

THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting of 16 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
Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator
Sachin Nayak, Executive Senator
Charles Bugre, Executive Senator
Raj Dewangan, Executive Senator
Devon Woodley, 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 5:52pm

A.J. Balatico called the meeting to order at 5:52pm.

2. [Action] Approval of Agenda 5:52pm

A.J. Balatico briefed the agenda due to technical issues. Kaley Wypyszynski (School of Nursing) motioned to approve the agenda.

No objections. The motion to approve the agenda passed.

3. [Information] Land Acknowledgment 5:54pm

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 5:56pm

A.J. Balatico reminded the Senate about community opportunities, including the UW Graduate School Public Lecture Series, the November 17th DACA information session, the “Language of Angels” play, the November 28th HUB blood drive, and GPSS Craft and Complain.

Jack Flesher provided information about the Craft and Complain event, hosted by the GPSS Arts Council.

A.J. Balatico continued with community opportunities, including the November 30th Makers Fair and the GPSS Strike Night. He also advertised the JSIS 487B/587B course, titled “Fossil Fuels and the Future of the Middle East”. He informed the Senate of GPSS appointment priorities, primarily to the SAF and U-PASS committees, and the HUB Board of Representatives.

Davon Thomas motioned to extend time by two (2) minutes. Van Mai seconded. No objections, motion passed.

Raj Dewangan asked for further information regarding the HUB Board of Representatives.

Carrier Moore provided clarification into the HUB Board of Representatives role, mission, and purpose.

Rachel Jecker asked how many U-PASS Committee vacancies were present.

5. [Information] GPSS Composition Survey 6:07pm

A.J. Balatico presented the GPSS Composition Survey, which is conducted every year to gather GPSS Senator biographical and academic data.

6. [Information] Legislative Agenda 6:12pm

Joel Anderson and Nick Juno, GPSS Policy Director, presented the second reading of the proposed 2022-2023 GPSS Legislative Agenda.

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Jack Flesher motioned to extend time by 13 minutes. Marty Varela seconded. No objections, motion passed.

Marty Varela motioned to accept the Legislative Agenda as amended. Jack Flesher seconded. No objections, the motion moved to a vote.

The Legislative Agenda was approved by the Senate.

7. [Action] GPSS Committee Appointments 6:59pm

A.J. Balatico presented the ongoing need for Elections Committee nominations.

Pratima K.C. nominated herself to the Elections Committee, citing previous committee experience.

Michele Newman asked for clarification regarding the Elections Committee.

A.J. Balatico responded, stating that the Elections Committee confirms the GPSS Elections Guide which sets the standards for GPSS Officer elections.

8. [Information] Working Groups 7:10pm

A.J. Balatico introduced the meeting working groups, which included university affairs, new Senator orientation, science and policy, legislative strategizing, DEI, and finance and budget.

9. [Information] Good of the Order 7:37pm

Marty Varela apprised the Senate that she does not know of any outstanding Good of the Order items.

Joel Anderson informed the Senate of the upcoming ASUW/GPSS Legislative Reception on December 5th.

Davon Thomas informed the Senate of a food grab-and-go event occurring in the GPSS office on December 5th.

10.[Action] Adjournment 7:42pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

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

