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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of GPSS is to support the graduate student experience at the University of Washington by providing education advocacy, social programming, grant funds, and a sense of community.
The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) is the official student government representing all graduate and professional students at the University of Washington. We work to help students engage their University community both inside and outside the classroom.

- Advocacy for Shared Governance
- Lobby for Increased Affordability
- Engage the Graduate Student Community
- Support and Improve Student Life
- Strengthen GPSS
• GPSS funds events for the entire graduate student community, financed by fundraising

• GPSS has not asked for an increase in SAF funds in 2 years, even as they have grown in staff and scope
GPSS services are human-resource intensive. This is reflected in the proportion of our expenditures that goes to salaries and wages. The majority of our work occurs during committee meetings, social events, and outreach programs.

EO and other programs with rapidly increasing tuition have injected some uncertainty into GPSS budgeting.
SAF EXPENDITURES

- GPSS historically underspends their budget
- Spending down their general fund
- Suspension of travel grants, as decided by GPSS. Due mainly to staff increases, and needed to revamp the program.

$309,000

SAF-FUNDED EXPENDITURES

- Salaries & Wages $234,208
- Benefits $26,511
- Student Aid $36,000
- Services $38,193
- Travel $11,410
- Capital $4,350

Total: $309,000
EIGHT-YEAR FINANCIAL TREND

SAF ALLOCATION

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FISCAL YEAR

06  07  08  09  10  11  12  13
RESPONSE TO CHANGES

GPSS has made structural changes to cover costs without asking for more SAF money. We are currently restructuring the travel grants program, and will need to figure out how to balance that, once reintroduced, with the required increased staff funding.

- Unpredictability of tuition rates
- Lack of fundraising money available from the administration (with budget cuts)
GOALS & IMPACTS

SHORT-TERM GOALS

• Establish a GPSS Endowment
• Develop Sponsorship Relationships
• Web Site Improvements

LONG-TERM GOALS

• Endowment Growth
• Create a GPSS Alumni Relations Network

This goals will work towards making GPSS more sustainable and less at the whim of budget cuts. However, this will be a long process, involving hard work from the GPSS officers. We will also make GPSS more accessible to graduate students and the public, giving current students opportunities for networking and professional development.
GPSS is actively pursuing several, viable options for additional funding

**OPERATING**

- Fundraising from the administration
- Interest revenue from general fund
- Sponsorship
- Endowment