



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL  
STUDENT SENATE**

Exec Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2017 |HUB 303

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**Members Present**

GPSS President Soh Yeun (Elloise) Kim  
GPSS Secretary: Giuliana Conti  
GPSS Vice President of External Affairs: Matt Munoz  
GPSS Policy Director: Kelsey Hood  
GPSS Treasurer: Brad Copenhaver  
GPSS Executive Senator: Grant Williamson  
GPSS Executive Senator: Michelle Brault  
GPSS Executive Senator: Peder Digre  
GPSS Executive Senator: Elizabeth Oestreich  
Associate Dean for Student & Postdoc Affairs, Grad School: Kelly Edwards  
HUB Director: Justin Camputaro

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**1. Call to Order** **5:33 PM**

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

**Michelle Brault:** Approves the agenda

**Grant Williamson:** Seconds

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**3. Bylaw Amendments Review: S&P, SAF, Ad-Hoc** **5:34PM**

**Matt Munoz:** Shares that Officers had some discussions on how to go about Bylaw amendments because as per the Bylaws, they don't need to come through Exec and they go straight to Judicial. But it's necessary to be on the same page as Executive Committee.

- 1) Science & Policy amendment: Amends Matt's and Tori's job descriptions to move S&P from Tori's job description to Matt's. It's done already but needs to make it official.
- 2) SAF Committee: It is the change in Elloise's job description and the only reason for making this change is to bring it in line with SAF Bylaws. GPSS has been sending the President to SAF as an ex-officio without vote. The way that SAF does it is, GPSS gets 5 Representatives.

**Elloise Kim:** Asks if GPSS has 5 seats and if the President gives the voting seat to Treasurer.

**Peder Digre:** Says, 5 seats including himself. Traditionally the President gave the voting seat to Treasurer.

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** States, the President has the option to sit on SAF as an ex-officio or the President can send someone else in their stead as an ex-officio. Currently, what's happening is that the President sends the Treasurer in their stead as the voting member.

**Elloise Kim:** Shares that she hadn't seen the amendments earlier when Matt sent out. Proposes a few amendments on to the page. U-PASS Advisory Board is served by the VP Internal Affairs. Believes moving it from President to VP Internal Affairs would make sense. Another amendment is that since she is not a voting member at the UW Alumni Association, she goes as an ex-officio.

**Peder Digre:** Suggests moving it from President's job description to the Treasurer's.

**Elloise Kim:** Shares that at least for the last 3-4 years, SAF always has been served by Treasurer and in terms of job allocation, it makes sense to move from Treasurer as the Treasurer is the voting member, to the President.

**Michelle Brault:** Recommends keeping with Treasurers as they are the ones' most knowledgeable about the budget.

**Elloise Kim:** Asks if a GPSS officer can serve as an ex-officio as per the Bylaws of SAF.

**Peder Digre:** Says, it's not in the guidelines.

**Elloise Kim:** Suggests having continuous discussion among all Officers about the new job descriptions and committees because some committees are not existing anymore.

**Matt Munoz:** Recommends everyone to look out for all of the Officer's job descriptions as they will all go through changes. Yet to streamline and update.

**Elloise Kim:** States, the reason for Job descriptions in Bylaws not matching with Elections Guide is because the Bylaw was not amended last year.

**Matt Munoz:** Shares the Bylaw changes in the Ad-hoc Committee. The change is to provide more guidance to make sure that Ad-hoc Committees are actually providing deliverables and meeting, so that there are no Ad-hoc Committees within GPSS that exist in name but not in action. Calls for inputs as he doesn't intend to send it to Judicial yet.

**Michelle Brault:** States that it's great to provide structure. However, not sure about part (e) that says, "the committee must give reports of progress at each GPSS meeting thereafter", which is a standard on all the committees. Asks if they envision the Officer in-charge to give an update or if that should be every other meeting or as necessary. Needs to know the rationale between having that point mentioned.

**Matt Munoz:** Clarifies that it was basically just a further accountability aspect. Asks if it makes more sense to have a quarterly report at minimum.

**Grant Williamson:** States that it should be as necessary as determined by the Officer.

**Elloise Kim:** States that there could be some benefit of making it a quarterly thing. Already streamlining the meeting with respect to time if there could be a written or an email check-in etc.

**Giuliana Conti:** Shares that with respect to frequency, it is possible to have a dormant for months. Quarterly will be helpful to say that GPSS exists although not meeting much, but there are plans to do different things. Suggests looking at ways to streamline the process through a shared drive or a survey.

**Grant Williamson:** With the S&P changes proposed, suggests striking off all the committees listed in the Memorandum and have them only on Bylaws. Having who is leading them is redundant with them and that doesn't offer flexibility. GPSS has several documentations that has small variations built over many years. Recommends reducing the documentation as it's time consuming for Officers.

**Elloise Kim:** Asks if removing all of the non-essential committees including S&P and put them in the memorandum form and update whenever needed would work while matching the job description on Election Guide.

*Kelly Edwards exits at 5:44 PM*

**Matt Munoz:** Shares his discomfort with that. Points, that if there is someone brand new, if they are not in the Bylaw, and not heavily focused in the Election Guides, they will be ignored and lapsed without consideration.

**Grant Williamson:** Points that the problem seems more to be about transition documents. The Bylaws is the wrong place to address non-essential committees.

**Giuliana Conti:** Agrees. Shares that the ASUW transition documents are embedded within an acceptance policy by the Board itself. So, there are Bylaw requirements for updating them every year that has to be processed through the Board and accepted by a majority vote.

**Elloise Kim:** Shares that in her experience of observing GPSS transition, the most updated job description is produced in Elections Guide because after few months, Officers try to produce the most updated Elections Guide which often doesn't match with the Bylaws.

**Michelle Brault:** Agrees that it makes sense to move out anything that isn't described in the Bylaws.

**Elloise Kim:** States that a job description is very detailed and Bylaws is prescriptive.

**Michelle Brault:** Suggests including things that are done traditionally and remove from Bylaws as they are already in memos and thus mention those in the Election's Guide.

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Wonders if the Bylaws are to be streamlined; it should also include those that GPSS always thought it must have. If they are important enough its worth looking at them.

**Grant Williamson:** Shares that historically they are in the memorandum because of the fluctuating memberships and since they are not a not central function of GPSS, there are Committees that are non-essential that could be removed. In the past, there has been violations of the Bylaws. It still continues. Hopes to reduce violation by removing them from Bylaws.

**Matt Munoz:** Shares that the hesitation is coming from SLAB committee. Doesn't consider that as non-essential because it is in the memoranda and not actually in the Bylaws. Committees that have two officers that's essential to do the job, should not only be seen in the memoranda but also in the Bylaws.

**Grant Williamson:** Agrees that SLAB and Diversity should be in the Bylaws and the other committees should be removed though. Budget is tied to some of the committees that makes it harder to decide what needs to stay and what needs to be removed. For instance, S&P Committee.

**Elloise Kim:** Shares that SLAB and FLAB is one year old and it used to be two committees earlier. Asks to think of flexibility in terms of running those committees so that the next VP will have something to move around.

**Grant Williamson:** The committees outside the memoranda could do their job without SLAB. Committees such as GPSS, Judicial and F&B cannot function without the Bylaws as they are critical to the organization. Lobbying efforts would be a lot worse without SLAB and FLAB but they could still be done. There are areas in Bylaws that are key power structures to GPSS that should not be powers held solely by the Officers or Executive Senators. Whereas the ones, in the memoranda are not key power centers in the same way and it could be replaced solely by an Officer or eliminated entirely. Points that, budget dictates the Committees in the memoranda. There is a clear tie. But they are not crucial power for GPSS in the same way that Judicial and F&B are tied.

**Matt Munoz:** States, therefore in that Officer's meeting, the group should also be reviewing which committees are in the memoranda, what committees requires to be quantified and return with those recommendations/edits. GPSS then can do the best to explain to the Senate.

**Matt Munoz:** Talks about the changes on Ad-hoc Committee. Asks their thoughts on having quantified language for sun setting and dissolution for in-action.

**Michelle Brault:** Points that Ad-hoc Committees that deals with something like a Tax Reform, will have nothing much left to do once the tax bill is passed. Committees dealing specifically with time sensitive issues can be dissolved once the purpose is met and don't really require a vote to dissolve the committee.

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Points that the document shows that the Ad-hoc Committees are required to meet once in a quarter. Asks if they can decide on flexible language thereby, not violating the Bylaws.

**Giuliana Conti:** Asks who is going to oversee that.

**Elloise Kim:** Answers that it will be the GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs or GPSS Vice President of External Affairs. However, any Officers can have the occasion to run an Ad-hoc Committee if they see a relevance to the issue. Suggests that language to be more flexible.

Points on (e) from the document, "In a, GPSS meeting, no vote is in motion, if no vote is motioned and the ad hoc committee continues, the committee must give reports of progress at each GPSS meeting thereafter. The GPSS may vote to dissolve the ad hoc committee at any time". Recommends changings it to "In a, GPSS meeting, no vote is in motion, if no vote is motioned and the ad hoc committee continues, the committee ~~must~~ shall give reports of progress at each GPSS meeting thereafter. The GPSS may vote to dissolve the ad hoc committee at any time."

**Michelle Brault:** Shares that she likes the idea of having them come back with an initial report on progress within two meetings after its created for specific goal.

**Matt Munoz:** Proposes striking off (e) from the document entirely.

**Elloise Kim:** Asks if there is any section that talks about how the Committee may be dissolved?

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Points that it's unclear who should lead the Committee. Suggests having a clear language.

**Michelle Brault:** States, if two people want it, they can work together on it.

**Grant Williamson:** States, the Exec Committee will vote on it. Officer should propose it.

**Michelle Brault:** Proposes the language to say, "An Officer will lead Adhoc Committee and if there is a dispute about which Officer shall lead it, the Executive Committee will vote."

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#### 4. Tax Reform Ad-hoc Committee Memo

6:03 PM

**Matt Munoz:** Shares that the document basically just eliminates the introduction – why, what it is, why we have it and current membership to this point in time. Membership is not limited to the members he has currently listed and that it is open to anyone else who may want to join. Matt will hold the authority of it and Kelsey will be assisting. Since this was a committee that was started by the Senators, he wants to give the opportunity to a Senator to Chair the committee. Matt and Kelsey are currently leading the committees. Invites if someone wants to take over, and that they would provide the institutional knowledge and will be present at every meeting. Matt will also hold the supervisory authority, but will not be the Chair.

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Seeks clarification on the language, ‘Senate can chair’.

**Matt Munoz:** Clarifies that using the external as an example, it does say that he holds the supervisory authority over SLAB & FLAB and says “Chair” afterward, so they are two separate things as far as Bylaws are concerned. As was brought up earlier on tax reform, if it is passed this committee will be absorbed into FLAB. FLAB will then address how to handle it, how to address, what is its codified law, if it's codified law. Invites questions.

**Peder Digre:** Highlights that FLAB and Provost should be mentioned as key point of contacts on campus. Asks what about Council Presidents and WSA for external.

**Matt Munoz:** Shares that the Council Presidents in WSA aren't really acting on tax reform. They're more focused on state wide issues. It was mentioned briefly once at WSA general assembly and not anymore. Can reach out to Paul for Council Presidents and see if they're doing anything on it. The phrase “not limited to” kind of hits Peder's point.

**Peder Digre:** Says Yes, but for on-campus which is for internal, PACS hasn't been doing anything.

**Matt Munoz:** Shares that with the addition of PACS for internal partners, additional members will be recruited and welcomed.

**Elloise Kim:** Shares that last year, the memorandum had the numbers for references. Asks if they should keep it and continue.

**All:** Agrees

**Elloise Kim:** Questions the format used. Points that in the last Exec meeting, Tori had proposed changes to revision of GSE memorandum, and changed the number of memorandum titles.

**Michelle Brault:** Suggests keeping the number as per the date of the updates. Ex: Updated on MM-DD.

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Suggests adding the year?

**Matt Munoz:** Confirms the format that's there: Memorandum-Month-Year (M-MM-YY)

**Elloise Kim:** Motion to approve the creation of the text "Reform on Ad-Hoc Committee Memo" with amendments

**Michelle Brault:** Approves

**Brad Copenhaver:** Seconds

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## 5. WSA Report

6:07 PM

**Matt Munoz:** Shares an update for the WSA. Had the general assembly on Sunday in Ellensburg, at Central Washington University. Representation consisted of himself and Kelsey for GPSS as well as ASUW's Director of University, University Affairs Authority, the ASUW OGR Executive Director and the WSA Captain Chair Christian Jamieson for the Undergrads. The first item on the agenda was UW Seattle's membership status with WSA. To give a context, last year, complications happened and UW was unable to secure the number of signatures needed to get the WSA back on star system for students to fill out during registration. That is the only way right now and probably for the foreseeable future that UW can fund WSA for students because university policy prohibits UW from using institutional dollars and student dollars that go through tuitions and SAF. Because of that error from last year, UW was unable to pay \$15000 dues for this year. This is not the first time that it has happened and has happened five years ago too where UW had owed \$40K, but eventually was forgiven. A few schools took issue with UW not paying dues. The idea was floating around that UW would be short of voting rights but fortunately, it didn't happen. UW Seattle is expected to go back for the Feb WSA Board of Directors meeting with a plan to rectify the current situation and with a suggestion on how to repay the dues that UW currently owes. Shares the plan that was proposed to WSA-GA on Sunday. In February is an update on how signature collection is coming along or to get back on the star system for next year.

**Grant Williamson:** Asks if that has happened twice in 5 years, it seems like a system failure; therefore, what is UW Seattle doing about improving the process to ensure no further system failures?

**Justin Camputaro:** Shares that understanding the history would have been better to discuss it. However, it started with allowing two groups to be able to go through the process of petition through student signatures, to be able to get on to registration. A few years ago, it was expanded to three. It was essentially an agreement between Student governments; between Registrar's office and Student Life to facilitate fundraising opportunities.

**Matt Munoz:** Shares that UW is the only school in WSA that has something like this. Every 4 years, UW has to update and collect signatures to qualify and get into the Star system. Has to get enough signatures (about 15% of the Student Body). It's a long process.

**Grant Williamson:** Asks if that means the last two times UW tried, it failed, where exactly it failed both times?

**Matt Munoz:** States that he isn't aware of the failure the first time. The second time, it was the organizer and coordinator for OGR who quit unexpectedly last year. There wasn't enough bandwidth to pick it up and thus fell through the cracks. This year they have hired a new coordinator position who is working very diligently. 5 interns are helping too.

**Justin Camputaro:** Shares that the heart of the issue is that the people who coordinated it just didn't get it done. Last year, the people who were responsible for it started too late, hence didn't collect enough signatures and did not coordinate well.

**Grant Williamson:** Asks if it needs to be added to the Bylaws in terms of oversight and not in terms of getting the signatures. Just to make sure for VP of External Affairs know the criticality of this that needs to be watched.

**Matt Munoz:** Clarifies that it is the duty of OGR and ASUW and not of GPSS. Can include in transition documents but not as a primary responsibility of GPSS.

**Elloise Kim:** Also clarifies that the job wasn't done on time last year. She and James discussed about how to amend the situation. But the capability and capacity was more with OGR and not with GPSS. Tabling signatures everyday was hard. Just communicating well with OGR is the best way.

**Matt Munoz:** Approves motion to extend time by 5 minutes

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Seconds

**Matt Munoz:** Shares the second part, which is the WSA Legislative Agenda. Submitted the commissioning of the grad student loan study for consideration of WSA and it passed. WSA will be assisting GPSS in advocating for that. Other legislative priorities include support for student unionization on the university campuses specifically for undergrads, voting accessibility, educational resources, college affordability, changing the eligibility requirements for student veteran tuition waivers, increase in the waiver amount for student veteran tuition waivers, support for undocumented students including changing the residency requirements and establishing loan programs, and subsidized child care on college campuses. Also discussed a possible funding restructure that would modify the WSA fee to be mandatory for all campuses again. As described in the Star system, that's very unlikely to happen and that will be a barrier if it comes up again in the future conversations.

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Asks if WSA represents ASUW as an entity.

**Matt Munoz:** Clarifies that as far as Board of Directors go, ASUW and GPSS have separate votes. As far as General Assembly go, UW Seattle has 9 votes; that's allocated internally as 6 to the undergrads and 3 for grads as that's how the breakdown is at the University. WSA is like a unified organization of the 4-year public institutions.



**Elloise Kim:** Thanks, and appreciates Matt for his great work and leadership in the past few weeks.

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## 6. Review of Nov.8 Senate Meeting

6:23 PM

**Michelle Brault:** Shares that she liked Slido. It streamlined things and spur discussions. Everyone around was using Slido on phones.

**Grant Williamson:** Shares that he talked to a few after the meeting but mostly people that he knew well, so it could be a biased opinion to share.

**Elloise Kim:** Thanks Grant for embedding the code in the slides and thought was a great idea. Suggests publishing the Slido codes for the upcoming meetings in the Agenda beforehand so that people can submit questions in advance. Requests Grant to create codes for the next two Guests.

**Justin Camputaro:** Suggests emailing the link to the app too along with the agenda. Also recommends informing guests not to add any content or graphs in the bottom of the screen as it becomes hard for people to view from a distance.

**Elloise Kim:** Seeks suggestions on who should read out the questions from Slido.

**Michelle Brault:** Suggests pointing out to people to read out the question themselves they posted so that people are a bit more engaged.

**Grant Williamson:** Points that the moderator should read out the questions to streamline the process with the guests. The reason is to save time and allow more questions to flow in. It's the tradeoff for getting engagement.

**Giuliana Conti:** Points that the drawback of having people read out their own questions, is the issue it will have with volume which would make it difficult for the recorder to catch the voices and it would waste a bit of time as well. A moderator reading them out will be louder and faster.

**Grant Williamson:** Suggests trying the other approach for the next Senate meeting.

**Matt Munoz:** Shares that the meeting was very streamlined and was very efficient. The Speakers stayed on time. Suggests setting the tone for the meetings and keeping it that way for future meetings.

**Elloise Kim:** Highlights the issue with people leaving at the one-hour mark. Needs to look into it if its repeated.

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## 7. Nov.29 Senate Meeting Planning

6:35 PM

**Elloise Kim:** Discussing the Agenda for the Senate Meeting scheduled for Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, seeks suggestions for time allocation for each Guest Speaker. UW Emergency Aid is one of the guests. The Second guest for the day is Regent Joel Benoliel. UW Emergency Aid is a new program born out of the collaboration between Student Life, Financial Aid, Office of Minority and few other departments who offer emergency money for students in need. The Officers met, consolidated available resources and built a central program where students can apply and avail emergency funds if they require to pay fees, for food etc.

**Michelle Brault:** Suggests 5 mins for UW Emergency Aid and 15 mins for Regent as Regent is the type of the guest that will have more to share and discuss. Also shares that she had sent Bylaws changes to Giuliana last week. Asks if that was sent to the Judicial.

**Elloise Kim:** Points that whatever amendments that will be submitted, will be reviewed by the Judicial when they are ready. Judicial as of now is not educated enough to understand Bylaws in detail.

**Michelle Brault:** Points that Judicial doesn't not have to make comments on it. Shares that she is not going to be a Senator after this quarter and wants to close on it before she leaves which is why she had submitted to be sent to Judicial and requested for GPSS's comments and feedback. It has to be sent to Judicial 7 days before the Senate meeting. Reports that she has followed the Bylaws exactly and foresees no problem to be brought to the Senate for vote. They should read the Bylaws and be ready for execution.

**Giuliana Conti:** Will be sent to the Judicial in two days' time.

**Grant Williamson:** States it has to be on the Agenda as Michelle has followed the Bylaws and Judicial is not doing what they have to do.

**Michelle Brault:** Points that the Bylaws do not say that they *have to* provide comments. It says they *may* provide comments. Senate has the deciding vote. Happy to explain the purpose of the amendments.

**Giuliana Conti:** States that the Bylaws pop quiz needs to be on the agenda too.

**Matt Munoz:** Suggests having the Bylaws pop quiz before tax reform as item no. 6 so that its alternate engaging and talking.

**Giuliana Conti:** States that the Cake Resolution needs to be on the Agenda as well.

**Elloise Kim:** Points that it was unclear if it was a real resolution. Asks if it needs to be passed as a real one and if it has to come back?

**Giuliana Conti:** Says yes and that it was voted to bring it back.

**Grant Williamson:** Suggests bringing back fully amended resolution and closing it.

**Giuliana Conti:** Disagrees as it was an exercise on resolutions to practice and they wouldn't even do that with a real resolution.

**Michelle Brault:** Suggests, explaining the process for a minute or two and pass it or vote to table it indefinitely.

**Giuliana Conti:** Agrees

**Grant Williamson:** Asks if the tax reform is just informational. If not, recommends doing the Bylaw amendment first.

**Michelle Brault:** Reiterates that if Judicial does not have any comment, she is happy to explain why the changes were made.

**Elloise Kim:** Suggests that if Judicial doesn't do anything in one week, Michelle could wait and then explain why the changes were made.

**Michelle Brault:** Points that on the website, the Senate meeting date reads Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and not Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. Needs correction.

**Elloise Kim:** Reads out the agenda:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes
- 4) UW Emergency Aid - 5 mins
- 5) Regent Joel Benoliel -15 mins
- 6) Resolution in Support of End-Of-Year Celebration - 5 mins
- 7) Bylaws Amendments – 10 mins
- 8) Tax Reform Ad-hoc Committee Memorandum & Report -10 mins
- 9) Bylaws Quiz - 5 mins
- 10) Executive Senator Opening- 5 mins
- 11) Officer Reports - 10 mins
- 12) Announcements - 5 mins
- 13) Adjournment

**Elloise Kim:** Motion to approve the agenda

**Brad Copenhaver:** Approves

**Michelle Brault:** Seconds

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## 8. Executive Senator Reports

**6:49 PM**

**Elizabeth Oestreich:** Shares that Program reviews are on mind. Finding ways to incorporate alumni opinions. Interested in the process since many are going to graduate this year. Therefore, wants to get enough student inputs.

*Elizabeth Oestreich exits at 6:47PM*

**Peder Digre:** Reports that second SAF meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Was at the Student Regent meetings mostly to hear about the capital budgeting process which has some implications on when students can propose projects through SAF mechanisms. Students don't have a voice in capital projects. It gives an idea on the next potential time to finance a project which is 3 years from now. No opportunity for current students. Met with the Director of Hall Health. The Director is working on changing medical excuse policy. Most of UW's peers in the West Coast don't allow medical excuse notes. The medical excuse policy allows to miss some classes. The cons are that it might increase costs and students might exaggerate symptoms. Thoughts of introducing a resolution but isn't an immediate necessity as its working its way through councils, faculty etc. for review.

**Grant Williamson:** Reports S&P white paper project kick off on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Postdoc Union group meeting also on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Union had asked for GPSS representation. Not critical. But recommends GPSS representation to show support.

**Michelle Brault:** Reports that the Bylaws is in transit. Next Exec meeting will be her last meeting.

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## 9. Officer Reports

**6:51 PM**

**Giuliana Conti for Bo Goodrich:** Reports that the Senator for the Office of Veteran life, ASUW Senate and Elizabeth should now be connected to work on Co-operative resolution. ASUW's Legislative Agenda is in the process of approval and Matt has seen the recent version; is a good resource for questions.

**Giuliana Conti for Tori Hernandez:** Reports that Exec Senator Bios are up on website. Starting to meet with Senators and students for program reviews next week to make sure they can get student involvement this year. Still working on the draft of the personnel handbook. Asks if there's a need to create a personnel policy that will be placed in the Bylaws like ASUW has. GSE is working on student survey to figure out what resources students have heard of on campus and have actually utilized. GSE may be starting a partnership with Quart programs to create an event which

is likely a campus climate panel. Working on updating the resource sidebar on the website. Also, apologies for missing to add the GSE memorandum on the agenda; it will be on the next one to be approved by the Exec.

**Matt Munoz:** Shares updates on Federal & SAGE. Had a call with Sarah Castro over collaborating on advocacy. Expecting the House bill tax reform bill to reach the floor on Thursday or early next week. Senate bill still being worked on; doesn't include the same language as the House bill. There was a bit of a bright spot when a Republican Senator came out against the tax bill. If the Senate does not pass any tax bill then, tax reform won't happen in this round. Can anticipate a second round. Sent e-mails to the Washington and congressional delegation with several sets of materials urging them to oppose the bill. Collaborating with even more partners, the Alumni Association and AGPS. Call scheduled with the AG's office on Friday to try to get them on board. Had the first meeting with the Ad-hoc Committee that went well. Expecting great things from the committee.

SAGE endorsed two bills relating to student debt and funding; the 'Student Right to Know Before You Go Act 2017' and 'Student Loans Calculation Re-Financing Act'. In Olympia, this week is committee days and witnessed some shake up already some things that are very surprising and need to change strategy accordingly. Currently have 3 or 4 legislative meetings on the books before the end of the quarter. WSA is making new Bylaws committee to rectify the situation that UW is currently in. At least one person from UW needs to be on the committee. Working with the Council Presidents and Title Nine officers at WSA affiliated schools to address the limitations that the Administrative Procedures Act puts on the handling of Title nine cases. Committees officially transition to a Research Committee. Goal is to have talking points for position statements and one page is for priorities by the end of the quarter ideally. Kelsey has been coordinating and overseeing that. UW Impact is looking at students who can return and work.

**Giuliana Conti:** Shares that Sonam, the Creative Director is able to dedicate her time to the website as she is not doing advertisements for focused events. Passes around the sheet of Commitment to Function and requests everyone to put a star next to the item they think they have observed a commitment to function aspect since the last Exec meeting.

**Brad Copenhaver:** Updates that Finance & Budget Committee has been meeting. Slow so far on funding application but expected to pick up. ASUW is experiencing the same. F&B is excited to start working. Another Travel Grants meeting coming up on Monday to discuss changes to the application and process.

**Elloise Kim:** Shares that Board of Regent met in Tacoma last week. Tax reform on endowment was mentioned as a primary concern. Requested Anna Marie who was travelling to DC for Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, to advocate for Grad students with Legislators. Internally working on Liaison Appointment letters with the help of University Affairs Director who has produced one pager guideline for all Liaisons. Meeting Liaisons who are new to the job to ensure they understand the job. University Affairs Director is helping with the survey for the Senate. Won't be different from what was done last year. Helps understand who is sitting in the Senate, their interests and needs. Also, Updating the GPSS Org chart that was made two years ago.

Was a part of the video for 1<sup>st</sup> gen under-grad students. Tried to deliver message on racial equity in particular.

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## 10. Announcements

**7:02 PM**

**Matt Munoz:** Ad-hoc committee recording videos of people for Social Media on tax reforms for Legislators to see the effect. Invites anyone who wants to be a part of the effort.

**Elloise Kim:** Scholarly Studio happening from 4 to 6pm on Thursday at Allen library.

**Giuliana Conti:** Attended the green dot training. Recommends the training.

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## 11. Adjournment

**7:03 PM**

**Brad Copenhaver:** Approves to adjourn

**Michelle Brault:** Seconds

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