

Mykhail Lembke – For Vice President of External Affairs – Statement of Objectives

Overall Objectives:

- 1) Establish a better understanding of the legislative process to the GPSS body to ensure our legislative priorities are achieved and our advocacy efforts are maximized.
 - a. Hold quarterly info presentations
 - i. Fall: How a Bill Becomes Law
 - ii. Winter: How to Lobby and Testify
 - iii. Spring: Initiatives and Referendums
- 2) Create a more dynamic method of communication between the position of Vice President of External Affairs (VPEA) and the GPSS body and all graduate students at UW.
 - a. Offer bi-weekly office hours to provide updates and mentorship on legislative priorities and processes. (How to get involved and testify in person, attend rallies, and advocate for legislation in Olympia and afar.)
- 3) Ensure access and information regarding the Legislative Advisory Board (LAB) is more readily available. I want people feel welcomed and invited to become part of the conversation, rather than an observer.
 - a. Visit classrooms each quarter and give informational talks about GPSS, the Legislative Advisory Board, and the ways to get involved with each.
 - b. Establish and distribute a newsletter about the months work in LAB and preview the next months agenda. (Publish online and send internally)
- 4) Retain student engagement in LAB and ensure mobilization increases throughout the academic year.
 - a. Coordinate and communicate events and activities sooner in advance and with less barriers for participation. Quarterly calendars published online or printed.

- b. LAB member retention through a reward system. (Member of the month, pizza party).

Legislative Objectives:

- 1) Affordability of graduate program fees and providing options for students to waive the fee of acceptance based on FAFSA EFC or by submitting a statement of exemption.
 - a. Waive the fee for accepting admissions offer to graduate programs at UW through statements of exemption rather than just FASFA to better eliminate barriers to educational opportunities.
- 2) Accessibility for non-traditional students. Ensuring they have the same access to quality education.
 - a. More lecture capturing systems in classrooms.
 - b. More advocacy around resources for non-traditional students including resources that are outside of the typical work/school hours of 8 am – 5 pm. (resources like a writing center, peer tutoring, emergency aid funding for food (expanding hours) or shelter, on campus childcare options.
- 3) Student health and wellbeing.
 - a. Increasing the University of Washington's mental health counselor-to-student ratio.
 - b. Providing menstrual and reproductive products to students at no cost. Specifically:
 - i. Tampons/pads in all UW campus bathrooms.
 - ii. Medication (Birth control, Plan B, Mifepristone, Misoprostol).

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Education

University of Washington Seattle, Washington
Evans School of Public Policy and Governance
Master of Public Administration

September 2023-June 2025

University of Washington Seattle, Washington
Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science
Minors in Law, Societies, and Justice, and Diversity

September 2017-June 2021

UW Costco Scholar | UW Champions Program | UW Educational Opportunity Program

Professional Experience

Washington State Legislature

Assistant Senate Civic Education Coordinator

December 2022-Present

- Developed training program, classes, and workshops to meet intern and legislative office needs.
- Lead bi-weekly intern check-in meetings evaluating the needs and performances of the interns.
- Maintained digital and physical personnel records with primary responsibility for all program administrative tasks.
- Managed communication with university partners, Governor's cabinet, and elected officials.
- Supervised and mentored 46 undergraduate interns; guided interns on research and writing assignments.
- Lead and participated in various intern trainings, tours, and events throughout the legislative session.
- Managed the invitations, scheduling, room reservations, and photography requests for guest speakers.
- Assisted in the communication, scheduling, and administrative management of the Legislative Internship Program.

Senate Democratic Caucus Communications Specialist

January 2022-April 2022

- Created speeches, talking points, presentations, news releases, newsletters and mailers for state senators.
- Communicated efficiently with policy and legislative staff to ensure deadlines were met in a timely manner.
- Organized, hosted and created various materials for legislative town halls.
- Maintained close relationships with local and state media outlets and stakeholders.
- Managed social media accounts for senators and the LGBTQ Caucus.

Senate Democratic Caucus Communications Intern

January 2021-April 2021

- Worked closely on projects and strategy with the LGBTQ Caucus and the Members of Color Caucus.
- Experience handling confidential information and details, working in a nonpartisan fashion.
- Researched various topics related to bills and priorities, managing multiple priorities simultaneously.
- Managed state government social media accounts with a focus on engagement and storytelling.

Washington Public Interest Research Group

Director of Canvassing

June 2019-July 2019

- Trained and educated employees and staff about the grassroots campaigns.
- Budgeted campaign finances and maintained accurate records.
- Created, approved and reconciled employee timesheets.
- Mentored and set personal and professional goals with employees.
- Researched, managed and coordinated campaign functions and events.

*Field Manger / Canvasser**June 2018-September 2018*

- Managed 5-8 canvassers daily and assisted in their training.
- Coordinated transit routes and assigned locations for canvassers.
- Collected donations and petition signatures.
- Educated constituents on grassroots campaigns and spread awareness.

Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Associated Students of UW*Student Senator**September 2020-June 2021*

- Elected as the Legislative Steering Committee Liaison.
- Assisted in creating the ASUW 2020 legislative agenda.
- Attended weekly meetings and voted on student legislation.

University Hall at the University Western Australia*Fresher Representative**February 2020-June 2020*

- Advocated for incoming students needs and concerns on Res Club.
- Proposed and obtained new equipment for the music room and library.
- Attended weekly meetings to discuss events and programs for residents.

McMahon Residence Hall Council*Assistant Director of Marketing & Communications**September 2017-June 2018*

- Facilitated communication between residents and the council.
- Attended weekly meetings with assistant directors and other residence halls.
- Hosted and facilitated a variety of events for undergraduate students.
- Planned, created and decorated the dorm for Homecoming and won the competition.
- Created and distributed literature to inform residents of a variety of events and opportunities.

Affirmative Statements

I, Mykhail Lembke, do not have any responsibilities (be them academic, employment, or personal) that might prevent me from fulfilling the responsibilities as a GPSS Officer. I affirmatively declare that I meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the GPSS Election Guide.

The requirements as stipulated are:

- I am enrolled as a graduate or professional student at the time of the election or will be enrolled during the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters of 2023-2024.

Yes (x) No ()

- I am not a member of the Elections Committee.

Yes (x) No ()

- I have attended at least 3 GPSS Senate or qualifying committee meetings, including one conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure, prior to the Elections meeting during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Yes (x) No () 4/12 - Executive Committee, 4/17 - LAB, 4/19 - GPSS Senate

- I will intend to maintain full time student status during the term, if elected and be on campus through the 2023-2024 academic year (Fall, Winter and Spring). *Vice President of External Affairs is permitted to take a reduced course load during Winter Quarter.*

Yes (x) No ()

- I will be able to work 19.5 hours per week during the 2023-2024 academic year, including 8 hours per week in the office (4 hours per week for the President) between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Yes (x) No ()

OFFICER CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM 2023-2024

This form is to be completed by the candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee (gpsselect@uw.edu), by Wednesday, **April 26, 2023, 5:30 PM** in order for candidate information to be posted on the GPSS website and by **Thursday, April 27, 2023** to be distributed via email to Senators. Senators wishing to nominate themselves from the floor must also provide this information at time of nomination.

1. Full Name: Mykhail Lembke

2. Graduate or professional program of study: MPA, Evans School

3. Are you currently a registered student? **Yes** () **No** (x) I register for classes June 20, 2023

4. Do you expect to be a graduate or professional student during the 2023-2024 academic year (Fall, Winter & Spring Quarters)? **Yes** (x) **No** ()

5. The position you are running for is: Vice President of External Affairs

6. Indicate at least three GPSS Senate or committee meetings, including at least one meeting conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure, that you have attended during the 2023-2024 academic year prior to the election meeting.
 - See Section 2.1 of the Elections Guide for a list of qualifying committee meetings.
4/12 - Executive Committee, 4/17 - LAB, 4/19 - GPSS Senate

7. Do you understand and acknowledge that you should be able to work for GPSS for 19.5 hours per week during the 2023-2024 academic year, including 8 hours per week in the office (4 for President) between the standard business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday? **Yes** (x) **No** ()

8. If 'No' to question 7, please explain: