

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting of 26 October 2022 at 5:30pm

In-Person and Remotely via Zoom

**The following GPSS members and staff attended the meeting:**

A.J. Balatico, GPSS President

Davon Thomas, GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs

Joel Anderson, GPSS Vice President of External Affairs

Marty Varela, GPSS Vice President of Equity & Inclusion

Jack Flesher, GPSS Vice President of Administration

Van Mai, GPSS Vice President of Finance

~~Pratima K.C., Executive Senator~~

Maleen Kidiwela, Executive Senator

Matthew Mitnick, Executive Senator

Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator

Sachin Nayak, Executive Senator

Brent Seto, ASUW Director of Internal Policy

Rene Singleton, SAO Advisor

~~Carrie Moore, HUB Executive Director~~

~~Bill Mahoney, Graduate School Advisor~~

CJ Bermudes, GPSS Senate Director

**The following persons also attended the meeting:**

1. [Action] Call to Order 5:35pm

**A.J. Balatico** called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

2. [Action] Approval of Agenda 5:35pm

**Van Mai** motioned to approve the agenda. Jack Flesher seconded.

No further objections. The motion to approve the agenda passed.

3. [Action] Approval of Minutes 5:36pm

**Jack Flesher** motioned to approve minutes. Brent Seto seconded.

No further objections. The motion to approve the agenda passed.

4. [Information] Announcements 5:37pm

**A.J. Balatico** informed the Executive Committee about the UW Graduate School Public Lecture Series. He apprised the committee about the November 2nd, 2022 Public Lecture by Professor Jake Grumbach.

5. [Information] ASUW Fall Update 5:39pm

**Brent Seto** said that there was no new legislation passed by the ASUW Senate. He said that there was a discussion on campus safety and the ongoing LEDA Health bill.

**A.J. Balatico** clarified that this was related to the parking safety task force.

6. [Information] Executive Senator and Officer Updates 5:41pm

**A.J. Balatico** welcomed the newest GPSS Executive Senators Ella Spurlock and Sachin Nayak.

**Ella Spurlock** said that she plans on dedicating time with the Science & Policy Committee. She said that the S&P Committee will begin meeting next week and expressed her hope to chair the committee.

**Davon Thomas** said that he wants to streamline communication between GPSS and ASUW. He asked that he be carbon copied on email questions fielded towards ASUW.

**Brent Seto** added that he would forward any communications to appropriate ASUW officers or staff.

**Joel Anderson** said that he will be presenting the first reading of the GPSS legislative agenda at the November 2nd Senate Meeting.

**Jack Flesher** said that the Arts Council conducted its first meeting on October 26th. He said that the meeting was administrative and that future meetings will be announced to the GPAs. He also said that there were 50-60 GPSS Senators confirmed.

**Davon Thomas** said that the Science & Policy meeting will be meeting on Monday, October 31st from 10-11am in the GPSS office, HUB Room 314.

**Brent Seto** said that ASUW has selected the second GPSS representative Nathan Mitchell.

**A.J. Balatico** presented the GPSS Appointments document for the ASUW Task Forces, the Services and Activities Fee Committee, the Student Technology Fee Committee, the Campus Sustainability Fund, and the Tri-Campus Advisory Board.

**Rene Singleton** asked if a communication will be sent to appointees regarding their time commitments and updates.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that appointees will provide updates to the GPSS University Affairs Director.

**Van Mai** asked when the deadline for STF, CSF, and TCAB appointments was.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that the positions were open until filled and on a rolling basis. He said that more information regarding appointments can be found on the GPSS Appointments document.

**Davon Thomas** motioned to approve the six appointment nominations. Brent Seto seconded. The motion moved to a vote.

The vote passed; eight (8) in the affirmative, zero (0) in the negative, zero (0) abstentions.

## 7. [Information] Town Hall on Campus and Community Safety Planning 5:59pm

**A.J. Balatico** updated the Executive Committee on the upcoming town hall. He said that the panelists were still being vetted. He said that UW Video informed GPSS that the cost for livestreaming the event is \$5,300. He informed the committee that GPSS has the budget, however the question is whether a livestream will yield a positive outcome.

**Davon Thomas** said that the Senate would have to approve it at the November 2nd Senate Meeting, a day prior to the event date.

**Jack Flesher** added that if there were qualms regarding livestreaming the event this close to the event date, that he would advise against spending \$5,300 for livestreaming the event.

**A.J. Balatico** said that for context, the event location, Kane Hall, costs \$1,200.

**Maleen Kidiwela** asked how the \$5,300 cost estimate was calculated by UW Video.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that the estimate most likely accounted for staffing, primarily to cover the technical aspects of livestreaming a large forum. He said that Sally Clark, Don Blakeney, and Craig Wilson are coming to the November 2nd Senate Meeting.

**Jack Flesher** asked if an RSVP date was asked of Sally Clark, Don Blakeney, and Craig Wilson.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that Sally Clark, Don Blakeney, and Craig Wilson were very much aware of the Senate meeting. He said that from some of the questions fielded, there was confusion into the Division of Campus and Community Safety's mission and scope.

**Rene Singleton** asked if the town hall event was disseminated to graduate students and if individuals can attend the event whether or not a question was fielded.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that individuals can still attend, regardless of whether they fielded a question or comment or not.

**Davon Thomas** said that he would email Cara Pondenski from UW Video that the Executive Committee is not inclined to livestream the event.

**Maleen Kidiwela** asked A.J. Balatico if he can restate when the event will take place.

A.J. Balatico responded that the Town Hall will occur on November 3rd, from 7pm to 9pm in Kane Hall 130. He asked Davon Thomas what feedback was received during the Senate Meeting working group for the Town Hall.

**Davon Thomas** said that a question regarding on-campus physical safety, especially surrounding student night workers, was fielded during the working group period.

## 8. [Action] Senate Agenda Setting 6:17pm

**A.J. Balatico** presented the proposed agenda for the November 2nd, 2022 GPSS Meeting. He added the presentation of the GPSS legislative agenda by Joel Anderson and Nick Juno.

**Joel Anderson** said that he was unsure how long the item duration should be.

**A.J. Balatico** asked if 30 or 40 minutes would be adequate for the first reading of the legislative agenda.

**Joel Anderson** responded that 30 minutes should suffice.

**A.J. Balatico** asked the committee if 30 or 40 minutes for the forum by Sally Clark, Chief Wilson, and Don Blakeney would be adequate.

**Jack Flesher** asked if they were coming prepared to speak to the Senate or if they would just be fielding questions from Senators.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that they would be providing introductions, both for themselves and the organizations in which they represent. Questions from the Senate would then be fielded via PollEverywhere.

**Rene Singleton** asked if the forum would occur before or after the legislative agenda reading.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that they would be presenting before the legislative agenda reading.

**Davon Thomas** asked what the response was regarding working groups' efficacy, as he was not present physically at the October 19th Senate Meeting.

**A.J. Balatico** said that some Senators asked for the resolution document template.

**Davon Thomas** asked if more specific wording regarding the working groups can be added to the Senate Director's Meeting Brief email. He also said that he believes working groups should be continued throughout the year.

**A.J. Balatico** asked the committee what they thought about further committee appointments and nominations. He also introduced the possibility of changing the Senate Meeting time to 4-6pm.

**Rene Singleton** added that the matter of changing Senate Meeting times could be added as a discussion item in the next Senate meeting agenda.

**Jack Flesher** said that moving the Senate Meeting time could exclude certain Senators due to scheduling commitments. He said that the PollEverywhere framework could be used to solicit positions on the matter.

**A.J. Balatico** added the matter as a discussion item and asked how long the item should be.

**Davon Thomas** responded that 20 minutes should suffice.

**Jack Flesher** said that the matter could be completed in 10 minutes.

**A.J. Balatico** said that the GPSS Committee Appointments and Executive Senator Elections item could be shortened to 15 minutes. A.J. Balatico asked who would like to give the land acknowledgement.

**Jack Flesher** said that he would provide the land acknowledgement.

**Van Mai** said that the Working Group item could be also used as a break period for Senators.

**Davon Thomas** asked what delineated GPSS Committees and Working Groups.

**Jack Flesher** apprised the committee that time for this item had expired. Davon Thomas motioned to extend time by three (3) minutes. Jack Flesher seconded. No objections, motion passed.

**A.J. Balatico** responded that working groups allowed for substantive discussion into respective policy or issue areas to possibly craft resolutions, rather than serving a procedural purpose like GPSS Committees.

**Davon Thomas** motioned to approve the agenda. Maleen Kidiwela seconded. No objections, agenda approved.

## 9. [Information] Good of the Order 6:41pm

**Jack Flesher** asked when Geoffrey Odoch started working.

**Davon Thomas** responded that his first day was Monday, October 31st.

**Maleen Kidiwela** said that the Yacht Club reached out to GPSS regarding their application to become a SAF unit. He asked about issuing a potential reply.

**Rene Singleton** recommended that Maleen Kidiwela speak with her after about the Yacht Club and its long history/relationship with UW student government.

10.[Action] Adjournment 6:44pm

**Jack Flesher** motioned to adjourn the meeting. Maleen Kidiwela seconded. No objections, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

*Meeting minutes prepared by **Clement “CJ” Bermudes Jr**, GPSS Senate Director.*

