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

Legislative Objectives:

1) Expand funding for the Graduate Student Loan program and open it to more degrees.
   a. This program offers low interest, state-backed loans to low-income graduate students. Currently, these loans are only applicable to "high demand" degrees, such as tech and medicine.

2) Washington College Grant (help undergrads become graduate students)
   a. Rather than a budget provision (which is possibly changed every two years) advocating for the WCG current budget allotment of 65% MFI to become law so it is permanently funded at its current level and is more secure in funding year after year.
   b. Alternately, requesting a small increase with the introduction of the budget provision from 65% to 70% MFI.

GPSS Organizational Objectives:

1) Emphasize recruitment and retention in LAB throughout the academic year.
   a. Table in the HUB/Red Square, give info sessions to classes, and market digitally and physically (media post and flyers) all throughout the academic year and regularly.

2) Establish a better understanding of the legislative process to the GPSS body and LAB specifically to ensure our advocacy efforts like Huskies on the Hill are maximized.
   a. Provide informational presentations such as How to Lobby/Testify, How a Bill Becomes a Law, Legislative Committees, Budgets, and History of the Legislature.

3) Get Out The Vote for 2024
   a. Have process/system for people on campus to register to vote, ask question about ballots, and do educational sessions about ballot initiatives. Partner with ASUW and other organizations to maximize campus efforts.