item was a heavy discussion topic last time and decided to table the vote to this meeting. Asks Kelsey Hood to speak to status of resolution.

Kelsey Hood: Comments that she accepted all edits made at the first Senate meeting. Notes that during the second meeting, a senator made a suggestion to reconsider what types of taxes would be used to create this resource. Research was done about this.

Giuliana Conti: Senator is out who made amendments couldn't be here tonight, but in 2nd reading, need to close debate or make more amendments.

Amy Gabriel: Motion to remove the specification "online" in the sales tax clause. With further research, theory was debunked.

Kelsey Hood: Accepts amendment.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Motions to strike all text in red as it is now redundant.

Kelsey Hood: Accepts amendment.

Giuliana Conti: Seeing no further comments.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Motions to close debate and vote.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): (Chemistry): Seconds.

Vote: 2 abstentions, none opposed

Giuliana Conti: Resolution passes

5. Upcoming GPSS Programming and Marketing

5:42 PM

Matt McKeown (Event Director): Introduces himself and gives overview of programs has planned for the rest of the quarter. Notes that he wants to leverage information about particular departments and connect with partners may not know about. Next week it is Craft and Complain. This is one tester for a series of monthly self-care events because grad school is super hard and it is important to practice self-care. Next Tuesday will have craft station, so people can come and relax. Science and Policy Committee's white paper kick-off is coming up. They are inviting students from across campus to contribute. There will be beer and pizza. There will also be a Legislative Town Hall with LAB on Thursday, Dec 6th. During the event will let students know what GPSS will be advocating for in Olympia, want to hear what they think of leg priorities. The Friday before finals and end of a quarter, there will be donuts and mimosas.

Wants to hear from Senators ideas on how they practice self-care. Can give him your event wish list. Also wants to do a professional development series for life skills grad students do not get in the classroom. Like loan repayment/re-financing options. Also wants to hear about gaps in programs that could be filled with programming. Wants to do mental health townhalls and programs. There will be socials in winter and spring quarters. Also has been talking with IMA to help grad students know what is there.

Amelia Schwartz (Geography): What crafts?

Matt McKeown (Event Director): Mini canvases, word banners, friendship bracelets, can bring own crafts as well.

Giuliana Conti: Senators can always email GPSS if ever have questions or do not know how to contact someone.

6. Vet Life Petition for Non-Academic Seat

5:49 PM

Amy Gabriel: This is like the Campus Sustainability Fund petition from the last meeting for a non-academic seat.

Rich McLaughlin (VetLife): Explains that there are over 1,000 vets in grad school alone. The military community is also active duty and their family. Vets offer a different perspective on life. Has already been working with LAB to make a difference. Want to bring that perspective here.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics): Aside from the departments in the university – who else has seats?

Amy Gabriel: FIUTS and CSF.

Olivia Ortiz (Law): Wondering how can advertise this to other groups. Doesn't seem like it is a well-known thing. Want to make sure this is expanded to other marginalized communities.

Amy Gabriel: Responds that is something been working on with office manager – she has made a list of non-academic groups, so will be reaching out to ask if interested in a non-academic seat. Happy to send it around so you can add if needed. Want as many as possible.

Giuliana Conti: Offers historical context – this is not a conversation that have heard thus far. It is a single sentence in ByLaws, so this is a great time to create momentum because was previously dormant.

Stephani Landdeck (Social Work): How long is this seat established?

Giuliana Conti: It's ongoing.

Amy Gabriel: It is like any other seat. It is stays moving forward.

Mason Proffitt (Physics): Once we establish it, it remains until senate votes by 2/3 to remove it.

Saddiq Faizi (Jackson School): Motions to vote.

Harrison Clifford Mayes (Jackson School): Seconds.

Vote: 4 abstentions, none opposed

Giuliana Conti: Senate has a new senate member.

7. Review & Discussion of 2018-19 Legislative Agenda

5:55 PM

Kelsey Hood: This might be a beast of a discussion, but the LAB committee has worked hard to make this a comprehensive, well-rounded agenda. Apologize for not making week deadline, if concerns, please let her know. Plan to give 15 minutes to read, unless people do not want it.

Giuliana Conti: Going to talk it through or read independently?

Kelsey Hood: Read independently unless want context.

Amelia Schwartz (Geography): Can we shorten the reading time to five minutes?

Kelsey Hood: Yes.

Robby Perkins-High left to print copies.

Phil Leung (Molecular Engineering): Point of Information: If not on listserv who do we contact?

Amy Gabriel: Responds for people to contact her as the secretary. Email at gppssec@uw.edu.

Kelsey Hood: Next part is breaking into groups – one for each priority, one for all the statements, and one for discussion of overall agenda. Each group leader will write down all of the questions, comments, and edits, then will debrief all together.

Break out groups happened, senate reconvened as a whole.

Explains her role. Lobbying on behalf of graduate and professional students on the state and federal levels. The leg agenda is what she is allowed to lobby on. She has some leeway on certain topics or if certain bills come up. But this is her guiding principle, because it is what was approved by the Senate to represent grad students.

Sydney Pearce: Reports that the group she led talked a lot about reducing interest rates for loans. Seems like a minor topic, but would make a huge difference, so it is a key piece for Kelsey Hood to work on. Also discussed the differences between professional programs, fee programs, and subsidized programs. Would like opportunities for more programs to be subsidized in that way (although this is another conversation). Other than that, no edits.

Kelsey Hood: Comments that LAB is also producing 1 pager that are research summaries with statistics, information, etc. They will be dropped off to legislators when Kelsey Hood goes to lobby. Want to keep them broad to be able to tailor them to each person.

Giuliana Conti: Reports back from mental health group. Came up with a lot of information – need to discern the difference between what goes in the leg agenda vs what does not. What she's heard a lot over the years from grad students is they would like more transparency about what resources are available on campus and increased counseling for grad students, with focus on providing therapists who speak other languages and international student support. Also noted that childcare is tied really closely to mental health (financially, logistically, single parent) and would contribute to overall wellbeing. Also want attention on suicide prevention and transparency (especially in the law school and things not heard about). Training for faculty to know what to do when confronted with mental health challenges and where to send students. Expanding frequency of meetings on campus for summer care. More appointments allotted at counseling center (more than 6). Hiring more counselors and providing in-house counselors (bring them out of the counseling center and distributing them across campus).

Kelsey Hood: Notes that she appreciates feedback given. Feel free to clarify during the report out and make sure your edits are known. This is not where the revision process ends. The one pager is still being written. LAB meets 12:30-1:30p in GPSS office – come or email if want to add input.

Amy Gabriel: Reports back from group on sexual assault policy. There was a question about whether UW has a blanket policy or policies are made by department, so what's the scope of the leg agenda (because many different policies).

Olivia Ortiz (Law): There is a blanket policy – but two separate policies, one for faculty/staff and one for students.

Amy Gabriel: Notes the group also spoke about Title IX, students who experience sex harassment in field work/internships, the current administration's changing of gender definition, people accused of sexual assault but are innocent and repercussions for accusers, cultural awareness for victims (particularly for international students).

Olivia Ortiz (Law): Comments that interest is in state enforcement of civil rights laws. WA has jurisdiction over places of public accommodation, so how can we ensure the legislation is empowering this and making sure it's happening. Also would like GPSS to consider the notice and comment period on Betsy Devos' regulations effecting Title IX's impact on transgender students and students who experience sexual violence. Also doesn't understand effects on accused students (doesn't seem like as a large of an issue). Accused students have someone to represent them as well as strong due process rights.

Kelsey Hood: Responds to Title IX comment that it is limited on state level, but issues like Title IX are why GPSS is involved with SAGE. Interested senators can sign up for working group gender and sexual harassment.

Olivia Ortiz (Law): Suggests writing a good comment on behalf of GPSS re: Title IX and Betsy Devos' regulations. Happy to lead it.

Kelsey Hood: Responds that GPSS is working on comments through SAGE because trying to get same resolution passed by all member institutions so it is stronger.

Giuliana Conti: Reads email from UW President Ana Mari Cauce regarding the potential Title IX changes. There will be no changes to UW policy. UW has policies in place that will protect students from harassment if federal level policies change.

Kelsey Hood: Motions to extend time by 10 minutes.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Seconds.

Robby Perkins-High: Reports back from group on health insurance. Focus was on inclusivity and comprehensiveness and the current policies available at UW. Questions about why policy ended in 2013.

Kelsey Hood: The ACA.

Robby Perkins-High: Reports that senators mentioned wanting comprehensive health care including: dental, mental health and vision, and ensuring can be used by undocumented students and out-of-state students. Transparency in plan selection and keeping it affordable. Key themes were: comprehensive, relevant and affordable. Not sure if should go in leg agenda or one pager.

Kelsey Hood: I think included in the one pager would be best. Anyone can also come to LAB meetings and share feedback. Can update 1 pagers at any time.

Abbie Shew (Organizing Director): Reports back from group that discussed position statements: Looked at a few specifically and looked at wording. Health Sciences Programs and Rural Incentive Programs – language was unclear, so clarified. Open Science Access – what it means to give access negative results.

Brittany Whitley (Policy Director): Adds that the group got into a discussion about the meaning of “negative results.” In most fields, negative data is rarely published – so intention of statement was to create a resource for students to deposit negative data. There was a suggested change to just “data” not “negative” or “positive.”

Kelsey Hood: Asking for edits to leg agenda now bc going to Olympia next Thursday so need it ready to go. Also only one senate meeting left (between holidays so worried about quorum).

Brittany Whitley (Policy Director): Abbie has language from brainstorming in group.

Abbie Shew (Organizing Director): Access and Investment columns are not in priority order.

Kelsey Hood: Nothing in the legislative agenda is in priority order.

Abbie Shew: Group discussed rearranging them to make them in priority order.

Brittany Whitley (Policy Director): Student caregivers – grouping that with students with disabilities – having

Courtney Mansfield (Linguistics): Notes that was one of the people who made this coming. Thinks changing the order would help overall flow of the document.

Kelsey Hood: Think that’s a wonderful idea. Do we need to vote.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Move to change the positions of student caregiver and open science.

Amy Gabriel: Notes that the changes will be made, but cannot do it in real time.

Philip Leung (Molecular Engineering): Seconds.

Abbie Shew (Organizing Director): Other language edit is to expanded life science programs.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics): Proposed a different sentence because didn’t understand connection between two sentences. Read language proposed. In sentence used the word to “practitioners.”

Kelsey Hood: Think that’s a good sentence, but need to break it up.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics): Agrees.

Neal Cragg (Nursing): Notes that there are training programs for ANRPs to practice in rural areas. So “providers” is more broad than “practitioners” and includes ANRPs.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics): Types sentence into document, so people could see them and help break up the sentence.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Motion to extend by 10 mins.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Seconds.

Neal Cragg (Nursing): Asks whether student caregivers includes students who are caregiving parents, not just children?

Kelsey Hood: Yes.

Neal Cragg (Nursing): Recommends to change wording on caregivers and parents.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Suggests changing parents just to caregivers and children to dependents.

Casey Duff (ASUW Rep): Seconds.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Could use “grey literature” in open science to imply the “negative data.”

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Point of Information for Jackie: Would you insert that and remove negative data?

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Yes, but it was just brought to my attention grey literature may have dual meaning.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Motions to make Jackie Wong’s edit.

Amy Gabriel: Motion to suspend debate for Judicial Committee election.

Robby Perkins-High: Point of Information: Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): has motion on table.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Withdraws motion.

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics): Seconds motion to suspend debate for Judicial Committee Election.

8. Judicial Committee Election

6:46 PM

Amy Gabriel: Introduces Lacey, a senator who is interested in seat on Judicial Committee, the only seat left since another member resigned their position on committee.

Giuliana Conti: Provides background on Judicial Committee. Made up of 6 members that keep Senate accountable to the bylaws. A neutral committee where complaints can be made.

Amy Gabriel: Adds that in a nutshell, the committee holds GPSS accountable for all things. Amendments go through judicial. Meets as needed, typically once a quarter, but up in air.

Ted Cohen (Molecular Engineering): Adds that it is also only committee can participate in if on it.

Lacey Whitwer (Jackson School): Interested in being on Judicial Committee because job description fits personality. Likes auditing functions. Also likes holding people accountable and following the rules.

Giuliana Conti: Anyone from the floor that would like to run? Motion to vote?

Casey Duff (ASUW Rep): Motions to vote on position.

Christina Sun (Epidemiology): Seconds.

Lacey Whitwer approved as 6th member of GPSS Judicial Committee.

9. Review & Discussion of 2018-19 Legislative Agenda

6:49 PM

Kelsey Hood: Shows proposed changes for student caregivers. Also replaced “daycare” to “obtaining care” because for all dependents. Now need to break sentence up with word “practitioners” that was proposed earlier.

Neal Cragg (Nursing): Proposes his edits.

Kelsey Hood: Agrees with most of the changes but need some replacement words for “GPSS supports” and asks for volunteer to type in their edits.

Brittany Bishop (Chem. Engineering): Proposed new language and offers to work on combining the two.

Kelsey Hood: Comments on other questions that came up one person asked if this is passed, is it the end? No, there are procedures in place to make amendments as needed. So if you think something needs to be added or changed, check in with Kelsey. Does everyone know what a fee-based program is? On leg agenda list them as self-supported programs (how most legislators know them as this), but we normally say fee based in meetings.

Rich McLaughlin (Vetlife): Motion to extend by 10 minutes.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Seconds.

Kelsey Hood: Any other questions or comments?

Giuliana Conti: Can just say edits out loud, then can type them out based on the recording.

Sam Fouad (Art, Art History, and Design): Point of Information: What is a fee-based program?

Kelsey Hood: A program where only student fees fund that entire program – there is a list on the website.

Stephani Landdeck (Social Work): Pay by unit.

Giuliana Conti: It is very complicated to be involved on campus.

James Rosenthal (Electrical Engineering): Suggests a swap sentences so reads more cohesively.

Kelsey Hood: That sounds great. Would you be willing to come up here and make edits please?

Rich McLaughlin (Vetlife): Possible to just vote on first page or have to do document as a whole?

Giuliana Conti: Must be voted on in its entirety.

Decision to move on to next agenda item as legislative agenda is edited.

9. SAGE DOH Applications

6:57 PM

Kelsey Hood: Offers to talk about SAGE DOH application while waiting.

Sydney Pearce: Motions to move SAGE DOH discussion to within Leg Agenda Item.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Seconds.

Kelsey Hood: Explains that everyone got the application for SAGE Day on the Hill(DOH). Conference will be held Apr 7-10th in DC. Feel free to look at memo and application. Note the eligibility requirements including participation in one of SAGE’s working groups. Although only Giuliana Conti and Kelsey Hood are required to attend, usually have a cap of 5-6 students. Sometimes other officers or staff come, but this year opening up to senators, so can make it more equitable.

10. Review & Discussion of 2018-19 Legislative Agenda Cont'd

6:59 PM

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Motion to accept these edits and vote on leg agenda.

Kelsey Hood: Can I have a minute to read?

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Retracts motion.

Christina Sun (Epidemiology): Suggests a few edits.

Kelsey Hood: Notes there are a lot of “and”s.

Ted Cohen (Molecular Engineering): Makes a suggestion.

Kelsey Hood: Asks for commas instead of “and” in couple of places.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Point of Information: Does that still grammatically make sense?

Christina Sun (Epidemiology): Made another suggestion.

Giuliana Conti: “as well as increasing resources”

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Move to approve these edits.

Rich McLaughlin (Vetlife): Seconds.

Jacob Ziegler (Chemistry): Motions to vote on leg agenda.

Genevive Hulley (Art History): Seconds.

Giuliana Conti: Unanimously passes.

Kelsey Hood: Thank you for sticking this out because this is such an important document. Earliest GPSS has ever passed it.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Motions to strike president’s poll from agenda.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Seconds.

11. UW Sustainability Initiative and Campus Plan 2020

7:04 PM

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Introduces himself as an Executive Senator with Christoph Strouse, a senior undergraduate in the Department of Community, Environment and

Planning who is involved with UW Solar and Campus Sustainability office, as well as, Brittany Bishop. Will discuss why GPSS is working on this initiative – which is a sustainability initiative. Climate change is important, but less well known is tie in to diversity/equity. Environmental justice is a huge issue that the university and state are tackling. UW has a mission to be a more public facing university and this is a chance to walk the talk. As a state we did not pass a carbon fee (and a similar bill failed in the last session) so this a way for UW to take a leadership role and talk about what to do moving forward.

Christoph Strouse (Community, Environment, and Planning): Explains would like to elevate this plan to the level of a strategic initiative, like Population Health Initiative or the Race and Equity Initiative. Would get resources so can be tied in with other initiatives. Also to allow for it to align with strategic plan. This would call for a comprehensive campus sustainability plan. Currently do not have one. It would look at the intersections of social and economic inequity. Would start in 2020 with review cycles in 2030 with UN Sustainable Development Goals, 2040, in line with 20-year master plan, and then in 2050 which is the carbon neutrality goal. Opportunity to align with other measures like UN sustainability goals. Other universities all have sustainability plans.

Background – the Office of Administration and Finance has given sustainability go ahead, but no resources or time for implementation of plan. So this is to show that students support this idea and put a timeline on it in 2020. It moved through ASUW last night for a full vote.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): ASUW put a specific rider that they would pass the version as edited by GPSS.

Sydney Pearce: Love that ASUW is working on this. Received feedback from Administration about being surprised by student initiatives at times. It would be good to give them a heads up if have not already.

Brittany Bishop (Chemical Engineering): Liaisons should sneak it into their committees.

Giuliana Conti: This is for friendly amendments. Not grammar level, more for general feedback.

Dean Allsopp (Evans School): Point of Information: Could we distribute to constituents who have more knowledge about this?

Giuliana Conti: That would be great and makes you a great senator. That's what we want senators to do – to be the point person between everyone.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): While it is up on the Google doc, only Senators can make the amendments, but Senators can talk with constituents about them.

Giuliana Conti: Notices will put in a Google doc and senators will have 1-2 weeks to make comments.

James Rosenthal (Electrical Engineering): Could you include a 3 sentence blurb about context just provided?

Christoph Strouse (Community, Environment, and Planning): Yes. Can email Amy Gabriel blurb to include.

Sam Fouad (Art, Art History, and Design): Point of Information: How is this related to the UN Sustainability Initiative?

Christoph Strouse (Community, Environment, and Planning): Doesn't directly, but opportunity to align with the goals. Currently use a tracker by ASHI. All universities use this nationally. It basically has 17 sections – it almost maps one to one. Planning on the next version to match UN. Incredible opportunity.

12. Senator Announcements

7:15 PM

Giuliana Conti: Any announcements?

Sierra Adibi (Aeronautics): Notes that she is the finance director of GPSS diversity committee. Funding application is out – so let them know if your related events need funding. Can be found on GPSS website. Next week having the connection event. Would love to have people out so can come together and discuss what people need. Will provide food and non-alcoholic drinks. Will be around for questions after meeting.

Zhiyun Ma (Leadership and Higher Ed): CORE programs are hosting 1st gen grad student gathering tomorrow morning. Still looking for participants in her student on international students in GPSS.

Michael Diamond (Atmospheric Sciences): Any senators in College of the Environment – opening on committee. Looking to pass off role.

Christina Sun (Epidemiology): Manages UW Food Pantry – opened officially on Tuesday. Located in Popular Hall. Low barrier – just need husky ID. Open Tuesday-Friday at 11:30am.

Giuliana Conti: If you can forward announcement info to Amy Gabriel, she then can send out to senators so can forward to constituents.

Jackie Wong (Dentistry): Looking for volunteers?

Christina Sun (Epidemiology): Yes.

Kelsey Hood: Can anyone who worked on the leg agenda get a round of applause?

Sam Fouad (Art, Art History, and Design): VP of print making association. Have a huge sale Nov 14-15th from 9am-7pm in Art Building on 1st floor.

Amy Gabriel: Next Senate meeting is Nov 28th.

Genevive Hulley (Art History): Grad and Prof student mixer in art building.

13. Adjournment

7:21 PM

Robby Perkins-High: Moves to adjourn.

Amy Gabriel: Seconds.