

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

October 9, 2019 | HUB 332



CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Overview of GPSS
4. Overview of Senate
5. Why are you here?
6. GPSS opportunities
7. Upcoming events
8. Summer debrief and future goals
9. Working groups
10. Adjournment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

OVERVIEW OF GPSS

WHO ARE WE?

About GPSS

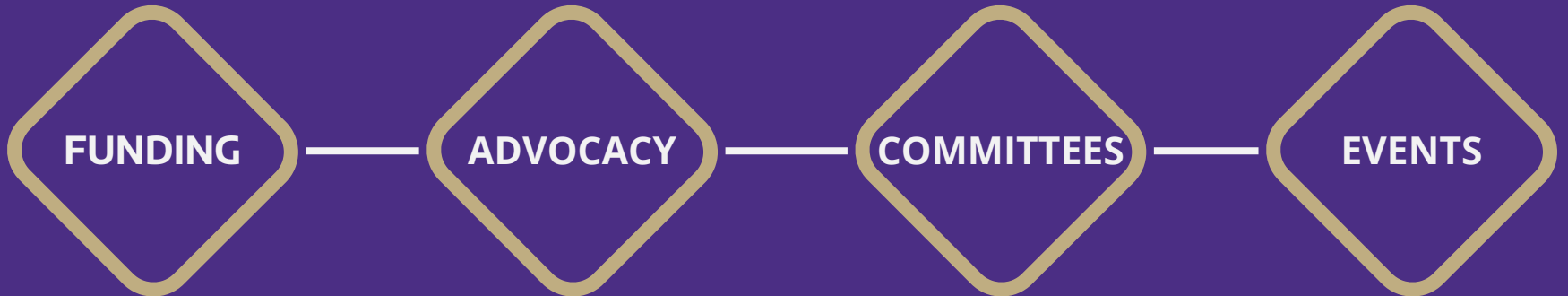
The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) represents over 15,000 graduate and professional students at the University of Washington. Our Senators represent academic departments as well as non-academic programs and communities. GPSS hosts events and programming, provides opportunities for engagement through internal committees and university-wide liaison positions, and offers funding for academic and professional development.

Mission

We advocate for the needs and interests of our constituents on campus and at the state and federal levels. We promote professional development and foster a sense of community and connection. We ensure that the University of Washington upholds our shared values by amplifying graduate and professional student voices at all levels of university decision-making. We aspire to create an equitable and inclusive community within all of GPSS.

WHAT WE DO:

CONNECT



Leadership

Staff

Committees

UW Graduate and Professional Students

Graduate and Professional Student Senators

Elections Committee

Graduate and Professional Student Senate Executive Committee

President

Executive Assistant

Vice President for Internal Affairs

Events Director

Communications Director

Creative Director

Vice President for External Affairs

Policy Director

Organizing Director

Secretary

Office Manager

Clerk

Judicial Committee

Diversity Committee

Treasurer

Budget Specialist

Travel Grants

Finance & Budget

Arts Council

Science & Policy

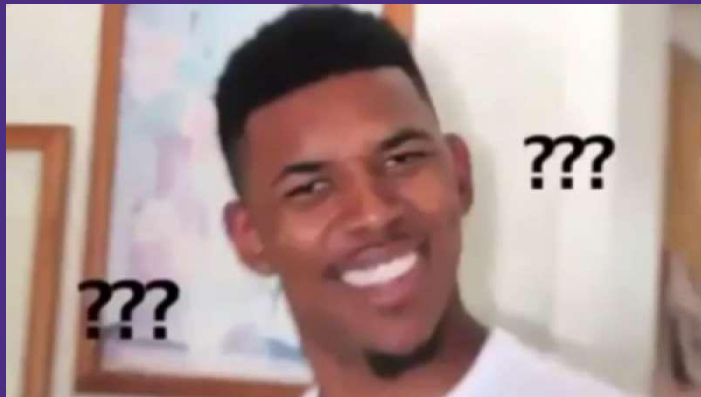
Legislative Advisory Board

MEET THE STAFF

- Executive Assistant - Janiece Rustin
- Communications Director - Tammy Senior
- Creative Director - Vassilissa Semouchkina
- Event Director - Sarah Faulkner
- Policy Director - Medhanit Abebe
- Organizing Director - Abbie Shew
- Office Manager - Gina Rome
- Senate Clerk - Divya Kumar
- Budget Specialist - Becky Tran

OVERVIEW OF SENATE

What do Senators do?



- Elect Officers and Exec members
- Pass resolutions and GPSS budget
- Bring up and discuss issues affecting departments and grad students
- Serve as liaisons/sit on committees
- Exec Senators guide/inform Officers

**What department is your
neighbor from?**

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What department is your neighbor from? _____ Use underscore for spaces! _____

Why is your neighbor here?

W

Choose one word to describe what brings your neighbor to senate tonight.

Total Results: 0

GPSS Opportunities

LIAISONS –

APPLICATION

<https://tinyurl.com/GPSSLIAISONS>

- Bias Incident Advisory Committee
- ASUW Senate (BIAC)
- Graduate CORE Programs Advisory board
- Library Fines Appeals Committee
- Use of University Facilities Committee (UUF)
- University Transportation Committee (UTC)
- Graduate Technology Advisory Committee
- Board of Regents Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee
- Housing and Food Insecurity Working Group
- Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAF)
- Student Technology Fee Committee (STF)
- Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS)
- Fee-Based Programs Committee
- Dawg Pack Committee
- Faculty Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB)
- Student Council on Insurance (SCI)
- UW Book Store Board of Trustees
- Student Safety Advisory Board
- HUB Board of Representatives
- U-PASS Advisory Board
- Washington Student Association (WSA)
- Student Well-Being Committee
- **Faculty Senate Council on:**
 - Teaching and Learning
 - Academic Standards
 - Benefits and Retirement
 - Faculty Affairs
 - Multicultural Affairs
 - Research
 - Student Affairs
 - Tri-Campus Policy
 - Univ. Facilities and Services
 - Libraries
 - Women in Academia

Dollars and Cents

Funding and Budgeting

Equivalency

- 1,364,865 cans of La Croix
- 51,955 Chipotle burritos
(with guac, obviously)
- 3,157 pairs of AirPods
- 1 year of GPSS funding





\$505,000

About \$33.67 per grad student

Programming, personnel, grants



Funding Highlights from 2019



Department
Allocations

Budgeted: \$5,000

Spent: \$4,234.51

85%

Special Allocations

Budgeted: \$17,000

Spent: \$17,086.89

101%

Travel Grants

Budgeted: \$22,000

Spent: \$27,300

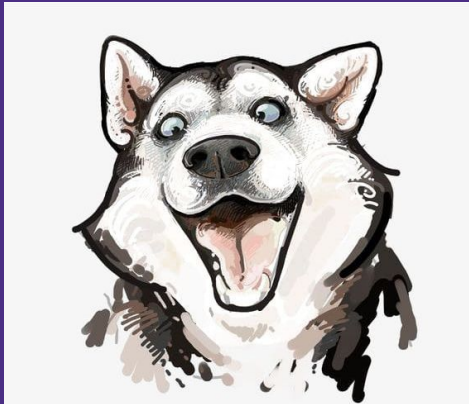
124%

COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Legislative Advisory Board**
- ◆ **Diversity**
- ◆ **Science & Policy**
- ◆ **Travel Grant**
- ◆ **Arts Council**
- ◆ **Elections Committee**
- ◆ **Finance & Budget**
- ◆ **Judicial**

**Highlighted committees are only open to senators*

Advocacy! & Legislative Advisory Board



- Legislative Advisory Board (LAB) meets Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm
- LAB :
 - research student issues
 - set Legislative Agenda (b4 Turkey Day)
 - write one pagers on the issues
- GPSS gets to directly talk to local, state, and federal lawmakers about the issues we face at UW
- THEN... Grad Day on the Hill in winter quarter

No need for past legislative or policy experience - we want a wide range of experiences that represent ALL grad and prof. students

Graduate and Professional Student Senate
2018-2019 Legislative Agenda
Steps for Graduate Student Achievement

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ADDITIONAL POSITION STATEMENTS

PRIORITIES

GPSS supports increased access for:

GPSS supports increased state investment in:

Underrepresented Communities

Expanding outreach, pipeline programs, and other resources will increase equitable access to higher education for underrepresented communities at the UW and beyond.

The State Need Grant

Full funding of the State Need Grant attracts, retains, and develops diverse, globally competitive students and faculty who contribute to the UW's state, federal, and worldwide impacts. Support for the State Need Grant gives students greater ability to achieve their full academic potential, many of

Commission a New Study on a Graduate Version of the Higher Education Loan Program

GPSS recognizes an opportunity for Washington to address the graduate and professional student debt crisis by providing low-interest state loan options for graduate and professional students. Most graduate loans provided by federal aid may barely cover tuition and force students to take out high-interest private loans. GPSS supports conducting a study on the feasibility of a graduate aid program through the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP). Lower, more predictable interest rates will help alleviate existing burdens for graduate and professional students, and create more spending opportunities that positively contribute to the state economy.

**TAKE THE LAB SURVEY & MAKE EVERYONE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT TAKE IT AS WELL!
WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT ARE THE TOP STUDENT PRIORITIES.**

tinyurl.com/gpss-advocacy

Students with Disabilities
Promotion of streamlining process will e for students v

Student Care Initiatives
Initiatives the costs of s to more equi caregivers at availability, to prevent stud for their depe housing.

Student Voice
All state task commissions councils sho

Underserved Populations

Continued funding and expansion of cost-effective, top-ranked training programs is essential for UW students who are committed to serving in communities with greater healthcare needs. These programs will build regional healthcare networks by improving healthcare provider recruitment and retention, as well as increasing resources for new healthcare providers to practice in rural and underserved communities.

Open Science

Free access to all scholarly peer-reviewed articles, grey literature, and research data to increase public knowledge of scholarly work, better support reproducibility, and promote higher quality scholarship.

Reinstate University Student Health Insurance Options

GPSS advocates for a health insurance mandate that requires state universities to offer affordable health insurance plans to all graduate and professional students. Graduate and professional students are often ineligible for state-sponsored programs, are too old to remain on parents' plans, and lack options to purchase affordable private plans through universities. GPSS supports the reinstatement of a health insurance mandate for all universities, including expanded access to existing plans that are now only open to graduate and professional student employees.



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As the largest and most robust graduate and professional student body in the state of Washington actively advocating for graduate students, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) recognizes the importance of leading the charge for higher education access and affordability for all graduate and professional students, especially those at the University of Washington (UW). GPSS advocates in partnership with the following state and member organizations: A Association of Students of the University of Washington (ASUW), and the Washington Student Association (WSA), when appropriate and not in conflict with the goals of the GPSS legislative agenda.



Science & Policy Committee



**SCIENCE
POLICY
COMMITTEE**



**OCT
16
2019**

HUB 314
4:30 PM
Join us for the first meeting of
the 2019-2020 school year!





Travel Grants

Join the TG grading party!

- Applications Open for Fall
- Up to \$300 for domestic conferences
- Up to \$500 for international conferences
- Join the committee!

Early Fall: Conferences Sep 1 to Nov 16, **due August 23**

Fall: Conferences Nov 17 to Jan 31 (2020), **due October 31**

Early Winter: Conferences Feb 1 to Mar 14, **due January 10**

Winter: Conferences Mar 15 to Apr 24, **due February 21**

Spring: Conferences Apr 25 to June 5, **due April 3**

Summer: Conferences June 6 to Aug 31, **due May 15**

Finance and Budgeting Committee

Immediate need for Senators!

- Oversee applications for Departmental and Special Allocation requests
- Direct impact on GPSS budget planning
- Unique opportunity to see events around campus
- Help ensure funding is equitable and inclusive
- Damn good fun!
- Meetings will be Fridays (as needed) at 11:30 in the GPSS Office
- Email gpsstres@uw.edu for more info

Judicial Committee

- CANNOT serve on any other committee
- Oversee Constitution and Bylaws
- Investigate grievances concerning the internal workings of GPSS

Fall Quarter Events

Past events:

- UW Football partnership game
 - September 14th
- Grad Student Resource Fair
 - October 8th



Fall Quarter Events

Upcoming events:

- Nightmare at the Museum
 - Halloween night at the Burke!



Fall Quarter Events

Upcoming events in the works:

- Health Insurance forum
 - November 12th, HUB South Ballroom
- GPSS at the Theatre - Pilobolus
 - November 14th, Meany Hall
- Legislative Reception - Nov 15th
 - co-sponsor with ASUW
- Application for the Academic Conference
 - Due November 30th

Winter Quarter Events

Upcoming Winter Quarter Events:

- Lobby Day
 - Early February
- Academic Conference
 - February 27th

Summer Report & Future Goals

2018-2019 Spring Cleaning

- ◆ **Historical Documents**
- ◆ **Office Culture**
- ◆ **Internal Operations**
- ◆ **Transitions**



2019-2020 Connect

- ◆ **Historical Documents**
- ◆ **Adequate and Accurate Representation**
- ◆ **Campus Partners**
- ◆ **Connecting with Graduate and Professional Students**
- ◆ **Sustainability**
- ◆ **Strategic Planning**

Initiatives

- ◆ **Childcare/parent/caregivers**
- ◆ **Grad student visibility**
- ◆ **State/federal advocacy**
- ◆ **MA & PhD funding**
- ◆ **Holistic well-being**
- ◆ **ADA ticket costs**
- ◆ **Student loans**
- ◆ **Graduate and professional student Bill of Rights**
- ◆ **Convocation**
- ◆ **Cross-campus partnerships**

Senate Working Groups

What is an issue affecting grad students at UW?

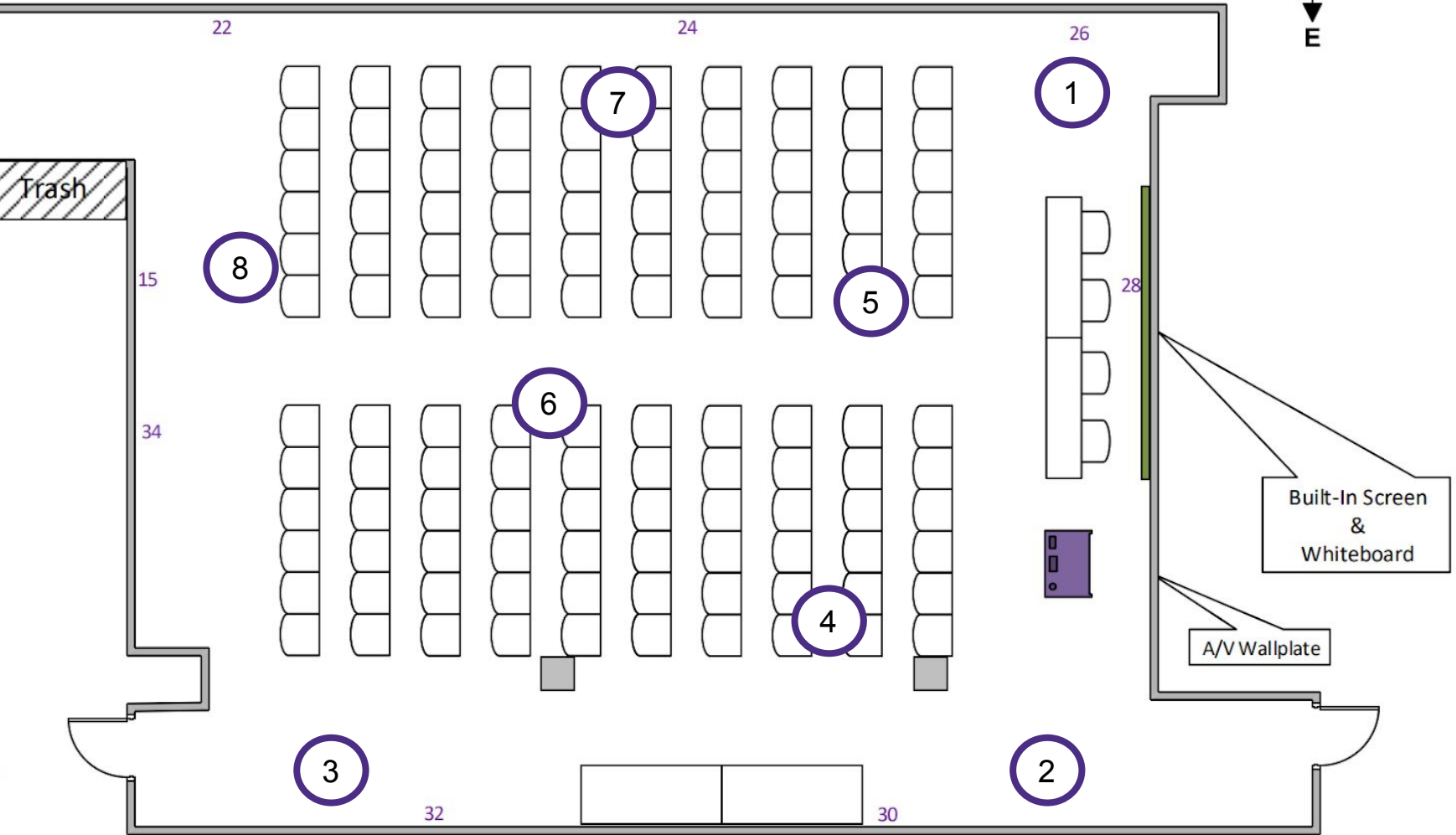
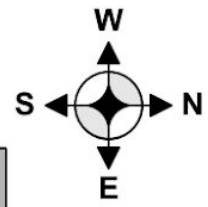
Senate Working Groups

- Dedicated time each meeting for you to engage with other senators and discuss specific issues affecting grad students at UW
- 10-15 minutes built into every senate meeting

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WORKING GROUPS

1. Affordable Housing
2. No summer bus pass
3. Funding
4. Mental Health
5. Lack of community
6. Low cost health insurance
7. Lack of career resources post-grad
8. Climate change
9. Minority and Diversity Resources
10. TA/Teaching Support



ADJOURNMENT

**GPSS meetings are every
other Wednesday @ 5:30 PM
in HUB 332**

Next Meeting | October 23

THANKS FOR COMING!

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