WHEREAS, the Center for Universal Design defines Universal Design as "the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design." [3]

WHEREAS, Universally Designed events benefit both disabled and non disabled individuals,

WHEREAS, GPSS hosts events, organizes websites with funding opportunities for students, distributes fliers and votes on matters important to all students,

WHEREAS, GPSS meetings are open to the public and should be accessible to all graduate students according to the GPSS Constitution,

WHEREAS, Panopto is the optimal tool for remote lecture captioning because it produces searchable high quality video recordings with cleanly integrated captions and visual materials.,

WHEREAS, The ASUW is considering funding an Office of Inclusive Design with the mission: “The OID would provide funding and guidance to student clubs and ASUW entities who are seeking to make their events and offices more accessible to all” [4][5]

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, GPSS develop a plan to maintain remote accessibility and equitable participation for its meetings when they are again held in a physical location,
THAT, upon return to campus GPSS meets in a space that is equipped for remote lecture capture using existing University of Washington infrastructure including, but not limited to, audio and video recording, integration of visual materials, closed captioning, and searchable audio and video

THAT, materials generated from capture are available synchronously and asynchronously

THAT, captions and a generated transcript be provided during the GPSS meeting and on asynchronous recordings.

THAT, GPSS explores the possibility of adding professional captions

THAT live session notes are provided during the GPSS meeting by a dedicated note-taker to supplement the material,

THAT visuals are used and provided whenever possible,

THAT image descriptions are provided on said visuals,

THAT, this plan be developed by the end of the 2021 academic year,

THAT, this plan be implemented by the end of the 2021 Fall Quarter,

THAT, this plan identifies an entity or officer accountable for implementation,

THAT, GPSS consult with existing organizations on campus such as the D Center, DO-IT and the SDC to determine strengths and weaknesses of the accessibility of services it provides,

THAT, GPSS collect information on the accessibility needs of graduate students,

THAT, GPSS specify on its website who to contact regarding accessibility concerns

THAT, the resources page be updated to link to existing resources for students with disabilities

THAT, GPSS works with graduate students with disabilities to implement universal design throughout its organization,

THAT, gaps that are identified be addressed through design teams [6], STF grants, CREATE Student Minigrants [7], budget expenditures and other approaches,

THAT, students with disabilities who assist in redesigning GPSS services be given appropriate credit for their work,
THAT, this resolution be forwarded to GPSS President Aaron Yared, GPSS Secretary Logan C. Jarrell, Services and Activities Fee Committee Chair Nina Cao, Student Technology Fee Committee Chair Yash Sinha

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