



M-03.21-22 Departmental Allocations Representation Requirements

To: GPSS Executive Committee

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Subject: Departmental Allocations Representation Requirements

## I. INTRODUCTION

Article II of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Bylaws states that Senators represent their degree-granting programs or non-academic constituencies. Guidelines for Departmental Allocations<sup>[1]</sup> state that a Senator must present Departmental Allocations applications to the GPSS Finance and Budget Committee.

The UW Graduate School encourages interdisciplinary relationships among faculty and students from different programs and departments. This has formally been expressed in Graduate Memo 5<sup>[2]</sup> and the report 2019 “Creating New Intellectual Spaces: Interdisciplinarity at the University of Washington.”<sup>[3]</sup>

However, some programs may have low graduate and professional student populations, but may share classroom, lounge, and research space with graduate and professional students from other programs and departments.

## II. RATIONALE

This Executive Committee recommends that programs or departments that do not have current GPSS Senator representation may be represented by current GPSS Senators from other programs or departments for the GPSS Departmental Allocations application. It is recommended that the Senator has taken classes, conducts research with, or has an academic advisor or supervisory committee member in the program or department they intend to represent for a Departmental Allocation.

Alternatively, the Vice President of Equity and Inclusion may represent a program or department without a current Senator.

It is recommended that applications contain evidence that feedback from enrolled students has been obtained prior to applying for a departmental allocation, such as surveys with a response rate of at least 25%.

[1] <https://depts.washington.edu/gpss/departmental-allocations/>

[2] <https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/memo-5-interdisciplinary-committees-and-degree-offering-groups/>

[3] <https://uw-s3-cdn.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/112/2019/07/10102011/IDP-Report-Grad-School-2019.pdf>



### 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. <sup>[4]</sup> This memorandum may be amended by a majority vote of the GPSS Executive Committee.

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

<sup>[4]</sup> "Any actions of the Executive Committee are subject to review by the GPSS."