

# The Executive Committee of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Meeting of 1 May 2024 at 5:30pm

In-person and remotely via Zoom

## The following GPSS members and staff attended the meeting:

A.J. Balatico, GPSS President

Amanda Chin, GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs

Nicholas Juno, GPSS Vice President of External Affairs

Matthew Moran, GPSS Vice President of Equity & Inclusion

Jack Flesher, GPSS Vice President of Administration

Noah Nguyen, Executive Senator

Maleen Kidiwela, Executive Senator

Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator

Charles Bugre, Executive Senator

Clare Koesters, Executive Senator

Raj Dewangan, Executive Senator

Francisco Dojenia, ASUW Director of Internal Policy

Carrie Moore, HUB Executive Director

Christina Coop, SAO Interim Associate Director

Bill Mahoney, Graduate School Advisor

Daniel Cook, GPSS Senate Director

## The following persons also attended the meeting:

1. [Action] Call to Order 5:30pm

**A.J. Balatico** called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. [Action] Approval of the Agenda 5:30pm

**Jack Flesher** moved to strike the Executive Memo: Arts Council item from the agenda.

**Matthew Moran** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:30pm

**Matthew Moran** moved to include a discussion about the union negotiations in the agenda after Officer updates. **Jack Flesher** seconded. No objections. Motion passed.

5:31pm

**Jack Flesher** moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Nick Juno** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:32pm

3. [Action] Approval of the Minutes 5:32pm

**Charles Bugre** moved to approve the minutes. **Matthew Moran** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:33pm

4. [Information] ASUW Spring Updates 5:33pm

**Francisco Dojenia** said ASUW held its board elections 2 weeks ago and passed the proposal constitution. He said the board will hear judicial complaints from its judicial hearing last week.

**A.J. Balatico** asked if the judicial complaints pertained to the election or something else?

**Francisco Dojenia** said the Judicial Committee heard complaints about the election last week. He said the Office of Student Health Relations is hosting events around campus. He said elections for Student Senate will take place next Tuesday and that the RSO Leadership Summit will be held on May 24.

**A.J. Balatico** asked if ASUW passed or considered the university agenda. He explained that the next TABS meeting is next Friday and that he wants to have something to present for the provost.

**Francisco Dojenia** said the university agenda is still in the Senate.

**A.J. Balatico** asked if the ASUW could reach a decision on the university agenda by Tuesday.

**Francisco Dojenia** said no.

**A.J. Balatico** said the university agenda is important because it represents what ASUW wants the provost to focus on. He said he will need to consider something different for the TABS meeting and that the issues will remain reflective of the DAWGS agenda rather than anything passed by the Senate. He asked if the Spring concert is coming up.

**Francisco Dojenia** said yes.

**A.J. Balatico** asked when.

**Francisco Dojenia** said he was not sure.

**A.J. Balatico** clarified that ASUW is the undergraduate student government for UW.

5. [Information] Executive Senator Updates 5:36pm

**Charles Bugre** said there have been 2 Faculty Senate meetings and that he was not able to attend the second meeting. He said the Faculty Senate is continuing discussions on major and minor requirements. He said the Faculty Senate is concerned that people who are unable to get into competing majors will try to satisfy minor requirements instead while taking as many courses as possible in that program for job interviews. He said the Faculty Senate is considering how this situation compares to those at other institutions. He said the Faculty Senate is exploring what can be done to make sure people can pursue a major despite constraints in a program's numbers and funding. He said the Faculty

Senate is also discussing issues with admission criteria for athletes. He said the Faculty Senate is looking to update admission criteria due to concerns over athletes leaving the sports for which they were accepted to the university. He said discussions in the Faculty Senate have been centered around majors, distance courses, and athlete admissions. He said he is wondering what is worth sharing with the Faculty Senate. He said he is concerned that there is little about which to discuss with the Faculty Senate.

**A.J. Balatico** said GPSS has direct access to the Graduate School. He said the Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS) is more focused on registration and university-wide issues about being a student. He said President Cauce vetoed a testing standards resolution in FCAS due to amendments made during the actual Senate meeting. He said the actual reform was 90 pages long and was held up by 1 amendment.

**Charles Bugre** said it is sometimes difficult to follow Faculty Senate discussions. He said the Faculty Senate is working on aligning policy documents with current pronouns.

**A.J. Balatico** presented the updates to pronouns in the Faculty Senate policy documents.

**Clare Koesters** said Sustained Dialogue is getting off the ground. She said the plan is to have a pilot discussion group after the election at the next GPSS. She explained that Sustained Dialogue is a nationwide program with the objective of getting people together to discuss different views. She said she originally wanted to talk about Israel-Palestine but is looking for a different initial topic of discussion. She said she wants Sustained dialogue to live in GPSS and hopefully grow to include undergraduate students. She said the consensus was that graduate students would be a good group to hold these kinds of discussions before moving on to the larger student body.

**A.J. Balatico** said the Provost and the central administration wants to support the Student Regent in creating Sustained Dialogue. He said Sustained Dialogue could be a vehicle for GPSS to ensure a specific program for which GPSS receives funding from the Provost Office. He said the Provost Office is looking at First Year Programs (FYP) and new students piloting programs to preserve Sustained Dialogue. He said graduate school-wide classes could become part of Sustained Dialogue. He said GPSS has an incentive to pilot the program. He said the Simpson Center and other cross-disciplinary places could also help keep Sustained Dialogue alive.

**Ella Spurlock** asked how Sustained Dialogue will happen at the Senate meeting.

**Clare Koesters** said people will organically have small group discussions about opposing sides of an issue. She said she will give an opening comment that the goal is to get people comfortable discussing opposing sides of an issue. She said she has not yet developed specific discussion questions.

**A.J. Balatico** said the committee has a week to figure it out.

**Clare Koesters** said she could send proposed questions for feedback from the committee.

**Noah Nguyen** asked if Clare is looking into starting a campus chapter of Sustained Dialogue.

**A.J. Balatico** said Jay Cunningham's vision is that Sustained Dialogue is a vehicle to have dialogue, but that what it eventually becomes is not the priority right now. He said Jay is focused on getting Sustained Dialogue started. He said GPSS could pursue officially establishing a chapter.

**Noah Nguyen** said the first Book Club meeting went amazingly. She said the Book Club will meet again the week after finals week and will continue meeting throughout the Summer. She said most of the Summer meetings will be held over Zoom. She said she attended the Tri Campus Faculty Council meeting and that the council followed up with discussion about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). She said she did not get to give a GPSS update.

**A.J. Balatico** asked what the priorities were for DEI initiatives across the campuses.

**Noah Nguyen** said the university may undermine DEI aims. She said the Faculty Senate plans to engage scholarship in equity-based services for students. She said the council will continue its discussion on May 16.

**A.J. Balatico** said the Faculty Senate is discussing whether diversity statements should be used in determining tenure for faculty and how DEI functions in different departments.

**Maeve Riley** introduced herself as the new Executive Senator.

**Ella Spurlock** said the Science and Policy Committee had a meeting to review what it accomplished this year and to brainstorm for next year. She said she is moving forward with affiliating the Science and Policy Committee with the National Science and Policy Network to become an official chapter and draw on funding and resources. She said the chapter application was approved but that there are more steps necessary to make everything official. She said the Science and Policy Committee has also merged with another student group on campus, adding 5 new members.

**Matthew Moran** asked what an affiliation would look like for the Science and Policy Committee. He asked whether the Science and Policy Committee would remain part of GPSS or become an RS.

**A.J. Balatico** said the Vice President of Internal Affairs is the supervisor of the Science and Policy Committee. He said there is no formal division and that the Science and Policy Committee would continue in whatever way makes the most sense. He said there are ways to foster the Science and Policy Committee's growth and mission within GPSS. He mentioned that GPSS supports other entities as well.

6. [Information] Officer Updates 5:59pm

**Matthew Moran** said there were 20 community and campus resources at the Diversity Resources Fair. He said he got a connection through the Office of Equity to help put together the equity toolkit and explained that this was the first resource fair in several years. He said the Board of Regents DEI subcommittee met yesterday to discuss community outreach efforts to low-income and marginalized communities. He said President Cauce talked about the encampments in the quad and that the university's goal is to not escalate the situation. He said the Diversity Committee will meet next week. He said he is currently working on the equity toolkit and that he wants it to be accessible and relevant to graduate students. He said he spoke with his contact at the Mariner's organization who informed him that they sold out their first batch of tickets for the Mariner's Night and added 88 more tickets for purchase. He said he walked through the Ethnic Cultural Theater. He announced the upcoming Drag Show which will have free entry and free alcohol for students 21 and older. He said students must fill out the RSVP and bring an ID. He said he will think about the Executive Memo for the Diversity Committee and work with the Judicial Committee to put together a standardized training matrix for different Officer positions.

**Ella Spurlock** asked where students may purchase the GPSS tickets for the Mariner's Game.

**Matthew Moran** said he did not know about seats and rows.

**Amanda Chin** said it is a specific GPSS link. She said she was not sure if the link needs to be updated.

**Maeve Riley** said there are 2 sections.

**Matthew Moran** said both are in right field but that 1 is at main level and 1 is at view level. He said the 88 extra tickets will be at view level.

**Ella Spurlock** said Chemistry students are in section 316. She said the ASE contract expired yesterday and that the Chemistry students will be wearing their union shirts and appear on the Jumbotron. She encouraged students to wear their union shirts to the Mariner's game.

**Nick Juno** said he has been working with the Student Technology Fee (STF) Committee and the Student Activities Fee (SAF) Committee. He said STF now has an official rate to send to the regents of \$27 per quarter. He said STF is holding presentations for people requesting money until the end of the quarter. He said SAF has been deciding on allocations and setting rates for next academic year. He said SAF is recommending a \$169 fee per quarter. He said SAF allocated \$22.4 million. He said SAF is spending \$400,000 from its reserve fund, but that the reserve fund remains exceptionally healthy. He said GPSS received \$37,500 of its \$38,000 request.

**Matthew Moran** said GPSS got nearly all the money it needed. He said the seats were in 115 on the main level and either 315 or 316.

**Ella Spurlock** said that was amazing.

**Jack Flesher** said the Arts Council is meeting on Wednesdays. He said he finished the Executive Memo on the history of the Arts Council and future recommendations for institutional knowledge. He said he updated the Arts Council spreadsheet with many upcoming performances and events. He announced that the UW School of Music is holding a concert featuring a new professor and Grammy award winning artist. He reminded Executive Senators that entry to most museums in Seattle is free on the first Thursday of each month, which is tomorrow. He said Fat Ham is ongoing at the Seattle Repertory Theater. He said the Arts Council hosted its Craft and Complain event last week and will host another on May 23 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. He said he sent reminders to Senators who did not attend the last meeting and prepared the roster of Senators eligible to vote for the elections committee. He said the resolution about Seattle policy around family housing and how that affects students might be forthcoming. He said a resolution on the union might be forthcoming as well.

**Amanda Chin** said the Drag Show is free and reminded Senators that students must bring an ID. She said the Drag Show will take place on Friday May 17 at 5:30pm and will feature performers Viper Fangs, Clare Voyance, Kylie Mooncakes, and Syd Seedy. She said there will be an end of the year celebration for UW International Graduate Students with Circle on Friday, May 31 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the Health Sciences Education building room 345. She said she is working on the VP transition documents and inputting information on events next year and how the position will collaborate with the VP of Equity and Inclusion for new Officers next year. She said she will be working on the Personnel Policy with the other Officers, which will be presented to the Judicial Committee and the Executive Committee.

**A.J. Balatico** said Tri Campus selected finalists for Student Regent. He said the finalists, 2 Medical School students and a Doctor of Nurse Practitioner, will be sent to the governor's office. He said Aaron Hoard from Community Relations asked GPSS if it would like to have someone represent GPSS on a mayoral transportation Seattle committee. He said the Shell House is having its last public viewing event in combination with the Windermere event this Saturday, and that a representative of GPSS may attend. He explained that GPSS shares history with the Shell House as a historical site and has participated in fundraising efforts. He said GPSS approved a \$3,000 increase for travel grants and has received 70 applications and allocated 28 additional travel grants. He said the Travel Grants Committee decided not to open a May cycle since many applications were for Summer travel. He said the committee had to resort to having Officers and staff fill in to grade applications since a member of the committee was not able to. He said the committee needs to establish a policy that is fair to applicants for when there are not enough graders. He said the committee will have a full breakdown of the different departments that received travel grants, but the College of Arts and Science is highly represented. He said Gautham Reddy, the current chair of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting, is now the faculty Secretary, and is formalizing a pathway for GPSS to have representation on the 12 Faculty Councils. He said the Graduate School Executive Staff Committee, which includes Associate and Assistant Deans of the Graduate School, is finalizing the mission and vision statements of the Graduate School.

He presented and read the proposed statements. He explained that any graduate student and anyone who works with graduate students should be able to see themselves in these statements.

**Jack Flesher** said excellence in education is vacuous and that he is curious about how the Graduate School defines inclusive excellence. He explained that there is ample scholarship on the overuse of excellence. He recommended using more specific language or defining what excellence means. He said he appreciates the value of making the statement broad, but asked how differences in students specializations and degree programs is reflected in the statement.

**Clare Koesters** suggested mastery as a possible alternative.

**Jack Flesher** said words like mastery or proficiency would be more targeted.

**A.J. Balatico** asked if cutting the word excellence would make the statement substantively different. He offered expertise as an alternative.

**Jack Flesher** said expertise is a good alternative.

**Maeve Riley** said expertise is less subjective.

**A.J. Balatico** said the Graduate School Council is meeting tomorrow to deliberate on the Graduate School medal. He said GPSS received \$37,500 from SAF. He explained that the SAF Committee wanted to make sure that no unit received its full 8%. He said Jay Cunningham, Ella, Clare, and Raj will go to Washington DC on May 19 to 21 to have meetings with congressional members. He said GPSS will profile them and other events in a report to showcase GPSS's work. He said the next Board of Regents meeting will be on May 9 in Dempsey Hall.

#### 7. [Information] Union Discussion 6:27pm

**Matthew Moran** said the Officers decided to continue working through the strike since they are funded differently from ASEs. He explained that GPSS uses the ASE contract to pay Officers for expediency. He said Officers represent all graduate students and that striking would prevent GPSS from completing its governing work. He said GPSS can play a role in informing and educating people on the strike. He insisted that graduate students, striking or not, have a home in GPSS.

**A.J. Balatico** said the complications come from UAW 4121 representing undergraduate TAs and graders as well. He said the union represents 6,000 employees and that 3,000 voted in the strike authorization vote achieving a 99% authorization rate. He said sit-ins and work-ins are occurring in different buildings on campus. He said there are strict guidelines on what strike activity can look like. He said the responsibilities of different job titles will have to be negotiated. He said the UAW does have a non-academic seat on the Senate which was created in either the Winter or Spring of 2022. He reminded the committee that Senators represent their collective degree programs. He said GPSS passed resolutions in 2015, 2018, and 2021 in support of the union, but that there were no strikes

in those years. He said the contract negotiation site is the official update for the most recent negotiations meeting. He said the current proposal is a 6% base rate raise and that the union's counterproposal is 15%.

**Maeve Riley** said the information on the contract negotiation site is posted by the administration and not the union. She said it is important to also show the information on the union website and to present information to Senators as a representative.

**Matthew Moran** said having frank discussions and being inclusive of different opinions is important.

**Maeve Riley** said communicating with people in their department is important. She said communication is necessary for union efforts.

**A.J. Balatico** said he wants to be attentive to the reality of the fears that students might have about the possible consequences of taking action. He said GPSS does not have representation from all units. He asked how GPSS could make a show of support that was both meaningful and educational for people. He said a resolution indicating support would not change the net position.

**Jack Flesher** said GPSS has supported the union historically through the Arts Council, which helped students in arts and humanities programs by holding events in individual departments where they invited union representatives to answer questions.

**Matthew Moran** said GPSS needs to think about actionable items and possible resolutions.

**A.J. Balatico** said the union needs to make its decision on Friday first. He asked what sort of features would be helpful in a resolution for the next Senate meeting. He said undergraduates have a real fear about what might happen if a strike occurs. He asked if GPSS has a position on withholding grades. He asked if a strike would cause real harm to undergraduate students. He asked what position GPSS should take on how the union treats people who cross the picket line.

**Maeve Riley** said all these discussions are taking place in the union. She recommended getting in contact with the union and following through. She said the information is already out there and accessible. She said she is happy to disseminate information.

**A.J. Balatico** asked how GPSS should steward that information for Senators.

**Jack Flesher** said GPSS is an organization that is student-centered and has a responsibility to inform students on the union and negotiations. He said there is a non-academic seat for the union.

**Maeve Riley** asked if the seat must be elected.

**Jack Flesher** said it is up to the union to decide how it wants to select its GPSS representative.



**Maeve Riley** said the union is working on it.

**Charles Bugre** said the issue of whether GPSS should be neutral is a bit disturbing because whatever happens in the union discussion will determine Officer pay. He said Officers have the same interests as other union members since their rates are determined by the administration. He said the union and GPSS should be in alignment. He said there is not really a conflict of interest.

**Jack Flesher** said there is a conflict of interest because Officers are elected public officials. He said Officers represent all graduate students and the majority are not part of the union and may not support the union, putting them in a difficult position.

**Charles Bugre** asked if the raises for which the union is advocating will affect non-union ASEs.

**Maeve Riley** said every graduate student will receive the benefits for which the union fights.

**Charles Bugre** asked if non-union ASEs pay dues like other members.

**Maeve Riley** said only union members pay dues and that graduate students who do not pay dues will get the benefits but will not receive strike pay from the union if they go on strike.

**Charles Bugre** asked if non-union members, like Officers, would be paid if they go on strike.

**Matthew Moran** said GPSS would not work if Officers strike, which needs to be a collective decision since it would carry real impact.

**Maeve Riley** clarified that Officers are not paid by the administration but paid by students. She agreed that Officers should continue working for all students.

**A.J. Balatico** said GPSS is supportive, but that he is concerned about to what extent to use GPSS resources in support of the union. He said he wants GPSS to be able to provide information concisely and effectively to students about the strike and negotiations. He said there are many unions on campus involving service workers and medical workers. He asked what GPSS can do to help educate beyond producing a resolution.

**Ella Spurlock** said a resolution is not the most impactful thing GPSS can do but that it would be beneficial to have on the record. She said she can see precedent for such a resolution in the public record. She said GPSS represents all 16,000 graduate students, but that not all graduate students are ASEs. She asked what the total number of ASEs is.

**A.J. Balatico** said ASE is not a permanent position, but often renewed on a quarter-by-quarter basis.

**Maeve Riley** said the union achieved a supermajority of union members for the strike authorization vote.

**Ella Spurlock** said there are 6,000 union members and that most people whom GPSS represents do not belong to the union. She said professional students do not typically join the union.

**A.J. Balatico** confirmed that professional students do not typically join the union. He said the undergraduate contingent of TAs runs the Computer Science School.

**Ella Spurlock** said GPSS has a duty to play a role in the strike. She said GPSS should use the all-grad email to inform and educate students on union activities.

**Maeve Riley** agreed. She said a resolution may seem performative, but that UW is the largest institution in the state and that GPSS supporting the union through a resolution would send a message to the state and other entities across the country. She said it would be more than performative.

**Ella Spurlock** said GPSS could send the resolution to the governor or other government representatives. She said union members went to faculty in Chemistry department who expressed concern that they cannot find money to pay graduate students. She said it would be a good idea to call upon the government to allocate more money for ASE pay.

**Clare Koesters** agreed.

**Nick Juno** said Washington State Union had a similar issue last year and went to the state for increased funding. He said the state needs to be included in the resolution's forwarding clause.

**A.J. Balatico** presented a letter of faculty support.

**Maeve Riley** said faculty do not have a union and that those who signed the letter of support are taking a risk.

**Clare Koesters** said GPSS should send out an email as a point of information to all graduate students with information and resources.

**Ella Spurlock** said she could send a community support letter.

**A.J. Balatico** said education is part of GPSS's role. He asked how GPSS should proceed if there is no strike. He asked if GPSS should still provide information to students.

**Jack Flesher** said yes because regardless of the strike there are many graduate students who have put a lot of work into the negotiations and organizing. He said it is important for GPSS to support graduate students who did that work.

**A.J. Balatico** said PhD students still at the university in 2027 will likely go through this process again. He said the change over the years has generally been incremental.

**Matthew Moran** asked if there was anything else GPSS could do as an institution beyond writing a resolution. He recommended offering GPSS Office space to graduate students.

**Maeve Riley** said that would be helpful if the union declares a strike.

**Jack Flesher** said there is a robust resource table with literature thanks to Noah. He said GPSS cannot engage in partisan politics but should be a space dedicated to graduate and professional students.

**Maeve Riley** asked how that would be included in the resolution.

**A.J. Balatico** said resolution writers need to be explicit about decisions regarding what they include in the resolution.

**Ella Spurlock** suggested specific wording for the resolution.

**Matthew Moran** said these issues can be discussed in the Senate. He said there are different modalities for communicating these issues.

**A.J. Balatico** said the next Board of Regents meeting is on May 9 at 8:30am in the Business School. He said they are expecting protests at that meeting.

**Ella Spurlock** asked if Board of Regents meetings are open meetings.

**A.J. Balatico** said they are public and without an online component. He said the board moved its meetings to the Business School and that there has only been 1 protest this year.

**Ella Spurlock** asked how public comments work.

**A.J. Balatico** said that will come out once he turns in his GPSS report. He said the signup for public comment is somewhere on the website.

**Ella Spurlock** asked what role the Board of Regents could play in union negotiations.

**A.J. Balatico** said they direct the President and Provost. He said they have direct input in how things work.

**Nick Juno** asked if Monday would be the deadline for drafting a resolution for Wednesday's meeting.

**Ella Spurlock** asked what the precedent for adding sponsors is for a resolution. She said it would be impactful to add sponsors.

**A.J. Balatico** said to be a sponsor, students need to accept the resolution's main idea. He said to be a writer, students need to substantively write clauses.

**Jack Flesher** said the deadline to add sponsors is Monday at 5:30pm prior to the second reading.

**A.J. Balatico** said if there are many sponsors, they may be listed.

**Nick Juno** asked if Senator could sign onto resolutions on the floor.

**A.J. Balatico** said authors can accept and add sponsors to a resolution at any point. He said there is no need to pre-register as a sponsor. He said a sponsor can remove their name if there is an amendment they do not support.

**Matthew Moran** said it is important to have conversations about how GPSS operates and what it supports.

8. [Action] Senate Agenda Setting 7:08pm

**A.J. Balatico** presented the Senate agenda.

**Ella Spurlock** asked about placing the union resolution before the elections.

**Jack Flesher** said he was concerned about the conversations people would want to have.

**A.J. Balatico** said it would need to occur at some point after the elections.

**Matthew Moran** recommended having it after Senator of the Month.

**Maeve Riley** recommended having it after Sustained Dialogue.

**Nick Juno** asked about moving the resolution to a second reading for the May 22 meeting.

**A.J. Balatico** said having a clause about newly elected Officer opinions in the resolution may be helpful since they will not be able to vote on the resolution once they are elected. He said he would invite the Officers to attend the next Board of Regents meeting.

**Matthew Moran** recommended either Hannah Shipman or Joe Rogge for Senator of the Month.

**A.J. Balatico** said GPSS could have multiple Senators of the Month at the following meeting. He said Joe is a member of the Finance and Budget Committee and came to the Executive Committee to represent the Finance and Budget Committee's positions on the budget. He said Hannah is also on the Finance and Budget Committee and the Elections Committee.

**Clare Koesters** said Joe is also helping draft the union resolution.

**Jack Flesher** suggested having a dual-Senator of the Month.

**Matthew Moran** said the final Senator of the Month announcement should occur in May. He said he also wants to have a Senator of the Year at the end of the year.

**Maeve Riley** said the Elections Committee work has already been done and that Joe will be working on the Union resolution in May.

**Nick Juno** said Joe could be Senator of the Month for May and Hannah could be Senator of the Month for April.

**Matthew Moran** expressed discomfort with announcing a Senator of the Month for May before the month is over. He suggested having them both as Senator of the Month for April.

**Ella Spurlock** asked if that would make them feel less than.

**Jack Flesher** said each Senator of the Month would get their own resolution.

**A.J. Balatico** asked about the Multi-Family Tax Exemption.

**Nick Juno** said there is no further information to report on that.

**A.J. Balatico** said shorter is better for resolution writing.

**Maeve Riley** asked if it would be possible to get the resolution done in advance.

**A.J. Balatico** said it must be done and sent to the Senate by Monday, but that it could be sent out earlier.

**Ella Spurlock** asked if there is anything the Executive Committee needs to talk about before the elections. She said the committee discussed elections last year.

**A.J. Balatico** said that had to do with public comment. He asked if the Elections Committee met for training.

**Maeve Riley** said yes.

**Jack Flesher** asked Maeve if the Elections Committee needs anything from the Executive Committee.

**A.J. Balatico** said asked how the Elections Committee would like to handle public endorsements of a candidate through public comments. He said candidates would need to be made aware of this process.

**Maeve Riley** said that is a question for Alec. She said she does not feel comfortable talking on behalf of the Elections Committee.

**A.J. Balatico** said a candidate could run unopposed. He said last year the Senate decided to reopen the election after the election had occurred.

**Ella Spurlock** asked when the Elections Committee would receive candidate materials.

**A.J. Balatico** said candidate materials are due on Sunday at 5:30pm.

**Maeve Riley** said Alec sent reminders.

**Matthew Moran** said GPSS is receiving a lot of last-minute emails.

**A.J. Balatico** said no one has officially declared their candidacy yet.

**Matthew Moran** moved to approve the agenda. **Ella Spurlock** seconded. No objections.  
Motion passed. 7:24pm

9. [Action] Adjournment 7:24pm

**Nick Juno** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Jack Flesher** seconded. No objections.  
Motion passed. 7:24pm

*Meeting minutes prepared by Daniel Cook, GPSS Senate Clerk.*