



M-02.21-22 Special Committee and Board Appointments

To: GPSS Executive Committee

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Subject: Special Committee and Board Appointments

I. INTRODUCTION

Article VII of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Bylaws comprises the topic of Special Committee and Board Appointments.

From Section A, Clause 1, “These committees and boards also require a significant time commitment and understanding of the University, the GPSS, and graduate and professional students’ interests. Therefore, the selection of students to serve on these committees and boards must go through a thorough review.”

Section B Clause 1 specifically includes the following:

- a. Services and Activities Fee Committee;
- b. Student Technology Fee Committee;
- c. University Bookstore Trustee Representative;
- d. Campus Sustainability Fund Committee;
- e. Tri-campus Advisory Board for Students.

In practice, the GPSS has several liaison positions to other entities on campus, including the ASUW, the Faculty Senate, the Graduate School, GSEE, the HUB, and many others.

II. RATIONALE

In the event a position on a Special Committee or Board remains unfilled, or is vacated during the academic year, it may be preferable to fill the seat with a qualified applicant from the Seattle campus. This memo affirms that students appointed by the Executive Committee do not necessarily have to be a graduate or professional student so long as they have demonstrated an “understanding of the University, the GPSS, and graduate and professional students’ interests.^[1]” This Executive Committee recommends that undergraduate applicants enrolled for at least three separate academic years at the UW Seattle campus should be considered for GPSS’s appointments after other attempts to recruit students to Special Committees and Boards.

^[1] GPSS Bylaws Article VII, Section A, Clause 1



III. IMPLEMENTATION

With a majority vote of the GPSS Executive Committee, this memorandum shall stand as official GPSS policy, subject to review by the GPSS per Article VI, Section A, Clause 4 of the GPSS Bylaws. ^[1] This memorandum may be amended by a majority vote of the GPSS Executive Committee.

Presented to the GPSS Executive Committee on April 13, 2022.

Approved by the GPSS Executive Committee on April 13, 2022.

^[2] "Any actions of the Executive Committee are subject to review by the GPSS."