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# GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

February 19, 2020 | HUB 332



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**Call To Order**

# Agenda

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1. Call to Order - 1 min
2. Approval of the Agenda - 1 min
3. Guest Speaker - Rickey Hall - 20 min
4. U-PASS Update - 15 min
5. U-PASS Resolution First Reading - 5 min
6. Elections Guide - 20 min
7. Executive Senator Elections - 5 min
8. Budget Timeline Update - 10 min
9. President's Poll - 1 min
10. External Update - 5 min
11. Events Update - 5 min
12. Announcements - 5 min
13. Adjournment - 1 min

Total Time: 95 min

Estimated End Time:  
7:05pm

# Approval Of Agenda

# Rickey Hall

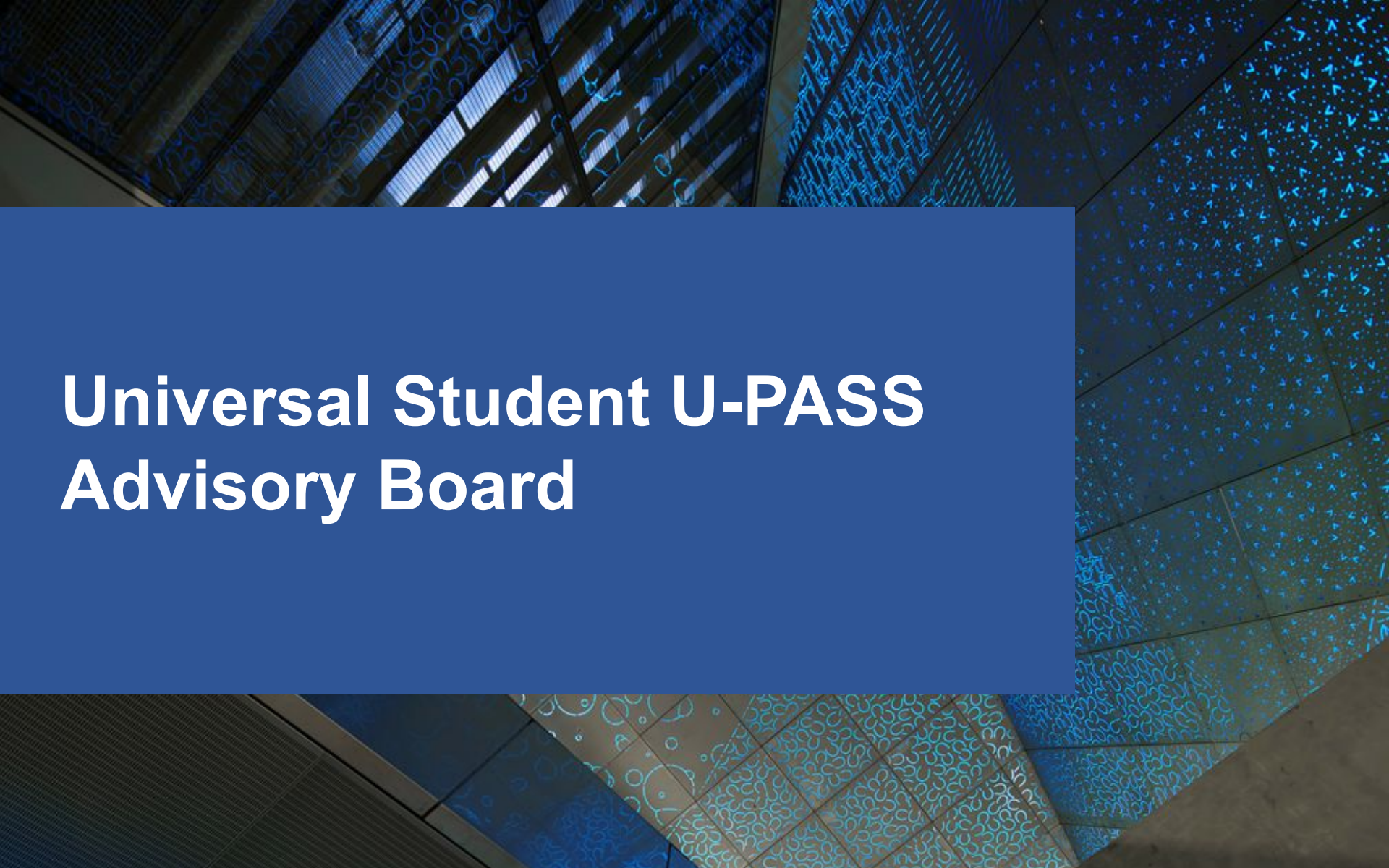
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# Questions for Rickey Hall

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# U-PASS Update



# **Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board**



# What is U-PASS?



- Unlimited rides on regional transit
- Seattle Streetcar, King County Water Taxi, Monorail, Ride2
- NightRide Shuttle
- Discounted carpool parking and free ride-matching
- Free vanpool parking & fare subsidy
- Discounts on transportation-related vendors (bike share, bike repair, car share)
- Free commute planning assistance

# U-PASS vs. ORCA

**\$84** Student U-PASS/quarter

**\$297** Puget Pass/quarter  
(King County Metro only)

**\$567** Puget Pass/quarter  
(All regional transit)



**How U-PASS payments are structured?**

UW pays the full cost for each transit trip taken on U-PASS

# History of U-PASS

## 1991

- Strong student leadership contributes to the creation of U-PASS – a subsidized transportation pass to improve access to campus and reduce traffic and environmental impacts

## 2009-2010

- Rapidly rising transit costs cause the U-PASS rate to increase from \$49 to \$99
- A broad survey of students finds 79% support for a universal U-PASS to control spiraling costs

## 2010-2011

- Both GPSS and ASUW Senate bodies pass resolutions establishing the Universal U-PASS

## 2011-2012

- The Universal Student U-PASS program begins with a commitment of a two-year guaranteed price

## 2015

- The MOU was updated with a fee increase to \$84/quarter

## 2018-2019

- Both ASUW and GPSS pass resolution to allow ASEs receiving a fully-subsidized U-PASS from the University to be removed from the Universal Student U-PASS population and have their fees covered by the benefit load



# U-PASS Funding Model

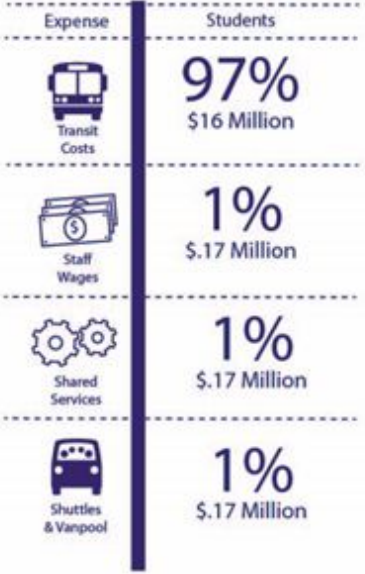
## U-PASS PROGRAM FUNDING

2019-2020 Budgeted (Oct-Sep)



## U-PASS PROGRAM EXPENSES

2019-2020 Budgeted (Oct-Sep)



By law, the U-PASS is not permitted to operate at a deficit. Parking support through TDM fees will be used to make the program whole each year. U-PASS Program Reserves will also be held to defray future cost increases and ultimately will go back into the program. Reserves should be maintained at one month's operating expenses for all programs. The Student U-PASS Reserves also maintain all reserves collected prior to FY20.

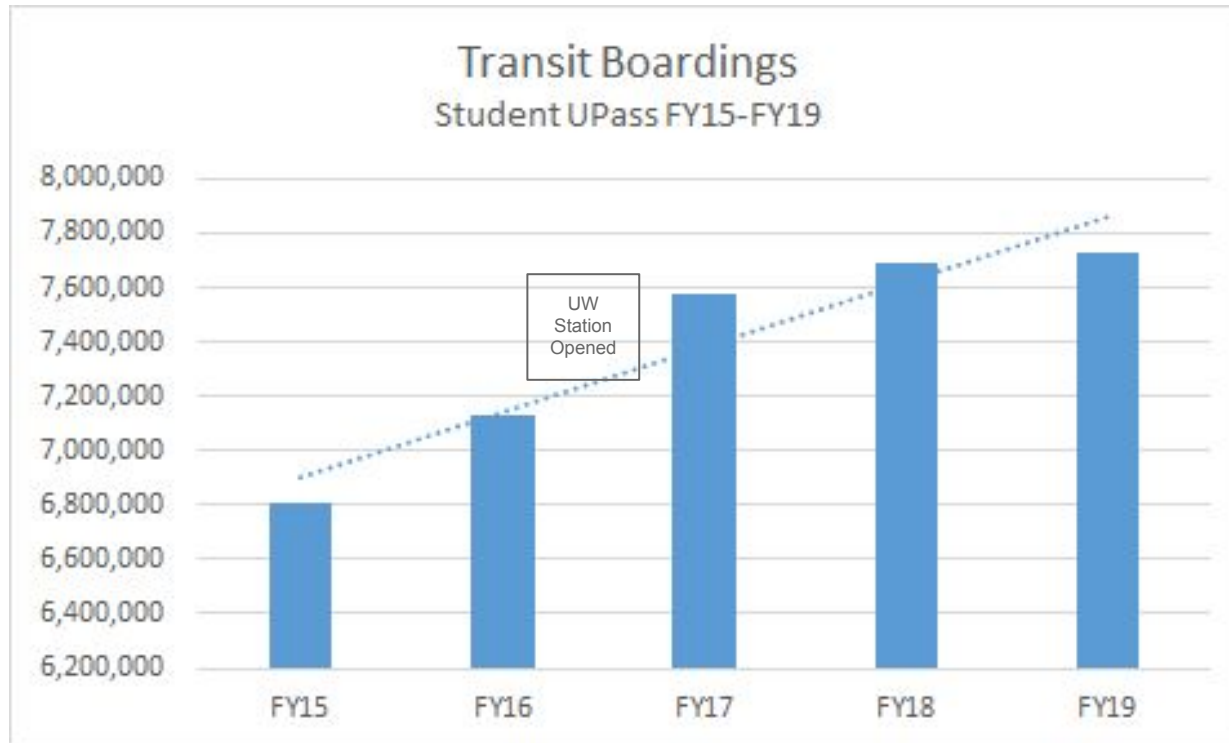
# How Transit Has Changed?

Since the last student U-PASS fee increase:

- Link Light Rail opens to UW Station in May 2016
- Fare Increases
- Transit service increase



# Students Are Using Transit More



# What's Coming?

## 2021

- North Link opens to Northgate w/ 3 new light rail stations
- Transit agencies will be restructuring bus routes
  - King County Metro
  - Sound Transit
  - Community Transit

## 2023

- East Link opens to Bellevue and Redmond

## 2024

- North Link opens to Lynnwood



# FY21 & FY22 Student U-PASS Program Cost Projections

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Program Costs</b>
FY21	\$17,991,174
FY22	\$21,250,527



# Financial Overlook

	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2022
Funding Sources		
Student Fees (\$84/qtr)	\$11,393,292	\$11,621,158
TDM	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
Central Subsidy	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$15,943,292</b>	<b>\$16,171,158</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,991,174</b>	<b>\$21,250,527</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>(\$2,047,883)</b>	<b>(\$5,079,369)</b>

# What Are Factors Driving Fee Increase

- Increased transit costs with light rail
- Increased admin costs (CPI, services)
- University program subsidy policy changes:
  - Meet central subsidy cap of \$1.8M
  - Meet parking revenue cap of \$2.75M

# Student Fee Scenario #1 - No Increase

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>User Fee Revenue</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
2021	\$84	\$11.4M	\$1.2M
2022	\$84	\$11.6M	(\$5.6M)

No fee increase will cover program costs for FY21, but does not maintain the required reserve balance.

- FY 20 Reserve \$3.3M
- Required Reserve is 1 month of operating costs
  - FY21: \$1.4M
  - FY22: \$1.7M

# Student Fee Scenario #1 - 1 Year Increase

Fiscal Year	Fee	User Fee Revenue	Reserve
2021	\$86	\$11.6M	\$1.5M

A **\$2/quarter** fee increase will cover program costs in FY21 and maintains the required reserve balance.

- FY 20 Reserve \$3.3M
- Required Reserve is 1 month of operating costs
  - FY21: \$1.4M

# Advisory Board Proposal

- A \$2/quarter U-PASS fee increase for academic year 2020-2021 (\$86/quarter).
- Renewing the Student U-PASS Memorandum of Understanding through June 2021

The Advisory Board will go through an in-depth review of program costs leading into fiscal year 2022, when the Link light rail extension to Northgate opens.

# Timeline for Fee Increase

<b>February 19</b>	GPSS Senate First Reading
<b>February 20</b>	ASUW Board First Reading
<b>March 4</b>	GPSS Senate Vote
<b>March 5</b>	ASUW Board Vote
<b>June</b>	Memorandum of Understanding Updated
<b>Fall 2020</b>	New fee begins

# U-PASS Resolution First Reading

RESOLUTION

# Elections Guide



# Minor Changes

- Dates
- Officers revised job descriptions
- Amend Elections Guide pg.2 : Running for an officer position in the GPSS is designed to be as **accessible efficient** as possible and should require very little of your time and money.
- Addition: 1.1 pg. 5 **All official elections related correspondence to any member of the elections committee will be archived. For access to this archive, email the chair of the Elections Committee at [fimurray@uw.edu](mailto:fimurray@uw.edu).**
- Amend 2.1 pg. 6: At least *one* of the three meetings attended must **be governed** ~~have governed~~ by rules of parliamentary procedure.
- Any mention of Diversity Committee changed to Equity and Accountability Committee

## 2.1 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Stuck: In the case of a scheduling conflict, the candidate may petition the Elections Committee for an exception that may be granted by a majority vote of the Elections Committee.
- Added: **It is highly encouraged that you** talk with the current officers about the position you are interested in. The current officers are:
- Amended: While being available to work **an average of 19.5 hours per week** ~~at least part time~~ during the Summer Quarter is strongly recommended, exceptions have been granted ~~(see existing officers for details)~~

## 2.1 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Added: If a candidate is unable to commit to working an average of twenty hours per week during the summer, they are encouraged to petition the GPSS Executive Committee, in person (preferred) or in writing (email acceptable), for an exemption to the requirement. Petitions should be addressed to the current GPSS Secretary. The prospective officer must address their plan for ensuring they will be ready to assume all responsibilities of their office successfully at the start of Fall Quarter in their request. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to grant a full or partial (e.g., at least one month at ten hours per week, work may be done remotely, etc.) exemption. The Executive Committee should attempt to grant exemptions so long as the prospective Officer is deemed able to fulfill their responsibilities with the exemption in place. The status of each candidate's summer availability will be made available to the senate.

## 2.2 Key Dates and Deadlines

Amend/Add: After all the candidates for a given position have presented, **there will be an additional** 10-minute period for Senators to ask questions of those candidates. **This period will be extended by an additional 2 minutes for each number of candidates above 2.**

# 4.5 Campaigning

- Amend/Add: Candidates will not appeal to prejudices based on race, creed, sex, **gender identity or expression**, national origin, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability, ~~or~~ citizenship status, **or parental status**. Candidates will not participate in personal vilification, defamation, and other attacks on any opposing candidate, party, or ballot measure advocate.
- Amend/Add: Sitting GPSS Officers, Executive Senators, members of the Judicial Committee, and members of the Elections Committee may **not endorse, including communicating a preference, either positive or negative, of** any candidates in an official capacity) and are strongly discouraged from doing so in a private capacity. **Their official capacity includes:**
  - Using the title of their office
  - At any GPSS function
  - Using GPSS letterhead and emails
  - Within the GPSS office
  - During their office hours and meetings with other on-campus entities

## 4.9 Elections Meeting

ADD: This period will last for 10 minutes. An additional 2 minutes will be allotted for each number of candidates above 2.. Each candidate is allotted 30 seconds to answer a question and may abstain from answering any question. Questions will be posed through a digital platform (e.g. PollEverywhere). The digital platform for questions will be open throughout the candidates presentations and the question period. Meeting attendees, with the exception of officers, will be able to pose and select the questions to be asked of the candidates. Current officers may pose questions to the candidates, but must pre-submit these questions to the Elections Committee chair via email by **2:30PM April 15th**. The questions will be screened by the Elections Committee to ensure compliance with this Elections Guide. The Election Committee will submit the approved pre-submitted officer questions to the digital platform. Questions will be asked of the candidates based on the level of support from meeting attendees. Senators voting absentee may also pre-submit questions to the Election Committee chair by **2:30PM April 15th** via email, who will submit these to the digital platform on their behalf.

## 4.9 Elections Meeting

- ADD: Following candidate presentations and questions for all officer positions, a 10 minute candidate forum will occur. During this period, meeting attendees are welcome to openly discuss the candidates. Candidates are welcome to remain in the meeting during this period but cannot field questions from the meeting attendees. The Elections Committee recommends using this time to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates' ability to perform responsibilities of the position and to avoid discussions about whether a candidate meets the qualifications outlined in this guide.
- The officers are elected by a simple majority of the GPSS Senators who vote in person or by absentee ballot **if possible. If there is not a simple majority, the officers are elected through ranked choice mechanism.**

# Officer Candidate Nomination Form

ADD: 6. Chart with Date/Meeting attended with the following below

In the case that you did not attend the required meeting(s), please provide justification below. The Elections Committee will grant exemptions on a case-by-case basis. Valid justification includes conflicts between required meetings and pre-scheduled class or school, pre-scheduled dependent responsibilities, or other conflicts deemed valid on a case-by-case basis to be determined by a majority of the Elections Committee. Please explain below:



# Officer Candidate Nomination Form

ADD:

9. Are you able to work an average of 19.5 hours per week during the summer?

Yes (  ) No (  )

10. If 'No' to question 9, have you sought and received an exemption from the Elections Committee? Yes (  ) No (  )

11. If 'No' to question 10, please provide a plan for ensuring you will be ready to assume all responsibilities of their office successfully at the start of Fall Quarter below:

# Executive Senator Elections

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Looking for two new Executive Senators!

Elections March 4th

Any nominations?

# Budget Timeline Update

# Roarin' FY20

Because budgeting should be fun



Let's get fiscal!

- Officer's proposed budget: sent to Exec!
- 2/26: Exec will review Officer's budget
- 2/28: F&B Reviews Officer's budget
- First ½ of March: Exec/F&B agree on budget
- Second ½ of March: Shane clarifies budget for Senate on a beach with drinks
- 4/1: Senate votes on budget!
- 4/17: GPSS presents budget to SAF for review/approval

# President's Poll

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When survey is active, respond at [PollEv.com/gpsspoll](https://PollEv.com/gpsspoll)

**0 surveys done**

 0 surveys underway

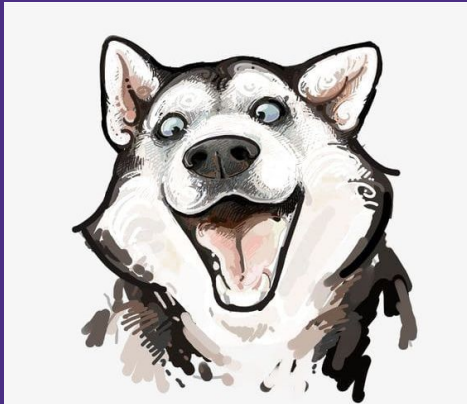


# External Update



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# VP External Report



- **Today is House of Origin cutoff**
  - If it doesn't pass either house or senate, the bill dies 🦠🦠🦠🦠🦠🦠
- **What is alive!**
  - HB 2327 (Faculty misconduct)
  - SB 6127 (Grad Student rep WASAC)
  - SB 5395 (Comprehensive Sex-ed K-12)
  - HB 2513 (stop transcript holds for fees)
  - HB 2252 (Maternity & Abortion for Student Health Insurance)
  - SB 6313 (Voting Centers for Campuses)
  - SB 6561 (Undocumented Student Loans)
    - **WHICH IS SUPER COOL**
    - **BIPARTISAN SENATE SUPPORT**
- **Budget Proviso for Health Care**
  - next week budget is released, budget proviso for task force will be there (hopefully!)

- **ESB 6492 (\$\$\$ for WA College Grant) is the first new law to come out of our 2020 session**
- This is a tax restructure to guarantee money for WA College Grant (which was passed last year)
  - 2-year schools, vocational degrees, undergrad degrees are FREE if family income is below 50k/ year, and there are discounts up until family income is 90k
  - Hopefully grad school financial support is NEXT?!





## GRAD & PROFESSIONAL LOBBY DAY WAS AMAZING AND WONDERFUL AND IS FINALLY DONE

1. If you came, thank you for being so freaking awesome and raising visibility of grad students
2. if you didn't come, you kinda suck and you missed out but we'll forgive you (only if you plan on attending next year)
3. We got to work with WSU and WWU - and everyone was impressed with our cross-campus collaboration!
4. Because of this, GPSS has a leg up when we start conversations about next year's session and brainstorming legislative fixes to the issues we expressed last Tuesday
5. **Abbie and Aaron are amazing people who made this all possible!**



# Upcoming Events

# Winter Quarter Events

## **HAPPY HOURS!**

- Before Karamo Brown, Meany Hall, 2/26, 6:30-7:30
- You must have a ticket to the event to attend

Drinks &  
Snacks Provided



Denny Hall 303  
2/13 | 4:30 PM

# TRIVIA

A Monthly Pub Quiz for Grad Students

## TRIVIA!

- 3/12, 4:30-6:00, Denny 303
- Disney (March)
- Come with a team or form one there (max. 6)

# Winter Quarter Events

## Sports!

### UW Gymnastics:

- Saturday, March 14th vs SPU at 2:00 PM
  - Students FREE with Husky ID
  - FREE ADMISSION LINK for family, friends and guest - to be shared
  - This is valid for free admission for (5) general admission tickets

# Announcements



**Adjournment**

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

**Next Meeting | March 4**

# THANKS FOR COMING!

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