

Title: A Proclamation celebrating the work of Nathan Mitchell as Senator of the Month

Written by the GPSS Executive Committee

WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Senator of the Month recognizes the outstanding work of a Senator who contributes to the Senate space, UW Community, and/or greater Seattle area; and

WHEREAS the GPSS Executive Committee voted on February 8, 2023 that Nathan Mitchell be the Senator of the Month for January 2023; and

WHEREAS Nathan is an active member of GPSS and ASUW; and

WHEREAS Nathan has worked throughout his multi-year role as the ASUW Senate representative within the GPSS to help form connections and coalition between branches of student government and to work towards the betterment of student-life as a whole; and

WHEREAS Nathan is the President of the Students for a Democratic Society at UW Seattle and has demonstrated excellence in service to democratic student government spaces throughout his time at UW; and

WHEREAS Nathan has previously collaborated with former GPSS Secretary Logan Jarrell and Preston Sahabu (UAW 4121) to co-author and co-sponsor a Joint “Resolution in Support of the 2021 UAW 4121 Bargaining Demands” (J-08.20-21); and

WHEREAS Nathan was instrumental in the creation of the 2022–2023 GPSS ad hoc committee “Student Health Advocacy Resolution Panel” (SHARP), whose mission is to work towards resolution writing and meaningful action for students with regard to UW health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS Nathan has co-authored a joint resolution being considered in both ASUW and GPSS at the time of this Proclamation, a joint resolution that intends to urge the University to create a sharps disposal system across UW Seattle campus towards increased equity and accessibility; and

WHEREAS Nathan has advocated publicly for UW Student initiatives like this resolution, having been recently quoted in The Daily on February 13, 2023 as having said, “It’s a very easy issue to fix. If Taco Bell and Barnes & Noble can have sharps containers in their bathrooms, why can’t the University of Washington?”; and

WHEREAS Nathan’s scholarship focuses on the expansion of dendrochronology as a method of tracking historic social change in Native Alaskan communities before and during colonization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

THAT Nathan Mitchell be named GPSS' January 2023 Senator of the Month; and

THAT a copy of this proclamation be maintained in the GPSS records; and

THAT a copy of this proclamation be sent to Nathan Mitchell.