

GPSS Finance & Budget Committee Meeting

Friday, January 19, 2024

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Agenda

- > Call to Order
- > Approval of Agenda
- > Approval of Minutes (01/12)
- > Review for Special Allocations
 - Persian Circle (14th Annual Nowruz)
 - TOSA (Timeless Taiwan)
- > FY25 Budget Discussions
- > F&B Committee Lunch
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- > Adjournment

Approval of Minutes

> Link to Meeting Minutes

- [GPSS Finance and Budget Committee - Meeting Minutes - 20240112.docx](#)

Review for Special Allocation – Persian Circle

14th Annual Nowruz Event (Persian New Year)

- > Date/Time: March 16, 2024
- > Location: UW Tower
- > Who: UW Undergrad, Grad, anyone interested in celebrating
- > Request: \$750 to cover venue rental costs
 - Total Event Cost is \$3721
 - Applied to other funds: HUB RSO Fund, UW Alumni, ASUW, GPSS Diversity Fund
 - Anticipating total attendance of 300 (250 students, of which 100 are expected to be grad students)
 - Ticket sales (\$25 for students, \$30 for non-student)



Persian Circle – 14th Nowruz Event

Our Mission Statement: The Persian Circle is a cultural student organization with the mission of promoting unity among the Persian community at the University of Washington and the greater Seattle area, as well as promoting Persian heritage and culture by organizing various events and social gatherings. Members will have a unique opportunity to meet new people, practice their Persian language skills, learn more about Persian culture, and be an interactive part of a Persian community.



Persian Circle at the University of Washington



Persian Circle – 14th Nowruz Event

Nowruz: Persian New Year

- First day of Spring - celebrate the blooming of life!
- Typically celebrated with family and friends with traditional Persian food and singing and dancing.
- Dancing is core to Persian culture and unites us all.
- We love celebrating with others and introducing them to our culture
- In Iran, the New Year constitutes a whole season of celebration, joy, and gathering of the community and the country as a whole.
- This event is our humble attempt at recreating this joy and providing a space for celebration for those who have immigrated here.



Persian Circle – 14th Nowruz Event

Why We Need Your Support!

DJ and Photographer:

- The community unites over music. Especially in the past couple of years, one special song “Baraye” won the Grammy Award for sparking social change. We want this song to be played by the DJ to honor those who have lost their lives fighting for women’s rights as a part of the “Women Life Freedom movement” in Iran.
- DJ Ashkan has shown up for our event for many years. He creates valuable memories and has helped create a tradition for our Nowruz events.
- Our community has a special kind of dancing that brings us together. Without music, we cannot practice our tradition of dancing together in commemoration of this special holiday.
- We celebrate by dancing as a crowd and going into the new year with happiness and good energy! We would like a good DJ that will allow us to do all of this and allow us to enjoy the night together.
- Without a DJ, we are not able to unite as a community - this is especially important with everything that has happened in Iran.
- A photographer is needed to capture all these great memories of us coming together.



Persian Circle – 14th Nowruz Event

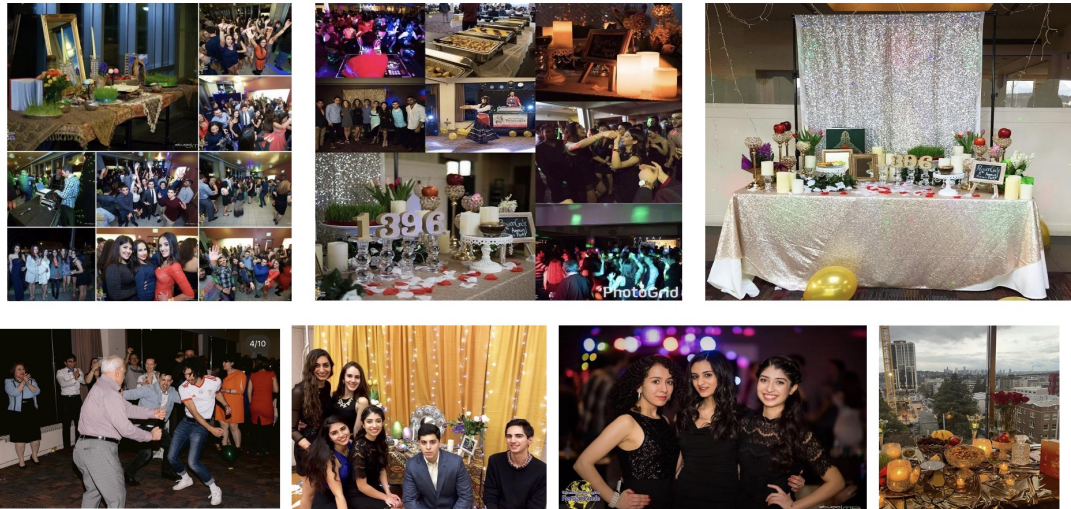
Our Nowruz Event!

- Graduate students have become the majority of the attendees for our events. this event is especially important to them because it brings the community together and brings back memories of Iran.
- We have had fully sold-out successful events for the last 13 years, and everyone is excited to come together for our 14th annual event.
- We are partnering with several local Iranian businesses/groups in the Seattle area. This will ensure a successful event and outreach to all members who are wanting to attend.
- Although we are a Persian club, we are open to ALL people and do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship status, or physical or mental disabilities.

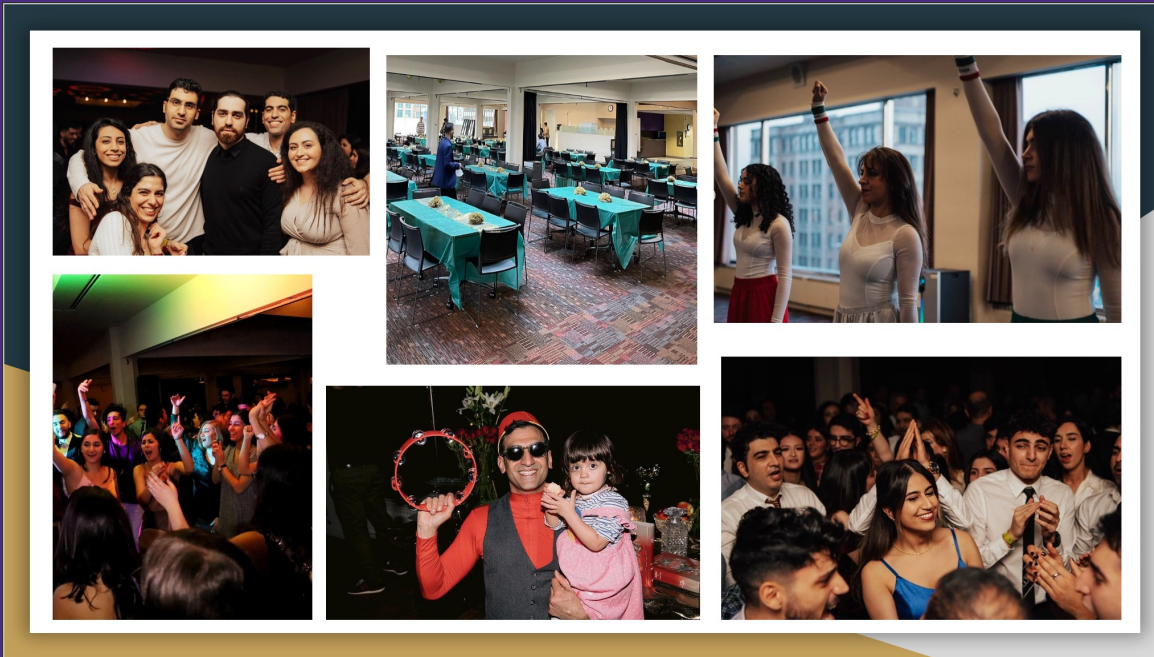


Persian Circle – 14th Nowruz Event

Our Nowruz events in the past!



Persian Circle – 14th Nowruz Event



Review for Special Allocation – TOSA

TOSA – Timeless Taiwan

- > Date/Time: February 10, 2024
- > Location: HUB North and South Ballroom
- > Who: All (UW students, faculty & staff, non-students)
- > Request: \$750 to cover UW facilities rental costs
 - Total Event Cost is \$27,184
 - Charge \$5 ticket
 - Applied for: HUB RSO Fund, ASUW, and UWAA.
 - Anticipating total attendance of 1850 (1200 students, of which 300 are expected to be grad students)
 - Annual large event, will invite 1 Taiwanese singer along with other RSO for performances



TOSA – Timeless Taiwan



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TOSA – Timeless Taiwan

Introduction to Timeless Taiwan

A little more about Timeless Taiwan.

Timeless Taiwan is an annual cultural event hosted by the Taiwanese Overseas Student Association (TOSA) at the University of Washington, celebrating the rich Taiwanese culture and traditions.

Evolving from the TOSA Carnival into an indoor street fair since 2018, it offers a journey through authentic Taiwanese cuisine, game, music, and performances. This year's event features collaborations with local food vendors and special appearances by renowned Taiwanese singer 021. It's a unique opportunity to immerse in the spirit of Taiwan with over 3000 attendees each year. Timeless Taiwan bridges cultures and brings together a diverse community in celebration of Taiwan's vibrant heritage



TOSA – Timeless Taiwan

2/10
3pm~8pm

HUB
Ballroom



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TOSA – Timeless Taiwan

Event Overview & Purpose

Culture

Celebrates the rich and diverse heritage of Taiwan,

Community

Connecting Taiwanese students with each other and with the larger university population

Engagement

An interactive platform for attendees to actively engage in cultural activities, network, and educational experiences



TOSA – Timeless Taiwan

Why Timeless is important

Significance & Graduate engagement

CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND DIVERSITY

Provides a platform for people from different backgrounds to learn about and appreciate the diversity of Taiwanese culture

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Platform for graduate student to study and engage with Taiwanese culture. This event could be used for research in cultural studies, anthropology, and event management, providing a firsthand experience of local Taiwanese culture.

CULTURAL CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

Many Taiwanese graduate students are new to the country. "Timeless Taiwan" offers a sense of community and belonging for them. Also serves as a platform for networking, finding communities, and making friends

NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES

We offer graduate students opportunities to volunteer at Timeless Taiwan and gain hands-on experience in event planning, enhance leadership skills, and connect with community. Graduate students build valuable networks, and enjoy a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth.



TOSA – Timeless Taiwan



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Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle

Our Network

TGSA (Taiwanese Graduate Student and Professional Association)

TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle)

TGSA CONNECTION

For many years, TOSA has collaborated closely with the Taiwanese Graduate Student and Professional Association (TGSA), fostering a strong, supportive relationship that has enriched the event and its community

EVENT BOOTH

An information booth by TECO will be set up at Timeless Taiwan offers crucial resources and support for both undergraduate and graduate students



TOSA – Timeless Taiwan



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FY25 GPSS Budget Draft Discussions

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FY23 GPSS Budget vs Actuals

Budget Code	Budget Name	Budget	Expenditure	Remaining
16-9570	Admin	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 5,690.13	\$ 4,009.87
16-9571	Internal Affairs	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 4,375.37	\$ 5,224.63
16-9572	President	\$ 500.00	\$ 132.30	\$ 367.70
16-9573	External Affairs	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 8,025.39	\$ 824.61
16-9574	Treasurer	\$ 4,263.52	\$ 3,429.08	\$ 834.44
16-9575	Equity & Inclusion	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 3,875.66	\$ 3,724.34
16-9576	GPSS Personnel	\$ 519,155.37	\$ 537,279.72	\$ (18,124.35)
16-9577	GPSS Department Allocations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
16-9578	GPSS Special Allocations	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 12,650.00
16-9579	GPSS Travel Grants	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ (5,500.00)
64-4761	GPSS Programming Discretionary	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,312.32	\$ 4,687.68
Grand Total		\$ 631,668.89	\$ 618,969.97	\$ 12,698.92

A Note on Funding vs. Operating Budget

SAF funding currently does not meet GPSS's budget needs 100%.

> **SAF can only increase by 4% per year.**

- Cannot keep up with inflation & wage increases

	Ending Balance	Deficit/(Revenue)	% Change
2019	\$ 445,671.00		
2020	\$ 410,848.00	\$ 34,823.00	8%
2021	\$ 434,406.00	\$ (23,558.00)	-6%
2022	\$ 370,854.00	\$ 63,552.00	15%
2023	\$ 226,148.00	\$ 144,706.00	39%
2024	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 146,000.00	0%

- Our SAF requests have not been fulfilled 100%

> *e.g. we received ~\$7,000 less than what we requested last year.*

Adjournment

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