

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.