



Personnel and Hiring

During the Fall Quarter, I worked with and trained Linh Pham, the GPSS Budget Director hired during the Summer, to support the activities of the GPSS Office of Finance and Budget. Linh has been tremendously helpful in managing Travel Grants applications over October, November, and December. In the upcoming quarters, Linh will help me coordinate Departmental and Special Allocations while the office of Finance and Budget works to prepare the GPSS budget for FY2025.

Finance and Budget Committee

The Finance and Budget Committee met five times in the fall quarter, from October 20, 2023 to December 1, 2023. Thanks to the GPSS senators, we were able to successfully form a functioning committee at the first senate meeting of the quarter on October 18, 2023. Over the five meetings, the committee reviewed and approved 1 departmental allocation totaling \$1,000, and 5 special allocations totaling \$2,800. Looking toward winter quarter, the committee has 4 special allocations requests in the pipeline and will look to bolster departmental collaboration by working with GPSS senators and planning departmental field trips. During its regular winter quarter meetings, the committee will also review and propose changes to the GPSS budget draft for FY2025.

Travel Grants Committee

The Travel Grant Committee approved 26 applications over October, November, and December, for a total of \$8,950. The committee received 78 applications over the autumn quarter, of which 52 submitted all required materials. We will continue making improvements to the application process to make it easier for students to (1) learn about the program, (2) apply, (3) receive confirmation of their application.

Student Technology Fee Committee

The STF Committee concluded its last meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023 and voted to approve \$524,000 in funding 15 proposals, including the GPSS's request for CART Captioning and Zoom Webinar license costs. The STF Committee is expecting even more applications in the winter and spring quarters.

Services and Activities Fee Committee

The SAF Committee concluded its last autumn quarter meeting on Friday, December 8, 2023 after hosting 7 units for roundtables and visiting the Student Veteran Life's office. The SAF Committee voted to approve the budget request packet which was released on Monday, November 27. The GPSS will seek to host the SAF committee at its office when winter quarter begins in January.

Inter-Office Collaboration

The Finance and Budget Office supported the External Affairs Office to plan the UW Legislative Reception Dinner which occurred on December 7, 2023. The GPSS supported the ASUW by providing approximately \$1,800 in discretionary funding for catering from Buca di Beppo.

Activities for Winter and Spring Quarter

The Finance and Budget Office will work with the Executive Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, and the Senate to prepare the budget draft for FY2025. The office will continue to work with the Travel Grant Committee and the Finance and Budget Committee to review and promote applications for Travel Grants, Special Allocations, and Departmental Allocations. Additionally, the office will continue to collaborate with the Internal Affairs Office to connect RSOs that host enriching programs for graduate and professional students. The office will also collaborate with the Equity and Inclusion Office to refer potential applicants to the Diversity Fund, as well as support the upcoming Diversity Conference and Cultural Showcase.