

THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting of 02 November 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

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 5:31pm

A.J. Balatico called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

2. [Action] Approval of Agenda 5:32pm

Van Mai motioned to approve the agenda. Joel Anderson seconded.

No objections. The motion to approve the agenda passed.

3. [Information] Land Acknowledgment 5:33pm

Jack Flesher, on behalf of the GPSS, gave the land acknowledgement. He included resources for action involving tribal lands and indigenous awareness.

4. [Information] Announcements 5:36pm

A.J. Balatico reminded the Senate about community opportunities, including the UW Graduate School's Public Lecture Series, discounted athletic tickets through GPSS, and the upcoming DACA information session on November 17th at 5pm.

Kaustubh Yadav (Human Centered Design & Engineering) asked the Senate to follow GPSS social media pages.

A.J. Balatico reminded everyone of the UW Safety Town Hall on November 3rd from 7pm-9pm. He also said that there are GPSS liaison openings for TABS, SCPB, the UPASS Advisory Board, the HUB Board of Representatives, and SAF/STF.

Jack Flesher raised a point of order regarding a question by Chianaraekpere Ike (School of Law) about the UW Safety Town Hall zoom link.

A.J. Balatico responded saying that a zoom link will be disseminated to those who RSVPed.

5. [Information] Forum: Sally Clark, Chief Craig Wilson, and Don Blakeney 5:43pm

Sally Clark introduced herself as the Interim Vice President for UW Campus and Community Safety. She explained the thought processing behind the administrative reorganization. She explained the mission and initial goals of UW Campus and Community Safety, addressing nearby issues of violence.

Chief Craig Wilson introduced himself as the Chief of the University of Washington Police Department. He presented his ties to the university and his career timeline within the UW Police Department. He said that he hopes to continue to broker relationships with UW student organizations.

Don Blakeney introduced himself as the Executive Director of U-District Partnerships. He said that the organization has a specific focus on district safety and business prosperity, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that there were active partnerships with both the university and the City of Seattle vis-a-vis community and campus safety.

Jack Flesher disseminated the PollEverywhere link to field questions for the forum.

A.J. Balatico fielded questions for forum guests, covering, among other issues, district and community lighting, UW police bias and crisis intervention training, and behavioral health.

Davon Thomas motioned to extend time for 10 minutes. Marty Varela seconded. No objections, motion passed.

A.J. Balatico continued to field questions for forum guests, covering, among other issues, student-police relationships, and de-escalation training for students. He thanked the guests for their time.

6. [Information] Legislative Agenda 6:21pm

Joel Anderson and Nick Juno, GPSS Policy Director, presented the first reading of the GPSS Legislative Agenda. He reminded the Senate of the 2021-2022 GPSS Legislative Agenda.

Nick Juno presented the results of the 2022-2023 legislative survey, disseminated amongst graduate students.

Joel Anderson presented the tentative 2022-2023 GPSS Legislative Agenda. He fielded PollEverywhere questions regarding the goal to promote diversity, funding to support marginalized students, and virtual education options.

Marty Varela motioned to extend by five (5) minutes. Rachel Jecker (School of Medicine) seconded. No objections, motion passed.

Joel Anderson continued to field questions regarding more accessible restrooms, financially transitioning into graduate school, counseling and DRS interconnectivity, and data gathering regarding student needs and services.

7. [Action] GPSS Committee Appointments and Executive Senator Elections 6:59pm

A.J. Balatico presented Committee interests amongst GPSS Senators, shared on the GPSS website.

Jack Flesher reminded the Senate about previous self-nominations made at the October 19th Senate meeting.

Kaustubh Yadav (Human Centered Design & Engineering) motioned to approve the composition of the GPSS Judicial Committee. Marty Varela seconded. No objections, motion passed.

Charles Bugre (Information Science) nominated himself for the Executive Committee. He presented a nomination speech.

Raj Dewangan (Runstad Department of Real Estate) nominated himself for the Executive Committee. He presented a nomination speech.

Devon Woodley (School of Nursing) nominated himself for the Executive Committee. He presented a nomination speech.

The Senate approved the nominations of Charles Bugre, Raj Dewangan, and Devon Woodley as Executive Senators. 35 votes were casted in the affirmative, zero (0) against, zero (0) abstentions.

8. [Information] GPSS Time for Winter 2023 - Spring 2023 7:18pm

A.J. Balatico presented the meeting time change proposal for Winter and Spring quarters 2023.

Senators presented outstanding scheduling conflicts to the proposed meeting time change.

Davon Thomas motioned to close discussion on this item. Marty Varela seconded. No objections, motion carried.

Raj Dewangan (Runstad Department of Real Estate) motioned to vote on the item. Kaustabh Yadav (Human Centered Design & Engineering) seconded. No objections, motion passed.

15 votes in the affirmative, 19 votes against the proposal, one (1) abstention.

9. [Information] Working Groups 7:30pm

A.J. Balatico expedited the item. No objections, the agenda continued.

10. [Information] Good of the Order 7:30pm

Charles Bugre (Information Science) asked about potential candidates for STF/SAF committees.

A.J. Balatico responded that while STF and SAF have a quorum, GPSS will continue to accept nominations to those committees. He provided the GPSS Committees schedule. He also asked Senators to fill out the basic needs survey disseminated by UW's Office of Student Life.

Chianaraekpere Ike (School of Law) raised the possibility of holding a formal Senator orientation.

Jack Flesher responded that he is privy to holding a formal Senator orientation. He said that he will continue to communicate with new Senators.

11. [Action] Adjournment 7:36pm

Maleen Kidiwela (Oceanography) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kaustabh Yadav (Human Centered Design & Engineering) seconded. No objections, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

*Meeting notes prepared by **Clement "CJ" Bermudes Jr**, GPSS Senate Director.*