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Call To Order

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Approval of Agenda

1. Call to Order - 1 min
2. Approval of Agenda - 1 min
3. Approval of Minutes - 1 min
4. Land Acknowledgement - 2 min
5. Senate Check-In - 5 min
6. SAF Presentation - 15 min
7. Personnel Presentation - 20 min
8. Senator Compensation Discussion - 15 min
9. GPSS Budget Discussion - 20 min
10. Resolution: Waiving S/NS Grade Change Fee - 15 min
11. Resolution: Evacuation Plan for University Buildings - 15 min
12. Officer & Committee Reports - 10 min
13. Announcements - 3 min
14. Adjournment - 1 min

Total Time: 124 minutes

Anticipated End Time: 7:19pm

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Senate Check-In

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How did you feel about UW's transition from virtual to in-person?

Are there any specific issues in your program that you would like GPSS to address?
SAF Presentation

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What is SAF?

An oversight committee of 11 students who decide how to allocate funding from the SAF Fee to 18 units on campus, including ASUW and GPSS.
Mission Statement

The Services and Activities Fee is a student levied, student distributed fee to support and enhance the out of class experience of students at the University of Washington Seattle. The Services and Activities Fee provides ongoing operational and capital funding for programs, which protect and enrich the cultural, emotional, intellectual, physical, and social well being of the student.
What even are the fees?

- The fees are the broken out portions of your tuition statement.
- Since these fees are collected from students, student committees are granted the responsibility for allocating the funds in the student interest.
- The SAF Committee actually in charge of everything except the technology fee, which is handled by STF (Student Technology Fee) Committee.

Snippet of Fall 2021 Fees

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Snippet of Fall 2021 Fees
SAF Responsibilities

- Make yearly funding decisions for SAF units based on units’ requests
- Oversee collection of the SAF fee
- Fund and oversee capital projects implemented by SAF units
- Support SAF units with financial/budgetary issues throughout the year
What we fund: SAF Units
GPSS appoints 5 graduate students to the SAF Committee and ASUW appoints 6 students at the beginning of every academic year.

These students *can be* part of the respective student gov senates but are usually just students at large that are passionate about budgeting – they do not represent the GPSS/ASUW senates.

GPSS and ASUW are two of the 18 units that SAF funds, comprising about 10% of the yearly SAF budget.
Questions/Contact Committee Staff

- Committee Chair (selected internally): Benjamin Chan (safcom@uw.edu)
- Committee Vice Chair (selected internally): Alece Stancin (safvc@uw.edu)
- Organizing Director (hired): Fatin Almaroof (safcd@uw.edu)
Personnel Presentation

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Intent of these meetings

- Timely changes to the job descriptions and hiring process (before elections in preparation for the next VP of Internal)
- Updating a Personnel Policy
- Relevant information to organizational structure as it relates to budget timeline
Staff members considered job descriptions to be accurate to the work they were doing. Some staff members mentioned specific tweaks that edited language to the work they would be doing, but not its general responsibility. Their workload varied by week.

Staff members are shared that they like their job, some parts more than others, but enjoys the work they’re doing. Some staff members mentioned wanting to be more knowledgeable of what other staff are working on.

Every staff member had different responses to “How does your role interact with officers?” Some staff members interact with every officer for their job, while others only work with one or two officers.
Staff members liked the hiring process. There was positive feedback from those who had to make deliverables. There was no consensus on moving up the hiring timeline.

All staff members appreciated the Staff Resource Guide, but would have preferred a more structured onboarding process. Some ideas included one-on-one’s with each officer, having an orientation prior to the first day of school, and having more in-depth transition documentation.

All staff members were able to articulate how their roles serves graduate students at large and shared that they found the role fulfilling.
Recommendations

- Increase pay for staff
- SAO as a heavier part of the onboarding process
- Website manager for one AY
Non-Budget Expenditure: GPSS Staff Raises

Tl;dr - We can increase current staff wages by $5 for Winter and Spring. Overall, each staff member would be paid ~$2,000 more this year.

This would be a one time expense of $23,177.

This rate will be applied to future discussions of the budget.

This change requires a majority vote of the Senate.
Senator Compensation Discussion

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From a note from the 1/28 F&B meeting:

Amendments by Matthew Mitnick, Evans School Senator, GPSS F&B Vice Chair
Be it further resolved that the F&B Committee facilitate discussion on:

- potentially providing stipends of a to be determined amount per GPSS meeting to senators, as this would
  1) fairly compensate people for their time,
  2) expand opportunity to future representatives who may not be able to afford unpaid labor, and
  3) encourage greater participation and attendance

_Fiscal note:_ This is not a recommendation, but rather an item we would like to have discussed.

This policy would only go into effect as soon as approval is granted by the GPSS. Qualifying attendance will include completion of the attendance survey administered by the Clerk and being present for an attendance survey shortly before adjourning the meeting.

- At the February 2, 2022 GPSS Executive Committee meeting, a representative from the Finance & Budget Committee will open a 10-minute discussion on “Potential Stipends for GPSS Senators.”

- At the February 9, 2022 GPSS Senate Meeting, a representative from the Finance & Budget Committee will open a 15-minute discussion on “Potential Stipends for GPSS Senators.” If the body is in general consensus, legislation will be brought to a future GPSS Senate Meeting on this item.
# Senator Compensation

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**Seattle Minimum Wage 2022**
- $17.27
- 20

**Hours per Quarter**
- 10

**Total per quarter**
- $172.70
- 200

**Benefits**
- $207.93
- $240.80

**Total per year**
- $623.79
- $722.40

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The basic question we need to address tonight is whether or not the Senate prefers the options with an additional officer (and Executive Senator).

Staff costs assumed passage of the $5 staff raises.

A.J. has not yet modeled versions with different hours for different staff members.
Proposal: VP of Admin & Accountability

**Purpose:** someone who signs off on official communications & holds GPSS accountable for things like OPMA as well as keeps information transparent.

**Responsibilities:**
- Parliamentarian
- Resolution life cycle
- Judicial Committee; Board of Student Publications; Committee on Student Records; Office of the Ombud?
- OPMA
- Social media + website (Comm Dir)
- Senator roster + Senator communications
- HR (VPI)

**Support staff:**
- Communications Director (possibly shared)
- Senate Clerk (15 hours)
Resolution: Waiving S/NS Grade Change Fee

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Resolution: Evacuation Plans for University Buildings

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Officer & Committee Reports

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VP Internal Gabby Rivera (gpssvpin@uw.edu)
Joel Anderson subbing in for VP External Payton Swinford (gpssvpex@uw.edu)
  ● Legislative Advisory Board (LAB)
VP Equity and Inclusion Meshell Sturgis (gpssvpei@uw.edu)
  ● Diversity Committee
  ● Judicial
VP Finance A. J. Balatico (gpssvpfb@uw.edu)
  ● Finance and Budget, Travel Grants Committees
  ● SAF/STF
VP Internal Updates

Events:

- GPSS x Husky Athletics: Men’s Basketball February 10th (link to purchase discounted tickets)
- UW Libraries Scholars’ Studios February 17 (proposals due Feb 4)
- GPSS Trivia Night February 23 at HUB (pizza, soda, and trivia!) - will be capping participation
- GPSS Mixer March 10 at HUB South Ballroom (Dinner and Games) - prepared to turn into a food pick up event

Senator of the Month Nomination Form

SAGE
Ad Hoc Committee
Grad School Council
UPASS
2/11 F&B meeting is cancelled. **Go to Huskies on the Hill training!**
2/18, 2/25, and 3/4 meetings have a combo of allocation requests and budget work.

Travel Grants are open for Winter quarter and early Spring conferences.

SAF Comm is about halfway through meeting with the 18 units for their orientations.

STF Comm is restructuring. Consulting with OPB, we’re past the window to make changes to the Spring rate, but GPSS/ASUW/STFC can still adjust Summer and FY23 rates. Currently, it’s $38 / quarter for a campus-wide total of $5 M per year.

Both SAF and STF have open seats.
Announcements

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Upcoming GPSS Sponsored Events

LUNAR NEW YEAR GALA
MERGING PAST AND PRESENT
Saturday, February 12th
More details coming soon...

CulturalFest celebrates the diversity and talent that international students bring to our campus and region. This annual FIUTS community event welcomes globally-minded visitors of all ages and backgrounds to the University of Washington for cultural exploration and learning.

Note on Covid-19: FIUTS is closely monitoring the current situation with Covid-19 and the omicron variant as we continue to plan for an in-person CulturalFest this year. Safety is our number one priority, and we’re working with all of our partners to implement safety measures - from requiring that all guests be masked and vaccinated to ensuring sufficient sanitation protocols are in place in all of our venues. Any further updates will be posted to this page, and CulturalFest guests will receive clear instructions regarding safety requirements prior to the event. Thank you for your continued support of FIUTS programs!

CulturalFest International Expo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1:00-5:00PM - UW HUB

Admission is Free! Proof of Vaccination will be required on entry.
Join UW Provost and Executive Vice President Mark Richards for a livestreamed discussion of excellence in teaching and learning; advancing diversity, equity and inclusion; and post-pandemic challenges and opportunities. Special guest remarks and interactive Q&A to follow.

Faculty speaker

Margaret O’Mara

Howard and Frances Keller Endowed Professor of History

Presenting on the 1918 flu, the current pandemic and how we move forward together.
Campus Events

Q Center + Leadership Without Borders

oacuff@uw.edu

undocu@uw.edu

Zoom Link: https://tinyurl.com/th3qcenter
Liaison Opening

UW Institutional Chemical and Physical Safety Committee of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is looking for a graduate student who can serve **2 years as an ex-officio (non-voting) member**.


Interested students should contact Aditya Ramnathkar gpssua@uw.edu and Forrest Michael icapschair@uw.edu (Associate Professor of Chemistry).

Appointments are made by the Executive Office, but GPSS can recommend the appointee.

The grad student does NOT have to be a GPSS Senator.
Run for the ASUW Board of Directors!

Candidate Info Sessions
February 9 - Zoom
5:30 - 6:30
February 17 - HUB 332
7:30 - 8:30
February 25 - HUB 332
12:00 - 1:00

Zoom ID: 946 3718 6269

The Candidate Filing Form is due by Friday, March 4th, 2022 at 5:00PM
LINK TO THE 2022 FILING FORM ON HUSKYLINK

The Ballot Measure Campaign Filing Form is due by Friday, March 11th, 2022 at 5:00PM
LINK TO THE 2022 BALLOT MEASURE FILING FORM ON HUSKYLINK

The Endorsement Filing Form is due by Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 5:00PM
Endorsements are an opportunity for registered student organizations (RSOs) on campus to give their “stamp of approval” in favor of a particular candidate. It’s also a means for a candidate to build and demonstrate support amongst the campus community.

*We have developed an online digital submission form for endorsements, cutting the need for a multitude of unnecessary paperwork for the EAC candidates, and RSOs. This form is FERPA-secure and is operated through HuskyLink, the official RSO database software on campus.*

LINK TO THE 2022 ENDORSEMENT FILING FORM ON HUSKYLINK
Adjournment

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