



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

GPSS Vice President of Equity & Inclusion Quarterly Report Winter 2023 (Written 4/3/2023 by Marty Varela)

Projects

- **Winter Quarter:** A core of Senators and other interested parties used weekly meetings and bi-weekly working groups to generate ways to advance aligned causes. While these projects are all under development, there is still the opportunity for additional work, should new topics be spearheaded, as the year progresses.

MURAL PROJECT: Targeting the 2023-2024 Academic year, a student designed and created work of art highlighting a diverse subject or subjects, which is mobile and/or visible from multiple perspectives, for display in rotating campus locations, is being planned.

EVANS SCHOOL DEAN'S OFFICE COLLABORATION: Targeting a Spring Quarter partnership with the Evans School Office of the Dean Policy Council to present diversity content for consumption by Evans students, GPS and the wider UW community.

DIVERSITY AMBASSADORS PROGRAM: A unique multi-campus effort to identify campus diversity benchmarks which can be supported and expanded by per-campus ambassadors which provides an ongoing commitment and vehicle for best practices in diversity.

PANDEMIC PROFILES PODCAST PROJECT: Building on the work of the 2021-2022 Diversity Committee, student podcast profiles are being curated for dissemination to our campus in an effort to characterize the impact of the global pandemic on our campus.

- **Reflection:** The Diversity Committee has financially supported eight campus events that have interwoven diverse aspects of our graduate student population. We seek to continue to innovate and partner strategically to enhance our community. We welcome your ideas, energy, and efforts to enliven equity, inclusion, and accountability for the GPSS.

Committees

- **ASUW GEC & QSC Task Forces:** The Director of Equity & Inclusion represents GPSS to ensure collaboration between our constituencies.
- **OMAD SAB:** The Director of Equity & Inclusion serves as the GPSS representative on this campus group.
- **GPSS Executive Committee:** Both the VPEI and Director of Equity and Inclusion participate in this biweekly administrative meeting.
- **REFLECTION:** As Vice President of Equity & Inclusion, I supervise the Director of Equity & Inclusion. In this new position, Senator Matthew Moran has done a remarkable job of building his role and enthusiastically propelling GPSS diversity efforts towards solidarity, solution, and service heights! We will continue and expand this important work and hope that you will join us.

